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## Music Downloading Service Shuts Down for College Students

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As a surprise to college campuses across the nation, Ruckus, an online music service which enabled college students to legally download music, ended its operations on February 7th for license renewal reasons.

According to the article "College Music Service Ruckus.com Shuts Down" from TechCrunch, the music service did not pass its renewal date, and "the DRM licensing server has apparently shut down."

Ruckus launched its ad-supported service to over 80 colleges throughout the United States and five state-wide network systems, starting at Northern Illinois University in 2004. The online music service is owned by TotalMusic LLC and based in Herndon, Virginia.

David Bopp, Associate V.P., Telecommunications and Network Operations, said that the university signed on with Ruckus about three years ago.

"At a time when the entertainment industry was increasing their efforts to eliminate illegal downloading of music, videos and movies, it afforded all students the ability to legally listen to their favorite tracks 24/7 at no cost."

However, Ruckus was unable to play in accordance with MP3 players, and was not compatible with MACS, causing a mass amount of students to look past it and use alternative music downloading services.

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## BRINGING AMERICAN EDUCATION INTO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

*President Barack Obama Proposes Five Reforms to  
Strengthen U.S. Education System*

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

President Barack Obama announced his plans for education reform, which he predicts will also help revive the economy and the job market, before the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Congress on March 10 in Washington D.C.

"In a 21st century world where jobs can be shipped wherever there's an internet connection; where a child born in Dallas is competing with children in Delhi; where your best job qualification is not what you do, but what you know – education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity and success, it is a prerequisite," Obama said.

"For decades, Washington has been trapped in the same stale debates that have paralyzed progress and perpetuated our educational decline. Too many supporters of my party have resisted the idea of rewarding excellence in teaching with extra

pay, even though we know it can make a difference in the classroom. Too many in the Republican Party have opposed new investments in early education, despite compelling evidence of its importance. It's more money versus more reform, vouchers versus the status quo. There has been partisanship and petty bickering, but little recognition that we need to move beyond the worn fights of the 20th century if we are going to succeed in the 21st Century," he continued.

President Obama's plans are comprised of five reforms, each of which consists of broad and specific goals, initiatives, and challenges issues to the government, parents, and schools alike.

The first reform President Obama spoke about was the cutting of wasteful and subpar education programs. This task will

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BARACK OBAMA  
President of the United States



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## Agreements Signed with Chinese Universities

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Monmouth has recently signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with five universities in China which are going to facilitate entry of students who have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in the appropriate MS program in computer science or software engineering.

These agreements between MU and the Chinese universities will collaborate and exchange scholarly ideas and expertise, develop pathways for recruiting undergraduate and graduate students, and support opportunities for student and faculty ex-

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## Phi Eta Sigma Inducts 170 in First Annual Spring Induction

MARY GRACE BAKER  
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On Sunday, March 1, the Phi Eta Sigma freshman honor society welcomed 170 new members into its chapter at its first annual spring induction ceremony. This year's inductees made history, as they were the largest group to be accepted for membership and the first to be inducted while still in their freshman year.

The timing of the induction was changed from the fall of sophomore year to the spring of freshman year to allow the stu-

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## Public Policy Forum Held to Promote NJ Tourism

TARA FANTINI  
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A public policy roundtable was recently held to discuss coastal tourism in New Jersey. The forum was attended by local and statewide tourism representatives as well as elected officials including Secretary of State Nina Wells and Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini.

Tourism is a \$38 billion dollar industry that serves as a major

contributor to our state's revenue, which can greatly impact the economy. In New Jersey, one in nine jobs are tourism related, which accounts for 11% of people employed in the state. In addition, tourism funds \$6 billion dollars in state, local and federal taxes.

The New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism has launched

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Pictured from left to right: Noreen Bodmann and Jim Sinclair, MU; Nina Wells, NJ Secretary of State; Anthony Minick, Director of Marketing, Division of Travel and Tourism; Phyllis Oppenheimer, Tourism Representative, Division of Travel and Tourism; and Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini.

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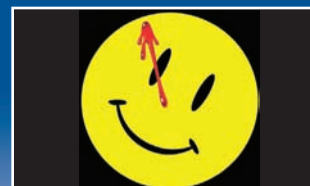
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# Ruckus Shut Down

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“If a student chose to purchase a track (typically less than \$1 per track) they could then load into any mp3 player, burn to a CD or load into iTunes for playing on an iPod,” said Bopp.

Bopp also said that on-campus or commuter students had several options when it came to downloading music from Ruckus.

“A student could download exactly what they wanted to listen to, selecting by genre, artist, or track title. Students could also play any downloaded content for 30 days without being connected to the Internet. That meant you could download to a laptop and take your music with you. Because of Digital Rights Management (DRM) you had to use the Ruckus player. Other streaming sites providing free, legal listening do not allow you to customized your listening to the degree offered by Ruckus - more like listening to traditional radio, once you select a genre you listen to the tracks played in whatever sequential order the provider has set them up,” said Bopp.

Bopp stated that there were many advantages for students to use Ruckus, and could not think of any disadvantages, because “the service was free and legal for all students.”

Ruckus was made free to all students who carried a valid college e-mail account, while alumni and university faculty were required to pay \$9 per month.

A brief notice was posted on the company’s website about the shut down, while the Ruckus Facebook Application led users to



PHOTO COURTESY OF RUCKUS.COM

The Ruckus music downloading service that has provided college students with free music downloading ceased operations on February 6.

believe that the online music service was still working.

The message on Facebook stated: “Ruckus had to shut down the party due to over crowdedness. Please rock out to some music and we’ll get the party going again shortly.”

Jason Herskowitz, Vice President of TotalMusic LLC, stated a farewell to the now extinct music service.

“I only hope that someone else figures out how to crack this music-on-the-web nut in a way that is a win for everyone in the value chain. The problem is that to make a music service a win for everyone, then they all of the famished participants have to sit at the table - and be content to let all the others have a little bit to eat, even though they are still hungry themselves.”

According to Bopp, other vendors were also looked into by the university prior to choosing Ruckus.

“These vendors, many of which have either ceased operations or totally changed their cost model, did not offer any financial incentives,

that is, the cost of a track was the same regardless of whether it was a single purchase by a student on his/her own or under a university wide purchasing agreement. Other vendors were willing to provide minimal discounts after charging large subscription fees.”

Although students’ usage declined with the service once Apple created the iTunes store with double the variety of songs, Ruckus was designed to help alleviate legal and copyright issues on college campuses.

With the cease of Ruckus, freshman Geoff Navarro said, “I think without viable alternatives it leaves the idea of illegally downloading music a bigger option to students.”

An e-mail was sent out to all Monmouth students on February 9th to announce the shut down, and also reminded students of the banning of illegally downloading copyrighted material.

The university is currently looking into other options for its students to be able to legally download music through the internet.

# Tourism Panel

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an international marketing campaign, carrying the slogan “great destinations in every directions,” in order to attract people to visit the Garden State. As part of their campaign, they have revamped their website to include videos and photos from across the state. The site describes the Jersey Shore as, “more than 90 miles of pristine beaches, bustling boardwalks and a vast array of activities and attractions. It’s no wonder why the Shore Region is one of New Jersey’s most popular destinations, drawing hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.”

Wells explained that their mission is to, “change and further enhance the image of New Jersey to let people know about all of the amazing venues in our state. Our goal is to get people to think about New Jersey and have positive images come to mind, we need to let visitors know that we are much more than just the turnpike.”

The Division of Travel and Tourism is also focusing on building relationships with the Department of Transportation to promote the train stations along the shore that make it easy for people to travel here from New York City and Philadelphia. They are also distributing New Jersey travel guides at airports across the country.

“Public Transportation is a wonderful asset here in New

Jersey,” said Wells. “We want to attract people to our beaches to get away to a close affordable destination instead of going to the Caribbean.”

Representatives from the Division of Travel and Tourism explained that our state has few venues that are one dimensional. We offer snowboarding, skiing, canoeing, kayaking, state parks, and a 127 mile coastline full of places to shop, stay and dine.

In addition, Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini stressed the importance of promoting family friendly venues that cater to children and people of all ages to get them involved in all that New Jersey has to offer.

“It is very important for children to be active and get involved in learning about nature and the rich history of our state,” said Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini. “The unique quality about New Jersey is that our state offers many unique indoor and outdoor venues that cater to every age group.”

The panel also discussed New Jersey being a culturally rich state that has museums, art galleries, theaters, golf courses, and wineries as we rank in as the fifth largest producer of wine. There is great potential for the tourism industry to continue to grow as 75 million people visited the state last year alone.

For more information on the “Great Destinations in Any Direction” campaign, please visit <http://www.state.nj.us/travel/>.

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### Monmouth University Police Department Crimes By Location

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Between 2/29/2009 & 3/5/2009	1:10 - 14:00	Student Center	Theft	2009-0373
3/3/2009	10:05-13:25	Parking Lot (Health Center)	Theft	2009-0337
Between 3/4/2009 & 3/5/2009	21:00-12:45	Spruce Hall	Theft	2009-0364
Between 3/13/2009 & 3/14/2009	Unknown	Boylan Gym	Theft	2009-0387

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If you have any questions regarding the MU Police Department, or if you need any assistance, please feel free to direct any inquiries to 732-571-3472.



## Volunteer Corner

Check in weekly for information on volunteer opportunities both on and off campus.

