



Health Studies Major To Become Official

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Beginning in the fall semester, an undergraduate health studies major will be officially offered at Monmouth University. Despite it being a new program, approximately seven students are expected to graduate with the degree in 2008.

Dr. Laura Jannone, Assistant Professor in the Nursing Department, said, “They had kind of set themselves up knowing it was coming so they took all the right classes so we are offering the 300 and 400 level courses for them because there were enough of them to warrant that,” she said.

One feature that makes the program stand out is that there is much flexibility to it.

“It is intentionally going to be an interdisciplinary type of health education so it is not as though you are leading people into a particular area of health but it is purposely done so it can be flexible,” said Professor James Konopack, assistant professor in the Nursing Department, who is one of the professors within the program. Dr. Bojana Beric is another professor who will be teaching courses as well.

Konopack added that with a health studies degree you can take a variety of directions like pre-medi-

cal, pre-professional, and graduate school. “Or if people have an expressed desire to use it as a degree to work for corporate fitness centers, health educators in school districts, hospital administration, a lot of different areas,” he said. “It depends on how you structure your courses.

“We will probably have a good percentage of students declare the major as double majors.”

“It kind of leads into other things,” said Jannone.

The program was initially created because of the amount of students interested in the program. At the university, health studies is currently offered as a minor.

“We did a feasibility study in 2001 and we saw that there was a real need for it,” said Jannone. “There are no health study majors in the area.” Montclair State and New Jersey City University offer programs in that field, however.

“Georgian Court opened a master’s program in holistic health but we had nobody to feed into that program. The minor has always done well and a lot of students who expressed interest in the major. We did see there was a real need for it,” said Jannone.

The idea for the major has been in the works for years. “My Dean (Marilyn Lauria) has thought about it for a long time. She has a masters

in nursing and a doctorate in health education. She always wanted it to become a major,” said Jannone.

Lauria, Dean of the Majorie K. Utenberg School of Nursing and Health Studies, is pleased that the major is set to begin this fall. “I think that nursing has always been involved with educating the public and I am really happy that the school of nursing has been able to expand first...and have the health studies minor and now have the major to get the info out about health and other issues,” she said.

Lauria said that having this major will put students in a good position after graduation because statistics show that many jobs in the future will be in health related fields. “We know that more and more of our students now are coming into college with plans to pursue graduate school so we figured this will give them a good basic ground,” said Lauria.

There are 11 required courses within the major that signify its flexibility and ability for it to be a dual major. Some examples of the required courses include Strategies for Healthy Living, Substance Use & Abuse, Health: A Lifelong Process, Mind Body Connection, Human Sexuality, Community Health, Nutrition and Health, Principles of Health Education, Health Advocacy,

Health Policy, and Senior Seminar in Health.

Senior Seminar in Health will be offered for the first time next spring. “I think this will be a valuable experience for the students as well,” said Koponack. “Particularly it helps to work alongside [a dietician or at a nursing home] to see what is actually going to happen.”

Strategies for Healthy Living and Substance Use & Abuse will be courses offered this summer along with Women’s Health, Independent Study in Health and Interpersonal Violence, which are electives that students can choose from in the program. Students will have 34 to 43 free electives and 14 credits of requirements outside the health studies major. Those requirements include Anatomy and Physiology I and II, also offered in the summer, and Introduction to Sociology and Introduction to Psychology.

“There is a lot of flexibility so it’s a dual major. There are so many free electives,” said Konopack. “It depends on where you want to channel your own career.”

Jannone said that in the past there have been students who have wanted to complete their required experiential education credit in the

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Fourth Annual MLK Unsung Hero Award

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Monmouth University honored four of their outstanding women in Anacon Hall on Jan. 31 with the MLK Jr. Unsung Hero award for its fourth annual celebration. This award was presented to two Monmouth University students; Julie Hudson and Erin Majesty, as well as faculty member Johanna Foster and Annie Hainesworth, founder and director of Monmouth County’s Food Pantry.

The award defines what it is the recipient has done to make Monmouth University and the community exemplify Dr. King’s teachings, spirit, life, and legacy more abundantly profound and recognized. These individuals portray qualities and services that express keeping the dream alive all around us.

Monmouth University political science professor Johanna Foster has also co-founded two educational programs for women in prison. These programs are the *College Connections* and the *Monmouth University Clothesline Project*, which was responsible for telling women’s intimate violence stories on t-shirts. She is also recognized for encouraging students to form the Monmouth University Gender Studies Student Club.

Majesty and Hudson are two Monmouth University students who were honored together for their dedication to bringing fair-trade coffee to campus campaign. By raising awareness on campus of fair-trade coffee conveying a real cost that represents production of coffee through eco- friendly direction. Doing so through student petition drives, information tables, and strong work ethic to make their cause known they clearly got the administration and the students to acknowledge their requests. It shows that even as students, differences can be made by those who stand up for what they believe in.

Hainesworth’s award at the ceremony was kindly accepted in her absence by June Dalecki of Monmouth County’s Food Pantry. These remarkable women help to ensure that families in need are receiving the proper nutrition and

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VP Mary Anne Nagy Named EOF Champion

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Mary Anne Nagy, vice president for student services, was named the 2007 Monmouth University Educational Opportunity Fund Program’s “EOF Champion” last Wednesday in Magill Commons. This acknowledgement was recognized amongst other champions of New Jersey EOF college programs at the Statewide Conference held in Atlantic City yesterday.

The champion award was created in 2001 by New Jersey EOF Board of Directors to honor a non-EOF campus staff member. Both EOF staff and students honored Nagy for her efforts to champion the value of the program and the success of its students. A celebratory luncheon held March 14 honored the vice-president, and Colleen Johnson, director of EOF program, and her staff presented her with a plaque of

recognition. Other university staff in attendance included Residential Life, Student Activities, Life and Career Advising Center, and Financial Aid. Several EOF students gave speeches in honor of Nagy.

“I feel like I’ve just done my job,” said Nagy. “But I’m definitely honored. I do this because I love it. It’s different to hear what students have to say.”

“Our staff doesn’t know anyone in EOF who doesn’t know the importance of having someone who likes them,” said Johnson. “We are very blessed to have someone like Vice President Nagy who cares for our program.”

According to guidelines set by the state EOF program, a champion is an individual who has earned the collegial respect and admiration of the campus EOF program director, staff, and students, demonstrated his/her dedication, advocacy, and support of the spirit and intent of

the program, and provided multiple years of effective direct participation with EOF students above and beyond their normal work assignments and responsibilities. Johnson stated that due to Nagy’s support and efforts, EOF students were granted many opportunities before others, such as direct employment with President Paul Gaffney in both office and home. Junior EOF student Aaron Reevey recently was able to work at an event held at the president’s home.

“Much of the success of the program and it’s students come from people like Mary Anne Nagy,” commented Reevey.

“Her hands on approach to forging relationships with EOF students adds to their feelings of worth,” added Johnson. “and motivates them to become conscientious, goal oriented and exceptional campus leaders.”

Two other EOF students cited Nagy as a determining factor to

their participation with the Student Government Association, of which she is an adviser. Freshman Antonio Romero recalls his first experience with the vice-president intimidating, but inspired him into action.

“She gave a speech to our freshman class when we first came to Monmouth for our summer program,” said Romero. “It made me want to be active on campus, and get involved. With her work ethic, she’s there with results, and ready for the next step.”

Past 2006 EOF Champion Rob Hennessy, assistant director of financial aid, was also in attendance. President Gaffney was the 2005 recipient of the award.

“I’m sure I have a rough reputation on campus, but I’m softer than I look,” joked Nagy. “I feel very strongly in my work, and have never been disappointed by my staff. I’m only good because they are good. They are true champions.”

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Campus Goes Green

MUPD Introduces Hybrid to Promote Energy Efficiency

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The Monmouth University Police Department purchased its first hybrid vehicle, a 2007 Ford Escape Hybrid four wheel drive sports utility vehicle, approximately six weeks ago.

"We purchased it locally," said Deputy Chief Ken Walker. "The in-house purchasing department solicited bids beating the state contract price."

According to Mark Miranda, Director of Purchasing at Monmouth University, the car was purchased at Buhler Ford in Eatontown.

Vice President of Administrative Services Patricia Swannack and Chief William McElrath were at the forefront of making the purchase of the hybrid SUV.

"We've been trying to do a lot

"I think it is a real plus for the university and the environment."

KEN WALKER
Deputy Chief

to improve energy efficiency [on campus]," said Swannack.

She noted that any department that needs a car is required to review hybrids. "We require them to evaluate energy efficient cars."

Economics and the environment were two of the top reasons the vehicle was purchased, according to Walker.

"Everyone is aware of the cost of fuel. Certainly we would like to do some testing ourselves to find out exactly what those savings are. We are in the process of doing that with facilities management in regards to fuel consumption," he explained.



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The MUPD purchased the 2007 Ford Escape Hybrid Four Wheel Drive at the end of January.

The efficiency of the vehicle is a major advantage in addition to the fact that it will save on the cost of fuel. Walker further explained that when the vehicle is driving below 25 mph, it is running on the electric battery. When it exceeds 25 mph, however, that is when fuel is being used. The battery is charging when it is being operated under 25 mph and when the vehicle brakes.

"Around here, rarely -- with the exception of going out onto the street -- is the vehicle going over 25 mph, because it will be doing patrol work of parking lots and the buildings," said Walker.

Walker also mentioned that he has not been aware of any other schools or local police departments that have used hybrid vehicles. He added, "Ford is the first company to make a SUV that is a hybrid four wheel drive. This is what we try to maintain here on campus for campus emergencies to have four wheel drive capabilities."

At this point, Walker said that the safety officers using the vehicle have given positive feedback.

"The safety officers are using it because it is assigned to their section say that it is very quiet. They have only stopped for fuel once," said Walker. "It is extremely quiet, underpowered, and comfortable to drive in because it has room for five passengers. I think it is a real plus for the university and the environment."

Psychology Club Sells Candy to Raise Money

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In an effort to help women both domestically and around the globe, representatives from the Psychology Club and its honor society, Psi Chi, took orders on March 13 in the student center for old Monmouth candy.

No, these are not expired treats from the university bookstore, but sweets from Old Monmouth Peanut Brittle and Candy Company.

Working for the past three weeks, the two organizations have been able to raise \$1,705 worth of candy pre-orders and donations. All proceeds are being donated to the Monmouth County Division of Manna House and the Nigerian Adult Literacy Program for women.

Manna House, which has chapters across the nation, is a transitional home for women and children seeking refuge from abusive environments. In addition to Manna House, the sponsored charity of the Psychology Club, volunteers also wanted to provide aid to Nigerian women.

"The average income in Nigeria is 80 cents," said Psychology Club Vice President Annette Resenhoeft. "This means they can't go to school. They must work [and care for their family]. This program supplements that money and provides a free education."

The short-term results of such a program on native Nigerian women would undoubtedly yield positive results; however, it also boasts long term benefits.

"Research shows in any country, educated women are more likely to educate the children, both male and female," added Resenhoeft. "[They are] more likely to combat against illiteracy. Men are more likely to just educate themselves."

Volunteers involved in the fund-raiser have found it easier to sell and promote awareness.

"Ever since Oprah opened her school, people seem more interested,"

said Rebecca Lambert, a senior psychology major. "You ask people and they say no. Then I say 'Help send Nigerian women to school' and they stop and ask 'oh yeah?' Okay."

In addition to selling on campus, individuals were also encouraged to take brochures off-campus to their hometowns, jobs, and friends.

Junior April Brock, a psychology major and criminal justice minor, raised the most money of anyone, showing her dedication to the cause.

"I sold it mostly to my family," she said of her \$325 contribution. "My family owns a flower business so it gets very busy around Easter time. So instead of making time to go out and buy candy for presents, they all bought from me."

"As for everyone else [who ordered], Old Monmouth Candy is very well-known down here, so getting people to buy was not hard."

The candy from the preorders came in Tuesday, March 20 and packaged by the club and honor society members for distribution. Excess candy purchased will be sold from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 21 and Thursday, March 22 in the student center. Items include solid white, milk, and dark chocolate bunnies, chocolate peanut butter eggs, chocolate eggs, various chocolate bars, peanut and cashew brittle, coconut cream eggs, jelly beans, chocolate covered bunny marshmallows, and chocolate covered Oreos.

Although it's the first time for this fund-raiser, the Psychology Club, established only five years ago, and Psi Chi hold other events to raise money.

"To foster personal development, we hold events that allow students

to be active in our community," said club adviser Dr. Gary Lewandowski. "These events include a Halloween party for the children of Manna House, we Adopt-a-Family each year around the holidays to help them give toys to their children, and we hold an Easter egg hunt for the children of Manna House [at Monmouth] -- all in addition to participating in University events such as the Big Event [and] the MLK Festival."