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**“We were born to unite with our fellow men, and to join in community with the human race.”  
- Cicero**



# MU Signs Memorandum with Universities in China

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change.  
The Chinese University partners that signed MOUs are Nanjing University of Science & Technology (NJUST), Jiangsu Teachers University of Technology (JTUT), Guangdong University of Technology (GDUT), Guangdong University of Business Study (GUBS), and Shandong University of Science and Technology (SDUST).  
Monmouth University's Dean of School of Science, Technology, and Engineering (STE), Dr. Michael Palladino and Software Engineering Professor Jiacun Wang were in China from January 6-17.

While there, they visited eight institutions in six cities to participate in meetings related to STE student recruitment, opportunities for faculty exchange and collaboration and to formalize the MOU-partnerships.  
While visiting Nanjing, China, Dean Palladino received gifts from NJUST Vice President Song for his efforts.  
Palladino commented, "During our trip we experienced vibrant campuses, faculty and administrators who are very interested in promoting exchange opportunities between our Chinese partner institutions and Monmouth University, and we met many students with a strong desire for an educational experience at Monmouth University."

Palladino added, "We look forward to developing and supporting relationships with our MOU partner schools to create mutually beneficial opportunities for students and faculty."  
"The signing of these MOUs represents a very positive step in building cross-cultural understanding between the students at Monmouth and our partner institutes and bringing more students from China to our STE programs. It also provides a solid foundation for faculty exchange and other forms of mutually beneficial academic cooperation. The partnership will further expand the footprint of Monmouth University on the international landscape," said Wang.

Wang and Palladino received a tour of NJUST lab facilities and a tour of Slender West Lake Park in Yangzhou.  
MU undergraduate student applicant Jenny Gong went along with Palladino and Wang when they were in Yangzhou.  
Wang also talked about the fact that China is a big market of students for American institutes.  
Many American institutes have sent delegations to China to seek the partnership with Chinese institutes over the past five years.  
With the MOUs now in place and the following-up effort, Palladino and Wang plan to see the benefits in the near future to further benefit Monmouth Uni-

versity.  
Dr. Palladino teaches undergraduate courses in biotechnology, endocrinology, genetics, and laboratory in molecular cell biology.  
Professor Wang actually attended Nanjing University of Science and Technology in 1991.  
"Chinese have always highly valued education. Recent years China has seen great and constant growth in economy, which makes it affordable for more and more families to send their children abroad for higher education. I personally felt the change each time I went to China to attend academic conferences or visit my family," said Wang.=



PHOTO COURTESY of Michael Palladino  
Dean (School of Computer Science), Dean Palladino, Chongkai Sun (Director, International Office), Prof. Wang (Dean of the Automation School) and Professor Jiacun Wang stand in a meeting together in Nanjing, China.



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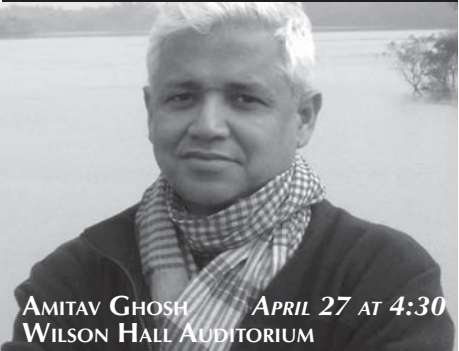


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Second place and winner of a \$50 Monmouth Mall gift certificate was

Anthony Carlo

Third place and winner of a \$25 Monmouth Mall gift certificate was

Jessica Freeman.

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The HERO Campaign promotes the use of sober designated drivers to keep drunken drivers off the roads. Please continue to be the sober designated driver for your friends and loved ones; you may never know what kind of story you will have to tell!

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Supporting the Education Reform

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"...Education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity and success, it is a prerequisite." These are the words of President Barack Obama and few truer words have ever been spoken. It is important to realize that without an education, you cannot get very far these days. So if something were to come along that would improve the education system and making more accessible to everyone, it would be something worth supporting, right? Yes.

Recently President Obama spoke in detail about how he plans on reforming this countries education system. He proposed five reforms that he hopes will bring America's schools into the 21st century and back into the top percentile in the world.

One of the reforms calls for the cut of wasteful spending when it comes to programs that are failing so that the money could be used to support and better already existing successful programs and help to establish new ones. That one is a bit of a no-brainer. If it's broken, get rid of it and upgrade.

Another of the reforms calls for the raising of standards and assessments in our nation's schools. This makes sense too. By retaining the current standards for assessment, or even lowering them, we would be in effect robbing the nation's students of their education and only doing them an extreme disservice. Just because students are not meeting expectations does not mean that we should ask less of them by lowering our standards so that they can make the grade. We need to raise our standards and find new innovative ways to teach today's students so that they might rise to the challenge.

This can be achieved by two of his other initiatives. The first calls for the preparation, recruitment, and retaining of better teachers. This starts in the classroom where these teachers are taught how to teach. By improving the education system, we automatically improve the way teachers are prepared. Obama hopes to retain teachers by give them incentives such as increased pay. That should not even be a point of debate. These men and women are some of the worst paid professionals in this country and the hold what are

probably the most key positions in our society. The other initiative calls for promotion of innovation and excellence in schools such as the creation of more Charter schools. While it is important to improve all schools, Charter schools are particularly important because of their flexibility in teaching and curricula which allows for the most innovation.

The final reform calls for the simplification of the processed through which financial aid is obtained and working to make school more accessible for everyone. For anyone who has ever applied for a Pell grant, or a Perkins loan, or has filled out a FAFSA, you understand that to complete some of these forms you practically need a Ph.D. in rocket science. Anything that facilitates these processes would be a blessing, especially for the college student who already has enough to worry about with working, going to class, and so on.

A lot of people would argue that this will cost the tax payer millions if not billions of dollars, but regardless of what the money is used for, taxes will go up so we might as well put it toward and worthy and important cause.

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# Britney Spears: Queen of Pop Makes a Comeback

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We can all recall the young teen who stole America’s heart while singing “Hit Me Baby One More Time” through the halls of a high school. Britney Spears, who became the center of pop culture, the center of media cruelty, and is now experiencing a comeback in her career; has earned my respect, along with all of her other fans.

Imagine leaving the house every morning to make a trip to the grocery store with a child on each hip and hundreds of people flashing cameras, shouting, screaming and even throwing objects, to simply get you to look in their direction. This is a typical morning for the pop sensation Britney Spears, which was clearly shown in her newly released documentary, “Britney: For the Record.”

The ninety-minute film aired November 30th on MTV, exposing the world to the “real” Britney, who is trying to live a normal life after growing up in front of the cameras. The part of the film that evoked the most emotion was when Spears said, “I’m kind of stuck in this place and I’m like, How do you deal? I just cope with it every day. It’s better not to feel anything at all and have hope than to feel the other way . . . It’s bad...I’m sad.”

After this part of the documentary Spears breaks down into tears, which shows that she is just like everyone else who makes mistakes and experiences difficult times; she is only human. The media judges Spears too harshly and tries to portray her as constantly messing up. While she continues to fight for her career back, the media consistently rips apart her every move.

Despite the critical acclaims towards Britney Spears, Jill Bruncati, 19, Middletown, NJ said, “After watching Britney perform at the VMAs and after watching

the documentary that followed her around for a month, I have a new found respect for her. It takes hard work and strength to come back from a downfall like she had, and now all you hear on the radio is her songs.”

Additionally, it had only been a year since Spears’s disastrous display at the 2007 VMAs, where she was ridiculed for her performance. This year, however, she swept the 2008 VMAs, winning the awards for video of the year, best pop video and best female video.

Even better, “Womanizer” hit number one on the Billboard Hot 100 charts and the follow-up, “Circus,” should reach that same plateau before long. Her highly anticipated new album is said to be the comeback album of the year, which will showcase all of Spears’s efforts to be reborn in the public eye.

In addition to her career climb, Spears has changed her reputation in her personal life as well. The media and tabloids are now focusing on what a turn-around Spears has made and how she is becoming a better mother, rather than zeroing in on her every move, waiting to find a flaw.

As Spears discussed her past in “Britney: For the Record”, she said, “I had totally lost my way. I lost focus. I lost myself.” Everyone loses his or her way at one time or another and the crisis’s Spears faced in her life were just like anyone else’s, except she was forced to face them in front of the cameras.

At one point or another I may have misjudged Spears just like all of her other fans, until I realized the media was not giving her the credit she deserved and was displaying her in a negative light. After watching her transform into a whole new Britney Spears, it is clear to see that she will continue to exceed the world’s expectations, by blowing everyone away with the comeback of a lifetime.



PHOTO COURTESY of Yahoo! News

Britney Spears, 27, spent recent years as a tabloid target, but has recently made a positive comeback.

# We All Have the Right to Live the Best Life Possible

GINA COLUMBUS  
NEWS EDITOR

Every day, 50 percent of homeless Americans search for food to satisfy their hunger pains, a piece of clothing to shield them from the bitter cold, and a shelter for protection. The other fifty percent are doing all of these three things, but they are employed with low-income jobs.

Poverty has become an overall burdening issue in America, although millions of its citizens fail to notice the adults and children wandering the streets and sleeping on doorsteps of empty, vacant houses throughout the country. With a country offering so much promise for its people, why should the homeless not receive their basic human rights? Even more, why should they even be homeless?

No one person should experience a life of poverty, a life of unhappiness, or a life of dreaming on the sidewalk while watching others turn the other cheek at their unfortunate lifestyle. Being able to transfer the homeless into empty houses, the goal of the National Union of the Homeless, is a step we all need to achieve: to create the right for all to live the best life possible.

Willie Baptist, Scholar-In-Residence at the Poverty Initiative, has strong beliefs about ending poverty

in the nation. Formally homeless, he dealt with years of deprivation and carried low-income occupations, and wants to see poverty off the streets as well.

“Our country can be better than this. It has to be better,” Baptist stated at the 10th Annual International Social Work Lecture in celebration of International Human Rights Day.

Granted the economy is not at an all-time high, and money is getting more and more difficult to come by,



BAPTIST

but there is no reason why a human being should suffer without the three basic necessities of life. The United States is more in debt than ever; however, businesses and houses are still being constructed, with many of them left empty but are prohibited for homeless to move into.

Between the years of 1980 and 1990, a documentary titled “Take-over” was produced and followed the lives of homeless people. Within this, the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) promised that 10

percent of HUD housing would be given to those that they are without shelter. After HUD failed to upkeep their word, a movement was enacted and the homeless began to “take over” the empty houses without their consent.

Those people should be applauded for their courageous actions and fighting for their human rights; they all carried a belief to live a comfortable life and a desire to have a roof stationed above their heads.

A life in poverty is a life wasted; one will never experience the good nature a society can offer to him or her.

The following statement, “Every person has the right not to be poor,” was also mentioned at the annual lecture, and those words could not have been rung more true. Being an American means having freedom and independence, but not at the expense of making a home out of rags in an alleyway. The homeless want the simplest things that many Americans take for granted, but what can they do to achieve them? The rest of the country needs to take more of a concern in this issue, and realize the damage that is being done and how quickly it is spreading.

In the heart of Philadelphia, someone becomes homeless every 30 minutes. How long will it take before citizens take a stand together to end this brutal way of living?

# High School Better Than College

*Why High School May Be Better than Your Professor’s Lecture*

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Bullies, report cards, peer pressure, oh my! The life of a high school student sure seems to mirror the same lifestyle of someone in the job market.

It has been said by many high school teachers for many years that high school prepares you for college. “You’ll get a taste of what it’s like at college,” said Daniel Rowan, an English teacher at Audubon High School. “What I try to do is really prepare my students for what it’s going to be like.”

However, high school seems to be nothing like college at all. Perhaps teachers are trying to prepare their students for the bigger workload, but in reality high school seems to be what prepares you for the real world.

In college, a student may be considered to be on their own, but they also are being concealed in their own little bubble. In college, the class schedules are structured in an entirely different way than high schools, which seem to run almost parallel to the five-to-nine

workday.

Around seven or eight, both wake up to prepare for the day, and pray that they are not late and will not be punished. There is paperwork to be done, gossip to share, and if some sort of occurrence happens during the day, both are pulled in to see some sort of supervisor.

While in college, a person is given much more freedom than they would have if they were living outside of their college bubble. While in high school or a typical job, a student has much less reign over the territory, and like in the world after college, a student must learn how to work within the confines of many different, possibly uncomfortable situations.

In high school, a student goes to the same place every day, has to deal with the same people, and if a problem arises, the supervisor must be contacted. “It’s really not much different than working in an office,” said Diane Johansen, a high school principal. “The only difference is that you have a million people working for you, and they’re all crazy.”

In college, a person has much more freedom than they will after they graduate. Every day their classes are different, and if there is a problem with a peer, students are urged to work it out for themselves.

As many have learned, college is a fast-paced environment. If one class is missed, playing catch-up is never a fun game. However, in high school you go to the same place or places every day just like in a workplace, and to catch up after one sick day only requires a minimal amount of work if a person happens to be in high school or have a job.

There is one thing that all three institutions have in common however, and that is the aspect of friends. A friend can give you the work you miss, will help you study, or get back at that evil co-worker or student.

When teachers try to prepare high school students for college and the “real world,” I personally wish they did not. If anything, college should be more like the high school structure, as that seems to be the basis for a working environment.

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# Obama Proposes Five New Reform Initiatives

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be carried out by Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, who Obama notes will use one simple criteria to determine which programs are cut and which are not: does it work or not? By cutting programs that are not producing results, President Obama hopes to free up money and resources to invest in early childhood initiatives such as HeadStart and Pre-Kindergarten.

Obama has already signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, invests \$5 billion in growing Early Head Start and Head Start, expanding access to quality child care for 150,000 more children from working families, and doing more for children with special needs.

“Studies show that children in these programs are more likely to score higher in reading and math, more likely to graduate from high school and attend college, more likely to hold a job, and more likely to earn more in that job. For every dollar we invest in these programs, we get nearly ten dollars back in reduced welfare rolls, fewer health costs, and less crime,” he noted.

He concluded his points on this reform by issuing his first challenge to develop a cutting-edge plan to raise the quality of your early learning programs. “Show us how you’ll work to ensure that children are better prepared for success by the time they enter kindergarten.”

President Obama’s second reform calls for better standards and assessments in schools to reverse what he describes as a “a race to the bottom in our schools.”

“This is an area where we are being outpaced by other nations. It’s not that their kids are any smarter than ours – it’s that they are being smarter about how to educate their kids,” explained.

The difference between those countries and the U.S. according to Obama is that the U.S. is focusing on teaching the things that do not matter and not fully preparing its students for high school, college, or careers. In his speech, he noted that the U.S.’s curriculum for eighth grade is a full two years behind the top performing countries.

His proposed, solution, in part, calls for tougher and clearer standards in student assessment.

The second part of his standard and assessment reform is to supply schools with the means necessary to track student progress from early childhood through college. In Florida, California, and Texas, tracking programs like these have already been utilized. The system has a dual advantage in that it helps track struggling students and can detect trends among these students that will single out inefficient curricula and teachers that are not meeting the necessary standards.

He challenge states to adopt world-class standards that will bring curriculums into the 21st century and the nation’s Governors and state education chiefs to develop standards

and assessments that “don’t simply measure whether students can fill in a bubble on a test, but whether they possess 21st century skills like problem-solving and critical thinking, entrepreneurship and creativity. That is what we will help them do later this year when we finally make No Child Left Behind live up to its name by ensuring not only that teachers and principals get the funding they need, but that the money is tied to results.”

“I refuse to accept that America’s children cannot rise to this challenge. They can, they must, and they will meet higher standards in our time,” he said.

The third pillar of President Obama’s education reform calls for the improvement of teacher recruitment, preparation, and rewarding. Above race and socioeconomic class, President named the teachers as the number one most important factor in student’s success.

“America’s future depends on its teachers. And so today, I am calling on a new generation of Americans to step forward and serve our country in our classrooms. If you want to make a difference in the life of our nation; if you want to make the most of your talents and dedication; if you want to make your mark with a legacy that will endure – join the teaching profession,” he said.

President Obama continued by saying, “and if you do your part, we’ll do ours,” mean that for those individuals who pursue a career in teaching, there will be new incentives such as more recognition and increased pay.

Under Obama’s plan, new teachers will be mentored by experienced ones, “good” teachers will be rewarded with more money for improved student achievement, but teachers will also be asked to accept more responsibilities for lifting up their schools.

“Here is what that commitment means: It means treating teachers like the professionals they are while also holding them more accountable.”

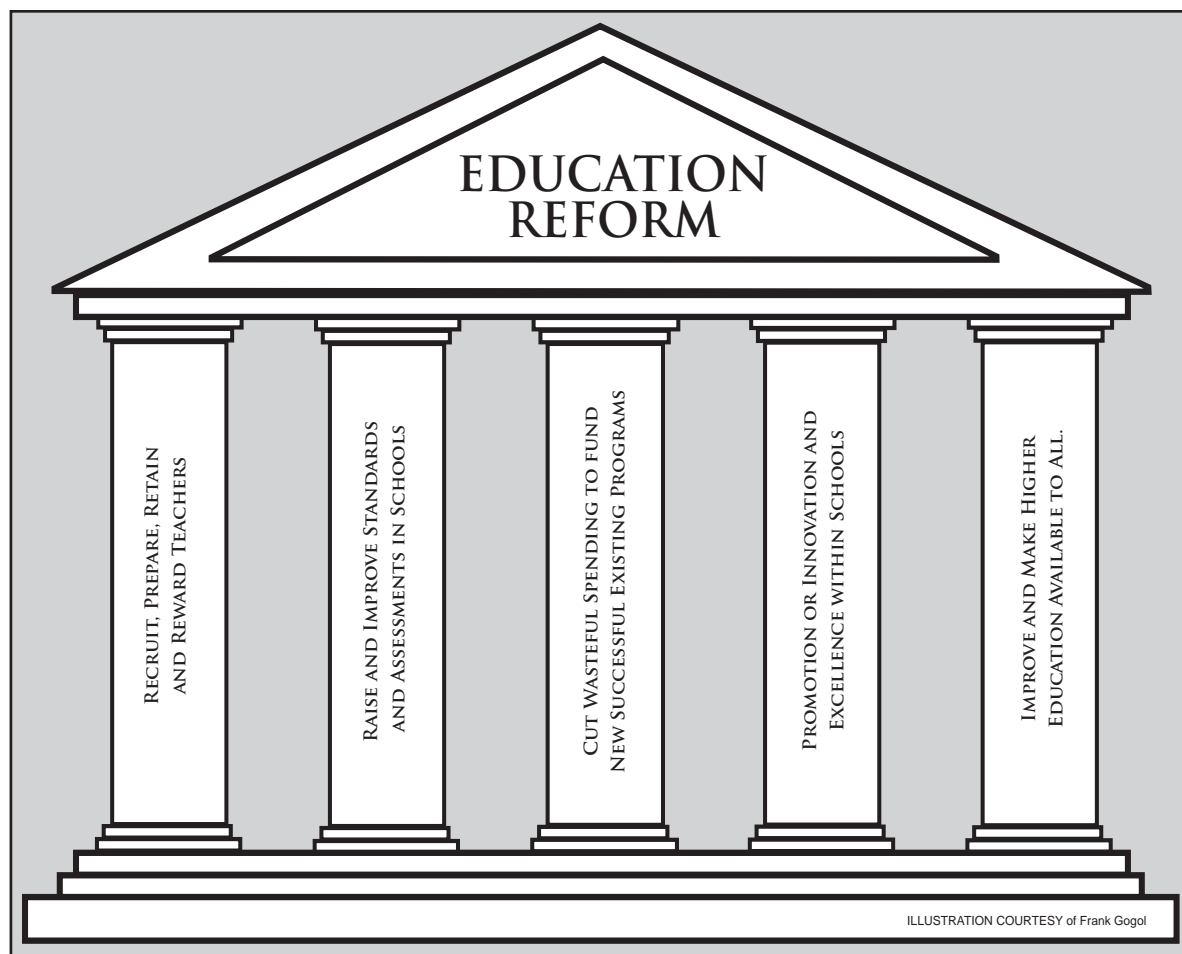
In closing his points about teacher reform, he issued a challenge to states and schools to take step to move underperforming teachers out of the classroom and to move better ones in.