Stop by the student center today between 11 and 3 to pick up chocolate goodies and support women around the world.

With the rosters of both organizations continuing to grow the number of projects being undertaken can only expand. There are currently 80 members in the Psychology Club and Psi Chi has just inducted 30 more.

"Psi Chi is very much a student lead organization, and my role is to assist them in any way that will support their mission of serving the university, local, national and international community," said adviser Lisa Dinella. "I am very proud of how dedicated the students are to this mission, and am impressed with their initiative in supporting others in need."

"Why not do it?" said Lambert. "It's a good thing [to raise money for charity], a good way for women to have a healthy life...[to] start over."

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ALI's Drag Ball: Nothing is What it Seems

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Last Thursday night in Anacon Hall was certainly not a drag of any kind to those who attended Monmouth University's second annual Drag Ball, sponsored by All Lifestyles Included (ALI).

All Lifestyles Included certainly gave students a bang for their buck. At 8 p.m., students conjured into the festively rainbow decor room for a fee of \$6 at the door or \$4 for those who bought their tickets in advance.

The stage appeared like a runway and the chairs of the audience were set up as if it was just that. A big decorated rainbow flag was front and center, with different colored balloons and streamers along the sides of the stage and the chairs. Out comes a female Monmouth student dressed as a male biker – and so we have the start of the show, as she introduces the queens.

It takes a very gutsy effort for someone to stand on stage and entertain a crowd. Now picture that someone wearing a 6-inch high hot pink wig that's as large as the black patent leather stilettos upon their feet (they call her "Miss Understood").

If you can visualize this, it's because Thursday night the entertainment was three very over-the-top drag queens. Standing on stage is hard enough, but wearing higher heels than most of the women on campus could even wobble in and barely their miniskirt outfits these queens hit the stage and made

their presence known.

As the show started off with "Miss Understood," a drag queen who entered from the back of the room in fishnet stockings, green – yes green – lipstick and blue eye shadow darker than the blue plastic chairs the audience sat upon, you knew this was going to be a catwalk like no other.

Putting their lip syncing skills to the test along with her was "Kathy Valdez," and "Princess Diandra." Dancing along to the music one-by-one, they came out taking separate turns to booty shake and lip syncing their way across the long

mouth University senior George Papiner admitted, "The performers just make me want to get up and go on stage and dance."

It was a rush to see how much the audience was cheering them on and getting involved in singing the songs with them. If you weren't in attendance, you also missed a gentleman getting a provocative lap dance in the crowd, a very intense dance off by two volunteers during the intermission, and a burlesque type dance between two Monmouth students, just to name a few of the highlights.

Still, the crowd favorite however seemed to be Princess Diandra, who came into the room ironically late to her song "I'm Coming Out" as she put Diana Ross to shame in a long red sequined floor draping dress and giant curly black wig that would have made Tina Turner's mane fall flat. Not only did she get the crowd participating by clapping along to "Reach out and Touch (S o m e b o d y ' s Hand)," but she also boldly went out into the rows of students to grab hands and get people singing along.

Senior Jacqueline Cohen admitted her favorite performer was, "Diandra,

because of her outfit and her really big hair," which really is the best way to sum her up.

Although being a college student usually means that money is tight, even if spectators weren't



PHOTO COURTESY OF Christina Guarino
Professional drag models and Monmouth students walked the catwalk while lip-syncing to hits by artists like Whitney Houston during the Drag Ball.

stage to songs like "Copacabana," and Madonna's "Burning Up."

Each time they came out to a new song and rocking a new outfit, they kept the crowd in anticipation for what was to happen next. Mon-

mouth University senior George Papiner admitted, "The performers just make me want to get up and go on stage and dance."

Even as the show wrapped up with a big thank you from all the drag queens, students in the crowd were still talking about the

show as they exited, saying it was even better than last year. Senior Amy Urry explained, "My gender studies teacher told us earlier today how funny the show was last year and a few of my friends came again this year that went to last year's and loved it, so I decided to check it out with them."

Well, if it was this crazy in the second annual showing, they certainly should have an even better response for their third annual Drag Ball next year.

MU Admission Advertising Award

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In the Admissions Marketing Reports 22nd annual Admissions Advertising Awards competition, Monmouth University proudly took the bronze for its Parents' Book. The Admissions Marketing Reports Annual Admissions Advertising competition is known as the largest educational advertising awards competition in the country, which is why it is certainly no defeat to capture a bronze award and no simple success either. Monmouth University's entry into the participation of the contest was one of over 2,000 from more than 1,000 colleges, universities, and secondary schools from the U.S. as well as some foreign countries. Those who were involved in the judging process consisted of advertising creative directors, admission marketers, advertising and marketing professionals, and the editorial board of Admissions Marketing Report.

Having won such a prestigious award certainly benefits the reputation of the school and the recognition it receives for its academic stature and success. As the director of undergraduate admission, Lauren Vento Cifelli explained on the Monmouth University Web site, where the announcement of this great feat was first captured she says, "This publication has allowed us to connect with the families of prospective students. Parents have been very impressed to see that we have something specifically for them that thoroughly addresses their questions and concerns. By acknowledging their role in the college selection process, I think it has significantly enhanced recruitment."

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TNA Rocks the Underground

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On Thursday, March 15, the Underground hosted the monthly Thursday Night Alternative (TNA). TNA is a night where students can enjoy musical performances by their fellow students. The night was created to provide an alternative to partying and drinking.

More and more students turn out to each of the TNA events. TNA recently moved to the Underground

a couple funny, politically satire songs. He had the audience hysterically laughing by the lyrics of his songs.

A.J. Penta had the audience relaxed, listening to his original song ballad, "It Can't Rain All the Time!" A.J. stated, "the lyrics had just come to me, because it can't rain all the time," which it has seemed to be doing outside.

Ryan Kelly, a graduate student at Monmouth, stated, as a viewer, "TNA is one of those events where the woods in Elmwood are rockin'

"TNA is one of those events where the woods in Elmwood are rockin' loud, the acoustics are blazin' wild with excitement, and the popcorn and soda is all you can eat!"

RYAN KELLY
Graduate Student

to accommodate a larger crowd of student performers and viewers attending the TNA nights.

Andy Giaccone, a TNA performer, stated his thoughts on music by using the analogy of music and peanut butter. "Rock is like Peanut Butter," Giaccone said, "sometimes it's smooth and other times, crunchy!"

The audience was quieted as Tom Wilkinson overcame them with a soothing melody, and captivated their hearts with his song's sweet lyrics.

Even non-Monmouth University students show up with their MU student friends to perform; William Bergin, a folk singer, sang

loud, the acoustics are blazin' wild with excitement, and the popcorn and soda is all you can eat! If you don't go, you're missing out; skip American Idol and take a seat at TNA!"

The entire night was entertaining and enjoyable! Monmouth has some very talented students who are not shy; they all were very outgoing and relaxed in their performances.

"TNA is a great alternative to going out and doing the bar scene. It is a lot of fun with prizes and free refreshments. It's great to see everyone being safe and having fun!" Jon Grant (Office of Substance Awareness).

Senior Class Officers to Generate Funds

STACEY CIPRICH
SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

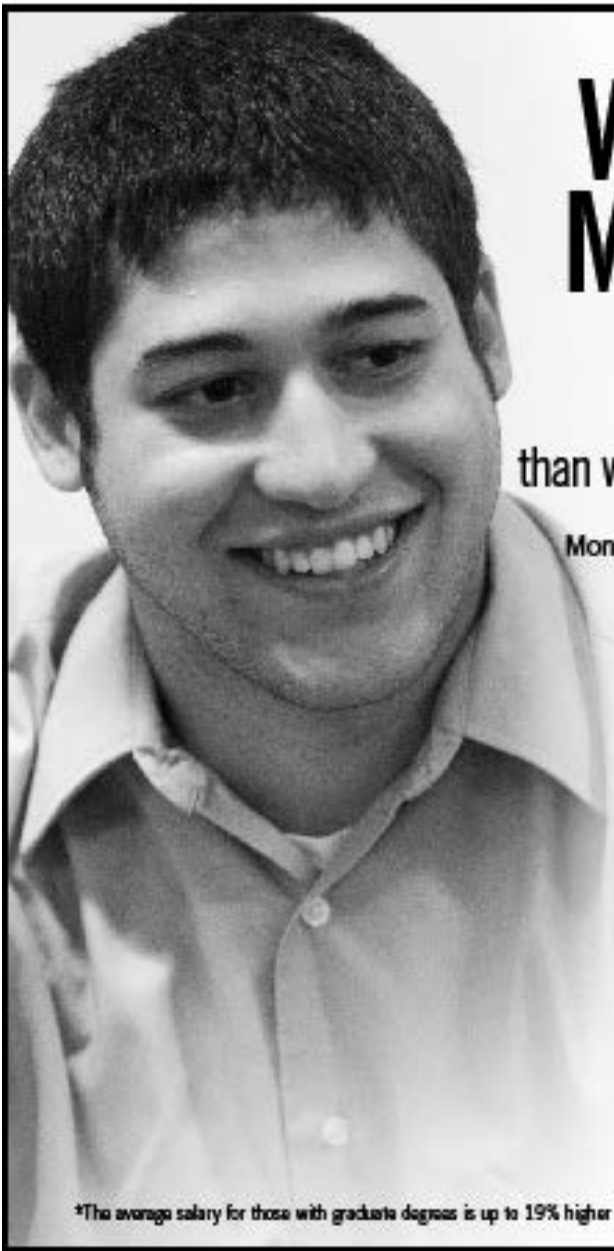
For the past five months, the Senior Class Officers have been working very hard towards planning Senior Week as well as deciding how the Class of 2007 is going to leave its mark on Monmouth. With the help of the rest of the student body, the Senior Class hopes to raise enough money to create a new pathway in between Wilson Hall and Edison Hall so students no longer have to travel out of their way to reach the walkway that runs parallel with Great Lawn, as well as being the first class to start a Legacy Fund which will set up a scholarship for children of Monmouth Alumni, and finally, create a bench park on the North Side of campus, since one of the resident student's concerns has been that there is limited outdoor seating available for students who reside in the residence halls.

Generating the funds for these projects is a big task and can only be accomplished with the help of the Student Body. Tonight, Wednesday March 21, at 7:30pm in Anacon Hall is the annual Senior Class Auction. All proceeds will go to these goals that the Senior Class has set for the advancement of Monmouth University. All students and faculty are welcome to attend. Some of the great items that the Senior Class officers have collected for this event are: A guaranteed resident parking pass for next school year, a free week of summer housing, Pier Village gift certificates to Turning Point, Carmella's Café, McCloone's, Gold's

Gym, and more, a 100 dollar Shop Rite gift card, a poker table equipped with cards and chips, a radio/guest DJ spot on WMCX, to have your name and picture appear on the NEW Monmouth Website which will be released soon, Trenton Thunder tickets, Lakewood Blueclaw Tickets, Monmouth apparel, and the chance to get a "Day in Your Honor," which would consist of a parking space in front of Wilson, your name sent out in a mass email informing everyone of your special day, your name on the Electronic Sign, as well as other special privileges throughout the day. These are only a few of the items for students to bid on at the auction tonight.

Also, students can bid on a dinner date with your favorite sorority sister or fraternity brother, as well as a member of the Monmouth Dance Team. By bidding on one of these fine Monmouth students, your date with take place in the Club on April 1, for a dinner prepared especially for all those who win dates at the auction.

President Stacey Ciprich, Vice President Anthony Esposito, Secretary Caitlin Carroll, Treasurer Karen Keppler, and Senior Class Council Representatives Sara VanCuren and Alicia Barbarei, are looking forward to this event and in trying to improve Monmouth University through the three small projects they have created. Please come out tonight and support Monmouth while bidding on some great items, and people, for yourself! More information on the Senior Class Officers and Senior Week will be coming soon.



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St. Patty's Day Shamrocks to Catholic Centre

DANIEL ROTH
EDITOR AT LARGE

Freshly cut corned beef, cabbage, hummus, corn, pita, and soda bread lined the table at the Catholic Centre on Thursday March 15, as guests enjoyed an early St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Taking place at 8:30 p.m after Sign Language class let out, the party hosted 10 to 14 guests. Catholic Centre student worker Ashley Hoppe was pleased with the event. "I thought the turnout was good, I believe everyone had a good time. We saw many new faces and the numbers definitely increased from the Valentine's Day party," said Hoppe, a sophomore secondary education major with an emphasis in history and political science.

Hoppe went on to explain the significance of the different St. Patrick's Day foods. "The potatoes are significant of Ireland's main crop, which is the potato. Corned beef is actually used due to the

fact that years ago, many Irish immigrants could not afford ham, which was the original meal.

"We try to blend many cultures at the center and welcome everyone, which would explain the kielbasa (Polish/German/Russian), hummus (Mediterranean), and pita (Greek) foods that were also served at the St. Patrick's Day party," said Hoppe.

St. Patrick's Day holds many diverse meanings for people. Senior communication and psychology major Danielle Ellement enjoys the social aspect of the holiday. "I like seeing all the people socializing and having a good time. It is a great opportunity to make new friends at parties like this."

Sophomore biology major Michael Slisz had a different take. "I have always just had fun with St. Patrick's Day. My brother was baptized for St. Patrick, and when I was growing up we always had leprechauns come trash our rooms,

leave their candies around the house, and of course I took every opportunity to pinch my brothers that I could," said Slisz.

As the students and guests sat around eating, Catholic Centre-Administrator Diana Zambrano handed out a St. Patrick's Day quiz to the students. Whoever got the most questions right received a \$25 gift certificate to Applebee's. After a tie between Hoppe and Monmouth alumnus Andrew Bowler, Hoppe won the certificate in the tiebreaker. This was Hoppe's second consecutive victory, as she won the last certificate during the Valentine's Day quiz.

The Catholic Centre has some interesting events coming up soon. On April 14, the center is hosting the Day of Reflection, and then on April 18 from 2:30 to 3:45 the Catholic Centre will have an interfaith social. The next Sign Language party takes place on April 19 after the class.



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Catholic Center guests enjoy a traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

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Editorial

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
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I want to start off my editorial with the formal welcome back even though it is two weeks since spring break. Hopefully everyone had a fun and safe spring break and I am sure everyone is excited to be back at school again. Just think school will be finished in about a month. That is hard to believe. I wish I knew where the time went because I can't believe that I am that close to my last year at Monmouth.

I wanted to keep the spring break mentality going so I wanted to share with you my spring break. I can't say that it was one that happened in a place of warm climate or a tropical island. This place that I am about to tell you about was not one you would think of going on a normal spring break.

Now that I got your attention, here we go. Seven members of *The Outlook*, myself included, spent our spring break in Portland, Oregon. Why you ask were we in Portland? If I said it was for the weather, I would be telling a lie. It's no Cancun, Key West, or any place with a sunny climate, but it was *The Outlook's* destination for its annual national convention.

Every year the American Collegiate Press Association holds a national convention for college newspapers in a major city. Last year, Sam and I went to Los Angeles. This year it was Portland. Portland is no Los Angeles with the glamour of Hollywood or Beverly Hills but nonetheless a very interesting city.

The convention lasted from Thursday to Sunday. Each day, there were workshops on various topics like entertainment writing, layout and design, advertising, etc. College journalists from

all over the country attended this conference and it was interesting to meet as well as take a look at their newspapers. It amazes me each year that I have been going to conventions like these the different ideas that are out there. When looking at them, you think to yourself, "Wow I never thought of that" or "that would be a cool idea to try."

It's cool to see the various ways there are to put out a newspaper. That is the common goal of all those who attend a conference. Whether they are putting it out daily, weekly, or quarterly they all manage to look different. When reading through the various college papers it is always interesting to read the types of stories they report on because it gets you thinking.

Media conventions like these are helpful in that you receive a lot of advice from professionals experienced in the field. It gives you innovative ideas and new perspectives on how to handle issues going on at your publication as well as how to improve upon your product. They serve as a way to challenge yourself and think outside the box. I know that it is a cliché line, but it is the truth. It is important to be challenged in all aspects of your life because that only makes you grow as a person. Opportunities like this are available to us because of the university and they are beneficial in ways like I have mentioned.

This also is another opportunity to do networking. Most of the people who are moderators at the workshops and are keynote speakers at the conference as well come from major print media within the area the convention is taking place. For five days we were serving as representatives of Mon-

mouth University and I think we certainly did our University justice. Now people in Portland know where Monmouth is and what kind of work the school is capable of doing.

After our workshops were done for the day we all set our sights on seeing everything that Portland had to offer. When we told people that we were going there they gave us that look that said "Why on earth would you ever travel there and what could you possibly do?" Those people would be presently surprised and should learn to open their eyes to new places. I had the same mentality going there myself and it is pretty safe to say the others who attended the convention thought the same thing.

The night life isn't the best, though, because everything closes earlier than I ever thought, but there was plenty of culture to take in during the day. That is another reason why these trips are fun. You not only learn in the classroom, or in the case of the convention a banquet hall, but you learn outside as well. Portland is a walking city and I never thought in a million years that I would have walked an entire city but I did. I saw so many sites and got to live the life a resident of Portland would.

The rainy stereotype did prove correct because it did rain as predicted. It wouldn't have been a complete Portland trip if it did not rain. Ironically enough, when we were driving away, I noticed the sun breaking through the clouds. I thought to myself of course it gets sunny as soon as we leave. Next year's destination is San Francisco which I am looking forward to.

And we were happily greeted by snow upon our return. But I have to say it is good to be back on the East Coast and back at school.



Photo of the Week

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The Narcissism of College Students

Did you know... your cartoon or picture can be here next week! It can be about anything but should be related to the Monmouth community, student life, or something going on in the news that week. E-mail submissions to outlook@monmouth.edu and it will be printed here. How cool is that? Very.

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Students are More Self-Centered Than Ever

...and I'm OK with that

REUVEN FELDMAN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"College students think they're so special" trumpeted the main headlines of an msnbc.com article, written February 27th, by the Associated Press. I was just as intrigued as you are right now, so I clicked on the headline, printed out the article and began to read. I read and I highlighted. I read and I circled with black pen. I read and arrowed and commented until the article looked like it had undergone an amateurs attempt at modern art. I mention the past three sentences to impart to you that I was affected by it and that any other article wouldn't have received any of the above mentioned treatments.

This article isn't in front of you now, so I will give you the gist of it. Five psychologists, under the leadership of Professor Jean Twenge of San Diego State University "examined the responses of 16,475 college students nationwide who completed an evaluation called the Narcissistic Personality Inventory between 1982 and 2006." The article then describes the "Narcissistic Personality Inventory" as a "standardized inventory, known as the NPI, [which] asks for responses to such statements as "If I ruled the world, it would be a better place,"

"I think I am a special person" and "I can live my life any way I want to." The article then states that "the researchers describe their study as the largest ever of its type and states students' NPI scores have risen steadily since the current test was introduced in 1982. By 2006 they said, two-thirds of the students had above average scores, 30 percent more than in 1982." (<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17349066/>)

All right, so according to this study, since 1982, college students' scores' rating their traits of narcissism and self-centeredness, have risen at an increasing rate. This study therefore concludes that our generation of college students has excessive self-admiration and that we are more self-centered than our predecessors.

I think about this judgment as I write this article, listening to music illegally downloaded, my Bone Marrow donors' card twinkling at me from its spot on the side of my desk and I am reminded that we are part of the endlessly changing college student. Before the *commercial* evolution of the teenager/pre-college-age youth, the college student was already defined as being the avant-garde, the tip of the spear in *social* evolution and so today when I read an article saying that we, as college students, think

that we are "so special", I have to take stock of how I feel as a college student, and as a college graduate, and boil it down to ask myself "do I agree with this or not?"

Is it that simple? That I either agree with the articles findings that "today's college students are more narcissistic and self-centered than their predecessors," or expect? That I won't be concerned with myself, that I shouldn't care about myself more as my surroundings and the world become more advanced, changing and crumbling at the same time? Maybe I will step away from my own shadow of self if doing so might deal with myself or is something that I can gain from, but I don't

I, personally, am just trying to get through this "college thing" which already has all sorts of pressures...

perhaps the study is wrong and that standardized scores are nothing more than numbers?

How do I answer and retort to this article and its findings? I will do so as if I was still in college (which isn't that hard, as it was only a few months ago) and respond by saying quite frankly that the world is in chaos and I personally, am just trying to get through my classes and just do this "college thing" which already has all sorts of pressures attached to it: social ones, career based ones, and everything that is included in the mantra that we've been told: "these are the best years of your life!" so what do these scientists

think that I, myself can change the world and heal the economical, social, civil, and military conflicts that have increased at an increasing rate since 1982, the year the study was started.

We care about others and aren't completely self-centered as the study claims; I have my Bone Marrow card as a minute example and maybe you the reader bought a Gap Red product which helps with AIDS or purchased a wrist band in the student center to fight someone's poverty or fund someone's cause. Maybe now you eat organic food and didn't last year or now know about global warming, or maybe you gave some money or

time to New Orleans or Darfur, but what do they expect? That I should try to tackle the world instead of myself and my college career, as the world spirals into an ever-enlarging abyss of turmoil? I don't think so; college is enough of a tackle dummy to attempt to wrestle to the ground and come out unhurt, so thank you very much, but I will concentrate on myself for the most part, because right now, college is my conflict, is my personal "battle." It may not be as noble as the above causes, but this is the time where we have to concentrate on ourselves, while helping and doing what we can for others, for if we don't then what will our time here have produced? Nothing more than a step backwards in the creation of capable people to create this needed change.

We are special and that has always been known ever since the affect college students had in the social events forty years ago, today however, it appears that we are not on par with those students forty years ago. Well you know what else isn't the same? The world, and whats going on in it. So yes, we will continue to care about others in the ways we can, but as the worldwide rate of turmoil rises, so do our feelings for ourselves, and so does a certain test score.

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The American Media

JUSTIN WOSKA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Thanks to the masters of the media, Americans now know more about how Anna Nicole Smith died than they do about the terrorists dying to kill the rest of us. Lets give thanks to former Vice President Al Gore and his pals in Tinseltown for explaining that humans in general — and Americans in particular — are “responsible for Global Warming.” What has passed for “news” these past few weeks can more accurately be described as salacious sensationalism — as in “all Anna, all the time” — and some of it is hype or rubbish, like the gushing over Al Gore and his Oscar.

The hyperventilated propaganda attendant to Mr. Gore’s Academy Award for “An Inconvenient Truth” can’t be characterized as dangerous, but it was hardly truth. Though he blames Americans first for failing to reduce greenhouse gases by using less electricity and conserving fuel, his adoring press-pals ignored Mr. Gore’s well-documented penchant for corporate aircraft, instead of commercial airlines and his astronomical home energy use. The Tennessee Center for Policy Research pointed out that the Gores’ 20-room mansion in Nashville consumes more gas

and electricity in a month than the average American household uses in a year. It’s a good thing that America-bashing hypocrisy isn’t a crime.

Nor is it a crime for members of the Armed Forces to contact members of Congress about perceived wrongdoing. But it was certainly wrong for CBS News’ “60-Minutes” to promote a report on a group calling itself “Appeal for Redress” as “new opposition to the war” from “the very Americans fighting it — men and women in uniform.” The network hyped the story as “unthinkable” never mentioning that the 1400 signers represented less than 1/10 of 1 percent of our entire Armed Forces, or that there is a long history of such action in the U.S. military — going back to the American Revolution. Possibly the CBS employees who organized the broadcast were ignorant of George Washington’s March 15, 1783 speech to his near-mutinous officers, or the activities of now — Senator John Kerry and the Vietnam Veterans Against the War. By selective use of polling data, the slanted “60-Minutes” hit piece leaves the erroneous impression that there is a significant and growing anti-war movement in the ranks. The broadcast is grossly inaccurate and demoralizing.

Anna Nicole Smith received

more airtime than any other news story. Radical Islamic websites cite it as proof of American decadence. Whether the non-stop Anna “news” motivates young jihadis to become suicide bombers, we may never know. But, how many of you actually were aware that there was a suicide bomber who killed 22 at the base Vice President Cheney was at? Assassination attempt or not, I think it deserved more airtime then Anna. How many of you know that Russian President Putin vowed to build up Russia’s nuclear capabilities? The United States has set up defense missile systems inside Poland and the Czech Republic to protect Western Europe from attacks from the Middle East, mainly Iran. Russia feeling threatened by this announced they would build up their nuclear weapons if the United States goes through with this. China, also, is building up their military and announced they will back Russia in any actions they must take. Honestly, how many of you knew that? Chances are not many of you! I bet 90% of you do know where Anna Nicole Smith is buried though!

Bad news is bad enough. But fraudulent news is not only bad for morals, the environment and morale — it can also be disheartening — and sometimes downright deadly.