“Let me be clear: if a teacher is given a chance but still does not improve, there is no excuse for that person to continue teaching. I reject a system that rewards failure and protects a person from its consequences. The stakes are too high. We can afford nothing but the best when it comes to our children’s teachers and to the schools where they teach.”

The fourth part of Obama’s education strategy called for the promotion of innovation and excellence in schools.

His plan included better utilization of Charter Schools, schools founded by parents, teachers, and civic or community organizations with broad leeway to innovate education.

There are currently limitations on how many of these schools are allowed in each state and this is some-



thing that President Obama describes as negative effects on children, the economy, and the country. There are approximate 50 of these schools in New Jersey according to njcharter-schools.org.

“... [A]ny expansion of charter schools must not result in the spread of mediocrity, but in the advancement of excellence. That will require states adopting both a rigorous selection and review process to ensure that a charter school’s autonomy is coupled with greater accountability...” he said.

In addition to creating more of these schools, President Obama called for reform within the already existing ones.

The second component of the innovation and excellence reform is the redevelopment of the academic calendar.

“We can no longer afford an academic calendar designed when America was a nation of farmers who needed their children at home plowing the land at the end of each day. That calendar may have once made sense, but today, it puts us at a competitive disadvantage.”

In this initiative Obama called for the expansion of after-school programs, and the lengthening of both the school day and the school year to be more like the more academically-successful countries like South Korea. “I know longer school days and school years are not wildly popular ideas. Not in my family, and probably not in yours. But the challenges of a new century demand more time in the classroom. If they can do that in South Korea, we can do it right here in the United States of America,” he said.

The final component to improving schools in terms of innovation and excellence is to drastically reduce the

rate of high school dropouts. This, according to Obama, calls for students to take responsibility for their education and go to school and attend classes and while they are there to pay attention and if they are struggling to seek extra help.

Obama then addressed student’s watching the broadcast and said, “... dropping out is quitting on yourself, it’s quitting on your country, and it is not an option – not anymore. Not when our high school dropout rate has tripled in the past thirty years. Not when high school dropouts earn about half as much as college graduates.”

In 2,000 schools in cities like Detroit, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia 50% of America’s dropouts are produced. The plan involved reforming these low-performing schools to cut the dropout rate.

The fifth part of America’s education strategy is to provide every American with a quality higher education such as college or technical training.

This plan involves the simplification of applying for financial aid, grants, and loans for students hoping to go to college.

Pell Grants, grants which do not have to be repaid, will be raised to \$5,500. A \$2,500 tax credit will be awarded to students from working families. Perkins loans, need-based loads offered by the U.S. Department of Education, will be distributed more equally, meaning that, “schools like UNLV don’t get a tenth as many Perkins Loans as schools like Harvard,” Obama said.

The elimination of wasteful student loan subsidies will reduce taxes by billions and allow approximately 7 million more students attend post-secondary educational institutions

according to Obama.

Obama then issued his final set of challenges: first, for colleges and universities to control growing tuitions rates, second, for Americans to commit at least one year or more to higher education, and finally to realize that education does not end with undergraduate work.

Kristyn Mikulka, a junior education major and the Events Coordinator for the Political Science Club, disagreed with the proposal and said, “I do not think Obama’s plan is realistic. This bill includes a plethora of optional clauses such as rewarding teachers with money if they perform extraordinary. The reform also requires a massive amount of spending, and after finally passing his \$787 billion dollar stimulus package, I feel the [Congressional] Houses will be reluctant to pass anymore bills that will increase taxes.

“In just a single generation, America has fallen from second place to eleventh place in the portion of students completing college. That is unfortunate but it is by no means irreversible. With resolve and the right investments, we can retake the lead once more,” he said.

“...[Y]our dream is a dream shared by all Americans. It is the founding promise of our nation. That we can make of our lives what we will; that all things are possible for all people; and that here in America, our best days lie ahead. And I truly believe that if I do my part and you, the American people, do yours – then we will emerge from this crisis a stronger nation and pass the dream of our founding on to posterity, ever safer than before...” he concluded.

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*All topics and viewpoints are welcome.*



# Review: Triumph of Love

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The Department of Music and Theatre Arts has opened its spring musical, *Triumph of Love*. This musical has a cast of 7 performers, a band who accompanied the entire play, and many workers behind the stage. "I cannot fathom the work that these performers and workers had to put in to create this play; it was wonderful." Heather Postel, an MU junior, stated.

This performance kept the audience on the edge of their seats. "This was a extremely unique play that kept me very interested the entire time." Anthony Viola, an MU sophomore, declared.

"Music in this play is outstanding," stated Jake DelVento, an MU freshman. "This wonderful music was accompanied by extremely talented vocal singing."

Katie North, an MU senior, claimed that she loved the *Triumph of Love* performance.

"Costuming in this performance was wonderful." Meghan Shaw, an MU senior, stated. "Every actor had the perfect outfit to fit their character's personality."

"I was very proud of the cast members." Kate Borsuk, an MU junior, stated. "Everyone put together such a fun and engaging show!"

"This was a fantastic play! I know that the performers faced much hard work and determination." Cris Crapello, a Mont Clair Grad Student stated. "My brother Vinnie was a main role, and I know that he worked very hard; I am so proud of him. Great job Vin!"

Elizabeth Spellman, Hesione (his aunt, a philosopher) as well as an MU senior, explained how *Triumph of Love* has been the best show that she has worked on at Monmouth. "It is funny, touching and a blast to work

on!" "The play was great and a fantastic experience." James Saunders, Harlequin (a valet) as well as an MU junior, stated. "Playing Harlequin was the best part that I have played."

Colleen Russek, an MU freshman, seemed to agree that the show was awesome, and the cast made it even better. "The cast was awesome; they are all so talented."

"This play has been a blast to work on; it's been the most fun that I have worked on, in college," Vincent Crapello, Dimas (the Gardner) as well as an MU junior, stated, "The entire cast of *Triumph of Love* put on a fantastic performance."

Jamee Shea, an MU freshman, who worked on the play explained how for the first musical that she participated in at MU everything turned out well, after countless hours of work.

Cody Ross Pitts, Agis (a student of reason) as well as an MU junior, said, "What Vinnie said." He completely agreed with what Vincent stated about the play being wonderful; everyone agreed that this was a superb performance!

"The entire *Triumph of Love* cast made the play an outstanding performance! Broadway should look out." Jim Kiernan, an MU senior, stated.

"The play was wonderful," Nancy Clemency stated. Nancy was overwhelmed by her daughter's excellent performance. "My Sarah was the best part!"

At the closing of the performance, all of the actors and musicians received such an uncontrollable cheer from the audience; they were all pleased. However, there were obviously many who contributed to this masterpiece. Everyone deserves a round of applause. Great job!



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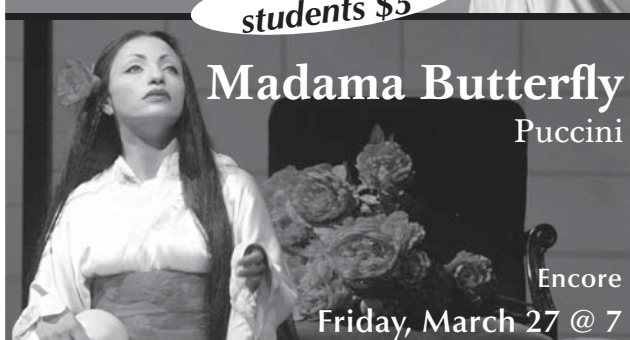
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This week, we take a look at the commercial side of the music business and how bands and artists are cashing in and companies are cashing out.