Nostalgia

ANDREW TUFTS
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A week after the unexpected news, my wife’s initial statement of shock — “I feel like my childhood is over” — was reiterated with her family’s difficult debate over whether or not to sell the Florida home. Grammy Fran, a true Jersey Shore woman, left the house to Bill, Steven, and Jane after leaving the family to relocate in eternity with their father, Grampy Joe. It was Fran and Joe who decided to raise their three children in the familial Shore community, and it was Fran and Joe who, upon their children’s own familial stability, decided to relocate to the serenity of the Gulf Coast. Now it was Bill, Steven, and Jane who would close the book on the Florida home their parents began writing only a quarter century ago.

Their reasons for keeping the house probably outnumber those for selling. But it was the nostalgic bombshell in the “Sell” column that defined their inevitable week: Grammy’s home is no longer the home that the three children’s children had come to love. Gone are the orange groves and local fruit stands that lined the roadways. Gone are the swamps and fields of wild hibiscus and palmeto that housed local cows, horses, and sheep. Gone is the natural serenity that attracted Fran and Joe and fascinated and educated their grandchildren.

Sporadically-occupied developments now provide the majority of the landscape’s color. Strip malls litter the roadside; if you can’t find a WalMart sharing an intersection with Sam’s Club you’re not looking hard enough. Traffic congestion is the new livestock. Small, personalized signs that once welcomed individuals to the area — *Future Home of the Bersey’s!* — have been replaced by miniature billboards that trump 47,000 square feet of ready-to-build land.

The average person would be

relieved to return from a place that depressed his soul. But when the place he returns to is suffering a similar fate, the stay seems extended.

Such is this place that I had hoped to raise a family like my father and his father before him. My grandparents moved my father and his brother to this area for the same reasons Fran and Joe moved my wife’s father and his siblings. Open space, a slower pace, and pervasive family-oriented neighborhoods would welcome most.

Unfortunately, with each driver that doesn’t give a courteous wave after being granted right-of-way, with each piece of property that becomes fodder for unimaginative housing masses, with each passing minute that a mother with a stroller has to wait in a cross-walk, with each squirrel, deer, cat, or skunk that appears dead on our roadways because *their* homes have been scavenged, a large piece of our childhood dies.

What happened to the woodlands we used to build forts in? What happened to the empty spaces we used to sled in the winter or bike in the summer? What happened to my dad’s varmints that would dine on leftovers under the porch spotlight in our garden? They’ve all been overrun by seldom-sold houses and commercial lots that somebody built for nobody.

This is not my father’s Jersey Shore. Some of the people and places that made it special for him and his father still remain. But this place has been subdivided into submission. And the majority of the subdivisions that exist are not only undesirable, but seem to exist for those who wish to disappear into their nature-free homesteads, emerge only to hunt for something un-Internetable, and get in and out of the largest “Big/Cheap StuffMart” as fast as and with as few interactions as possible.

These are the members of Uncle Sam’s Club. I am not a card holder.

New Program to be Offered This Fall

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health field. “It will be really important because they can see what kind of jobs are out there and network,” she said.

Konopack agrees that networking is very important in this particular field. Another way he plans on assisting students is in the fall semester is by creating a student group for health study majors. “Hopefully, then the people who graduate with the degree they can serve as mentors and give advice,” he said.

Konopack said he has many hopes for the major. “I guess that we are hoping for it in the next couple of

years is that we get somewhere between 25 to 30 students to declare the major each year,” he said.

He, as well as Jannone, hopes that the popularity and interest for the major grows with each year.

“Eventually my aspirations is to get some students involved more in research on campus that is also of service to the university,” said Konopack.

For example, a smoking cessation program is being prepared. He hopes that programs similar to this one will increase awareness for people concerning various health issues. He added that a health Web page is being created, which will provide more research on the health field.

Dean Lauria believes that this ma-

yor will benefit the university. “I think it will benefit the university in that when students come into Monmouth and are unsure of what they want but think they might want something in the health field...this gives them another option to take a health related major that they can do a variety of things with,” she said.

“We also think just by offering so many health courses that students will be able to take courses in the area that they are interested in even if they are not interested in being a major or minor,” said Lauria.

For more information regarding the health studies major, contact Dr. Laura Jannone by e-mail at ljannone@monmouth.edu or by phone at 732-263-5457.

Winners Announced for Annual Award



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(pictured from left to right) June Dalecki, Johanna Foster, Mary Anne Nagy, Erin Majesty, and Julie Hudson. This marks the fourth year that the Martin Luther King Unsung Hero Award has been presented.

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their ways of attaining it. Hainesworth does so by volunteering for cooking classes, putting together Thanksgiving Day baskets every year and even collaborating with local businesses to accumulate donations for those in need around the December holidays.

Now in its fourth year, many faculty members believe Heather Kelly, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Multicultural and Diversity Initiate, is the main reason why the award continues to go strong.

This year’s four winners stack up to show Monmouth that there are still people who know we’ve come a long way to get where we are and that we’re still working towards even better days. Through dedication, strong beliefs, and big hearts they stand to show that there are still people willing to lay the grounds to make a difference.

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Model UN Team Wins Award in New York

FACULTY REPORT

Monmouth University’s Model United Nations Team participated in the Tri-State Model United Nations simulation at Pace University in lower Manhattan on Saturday, February 24, 2007. The Conference included 150 student delegates, representing nine colleges and universities from across the tri-state area. Political Science senior Lindsay Savage and Political Science freshman Justin Woska received Outstanding Performance Awards during the Awards banquet held at the conclusion of the conference. Monmouth was also represented by Dorcas Adekunle, Laura Downey, Amy Gough, Kacie Hubbs, Jamie Irber, Robert Marmolejo, Scott Maruska, Chris Pappas, Michael Prepelitskiy, Janhvi Purohit, Eric Sedler, and Brian Thomas.

The Pace tri-state conference will help prepare the Monmouth Team for the upcoming National Model United Nations Tournament in New York City from March 18-22, 2007. This conference is the largest tournament in the world and includes over 3,000 student delegates, half of whom will be coming from outside of the United States. Head delegates Lindsay Savage and Mike Prepelitskiy will be leading the team in New York, and David Kratz has been the chief fund-raiser for the team. The Model UN team simulates global crises, writes and attempts to pass resolutions, and serves on select UN committees. Monmouth students will be representing the Republic of Chad at the conference.

Ask the Priest Night

SUZANNE GUARINO
OPINION EDITOR

The Catholic Center hosted an “Ask the Priest Night” in Java City on Tuesday, March 13th, at 7:30 p.m. The Catholic Center took care of coffee and smoothies while Father Bill Lago of St. Elizabeth’s Church in Avon by the Sea chatted with students and answered their questions concerning the Catholic faith. Senior and Catholic Center president Meghan Moratelli raised the discussion question, “Should you let fate take care of important decisions in life or should you always be actively involved?”

Some other questions that Father Bill Lago was presented with were, “Why do we fast?” and “Is there a religious reason why we associate Easter with candy and chocolates?” Father Bill reminded the crowd that Catholics are in mourning during Lent because of Jesus’ fate, but the mourning ceases when He is raised from the dead. Then Easter is celebrated with a big meal and treats.

“Everyone had engaged questions, they cared about what they asked; they were actually interested in the topics,” stated sophomore Ashley Hoppe. While reflecting on the event, Campus Minister Mrs. J said, “I always thought of the Catholic church as rules, rules, rules. However, the more I learn, the more I realize that there are so many parts of God’s love. Because it’s Lent, we talked about the fact that He died on the cross knowing us in all of our sinfulness. No one else would lay down their life for me and still love me even though I sin”. Father Bill got all of the students’ hearts in the Lenten spirit and ready to celebrate Easter.”

Rape Counselor Available on Campus

CECILIA SYKES
STAFF WRITER

Each Monday from 9 a.m. until noon, specialized rape and sexual assault counselor Lynne Lehrkinder holds office hours in the Health Center, **offering free and confidential counseling services** for the women and men of Monmouth who have problems, concerns, or questions that they feel the need to discuss surrounding the issue of sexual abuse.

It does not matter when or where a rape occurs, as long as a victim takes the necessary steps to help themselves regain the control that rape may take away. Helping victims regain that control is one of the main goals that Lehrkinder aims to achieve through her work, both on and off the Monmouth campus. She has begun to organize a support group that will meet on campus to discuss experiences, thoughts, questions, or fears about rape and sexual abuse.


The main purpose of a program like this is to educate students about rape and the impact sexual assault or violence may have on a person, show them their options if such a crime is committed against them, and to give them an outlet to ask questions and find honest and realistic support that may aid the healing process.

Often, the problem with coming forward about rape lies in the fact that many victims are afraid to disclose that an incident occurred while they had been drinking underage, because the victim feels guilty or ashamed, or don’t want family or friends to know what happened to them. The reality of the matter is, however, that it is never the fault of the victim. **Confidentiality is guaranteed**, and there are options for help that do not require police involvement until or if the victim decides otherwise.

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Monmouth University Welcomes Wyeth Collection

PRESS RELEASE

Three generations of Wyeth art will soon be on display at Monmouth University’s Pollak Gallery. Featuring Wyeth works from 1938 to 2004, the private collection reflects seven decades of American experience, from the rocky coast of Maine to therubble of the World Trade Center.

The exhibit, “A Collector’s Passion-Three Generations of Wyeths,” will be shown from March 19 through March 21 thanks to the generosity of a longtime supporter of Monmouth University. Gallery hours are Monday from 3:00 to 9:30 pm; Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Scheduled to speak on March 20 is Dr. Joyce Hill Stoner. Dr. Stoner is the director of the University of Delaware’s Preservation Studies Doctoral Program and author of more than 60 articles and chapters. In 1998 she published A Closer Look: Howard Pyle, N. C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, and Jamie Wyeth for the Delaware Art Museum and the Farnsworth Art Museum. The lecture will be held in Pollak Theatre at 7 pm and is free and open to the public.Dr. Stoner supervised the treatment of a 19’ x 60’ N. C. Wyeth mural in 1998 and serves on the Wyeth Foundation for American Art, and as vice president of the International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (IIC) Council.

The exhibit will feature the work of Newell Convers Wyeth, the renowned artist known for his illustrations of Treasure Island, Robinson Crusoe, and Robin Hood. N.C. Wyeth is also known for being the father of Andrew Newell Wyeth.

Andrew, born in 1917, has been touted as one of the best-known painters of the 20th century. Andrew has been the recipient of numerous honors, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which was conferred by President John F. Kennedy. In 1990 he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor by President George H. W. Bush. Jamie Wyeth, son of Andrew, is also a realist painter who began his art training at age 12 with his aunt, Carolyn Wyeth. He was eventually instructed by his father Andrew Wyeth, and had the first major exhibition of his work at age 20. Jamie’s works depict the landscapes, animals, and people from his Brandywine Valley and St. George, ME, homes. He has also painted portraits of notable people such as Andy Warhol, Rudolf Nureyev, and even a posthumous portrait of President John F. Kennedy. Works from the collection have been exhibited in museums such as National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; Metropolitan Museum of Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, Art Institute of Chicago, and the Farnsworth Art Museum

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ENTERTAINMENT

Life After



PAIGE SODANO
STAFF WRITER

Yet another *Idol* from North Carolina – season three’s winner, Fantasia Barrino, recently released her second album, *Fantasia*.

There are a lot more up-beat songs on this album compared to her first offering, *Free Yourself*. Missy Elliott, Big Boi of Outkast, Diane Warren, and Babyface are all contributors to *Fantasia*, released on December 12, 2006.

The first single and collaboration with Big Boi, “Hood Boy” describes her love for rugged men – when she says *Wifebeaters and chains* but *Knows how to treat a lady*. One of the catchiest tracks, “Baby Makin’ Hips” brings a 70s



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Season 3 *Idol* winner Fantasia Barrino is making a name for herself in the music industry.

and soul vibe to the song. *You don’t even know it / I’m crazy, crazy over you* is from the song “Surround U,” which is a fairly catchy song that describes a typical girl who is lovesick for a guy – but the guy doesn’t know it. You would think a song with a title like “Bore Me (Yawn)” would write its own review. But, surprisingly, it gets your attention with the wide range of notes and distinctive sound. “Un-eligible,” which – if you didn’t notice – is not an actual word, is actually one of my top song choices for the simple fact that it keeps my attention and stands out more than the others. With a true R&B feel, a mellow beat, and the aid of songwriter Diane Warren, “I Feel Beautiful” is one of the album’s better tracks.

I can’t say I’m a huge fan of Fantasia. But if R&B is your genre of music, it’s surely worth a listen.

The Truth About Richie

KRISTEN RENDA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

When most people think of Nicole Richie, “author” isn’t the first word that comes to mind – and she knows that. In fact, the opening line to her book, *The Truth About Diamonds*, is, “I know some people out there are thinking, *Why is this girl writing a book? Sure, she has style, has survived tabloid rumors, looks cute in her various mug shots, and has a hit TV show...but what has she actually done to deserve a book?*” After reading that first line, I knew this book would be great. It is a definitely a must-read for any fan of Richie’s, and any fan of life in Hollywood.

Richie was approached to write an autobiography, just like her best friend Paris Hilton, and tons of other A-listers in Hollywood today. However, she decided to go a different route. She told her editor that her life is not as simple as it appears to be on television. She was only 24 at the time and had accomplished countless things. She felt that writing an autobiography would be too problematic. Therefore, she wrote a novel that is entirely fiction. It takes us into the life of a girl named Chloe, her

friends, and how they handle being famous in Los Angeles.

Chloe Parker and Nicole Richie (yes, she wrote herself into the book) are best friends, and they

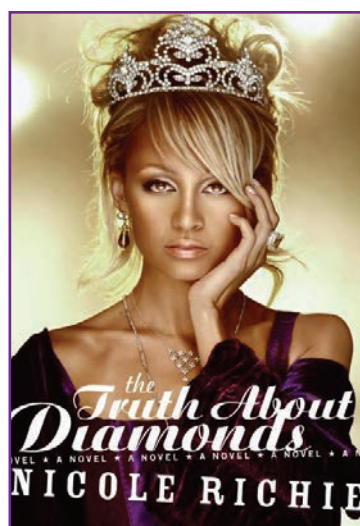


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have something in common; they are both adopted children of rock stars. Chloe, Nicole, and a few other girls are all part of Hollywood’s elite inner circle, and some of them get caught up in it.

Chloe ends up getting into some bad situations, and thankfully tries to turn her life around. Before she does, however, a designer comes up to her and wants her to be the spokesmodel for the designer’s makeup. Does Chloe accept the offer, and put her rising career ahead of her health? Or will she choose to get help first, and then start her career?

Not only does the gang have to deal with that, but they have to deal with tabloid journalists and the paparazzi following them wherever they go. Sometimes it gets them into trouble, and, on occasion, it gets them *out of it*. Sometimes, the paparazzi would just be out of line. I would feel bad for Chloe because reporters would find her at a club, and instead of asking about her, they’d ask her about Nicole and whatever rumor was going on about her at the time.

While I was reading this book, I had many people ask me, “So what is the truth about diamonds?” and I’d answer them honestly, with “I have no clue.” The book has nothing to do with diamonds, except for the ones the girls are wearing. Despite that, I have to give Nicole a lot of credit – the book was, unexpectedly, very well written and very entertaining.

BOOKS, BANDANAS AND M. Dylan Raskin

WESLEY CHIN
NEWS EDITOR

Those who believe everyday life is as simple and rewarding as riding the same straight line have never rode shotgun in a Honda Del Sol, journeying down the roads traveled by author M. Dylan Raskin. The Queens, N.Y. born writer of debut book *Little New York Bastard* and *Bandanas & October Supplies* sings a completely different tune altogether, giving the readers a direct insight into his thoughts, as eccentric and chaotic as they are at times. Both stories find Raskin in search of inspiration and deeper meaning anywhere than where he started. The casual conversational toned *Bastard* detailed his abrupt escape from New York for a contrasting “wide-open,” “anonymous” Chicago suburb destination. In a deeply personal and revealing effort, *Bandanas* recounted his final memories and experiences with his mother in shared favorite vacation spots Lake George, N.Y., and Carlin Park, Fla. However, the young author believes his work is self-sustaining, and as the back cover of *Bandanas* will read, knowing too much history can take away from the reading experience. Consequently, numbers of interviews have been limited to a select few, mixed in with a handful of public appearances. Despite his initial inclination, I was able to sit down with Raskin, as he spoke about life as an independent author, the comparison to Holden Caulfield’s creator, and the title given by critics

as the vocal leader of his era.

Q: You’ve often been referred to as the spokesman for your generation. How does that make you feel?

A: It’s kind of perplexing, frankly. I really don’t put all that much stock in it, because if you look at some of the other people who’ve been called the spokesperson for their generation, it sort of puts me in lousy company. Aside from that, I’m not looking to be a spokesman for anyone—I’m just a writer.

Q: Most writers go out of their way to seek publicity—not only for themselves but for their books as well. You seem to shy away from that. Is there any reason for that?

A: For one thing, I’m not all that fond of the press. I really don’t like or respect reviewers, because they usually have an axe to grind, and they’re generally rather sour sons of bitches. But aside from that, I don’t think it’s all that important for readers or whoever to know much about their writers. I mean, if you like a book and you think it’s swell, and you relate to it and everything, then that’s great. But that’s where it should end....It generally isn’t important what the guy has to say aside from what he’s written.

Q: How can an author market his book without selling out the integrity of the work?

A: That’s a hard nut to crack. Most people will tell you to just play the game, but that seems a little too safe and zombie-like to me. You’ve got to be yourself and make your

own damn rules. No one ever got anywhere without making some enemies along the way.

Q: Is there a time when the need to eat and pay bills must interfere with being a genuine literary artist?

A: That’s the challenge that all working-class writers face. When you have a publisher like Avalon, who does nothing for you, and is completely unsupportive, then the only way to really do both – write and pay the bills – is to eat some crow and take it on the chin. The most important thing, above all else, is to never give in, to never stop, and to never lose your hunger. And if that means sleeping in someone’s basement for a year, then so be it.

Q: Many have compared you with J.D. Salinger. Would you care to address this?

A: I suppose if I were anything like Jerry Salinger I wouldn’t be doing this interview. I hate comparisons because they don’t do justice to either party. And just practically speaking, I don’t see any similarities between Salinger and myself. He’s a fiction writer and I’m a memoirist—that should end the discussion right there. That aside, Salinger’s shoes are pretty big—they’re hard to fill. I’m not interested in trying to fill them.

Q: But why do you think people see similarities between you and Salinger?

A: Most people who compare the two of us are probably too unoriginal to think of anything else to say. To my mind, we’re as different as any two writers can be. He was writing at a time when books were held as sacred;

I’m writing at a time when books are not.

Q: Your first book, *Little New York Bastard*, has become a sort of cult favorite on many college campuses around the country, and subsequently has become required reading in many schools. How has this changed the course of your career?

A: It’s changed it in that it keeps the books moving—it keeps the title in print. Financially speaking, it hasn’t changed much. I’m a poor schmuck and probably always will be. The idea of colleges using the book in class really boggles my mind. From what I understand, both Queens College and SUNY Cobleskill—two colleges I dropped out of—are using it, and the idea really stir-fries my vegetables. It’s ironic as hell.

Q: Along those same lines, a few book burning demonstrations have been held by parents who don’t feel *Little New York Bastard* is appropriate literature to be taught in schools.

A: Well, it’s like Axl Rose says: to burn ‘em you had to go buy ‘em.

Q: How was the writing process different for you when writing *Bandanas & October Supplies*?

A: Writing the second book was difficult for different reasons than the first. I was homeless, for one thing. I was also hungry....it was a harder process, but they were also what kept me determined to see it through to the very end.

Q: It’s clear that your second book was a big departure from your first.



Do you think this affects your target audience?

A: Yeah, because unfortunately, in this day and age, people don’t really appreciate growth. If people relate to you as an angry 22-year-old, they don’t want you to change. They want you to stay that way forever. But to me, that seems pretty shallow and phony. If I pretended to still be as angry and pissed off as I was when I was 21, 22—I’d come off as disingenuous. In my opinion, the goal in all of this is to get better at what you do—not stay the same....

Q: People often turn to celebrities and people in the public eye for opinions on critical issues. What are your thoughts on America’s war and George Bush’s war in Iraq?

A:...I’m not sticking my nose where it doesn’t belong. If you want a good opinion on the Iraq war and politics in general then go read Michelle Malkin...

Cliff's Notes on: 300

CLIFFORD BUGLE
STAFF WRITER

300 is a 100-minute long knock down, throat-slicing, dog fight that will make you come out of the theater wanting to tear off your shirt like a werewolf and fight the person nearest to you to the death. Oh, and there's twenty minutes or so of storytelling mixed in. You will behold the awesome power of 300 Spartan warriors and witness their path to glory as they face one million fantastical Persian soldiers. Is it *The Lord of the Rings Part IV*? No. Is it badass as hell? Most definitely.

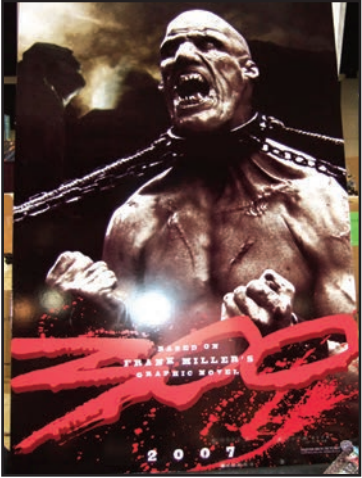


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Poster for the film 300.
300
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King Leonidas (Gerard Butler) of Sparta is confronted with a messenger from the Persian empire who claims that if he does not hand Sparta over willingly and kneel at the feet of King Xerxes (Rodrigo Santoro), they will all pay with either death or slavery. Leonidas answers him with a resounding and, naturally, violent equivalent to "fat chance." As a result, the Persians declare war on Sparta. After being denied permission by the special Spartan council to defend his city, King Leonidas takes it upon himself to gather the 300 finest warriors Sparta has to offer to fight the Persian army and defend his beloved city and people. And when I say he gathers the fin-



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A group of Spartans get ready for battle in 300.

est Spartan warriors, believe you me, they are tough as nails. Leonidas's plan for defending against such a large army is to force it into a sort of bottleneck caused by the geography he chose, which would render Persia's numbers useless. Armed with shields, spears, and swords, the 300 Spartans stand ready and most willing to fight to the death in a battle against an insuperable Persian army. What follows is courage in its purest form, and righteousness in a way only spoken of in legends.

Back at Sparta, Queen Gorgo (Lena Headey) waits for her chance to speak to the Spartan council and convince them to send the rest of the Spartan army to aid the 300. On the council however, sits a corrupt man in the services of King Xerxes named Theron (Dominic West). He is perhaps the most influential member of the council and stands to keep Sparta's army right where it is.

Do not be fooled by the political aspects of this film. They are included only to supply context. The real meat of the film is the epic battle, which is without a doubt one of the most spectacular carnage-filled onslaughts ever captured on film. It's reminiscent of *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers'* Helm's Deep, but with much, much more blood. This does not mean the film is devoid of an actual plot though. The story just more or less surrounds the actual battle, making the battle the focus of the film instead of just

an aspect of it. Including the full context would have been nice, and would have undoubtedly satisfied more critics, but isn't necessary in this case.

Performances by Butler, Headey, and West are all passable. They're good enough to warrant praise, but not good enough to be mentioned with the likes of Viggo Mortensen, Miranda Otto, Mel Gibson, or Tom Hanks. Supporting actors David Wenham, Vincent Regan, and Andrew Tiernan (who plays the Elephant Man-looking Ephialtes) all do well also. It was kind of weird seeing Wenham all cut and buff after being a gangly little friar in his last blockbuster *Van Helsing*.

Director/Writer Zack Snyder and Kurt Johnstad do a phenomenal job creating a script that's very loyal to Frank Miller's graphic novel of the same name. Larry Fong's cinematography is absolutely sensational, and undeniably deserves an Oscar nomination for his efforts of taking a graphic novel and transferring it to real life. Working with Snyder, they create one iconic image after another to produce a film that looks as epic as the battle of Thermopylae itself.

All in all, 300 is the epitome of a "man's movie." Women will no doubt enjoy ogling the ultra-buff Spartan warriors, and guys will no doubt walk out wanting to be a Spartan warrior.

Does this sound like madness? This isn't madness, this - is - Sparta!

For the Name-Sake of it All

SAMANTHA YOUNG
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In an interview on Jay Leno shortly after Harold and Kumar was released, Kal Penn recounted a story. He was walking down the street, stopped to buy something, and was approached by a passerby who asked, "Where's your turban?" Unphased by the ignorance or lunacy of this comment, Penn laughs about it today.

But is it something to laugh about? It seems our poor knowledge of other cultures, more often than not, acts as a punchline, rather than a point from which we can start to educate ourselves and realize the differences of the world.

Spanning the course of 30 years, *The Namesake* follows Ashima and Ashoke from their marriage in India, across the Atlantic, settling in New York City. More than a movie about simply acclimating to a new environment, it addresses the inner turmoil felt by those who can't seem to find their place.