With the economy acting the way it is, who can blame them. The first deal in our Ground Floor circular this week deals with one of the most iconic structures of New York City and across the world.

This past week, the Virgin Megastore chain announced that by June, they will be closing their doors...ALL their doors. The company, which is based out of the UK, is the last of it's kind to close it's doors.

Back in the early 90s, other UK

outfits such as HMV and W.H. Smith, joined Virgin in creating another British Invasion, this time of stores. However, over the years, they have been fledgling and have now gone the way of Tower Records and Camelot Music.

After years of making sure their stores were broken up into all the right floors and music genres, overpaying for the area their stores occupied as well as the growing trend of digital music buying and privacy has caught up with record giant.

After having 23 stores at its peak, the chain has been regulated to six over the years. Although, prior to the holidays, some hope that moving the Times Square store to a smaller, next-door location would help make the store as profitable as it once was, the dream was soon dashed. With things like this happening, keep your ears for news that the RIAA will want a bailout, yeesh.

One chain that seems to be making a move to utilize music to their advantage (and considering how many I saw along the I-95 stretch, it'd be a big advantage) is the restaurant chain, Denny's.

First, the chain has launched a contest for bands on it's site, known as the "Adopted Band" contest, where each month, fans get to vote on a band that the chain will adopt as it's own. This means that while the band is touring the country, they will stop at

Denny's chains across the country and hosts after parties while eating a bunch of free food.

The after-parties are open to all patrons and some of the recently adopted bands New Jersey's own Cash Cash, The Sleeping, Bring Me the Horizon, You, Me and Everyone We Know, and just announced this week Me Talk Pretty.

Alongside this, Denny's is also a proud sponsor of this year's Taste of Chaos tour, hosting select after parties around the country following the tour's shows which feature New Jersey's own Thursday as the headliners with Bring Me the Horizon and Four Year Strong as support.

However, that isn't enough for Denny's, no, no, they then proceed by launching a late night menu to capture the appeal of college students (and we all love our late night meals), Denny's looked towards music artists to spice up their menu.

The Denny's All Nighter menu reached out to bands such as Hoobastank and artists such as Katy Perry to create their own concoctions that fans and food lovers alike can enjoy. Hoobastank's "reason" to eat at Denny's is their "Hooburrito" which is what happens when chicken, barbeque sauce and cheese meet up with a burrito and add a side of tortilla chips.

Katy Perry decided to get "Hot N' Cold" with a sundae creation that meets layers of cherry, vanilla ice cream, hot fudge and cappuccino together.

Other bands on the menu include the Plain White T's (and their Plain White Shake, how...original) and soon to include Sum 41 (with a yet to be named French Toast sandwich), while Long Island's own Taking Back Sunday has not only one, but two dishes on the menu: the Tak-

ing Back Bacon Burger Fries and Taking Back Sunday's Grilled Chicken and Sausage Quesadilla.

Certainly, Denny's is working hard to provide a unique selec-

up at the proper pace, including not shipping them off to her current label, Interscope.

Citing the troubles usually facing young artists signed to major labels as her reason to go indie,



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Taking Back Sunday is scheduled for a June 2nd release for their fourth full-length from the ever-changing TBS line-up entitled *New Again*.

tion of food to fulfill a music lover's appetite, for more information on the menu and Denny's efforts, visit their site.

Speaking of Taking Back Sunday, and being one of my favorites, I'd be remiss to not mention how they boys are cashing in commercially on the traditional side. Slated for a June 2 release is the fourth full-length from the ever-changing TBS line-up entitled *New Again*. By going to the band's website as TakingBackSunday.com, fans can view a teaser video with low quality samples of the songs on the album.

Judging by the higher quality clip played over the cover art for the album, this will have more of the same sound found on the band's second album *Where You Want To Be*. Nonetheless, the anticipation has started and more information on the album will be presented here as it comes along.

Another venture into the more traditional side of the music business has recently been announced by the promiscuous Nelly Furtado. Becoming an entrepreneur, Furtado is launching a record label called Nelstar, an imprint of Canadian-based Last Gang Labels.

However, the catch here is that Furtado is taking the road less traveled, launching an outfit for indie bands instead of major labels. The first group signed to the label is an electro-dance group called Fritz Helder and the Phantoms who are already at work on an album slated to drop July 7th.

The group themselves are made up of two former Furtado back-up dancers and is offering her full support to build the band

Furtado is looking to build the band on their own merits and not the standard issue of making cameos in their songs and collaborating on her tracks. Although the search is on for more bands, Furtado is taking it slow as to not burn herself or the label out.

However, it seems that burnout has caught up with people who don't wish to pay for their music any more. Although iTunes was launched year's back as a simple alternative to stealing music, allowing you to pay for the songs you want, that just doesn't seem to be enough for some.

In China, websites are selling gift certificates for iTunes valued at \$200 for a mere few bucks. The theory is that someone, somewhere out there has managed to crack the algorithm made to distinguish valid gift cards.

Now, they are distributing random codes that allow the hackers to access music essentially for free. Apple is now working on fixing the glitches, however, this runs the risk of perfectly valid cards being rejected by the system.

This fair warning to all you who own iTunes gift cards, or buying cards as some cards at major retailer might not be honored as well, even if Apple isn't too worried considering the new pricing plan they might put together for music.

Nonetheless, you can rest assured that this one-stop shop won't regulated itself to a pricing plan, however, I do encourage all the pirating of this article you can do. Either way, it's closing time at this store, but we'll be sure to reopen soon to give you all the deals that are sure to leave you floored.



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# FROM TAMARAMA TO THE CITY

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Every Monday night millions of viewers watch him as Jay, Whitney Port's long haired Aussie boyfriend on MTV's *The City*. When he is not running around the Big Apple attending parties and night clubs with young socialites, he is Jay, 1/2 of the rock band known as Tamarama.

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Whitney Port and Jay Lyon started dating after the debut of her reality show *The City*.

reality show, Tamarama plays local gigs around New York City, but long before hitting the states Tamarama was stuck Down Under.

Tamarama consists of longtime friends Jay Lyon and Nicolas "Potsy" Potts who grew up on a small beach just outside of Sydney, coincidentally called Tamarama.

The duo started out as models to help pay the bills, but being the starving artists that they were, they began writing music while living in Paris.

Their music has an extremely laid back beachy feel to it, which has been dubbed as "surfrock." Their sound is a reflection of their days living on the Australian shore. It is no surprise that some of their biggest musical influences come from Jack Johnson and Bob Marley.

All of their songs make reference to the beach and falling



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Nicolas "Potsy" Potts (left) and Jay Lyons (right) are two Aussie natives that create the band known as Tamarama.

in love. Their sweet melodies and smooth rhythm instantly puts you at ease.

In their song called "Sunsets," the lyrics enhance your senses and make you envision hanging out at the beach on a hot summer day without a care in the world, "Come on sunset fill our eyes, we love to watch the clouds roll by."

Now based on the complete opposite side of the globe in NYC, Tamarama is beginning to see what the trendy and diverse city has in store for them.

So far the guys have shot two music videos for the singles "Everything to Me" and "Middle of a Magazine."

Both videos made sure to feature their favorite Aussie beaches, sticking to their roots.

## WATCHMEN: DEFINITELY WORTH WATCHING

**FRANK GOGOL**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Who watches the Watchmen? Everyone does, or at least they should. Watchmen, the live-action movie adaptation based on Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons' graphic novel, opened this past Friday in theaters around the world and it lived up to, and exceeded, the hype.

The movie is set in a dystopian 1980s New York in a world where costumed heroes exist. One of the costumed heroes, the Comedian, is murdered and another vigilante, Rorschach, wants to know why. Rorschach believes that someone is trying to kill costumed crime fighters and enlists the help of the heroes Night Owl and Silk Spectre, both of whom are the second holders of their respective mantles. In the mean time, Dr. Manhattan, the only hero to possess any sort of super power, exiles himself from earth to Mars when he finds out that he has caused the people closest to him to have cancer. As the plot unfolds it is revealed that there is indeed a conspiracy to remove the costumed heroes and the current generation must come together to prevent a global catastrophe.

The paranoia created by the impending doom of the cold war era and the unknown threat within the story help add to the dark tone. The movie is one of the few movies produced in recent years that takes full advantage of its R rating. There is tons of nudity, both male and female, violence, gore, and plenty of foul language.