From the time of his birth, Gogol (Penn) has tried to find a balance between his American upbringing and Indian heritage. Denouncing his name and refusing to participate in traditional customs (ex. falling in love with a white woman)

Gogol believes he will be happier, enabling him to lead a life free of restraint.

The story also follows the plight of Ashima. We are introduced as a carefree young woman, singing and running the streets of India. With every passing year, she deteriorates into an American housewife, living within the walls of suburbia, a place that would become her prison.

As her two children, Gogol and Sonia, grow, Ashima, still in her prime, must learn to adapt - working in a library and living alone while her husband travels.

It is a merging of two worlds to find one's place.

A departure from his comedic genre, Kal Penn was a smart choice. Possessing the ability to portray a wide range of emotions, Penn shows a deeper talent and strength that his Kumar counterpart.

Tabu, who played Ashima, was quite powerful in her role; most notably in her aging from a vibrant teen to a conflicted older woman. She tears at the heartstrings of the audience, oozing emotion during her struggle to provide a life for her family, sacrificing her own happiness.

I appreciated and was thrilled to see such a saturation of Indian

culture within the movie. Usually, producers try to "hip up" the movie, utilizing popular actors and musicians to boost sales. Instead, this movie kept the Indian culture speak for itself.

The technical elements of *The Namesake* were mediocre, taking away from powerful scenes and pivotal moments within the film.

At times, the camera was unsteady, resulting in an uneven shot. In one respect, this is poor cinematography; another could assume it was the director's intent, as if we were seeing the home movies of the Ganguli family.

The acoustics, which I'll blame on Pollak Theater, made some of the lines muffled and harder to hear.

Unfortunately, the director faltered in a major aspect. He neglected to follow through with the story of Sonia. Perhaps a subplot detailing her struggle and prejudices faced as a woman and the obstacles she's confronted would have made for a more complete cycle.

A worthwhile venture in the motion picture industry, it is most unfortunate it only had a limited release. If you get the chance, take the time out and experience the culture of India.

Band Alert

LISA PIKAARD
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Sick Puppies are on the edge of something new and exciting. After winning a radio contest in Sydney, Australia in which the prize was a small tour, they decided they wanted something bigger. The Sick Puppies packed up to move out and head state-side. Before they left, Shimon Moore, singer and guitarist, came across a man named Juan Mann. He was offering free hugs. Moore hugged the man and realized his project, to bring people together, was something working talking, or in his case, singing, about. The Sick Puppies made a video about Mann and his hugs mission and set it to their song, "All the Same." The video was put on youtube by Mann's suggestion and it took off. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to see it, do so. Now, the Sick Puppies are trying to make it in America.

The Sick Puppies have moved their home base to Los Angeles in hopes to take the states by storm

and with a sound like theirs, they just might. The sound is mellow but strong. The songs all have meaning and you can sense that through Moore's vocals. Their song, "A**hole Father" is one of the most intense songs I've heard in a long time with lyrics like, "Called you a whore broke down your door but you don't even hate me. How could I heal when you won't even feel? Why won't you hate me?" Although this song is vocally weaker, the lyrics make up for it. The song begins mellow and builds up on the chorus. There is certainly a lot of power in their sound but I think Moore goes a bit over the top screaming trying to utilize the power he has in "A**hole Father." On the track, "My World," Moore harnesses his power and the song is a great rock track that could rival any song out there today. Their first US release, *Dressed Up As Life* will be in stores April 3 and I would advise you to check it out. Be sure to check out their website, myspace.com/sickpuppies.



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Australian trio, The Sick Puppies, are taking the US by storm with their first US release, *Dressed Up As Life*.

Perplexing Premonition

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What if you woke up to find out that your spouse was alive one day but deceased the next. This is what happens to Linda Hanson when she finds out that her husband is dead one day but wakes up the following morning to discover that he is alive.

Premonition, a psychological thriller starring Sandra Bullock, is about a woman who has the perfect marriage along with two lovable daughters until her world is turned upside down.

One day a state trooper comes to Linda's house to tell her that her husband Jim was killed in a car accident the previous day. Devastated by Jim's death, she wakes up to find him very much alive eating breakfast in their kitchen. Did Linda dream that her husband died or was it a premonition of something to come? She comes across several people that she has never met but they claim to know Linda or her husband. She tries to put these connections together of who these unknown people are which eventually are linked to the Hanson couple. During the next week Linda lives her life out of order by time traveling to a random day throughout that week. On the last day of the week (the day Jim is supposed to die) Linda has to prevent Jim from getting into the accident before he is dead forever.

What was interesting about *Premonition* was its genre. The film is a combination of drama and science fiction. Putting these two genres together was an intriguing concept. It is rare that you will find a movie with strictly drama and science fiction. Another positive aspect about *Premonition* was that the plot starts out well. Within the opening minutes of the film you see how the Hanson's live the ideal life and Linda receiving the news of her husband's death. The movie has an additional subplot that involves Jim having a skeleton in the closet. The subplot fits well into the regular plot of the movie. The final component of the film that was positive was the surprising end of the film. Just when you think the movie is going to end in predictable fashion, a shock comes.

One of the more negative aspects of *Premonition* is its plot holes. One scene in particular occurred when Linda was taken away from her house and brought to a mental institution after being accused of beating one of her children. This scene made no sense and it was not brought up again from the remainder of the film. Another negative part of *Premonition* was the time traveling and the days of the week being out of sequence. This made it occasionally difficult to follow the storyline.

Even though the movie was a drama it could have had some sense of humor. It had virtually none. The audience only chuckled twice during the film. The last negative aspect of the film was that despite the fact that there was a shock at the end of the movie it didn't pay off. The audience would have expected a more fascinating finale. I would suggest that viewers wait to check out *Premonition* on TV in a few years.



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By Linda C. Black,
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Mar. 21)

You'll travel far and wide this year, and make a lot of money. You'll meet new friends and gurus and you'll leave good friends behind. You'll end up with a better view of the universe and your place in it. Keep the faith.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is an 8
Your energy level is higher in the next several weeks. The money's coming in today and tomorrow. Your assignment is: show restraint. Don't go on a shopping binge.

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 7
Stand firm for what you feel is most important now. Your position is under attack, but their arguments lack substance.

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 7
Behind-the-scenes manipulation isn't your favorite tactic. You can find out a lot by asking questions in private, though. Don't take action, yet.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is an 8
Your friends encourage a celebration, but that wouldn't be prudent. Express your appreciation freely, but hang onto your money.

♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - Today is an 8
Acquiesce to an older person, not because you care, do it because you must. It's good for business, it's good manners and it's good for your spiritual growth.

♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 7
It's not a good time to travel. Something you're working on will fall apart if you leave it for long. Give the job your full attention.

♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 6
You'll make the most today by carefully monitoring your spending. Only buy things you absolutely know will increase in value.

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is an 8
You're attracting admiration from a secure, giddy type. If appropriate, this could be a nice romantic connection. If not, do business.

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 8
The urge to actually produce something is becoming overwhelming. Do it for the sake of artistic expression, and just for the fun of it.

♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is a 6
You have been hurt before, but don't harden your heart. Don't open up your purse either, and try to win love with gifts. That won't work well.

♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6
When you get into a new topic, your curiosity's voracious. You devour the literature on the subject as if it were popcorn. Popcorn as a side dish would be more appropriate..

♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is a 9 Keep practicing and studying. Do what you love, over and over again. This is how you develop your natural talent. Trust that the money will follow. At this time in your life, it will.

Crossword

ACROSS

1 Holiday forerunners

5 ___ podrida

9 Degrade

14 Feminine's opp.

15 Calf meat

16 Like a twangy voice

17 "Casablanca" role

18 Wicked

19 Warble

20 Wobbled

22 Cote calls

23 Answer option

24 Stretched the truth

25 Emphasize

28 Type of mat or bell

29 Baseball stat

32 Hired for exclusive use

34 Pitch woo

36 Helper

37 Sees socially

39 Entice

40 Sets the pace

42 Power source

44 Egypt's cont.

45 Docking place

47 Not so long ago

48 Sawbucks

49 Actress Russo

50 Smear

53 Dermatologist's Rx

57 Express appreciation

58 "Paper Lion" star

59 HOMES part

60 Face the day

61 Deadlocked

62 Wendy's dog

63 Monarch

64 Additional

65 Romanov ruler

DOWN

1 Give off

2 Crooner Jerry

3 Latin I lesson word

4 Dispersed

5 Trite

6 Flood-zone barrier

7 Reclined

8 Every last one

9 Buck racks

10 Exposed

11 Katmandu's place

12 Old sailor

13 Building additions

21 Prefix for while

22 Short life story

24 Waterproof wool cloth

25 Actress Gia

26 Burglar

27 Detection device

28 Manage to ward off

29 66, e.g.

30 Element #5

31 Lifeless

33 Storms

35 Class assignment

38 Woo with a song

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CLUB and GREEK

Community Service Club

Bowl-a-thon!
The Monmouth University Community Service Club will be hosting a Bowl-a-thon this Sunday, March 25th from 8:00-10:00PM at the Bradley Beach Bowling Alley. Please pick-up an information packet and reserve your team of up to 6 in the Office of Service Learning and Community Programs on the 3rd Floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center Today! Space is limited!

Each participant will be asked to raise a minimum of \$15 to assist in donations to our local charity, The Monmouth County SPCA. The Monmouth Community may bring outside guests, though they are asked to bring \$23 in donations, as the Community Service Club is only covering bowling rates for the Monmouth Community.

All donations may be brought the night of the event. No money will be collected prior to the event. Just sign up now! This is a great event for groups, organizations, friends, family, and whoever just likes to have fun! For more information, please contact mucsc@monmouth.edu.

Meeting
The next meeting of the Monmouth University Community Service Club will be held on Monday, March 26th at 7:00PM in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center in Room 202A. Any campus member is invited to attend the meeting.

For further information on any of our events or meetings, please email mucsc@monmouth.edu or dial on campus extension 4734.

PRSSA To Hold Amazing Race on Campus

The Monmouth University Chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America will be hosting The Amazing Race on Friday, March 23. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Underground, which is located in front of Pinewood Hall on the dorm side of campus. The race will begin at 7:00 pm following registration. Great prizes will be awarded to the winning team of the race. Food will be provided.

The event will include teams of 3 to 6 students that will race around campus testing their knowledge about Monmouth University. All teams will start at the same location and have clues that will lead them all over campus. Not only will the clues serve as location finders but there will be riddles at certain places to test the team’s brain power.

If people would like to register for the event ahead of time there will be a pre-registration form Monday, March 19 in front of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center where the PRSSA will be holding a bake sale. The Amazing Race is an event funded through a university “Weekend Warriors” grant designed to keep students involved on-campus.

“Put your knowledge of Monmouth University to the test as you and a group of friends race across campus collecting clues, and be the first to return back to the Underground to win AWESOME prizes...”

New Jersey Community Water Watch

The Whalepond Brook Cleanup scheduled for Sunday, March 18, 2007 is rescheduled for Sunday, March 25 at the same time: 11:30 AM to 3 PM on campus.

Club Meeting Times

Wednesday, March 21

Muslim Student Association
Student Center, 202A
2:30- 3:30 PM

Spanish Club Meetings
McAllan Hall, 19
2:30 pm

S.A.F.E. Student Meeting
Bey Hall, 227
2:30 pm

Water Watch
Magill Commons, Room 109
2:30 pm

SGA (Student Government Association)
SGA Conference Room, 3rd Floor Student Center
2:30 pm

WMCX
WMCX Lobby, 2nd floor of the Plangere Building
3:00 pm

NCNW
Student Center, 202C
6:30- 7:30 pm

Alpha Xi Delta

Hey everyone! The women of Alpha Xi Delta hope everyone had a great spring break and we hope that it wasn’t too difficult to get back into the swing of classes. The ladies of Alpha Xi Delta would like to say thanks to everyone who donated time and money to Up Till Dawn for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. The sisters have been very busy planning events for the remainder of the semester including our spring formal! Be sure to check this section weekly for the happenings of Alpha Xi Delta! We hope everyone has a great week. Much Xi love to all!

Delta Phi Epsilon

I <3 my sisters! <3 Riggs <3 My little, the new addition to the family tree! xo Dazzle. Love my Deephers <3 Vegas. Love you little! Aurora, you’re a dirty pirate hooker <3 XsTAsy. Hoey house, I love you guys! Too many scandals this weekend! Little – I love you and welcome to the fam – sParkles. Love my little one and couldn’t be happier about getting you. Always fun with you – love big PerfecT. Sunset <3’s her little one! HARMONi love the Irish in us, hate lemon juice, and three thirty inkwell was so aggressive haha xoxo! Little I love you, welcome to the family & Sunset, what a weekend <3 HARMONi. Spring break in Cancun! OMG! Love you girls! <3 cielo. Kcos loves ya! Holla Deephers!

Phi Sigma Sigma

So much fun in SoPadre w/my Phi Sigs! DeZire falls in love, finds numerous uses for boxed fans,& now has a formal date.Amodora keeps the So Padre paramedics on their toes.LunaBelle backs out of the Girls Gone Wild contest, but wins the raptor battle.John Michael called for u Jacinta, he says he is cured of the Robbie-O syndrome & wants to hookup.And CaPri, we get it you cant have the real Sully so you went for runner up,Congrats on fulfilling your dream of reenacting the Sotofoto!Amazing Spring Break-I got the scar to proovee it!–Amadora Great Spring Break, 256-We really know how to get downnn!-ValenCia Some Phi Sigs made their spring break magical! Luminous had to hold her own on the bus! HyPnoTic tried to be ValenCia, but 3 strikes& shes out!PerfeXXXion was busy meeting lifeguards at Hippy Dippy.Daisy left her book at night to get a lil tipsy at B Dubs.You wont see Exquisite tagged in any pics she was too busy getting muffins,PrimaBella also has scars to proovee it, from ghirardellis not a doorway! Little so happy I got u! I love u, Desi Ah Crazy St Patty’s-thanks a lot Kell!Happy birthday fav love u!Thanks to my sisters for a magical spring break- ily girls!- <3 Luminous



Original Programming

3:00PM Issues & Insights
3:30PM M – You
4:00PM M Squared
5:00PM M Squared Live
6:00PM Hawk TV News
6:30PM Extra Point

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BY: SUZANNE GUARINO



Alyx
senior

"Sleep and travel more to visit friends."



Judy
super senior

"Get more than three hours of sleep."



KT & Steve
senior & junior

"We would be partying more."



Christina
junior

"I'd finally turn on the TV."



Sharon
senior

"Try to catch some of the squirrels on campus and create a squirrel circus to make money... basically, put my entrepreneur skills to work."



Sarah
freshman

"Spend more time with friends."



Lauren
sophomore

"Sleep and work my way up to a better job for when I graduate."



Steph
sophomore

"Spending more time getting to know the sisters of ZTA 'cause they make me smile."



Lori
senior

"Definitely read more, watch movies, and go out more."



Laura
freshman

"I would definitely spend more time with my family. I'd also read more and probably work so I could have money and not be a poor college student."

Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations

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This Weeks Campus Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2007
HIV Testing
Health Center, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Graffiti Workshop
Aancon Hall, 2:30 PM

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament
RSSC Cafeteria, 7:30 PM

Senior Auction
Aancon Hall, 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2007
Anxiety Screening Day
RSSC 202B, 11:00 - 4:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2007
Performing Arts: Roger McQuinn
Pollak Theatre, 8:00 PM

The Amazing Race
The Underground, Time TBA

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2007
Rock Mock Video
Magill Commons, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Performing Arts: The Commitments
Pollak Theatre, 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2007
Baseball vs. Vermont
Baseball Field, 12:00 PM

Bowl-A-Thon
Brade Beach Bowling Alley, 8:00 - 10:00 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2007
Price Is Right
Pollak Theatre, 10:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007
Diabetes Screening Day
Health Center

Softball vs. La Salle University
Softball Field, 3:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007
Softball vs. Seton Hall University
Softball Field, 3:00 PM

Take Back the Night
Wilson Auditorium, 7:00 PM

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Wednesday, March 28
Wilson Hall, 7 pm

Life Across the Pond

Pony Trekking in Wales, United Kingdom

DANIELLE DECARLO
STAFF WRITER

Hello Monmouth University! Hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break! I am just getting ready for mine, which I will be spending in Milan and Florence, Italy. By the time you read this, I should be in Florence! My break starts on the 8th, so for now I have been writing mid-semester papers and studying for midterms. I have spent almost every weeknight in the library so that I can go on Spring Break without any worries! However, this past weekend I got to go pony trekking in Wales, which was probably my favorite weekend so far! It was such a nice getaway from constantly doing school work and

being stuck inside. We stayed in the cutest bed and breakfast, and Wales itself is so beautiful! In Wales, you get the best of both the country and the ocean. Every bit of scenery was so gorgeous. I could barely even believe it was real! From the infinite hills of green grass to the rolling waves of the ocean, every sight was a lot to take in. The rooms we stayed in at the bed and breakfast were very cozy, and we got home-cooked meals which made us feel right at home! On Saturday, we woke up early, had breakfast and got matched up with our ponies then spent the rest of the morning getting acquainted with them and learning how to properly mount, dismount and ride the horses. We then got to ride for most of the day until 4 p.m. My pony, Hector, was so much fun! All of the ponies were very sweet and well-mannered. Wales is great, but -- in my opinion -- the very best view of it comes from horseback. The whole weekend was a very nice break from the congestion of the city. When we got back to the barn, we had enough daylight to hike down to the beach. We had a great, sunny, fairly warm day, and could not have asked for anything better. After we spent some time at the

beach, we showered quickly, had dinner and then a bus picked us up to go to Mumbles, a small street lined with shops, pubs and restaurants. We did not stay out late as we were all exhausted from riding! Unfortunately, the weather on Sunday did not permit us to participate in our second day of riding since it was downpouring and very windy. Instead, we took a short coach tour, which became even shorter since the streets were so flooded! We ended up leaving to return to London a little bit early, which was fine with us since we all had papers to write and midterms to study for! Plus, Saturday was so beautiful that we couldn't really complain! As I stated earlier, I will be leaving for my spring break on March 8. I am so excited -- Italy is my most anticipated trip! I'm not sure if I'll be able to get an article in, depending on whether or not I have Internet access at the hostels we are staying at. But, you can rest assured there will



PHOTO COURTESY of Danielle DeCarlo
Danielle and her horse for the day, Hector, enjoy a day of riding in the United Kingdom.



PHOTO COURTESY of Danielle DeCarlo
View of the Pony Trekking Beach during a spring break riding expedition in Wales.


be plenty to write about when I get back on the 17th! I hope everyone had a relaxing Spring Break...if anyone has any questions for me you can contact me at s0612807@monmouth.edu. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions you have about studying abroad! Ciao!

The Shopping Scene

LINDSAY PLESNIARSKI
STAFF WRITER

Once arriving in London, it is quite obvious how many people are "into fashion" here. No matter if it's the students in your classes or random people on the tube, you will see people sporting the hottest new trends in clothing. One thing that my mother seemed to warn me about 30 times before I left to study abroad is shopping in London. Now I can understand why! There are very few places to buy reasonably-priced clothes! Of course, by now, everyone should know that everything in London is twice the amount than in USA because the dollar is not as strong. And, on top of that, London is generally expensive anyway! But, no worries -- if you know where to shop, you can find some amazing things to take home with you! In previous articles I have mentioned the many joys of shopping at Camden market. It's basically a huuuuuge "street fair," with some stores, where you can find just about anything to buy, and bargain bargain bargain! Well, another extremely popular market goes by the name of Portobello ("like the mushroom," as many people tend to say!) I recently went to Portobello market for my first time a few days ago. I have been to Camden around four times, so I wanted to see what the other market had to offer. Well, Portobello market is a tad bit more expensive than Camden, and smaller as well, but also much more high-class. Here, you can buy fur coats and *very* expensive jewelry (handcrafted silver, amber, and leather pieces). I decided to stay clear from the expensive items, but I did buy some nice gifts, a pair of shoes to go out in, as well as hand-blown glass jewelry for myself! Another extremely affordable place to shop is called TK MAX! No, that is not a typo...it is the UK's version of TJ MAX! It is amazing! It's practically the same store, but with different styles in their clothing! I seemed to have forgotten to bring any dresses with me on this trip, so I bought a very cute black dress that was marked down from 28 pounds to seven! That was a great deal! Now, whenever we buy anything here in London, we CAN'T forget to ask if they accept ISIC cards....a.k.a. student discounts. Strangely enough, the places where you save the most money are shops and restaurants! Many clothing stores give around 10-15 percent off your purchase and restaurants can go up to 35 percent off the bill! Believe me, it is worth "the ask" with the amount of money that you save! Of course, markets don't accept such a thing, but that's where your bargaining skills come in handy! I didn't expect to buy almost ANY clothes here in London, to say the honest truth. But, once you live here for a few weeks, it is not uncommon to become a little jealous of the outfits everybody has! It seems now that I am buying more clothing than souvenirs! However, I bought most of everything from the markets...and avoided Oxford Street--where clothes can get very pricey! Bottom line is that most girls *love* to shop...and there's nothing quite like shopping in London! Talk to you later, Monmouth and I hope everybody had a great spring break!!!

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Baseball’s Back in Action

Hawks Start Season with Games in Florida, South Carolina, and Maryland

CRAIG D’AMICO
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Monmouth Hawks baseball team, looking to return to the Northeast Conference Tournament after missing the four team field for the first time in eight years last season, opened up their 2007 campaign with road trips to Florida, Maryland, and South Carolina.

Gone is Northeast Conference player of the year Nick Massari, who led Monmouth with a .395 average, eight home runs, and 51 RBI’s in 2006. However, they do return 2006 NEC Rookie of the Year Rick Niederhaus, who serves as the Hawks designated hitter, and many of the young arms from a pitching staff that ranked eighth in the nation with a 3.34 ERA.

The Hawks were predicted to finish fourth in the annual NEC coaches’ pre-season poll, behind favorite Central Connecticut State, defending champion Sacred Heart, and Mount St. Mary’s.

In Monmouth’s season opener, they traveled down to Florida and defeated UCF 7-4 back on March 2, for their first season opening victory since 1995. After starter Matt Coulson and reliever Justin Esposito were roughed up in the fifth inning for four runs, freshman Brett Brach came in relief for his first career appearance, and shut down UCF for four scoreless and hitless innings.

On the offensive end, the Hawks rallied for five runs in the top of the sixth. With the bases loaded, senior Justin Braun knocked in a run with an infield hit, and sophomore Mike Casale plated two with a double, giving Monmouth a 5-4 advantage. They would tack on two more insurance runs and hold on for the victory.

“The guys showed a lot of character to come back after that bottom of the fifth,” said head coach Dean Ehehalt, beginning his 14th

season at the helm in West Long Branch. “It was a total team win, a great effort, and Brach was phenomenal.”

The two teams split the remaining two games of the series in Orlando, with UCF taking the middle game 11-10 and Monmouth taking the rubber match 13-4. The Blue and White would close out their Florida road trip with a 15-7 win over St. Bonaventure, a 3-3 tie with Boston College, and a 14-7 setback against Maine.

For the weekend of March 10, the Hawks traveled down to Annapolis, Maryland for a three

the opener 2-1.

In the victory, Monmouth rallied after trailing 2-0 after three innings. Shawn Teters and Mike Casale registered RBI groundouts to even the contest at 2-2. In the top of the seventh, the Hawks grabbed the lead for good, as sophomore Chris Collazo drove in Brett Holland on a single to left center. Holland started the inning with a single to center and then was advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt.

Brad Brach earned his first victory of the season, pitching seven innings, and his brother



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme
Matt Coulson will look to lead a young pitching staff this season as the Hawks move into NEC play.

game series against Navy. The Hawks forced a split of the Saturday doubleheader with a 5-2 win in the second game after dropping

Brett earned his second save by pitching the final two innings in relief. Monmouth would drop a heartbreaker the next day 2-1, as

Navy broke up a 1-1 tie in the bottom of the eighth with a two out RBI single off of Coulson.

This past weekend, the Hawks won two out of three in South Carolina against Wofford College. Monmouth exploded in the first game by putting 19 runs on the board in a 19-3 victory. Kyle Higgins drove in five runs to lead the Hawks. On Sunday, once again the Hawks were led by an impressive offensive output in an 11-8 win. With Wofford clinging to a 4-3 lead in the top of the fourth, Andy Meyers and Mike Casale connected on back to back home runs to put the Blue and White in the driver’s seat. In all, the Hawks were able to get three runs in the top of the fourth. However, the Terriers answered with three in the bottom of the fourth to go back ahead 6-5.

Higgins drilled a double in the fifth to drive in Messineo to tie the game at 6, and added three in the sixth and two in the seventh to pull away. Brett Brach made his first career start, and Matt Frazier picked up his first career win in relief.