The actors in the movie are,

for the most part, relatively unknown at this point, but they still hit every beat. With a movie like this having big name actors like Tom Cruise or Jude Law would have distracted the audience from the characters. Hav-

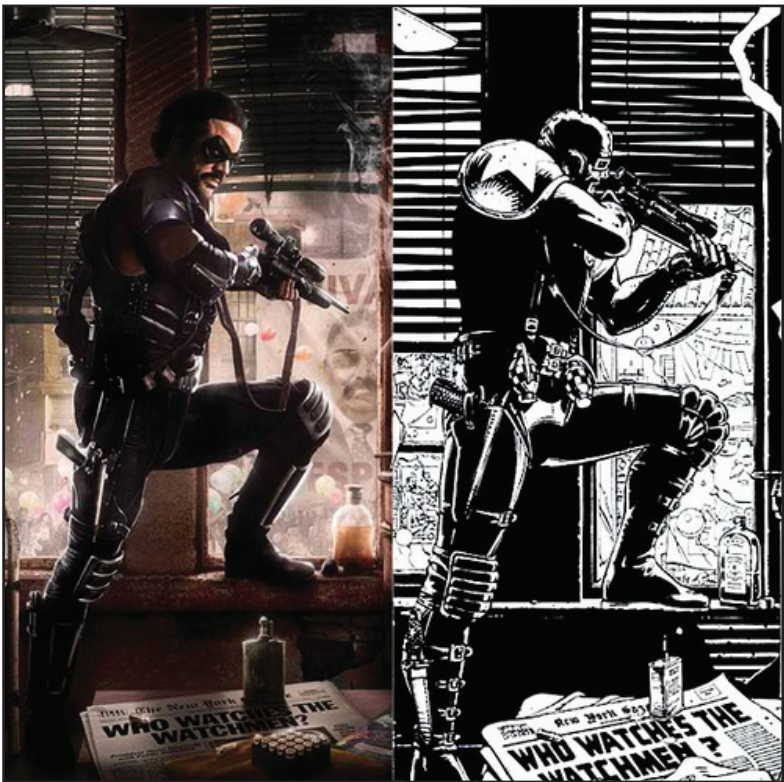


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Director Zach Snyder stayed close to the source material while making *Watchmen* and even utilized that panels from the graphic novel when making the movie's storyboards.

ing relative unknowns (much in the same way as the Harry Potter series) allowed viewers to focus on the incredible story being told.

It does what few, if any, movies in its genre can and that is tell a story about people and

characters have everyday problems that the viewer can relate to.

The cinematography is top-notch and the photography is almost a scene for scene recreation of the book. This photography is the movie's gift and its

curse. While it creates a near perfect representation of the source material, director Zach Snyder could have done a little more to make the film his own.

One of the best parts of the movie was the soundtrack with it. Artists such as Bob Dylan and Simon and Garfunkel are featured. It is very clear that a great deal of time and thought went into the development of the music chosen as each song very strongly accented the scene it was a part of.

The Opening montage that depicts the history of the costumed vigilante in the Watchmen universe is successful in incorporating much of the books back story that was presented in appendix style sources at the end of each chapter. In doing this, the creators cut the movie down by at least an hour. Viewers not familiar with the book may be at a disadvantage because they are unfamiliar with some of what is going on in the montage, but nothing is lost from the movie in ignorance.

The altered ending should also be praised for making the story more accessible to viewers. The original ending featured in the book is very dated and extremely rooted in the trends of late 80s comic books and would not have translated nearly as well with modern audiences. The ending is not, however, better than the original. It is on par with the original and more appropriate for 2009.

In the end, the movie ranks up there with the best of them. It would not be surprising to see this movie become one of, if not the, greatest movie of all time. It earns a 5 out of 5.

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"I'd rather it stay warm. Stop teasing!"



"I wish it was warm, like it is in Jamaica!"



"I love the winter; I like the snow, but my favorite season is spring."



"I'm not a fan; I love the warmth."



"I live in Florida, and I hate the cold."



"It's crazy; warm one day then cold the next."



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**Mon., March 23: (7pm)** Film Showing: 'Milk,' The Underground

**Tues., March 24 (7:30-9pm)** Vagina Monologues, Anacon  
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# Phi Eta Sigma Induction

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dents to be more active at the national level.

Phi Eta Sigma is an honor society that recognizes superior leadership and academic performance in the freshman year. The society was founded at the University of Illinois in 1923, and Monmouth University established the 272nd chapter in 1987. Governed by the motto “Knowledge is Power,” the society aims to motivate students to excel academically. To qualify for membership, students must have earned a 3.5 GPA or better in their first semester. Once accepted, members are encouraged to exhibit superior scholastic achievement, a noble and generous character, a well-cared for body, and a vigorous and well-disciplined mind.

The ceremony began with opening remarks from the President, Devon Hodge, and the faculty advisor, Dr. Golam Mathbor. Both congratulated the students on their outstanding achievement and their acceptance into the society. Following the introduction, the historian, Mary Grace Baker, discussed the background and goals of the organization. Each of the officers, including Treasurer, Shaina Chagrin, and Secretary, Ashley Hoppe, then gave

a brief discussion about the characteristics required for prosperity as individuals and as members of the society. The Vice President, Arci Guzman, was unable to attend. Informed of these qualities for success, the candidates were officially inducted by signing the Chapter Roll and receiving their keys and membership certificates. The keys contain the letters Phi, Eta, and Sigma, the initials of the Greek phrase meaning “Lovers of Wisdom.”

Following the official induction, Dr. Nancy Mezey, Associate Professor of Sociology in the Department of Political Science, gave the keynote address. In her speech, Dr. Mezey proposed that leadership, ethical decision-making, and passion are fundamental to success as a student and in a career. To begin, Dr. Mezey defined leadership as a process of acquiring skills, collaborating with others, and being humble enough to take risks. She suggested that all of the inductees travel both physically and intellectually, reminding them that education is a journey that involves going out of one’s comfort zone to acquire new skills. Dr. Mezey also stressed the importance of learning as much as possible to make informed ethical decisions, another skill necessary to become a strong leader. Dr. Mezey then advised the students

to choose their majors and careers based on a true love for a field. She said that where there is passion and a feeling of closeness to a subject, work will be fun and satisfying rather than a burden. She then concluded with a quote from an anonymous source, reading, “To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics, endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, whetherby a healthy child, a garden patch... to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!”

Following Dr. Mezey’s speech, Dr. Mathbor gave his concluding remarks, encouraging the students to “think locally and live globally” in pursuit of a brilliant mind. He and the officers also presented Reenie Menditto and Erin Campbell-Hawk of the Honors School with small gifts in recognition of their important role in coordinating the event. With the ceremony concluded, the inductees and their families enjoyed the opportunity to take pictures in front of the Phi Eta Sigma banner and mingle over refreshments.

## SIGMA TAU GAMMA

Sigma Tau Gamma would like to thank the entire Monmouth community for their support with our brand new show “Don’t Forget the Lyrics” which took place back on February 25th. The show was a huge success and all those who donated helped to raise over \$1300 to help support “Books For Kids”. We would also like to send out a big thanks to Chili’s and Jr’s for kindly donating the prizes which the winners of the show received. Without their support our winners wouldn’t be able to enjoy the delicious food these restaurants have to offer! Thanks to everyone who participated and be sure to come back out next year!

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The Community Service Club is hosting the 2009 Bowl-a-thon benefiting the Kortney Rose Foundation. It will be on Sunday, March 22, 2009 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the Bradley Beach Bowling Alley. Each participant will be asked to raise a minimum of \$15 to assist in donations to our local charity, The Kortney Rose Foundation, due that evening. Prizes will be awarded for the top average scoring team, the individual who fundraises the most in contributions and more!! It’s a night of fun and this event is perfect for groups and organizations! Bus transportation will also be available leaving the student center at 6:30! Sign up early to ensure your space on the bus. Contact MUCSC@monmouth.edu for further questions.

## RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) is having a Spring Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, the 21st. It starts at 11:30am on the Residence side of campus. There will be prizes such as candy and gift certificates.

# Monmouth Gets Ready to Rumble

## PREVIEW

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Golden Gloves boxers are preparing to “weigh-in” on Friday, March 20 in Boylan Gym. The event, hosted by The Shore Builders Association of Central NJ (SBACNJ), will highlight a semi-final boxing event for amateurs.

The event will also feature special guest, former heavyweight

championship fighter, Gerry Cooney. Cooney will be available to sign autographs for the guests. Cooney is well known for his two Golden Gloves championships.

This much anticipated Golden Gloves event will be open to the public and admission starts at \$25.00 or \$15.00 with school identification. Doors will open promptly at 7:45 with limited seating.

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# Women’s Basketball Wraps Up Season With Gutsy Playoff Run

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Monmouth entered the Northeast Conference tournament as the fifth seed, which put them in a tough matchup with fourth-seeded Quinnipiac. The Blue and White won a thriller 69-67, as Marbley Montas stole the ball from Quinnipiac’s Erin Kerner on their last possession to seal the win for the Hawks.

The game did not look like it would come down to the wire early on as the Hawks led by 20, in the first half but the Bobcats would not quit in this postseason tilt. The Hawks led 32-12 with just over 5 minutes to play in the first half. Quinnipiac then proceeded to go on a 10-0 run, that was capped off by a three pointer from Brianna Rooney. The score was now 32-22 with 2:13 left in the frame. The momentum was completely shifted in the Bobcats favor as they closed the half on a 16-1 run, as the Hawk 20 point lead evaporated to 5 at half.

To open the second half, the Hawks showed their trademark resiliency as they quickly brought the lead back to double digits. However, Quinnipiac again rallied and chopped the lead down to, two with just under eight minutes to play. Freshman Alexis Scott, and star senior Jennifer Bender proved to be cooler than the other side of the pillow, as they connected on back to back threes, to push the lead back to eight.

Speaking of Bender, she led all scorers with 24 points, and snagged six rebounds as well. Lakia Barber showed senior leadership along with Bender, tallying 17 points and five boards. The win

gave the Blue and White, their third straight quarterfinal upset in the NEC tournament. They also improved to 18-12 on the year.

The victory moved the Hawks on to face the top seeded, Sacred Heart. Entering, the game

for a team who’s under its first year with Coach Gaitley at the helm. The Hawks looked poised for bigger and better things in 2010, with the opening of their new home the MAC also on the horizon.