Meyers, who has already been named NEC Player of the Week once on the young season, leads the Blue and White with two home runs and 13 RBI’s. Higgins starts the year out leading the team in batting average, hitting at a .491 clip. Freshman Ryan Butch leads the pitchers with two wins already recorded, while Brett Brach has recorded two saves. Frazier leads the team in ERA and innings pitched.

With their first conference series right around the corner, The Hawks currently stand at 6-5-1 overall. Monmouth will travel to Emmitsburg, MD to face Mount St. Mary’s in a four game series the first week of April. In the meantime, Monmouth will play their home opener on Thursday, hosting St. Peter’s at 3 p.m. on the MU Baseball Field.

Upcoming Schedule

3/22
St. Peter’s 3 p.m.

3/24
Vermont 12 p.m.

3/24
Vermont 3 p.m.

3/25
Vermont 12 p.m.

3/28
Iona 3 p.m.

3/31
at Liberty 11 a.m.

3/31
at Liberty 3 p.m.

4/1
at Liberty 1 p.m.

The Hawk File: Jude Rene

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Jude Rene is the type of athlete who can excel in multiple roles, never backing down when faced with a new challenge. The men’s track and field athlete competes in several different events at regular meets such as the hurdles, long jump, and high jump. His most daunting task however is when he competes at multi-event meets in the heptathlon. Consisting of seven very different events, usually stretched out over two days, the heptathlon is a competition that requires all an athlete can dish out. As an athlete, Rene is not even slightly deterred by this.

Just recently from March 3-4, Rene competed in a meet called the IC4A’s, which is an invitational that takes the top sixteen athletes in each event from over 100 Division I schools on the east coast. Even though he was the sixteenth of sixteen possible qualifiers, Rene led the competition after five events, eventually ending up eighth and earning All-East honors. He also set a school record with 4,522 total points. Rene also helped the men’s track and field team to its third straight NEC championship in February, finishing third in the 60 m hurdles and sixth in the long jump. Rene

was content with the success of the team at the NEC championship saying, “I was excited about the indoor championship because some things didn’t go our way but we were still able to pull it out. I took third in the hurdles and sixth in the long jump.”

“Next year, I’d like to just build on the success from this indoor and outdoor season and win two more championships.”

JUDE RENE
Runner

Head track and field coach Joe Compagni says Rene’s work ethic is the main reason for his successes. “Jude has worked very hard the last few years to become successful in the multi-events,” says Compagni. “Jude has worked hard and Coach Babiak has developed a great training plan for him to excel in the jumps, hurdles and multi-events.” Rene also utilizes his work ethic in athletic endeavors in the classroom. He says, “When I’m out competing, I try

to be as relaxed [and] focused as possible and give 100 percent so I can outdo past performances. In class, I’m pretty quiet and work just as hard as I do on the track to get good grades.”

A humble athlete, Rene credits his close relationship with his teammates and coaches for his successes and his maturation from freshman to junior year. Rene states, “I’m real tight with the group of guys and girls I train with and really enjoy being around them. All the coaches are great coaches that get the most out of the athletes which is one of the reasons I chose to come here. My multi coach, coach Babiak, has done a great job of helping me take it to the next level as an athlete as well helping me mature as a person.”

The business finance major hopes to one day work as a financial analyst or join the FBI. In ten years, he feels he will be married with one child and hopefully working in a field he enjoys. As for the remainder of his Monmouth track and field career Rene says, “This year I want to qualify for the IC4A and regional meet[s] in the hurdles as well as contribute to an outdoor championship. Next year, I’d like to just build on the success from this indoor and outdoor season and win two more championships.”

Name: Jude Rene

Hometown: Born in Brooklyn, NY, currently resides in Hamilton, NJ

Major: Business Finance w/ minor in Information Technology

Sport: Men’s Track and Field

Events: Multi-events (heptathlon/decathlon); hurdles, long jump, and high jump at regular meets

Favorite Teammate: “I like all the guys so it’s hard to choose but if I had to choose it’d be the guys I lived with since freshman year Chris Keller and Marcus Lewis. Chris always helps me out with things and can’t handle losing to me in Madden all the time so he throws cold water on me when I shower. Marcus is really funny except when he opens all the windows wide open on the coldest days of the year and freezes everyone in the apartment.”

Biggest Rival: “Robert Morris because they can’t beat us so they made a Facebook group about hating us.”

Most Memorable Moment at MU: “Making All-East in the heptathlon because I barely made the cutoff but proved that I could compete with the athletes and it made my parents really proud that I competed that well at the meet.”

Women’s Basketball

Season Ends with Loss in NEC Semi-Final

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
SPORTS EDITOR

It was an up and down season for the Monmouth women’s basketball team. After being picked in the preseason to finish fourth in the Northeast Conference, the Hawks had a chance to get the fourth seed and secure a home game in the NEC tournament. But a loss in their last game of the season to Fairleigh Dickinson, a team they had beaten by 26 six days earlier, pushed the Hawks to the fifth seed in NEC Tournament.

But Michele Baxter’s team remained focused on the postseason as the fifth seed, and traveled to Hamden, Connecticut to take on Quinnipiac in the quarterfinals of the NEC tournament. Led by Veronica Randolph, who had a game-high 18 points, Monmouth defeated the Bobcats 63-58 for the victory.

It was a back-and-forth game throughout, as Monmouth’s early 5-0 lead was quickly erased when Quinnipiac’s Mandy Pennewell’s jump shot gave her team the 8-7 lead. After the Hawks took a one point lead on two Randolph free-throws, the Bobcats stormed back to grab a 26-22 lead thanks to five straight points by Brianna Rooney.

The Hawks would regain the lead before the break, when Jennifer Bender hit two free throws to give Monmouth the 30-29 edge heading into the locker room. The story of the first half, as it has been in many games this season, was Monmouth’s defense, which held Quinnipiac to just 31 percent shooting. The Hawks also held the edge on the boards, outrebounding the Bobcats 23-15.

Randolph started off the second half scoring Monmouth’s first ten points. Despite her hot hand, Monmouth still trailed 42-40. After more back-and-forth action, the Hawks found themselves down by one, 51-50. The Hawks then went on an 8-0 run as Marissa Jimenez hit a three-pointer, then added a layup. Bender’s old-fashioned three point play gave the Hawks a 58-51 advantage. Led by Bender’s two clutch free-throws down the stretch, it was a lead they would not give up.

Confident from their victory against Quinnipiac, Monmouth traveled to Fairfield, Connecticut to take on Sacred Heart, the number three seed. From the opening tip, Monmouth struggled to find their offensive game. Sacred Heart went on an 8-0 run to increase its lead to 22-11 before Rachael Ferdinand jumper gave the Hawks some life.

But the Hawks defense, which had been stingy all season, had no answer for the Pioneers’ Amanda Pape, as last season’s NEC Player of the Year led all scorers with 16 points at halftime, and Monmouth found itself in a 29-15 hole. The 15 points was the lowest first half point total for the Hawks this season.

The second half was a different story, though, as Monmouth went on a 19-3 run to grab a 33-32 lead with less than ten minutes left to go in the game. After holding Sacred Heart without a field goal for 18 minutes, the Hawks took their largest lead of the game at 42-33 after Jimenez hit a three-pointer.

But the Pioneers fought back, and eventually tied the game up at 42. They would regain the lead after Lisa Moray hit a three with

just two minutes left to go in the game. After two free-throws by Pape, Brianne Edwards knocked down a three to bring Monmouth to within two, 48-46, with ten seconds left in the game. Jimenez then fouled Pape with 8.2 seconds left, and she hit both of her free-throws to put the game away and give the Pioneers a four point edge, 50-46, which is how the game would end.

Though the season ended on a sour note, the Hawks have much to look forward to next year. In a conference call at the beginning of the year, Coach Baxter commented that the team was one of the youngest squads in the conference. Despite that, Monmouth was able to have success in the postseason, and next year, will return all but one player, Charisse Johnson.

“We have 90 percent of our scoring and all five of our starters coming back,” said Baxter.

Returning with a veteran team next season, Baxter is confident the Hawks can make another run at a title.

“I think we have a legitimate shot (at winning the NEC) next year,” she said, “provided we stay healthy.”

Baxter hopes that two of her star players will return healthy for next year. LaKia Barber injured her ACL in the last game of the regular season and will have surgery during the offseason. Edwards played with a torn meniscus for a part of the season, but is expected to make a full recovery. Despite this, Baxter believes her team will have more success next year.

“Our team is young, and we will be back next season,” she said.

Late Winter Chill

After Quick Start, Lacrosse Goes 3-3 in Last Six Games

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
SPORTS EDITOR

After putting up 34 goals in their first two games, the Monmouth lacrosse team has stumbled over the last two weeks, and now stands at 5-3 after dropping their last two games.

Coming off victories against Howard and Manhattan, the Hawks fell to Duquesne in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 20-15. The Dukes jumped out to a 3-0 lead before Ashley Waldman scored to close to the gap 3-1. Duquesne would score another goal before three straight goals from the Hawks, two by Carolyn Raveia to tie the game at 4. But the Dukes would rattle off four straight goals and eventually take a 9-6 lead into halftime.

Megan Brennan would open up the scoring for the Hawks in the second half, but five straight goals from Duquesne increased the lead to 14-7. Though the Hawks would battle back with four straight goals of their own, they were never able to catch the Dukes.

With their first loss of the season behind them, Monmouth looked to soak up some sunshine and a pair of victories as they traveled to West Palm Beach, Florida to take on Davidson and La Salle. They would get those sought-after W’s, defeating Davidson 14-8, and La Salle 18-10. Katie Degen tallied 11 goals in two games, while Raveia accounted for eight.

The Hawks then returned home to take on Lemoyne, where they defeated the Dolphins 15-10. Megan Nutter had career-high six goals, while Raveia and Degen added three goals of their own.

At 5-1, the Hawks were flying high, and looked ahead towards in-state powerhouse Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights were ranked 17th in the nation and showed why,

besting the Hawks 11-6. Despite Raveia’s two goals and Johnson’s nine saves in net, Monmouth simply was outplayed by a better team. The Hawks have never beaten Rutgers, falling to 0-5 all-time.

Following their loss to Rutgers, Monmouth traveled to Stony Brook, New York to take on the Seawolves. Degen opened the scoring for the Hawks, as the Blue and White grabbed an early 1-0 lead. After two straight from Stony Brook, Raveia scored to tie the game up at 2-2. The Seawolves would then rally off four more goals to increase their lead to 6-2, before Nutter would cut the lead to 6-4 with a pair of goals of her own at halftime.

In the second half, Stony Brook exploded for four goals in the first 15 minutes to seize control of the game and give the home team the 12-6 victory. The Hawks were led by Degen, who recorded two goals and one assist.

Head Coach Kelly McCardell remained positive after defeat. “The team has certainly held our own against top competition so far this season, but there are some changes we need to make as we take the losses as learning experiences.”

Monmouth will look to stop its two-game losing streak when they open up their NEC schedule, meeting Wagner in Staten Island, New York on Friday, March 23. After going undefeated in NEC play last season, the Hawks will look to defend their conference championship this season against some stiff competition. “The Northeast Conference is getting more competitive every year, which is exciting for the league,” said McCardell. “Heading into conference play, we need to keep our goals in mind and keep our focus on our team and our play.”

Track Shifts Attention to Outdoors

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From outdoors to indoors, and now back to outdoors, Monmouth’s Track & Field team is always busy.

After wrapping up an indoor season that saw many milestones and great finishes, both the men and women who are parts of the Hawks Track & Field team will turn their attention to this upcoming spring season.

“At the NEC Championships, we have people who are capable of scoring in every event.”

JOE COMPAGNI
Track and Field Head Coach

Like always, the Hawks will be led by Coach Joe Compagni. He, of course, has high expectations for a talented group.

“We have a great group of returning athletes as well as some strong freshmen who have already shown during the indoor season that they are capable of competing at a high level for us,” said Compagni.

The men will look to defend their NEC crown, as they finished first in 2006. The men’s team also finished 7th out of 104 teams in the IC4A Championships. Some-

thing they’d like to duplicate and improve on.

For the women, 2006 saw a third place finish in the NEC, something they hope to improve on.

Compagni is looking forward to 2007 where both teams were picked to finish first in the preseason coaches poll.

“We have a very balanced team for the men and the women. At the NEC Championships, we have people who are capable of scoring in every event, from sprints to dis-

tance and jumps and throws,” said Compagni.

The NEC Championships that Compagni speaks of are actually behind held at Monmouth University starting on May 5, something that he looks forward to. This is the first time Monmouth has held the Championships.

Even before that day, the Hawks’ season begins this weekend with the Monmouth Season Opener. Over 2,000 participants will descend upon West Long Branch looking to start the season in a winning way.



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