Early on in their contest with

within striking distance for a huge upset.

The second half opened up the exact same way the first half did, as the Pioneers went on another 8-0 run pushing the lead to 29-21. Monmouth rallied yet again to cut the lead to 34-31 with just less than 11 minutes to play. The see-saw of Sacred Heart runs, followed by Hawk rallies continued but the Blue and White were never able to take the lead. The loss ended the MU season but was a gutsy showing, against an elite opponent.

On a brighter note, Monmouth University senior forward Lakia Barber was rewarded for her post season efforts as she was named to the 2009 Northeast Conference All-Tournament Team. Barber led the Hawks in postseason scoring, averaging 16 points and seven rebounds per game in MU’s two NEC Tournament games.

She shot 52% (12-of-23) from the field and hit 8-of-12 free throws. Against eventual conference tournament champion and top-seeded Sacred Heart, the senior contributed a team-high 15 points and nine rebounds.

Barber, who finished her Monmouth career with 937 points, which is good enough for 15th all-time in program history, was second on the team this season in scoring with 12.7 points per game.

Barber, Montas, and Bender have been standout stars for the Hawks this season and will be missed by the team next year. However, with a year of Coach Gaitley’s philosophy sinking in, along with the opening of their new home court, next year in the MAC, the future looks promising for the Hawks.



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Sports Information  
Lakia Barber was named to the All NEC-Tournament Team after averaging 16 points and seven rebounds a game.

Monmouth had lost in the Semifinals the past two years. Their opponent was not only the number one seed, and host of the tournament, but they had not lost a conference game the entire season. Despite the lofty odds, the Blue and White did not lay down for their opponent; instead they gave them all they could handle before running out of gas at the end.

Monmouth lost the game 64-54 closing out their season with an 18-13 record, tying them for the most wins in a season since 1987-88. 18 wins is quite an impressive record

the conference leader, things looked bleak for the Hawks as they fell behind 8-0 out of the gate. Monmouth coming out a media timeout turned up the defensive pressure, as they held the Pioneers scoreless for nine minutes during the half, cutting the home teams lead down to 14-10. After a Sacred Heart run, freshman guard Alexis Canady showed a veteran mindset as she capped off a 7-3 run with a three pointer as the buzzer sounded at the end of the half. Heading into the locker room the Hawks were down 21-19,

# Baseball Named Preseason NEC Favorite; Starts Season 5-6

ERIC WALSH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Being selected as the favorite in the NEC Preseason Coach’s Poll is an honor that baseball team is no stranger to. The Hawks have been billed the preseason favorite in three of the past four years. And just as they did in 2008 in the final NEC regular season standings, Monmouth will look to live up to the coach’s predictions of the 2009 NEC season.

Although being the Northeast Conference preseason favorite to win the regular season league crown is certainly an honor, it has not translated into an NCAA Tournament berth the past four seasons. Each of the four teams that have been named the preseason favorite has not won the postseason NEC Tournament. Monmouth was the last team to fall victim to this trend as they were eliminated by Mount Saint Mary’s a year ago in the championship series. The last team to turn their preseason favorite billing into a conference title was Central Connecticut State in 2004.

The defending regular season NEC champions return two starters from last year’s record-setting 37-win season. Juniors Ryan Buch and Bret Brach, who combined for 10 wins last year, will headline the 2009 Hawk rotation. Fellow junior Kyle Breese, who went 6-2 in 2008, will be the definitive third starter in the rotation.

Even though the leadoff and no. 3 hitters from a year ago have been lost

to graduation, reigning NEC Rookie of the Year Ryan Terry and NEC First Team selection Nick Pulsonetti both return for their sophomore seasons looking to fill the spots in the lineup. Both players ranked in the top-10 in the Northeast Conference in hitting. The duo helped fuel the 2008 Blue and White offense that led the conference in runs scored with 373.

The Blue and White started their 2009 season on Friday, February 20

on Central Florida for a three-game series. Once again the Hawks were outscored by the home team, falling in two out of three games, dropping their record to 1-5. In their lone win, in the second game of the series, the Blue and White produced a season-high 11 runs and gave up only four. Buch earned the win for the visitors, giving up four runs in five innings of work.

Before leaving the Sunshine State,



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Sports Information  
Josh Boyd was named Akadema/NEC Rookie of the Week after hitting .421 in the Hawks’ 4-1 week.

at 27th ranked East Carolina. In the three game series the Hawks were outscored 27-7, dropping all three contests.

After a 12-day hiatus, the squad traveled south to Orlando to take

MU battled Florida Atlantic to a heartbreaking 10-9 loss in the bottom of the ninth inning on a two-out, run-scoring, walk-off single up the middle.

Over Spring Break the team

caught fire, winning four games in four tries, defeating both the host team Navy and Massachusetts twice. Monmouth finished up their trip to Annapolis with two wins in one day, as they defeated UMass 9-1 in game one at 11:00 a.m., and followed that up with an 11-5 victory over Navy at 2:30 p.m.

With his efforts in the 4-1 week, freshman outfielder Josh Boyd earned Akadema/Northeast Conference Rookie of the Week honors as he batted .419 (8-for-19) and drove in a team-high six runs. The rookie ranks fifth on the team in batting average, hitting .333. He has also contributed two doubles, seven RBI and four stolen bases on the season.

Through 11 games this season sophomore outfielder Tim McEndy leads the team in batting average, hitting .458 with 1 homerun and five RBI. Senior outfielder Nick Bottigliero ranks first on the team in RBI with 13; he also leads the team with three homeruns. Junior lefthander Nick Vallillo ranks first in the rotation with a record of 1-0, with a team-low ERA of 3.27. He also leads the team with 17 innings pitched in three appearances, making two starts. The Hawks have a team batting average of .302 and have scored 70 runs in 2009.

The Hawks will look to improve their 5-6 record on Friday, March 20, as they host future NEC opponent Bryant at 3:00 p.m. MU will play four games over this upcoming weekend against the 9-4 Bulldogs.

## NEC Tournament Results

3/8  
Semi-Finals

#1 Sacred Heart  
64  
#5 Monmouth  
54

#3 St. Francis (PA)  
72  
#2 CCSU  
62

3/15  
Championship  
Game

#1 Sacred Heart  
74  
#3 St. Francis (PA)  
66



## Baseball Upcoming Schedule

3/20  
Bryant  
3:00

3/21  
Bryant  
12:00  
2:30

3/22  
Bryant  
1:00

3/24  
@ Temple  
3:00





# A Word on Sports

## Bracket Busting: March Madness Roars in Like a Lion

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March Madness characterizes not only the fanatic love of the NCAA Tournament, but also the chaotic weeks leading up to and including Selection Sunday. On this faithful Sunday, sixty-five teams realize their dream for a national title. Many teams are quite sure that a spot in the brackets of fans everywhere is just about a lock. However, there are a number of teams that just do not know where they stand come judgment time.

The sports world has developed the term “on the bubble” for these hopefuls. Some teams ride the bubble, sometimes deep in to the tournament. Others have their bubbles burst, and are sent home or to the dubious NIT (a second rate tournament).

With teams like USC, Temple, Cleveland State, Temple and Mississippi State winning their conference tournaments, therefore stealing bids that would have gone to bubble teams, Arizona, Dayton and Wisconsin were the teams that had analysts scratching their heads this past Sunday. Perhaps the argument did not circulate around the fact that these teams did not deserve to play with the sixty-two

other teams, but in fact that other teams that are more deserving were snubbed. The short list of bubbles that were inappropriately burst includes St. Mary’s, San Diego State, Penn State, South Carolina and Auburn.

South Carolina and Auburn are the first teams to finish 10-6 in SEC play and be left out of the NCAA Tournament since the SEC split into the East and West divisions in 1991-92. Although there are many that believe these teams should have been in, their weak non-conference schedules make it understandable to leave them out. Penn State suffered from the same deficiency.

The Chairman of the NCAA Selection Committee stated that the committee rewarded teams for playing difficult nonconference schedules, and vice versa. Even with Penn State’s impressive Big Ten victories including Michigan State twice, Purdue, Minnesota and Michigan, one can still understand how the selection committee could pass up the Nit-tany Lions.

Major issues arise when the conversation moves to the next two teams. San Diego State, and especially St. Mary’s, drew the sympathy of fans and analysts alike nationwide. Let’s begin with San Diego State. SDSU had the highest RPI of any team not to make the tournament (34). The impressive record of twenty-three wins and nine losses have lead the Aztecs to a first round NIT

matchup against Weber State. Certainly not where many pictured them coming in to the final leg of the regular season.

The St. Mary’s Gaels have by far the best argument of all of the snubbed bubble teams. They tied the highest victory total (26) not to get an at large bid. They managed this astonishing total without their superstar Patty Mills for 9 out of their last 10 games. An RPI of 48 was sure to carry the Gaels to the Promised Land, but perennial contenders Arizona and Wisconsin stole the spotlight.

Neither Arizona nor Wisconsin should be in the tournament. At one point, the Badgers lost 6 straight games in Big Ten play. No team playing that poorly at any point in the season should be rewarded at season’s end. As for Arizona, the Wildcats should be nowhere near any of the NCAA Tourney destinations. Playing well in February and March is a great boost in the eyes of the selection committee. Arizona lost five out of their last six and went 2-9 overall on the road. A mediocre team in a mediocre conference.

The NCAA may feel the repercussions of their decisions when the tournament kicks off. Thrilling upsets from mid-major teams, and the unpredictability of the games drive the tournament through the televisions around the nation. With the teams that got snubbed, coupled with the teams that snuck in, the tourney

may not be as exciting as everyone expects it to be this year.

But looking at this year’s bracket, there are some interesting matchups that should provide that madness in March that everyone and their sister has come to know and love. One pick that all the experts like is the classic 12 over 5 seed upset. It happens every year, at least once. This year there are two such matchups that are intriguing. In the Midwest Region, twelfth seeded Arizona is actually the Vegas line favorite to defeat fifth seeded Utah. I would tend to agree with that.

Even though Zona may not even belong in the tourney, they still have a talented team led by Chase Budinger, who can catch fire at any time and take over a game. They also have a good big man in Jordan Hill who averages a double-double a game and a talented young point guard in Nic Wise who can distribute the basketball well. With this lineup they should be able to pull off the upset.

The other interesting 5 vs. 12 matchup is in the South Region, with fifth seeded Illinois taking on twelfth seeded Western Kentucky. The Sun Belt regular season and tournament champ did some serious work in last year’s tournament, advancing to the Sweet 16 before losing to UCLA. While they may very well get passed the Fighting Illini, their next round game may put them up against Gonzaga, which will

probably mark the end of their 2009 participation.

The surprise teams advancing far in the tourney may not be as numerous this year as in past tournaments. Many of the experts have either all the top seeds advancing to the final four, or a mix of one, two and three seeded teams making it to Ford Field. While top seeded UNC and Louisville stand a very good chance at the final four because of their high talent levels and ability to score the rock, UConn and Pittsburgh have several questions surrounding their scoring ability that will be too much to overcome to make it all the way to Detroit.

While there may be a 12 over a 5, or even a 13 over a 4 (Mississippi St. over Washington, you heard it here first), there will not be that crazy 15 over a 2 upset. And we are all still waiting for the day that a 16 seed defeats a 1 seed. But that won’t happen this year either.

So as you fill out a bracket, or two, or three, while you’re in class, at work, or in your dorm, remember that this is the most exciting time of the sports year.

No matter if you’re picking your own school, picking against a rival, or just picking according to the cool mascots, be sure to take some time out of your busy schedule to fill out a bracket and catch a touch of the madness. And enjoy every second of it, because it’s a long off season once it’s all over.

# Lacrosse Gets First Win of the Season

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The Monmouth University lacrosse team finished victorious for the first time this season after defeating Villanova 15-12 and improving to 1-5 on the year.

The Wildcats, who fell to 1-4 on the season, jumped out early on the Hawks, netting the first goal just 28 seconds into the match off of an assist from Erica Rybinski to Julie Shelman. ‘Nova then added an additional two scores before Monmouth responded at the 27:27 mark when Molly O’Brien hit Megan Brennan for the Hawk’s first goal of the contest to make the score 3-1.

The fired up Blue and White then went on an impressive scoring spree, tallying the next three goals of the competition. The assault was led by freshman Caitlin Kelly who hit her first collegiate goal off an assist from Carissa Franzi. Kelly didn’t wait long to record goal number two of her career when she spun in front of ‘Nova goalie, Maggie Langan, and scored which tied it up 3-3. With 14:38 left in the half, Rachel Feirstein added to the run and gave Monmouth a 4-3 with an unassisted goal.

Villanova responded at the 13:12 mark when Rybinski scored on the MU defense, tying the score at 4-4. The two squads then traded goals for the remainder of the half and they headed into intermission tied at 7-7.

The Hawks came out strong in the second half and jumped out to an 8-7 lead early when Kelly hit her third shot of the day with 26:37 left in regulation. Her score was soon followed by a shovel shot by Brennan that found the back of the net to add to Monmouth’s 9-7 lead. Fran-

zi then helped the home team to a 10-7 advantage when she intercepted a pass from the opponents and assisted Kelly for another goal with 20:45 remaining in the contest.

The scoring attack continued from both teams, but Monmouth held on to a 12-9 lead with just over 12 minutes left to play. The Wildcats closed the gap and pulled within one at around the 10-minute mark on goals from Carly Miller and Rybinski but their efforts were not enough.

Monmouth held on to the lead and netted the final point of the game when freshman Sam Lillo scored her first collegiate goal with 8.7 seconds left and cemented the blue and white with a 15-12 victory.

Monmouth outshot ‘Nova 29-22, including 14-8 in the second half. MU also snagged 22 ground balls, compared to 10 for their opponents, although the Wildcats logged 18 draw controls, compared to the Hawk’s 10.

Kelly led the Hawks with four goals, an assist, six ground balls and four draw controls, while Brennan added a pair of tallies, two assists and three ground balls. DeWitt added three ground balls and O’Brien contributed an assists and four ground balls. Senior goalie Monica Johnson made eight saves in goal to collect her first win of the season.

Villanova was led by Rybinski, who scored four goals and added two assists. Taryn McKenna added four goals and an assist and Miller contributed three goals and a helper in the loss.

Monmouth returns to action on Friday, March 20 when they begin Northeast Conference play by hosting Saint Francis University at 4:00 pm.

## Monmouth University Track & Field Season Opener Friday-Saturday, March 27-28, 2009



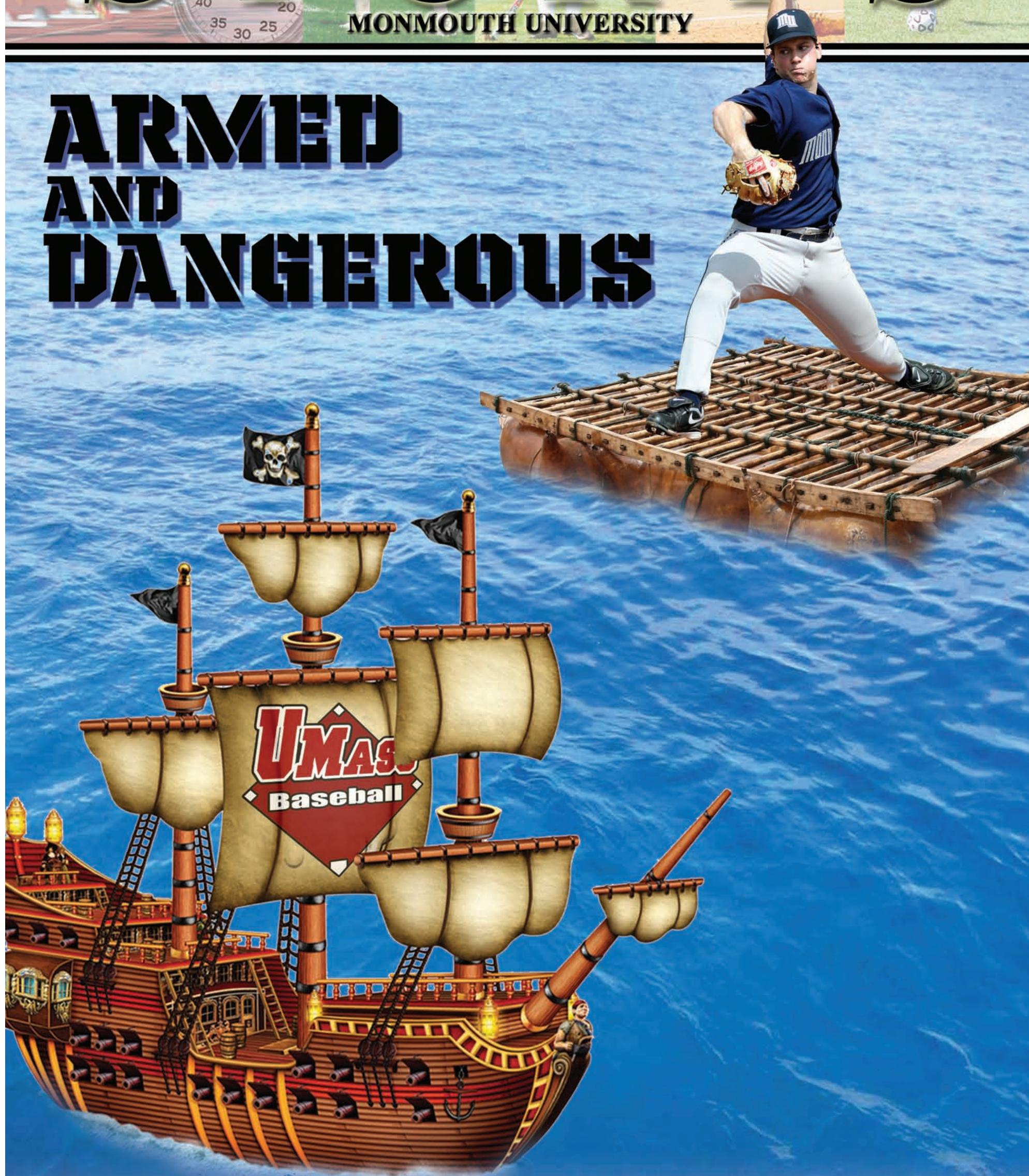
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# ARMED AND DANGEROUS



**Led by the strong left arm of starting pitcher Nick Vallillo, Monmouth went 4-0 in Annapolis, defeating Navy and U. Mass twice apiece.**

*Full Story on Page 18.*