

Gaffney Outlines 07/08 Budget to SGA

WESLEY CHIN NEWS EDITOR

Monmouth University's budget ranks among the lower half of comparable New Jersey private colleges and universities, according to a budget proposal report presented before the Student Government Association. President Paul Gaffney II met with SGA in Magill Commons March 14, laying out the university's proposed budget plans for the upcoming year, which will be finalized at a board meeting scheduled for June.

Combined tuition, room, board, and comprehensive fees are set to increase 5.3 percent to \$15,969 a semester. The average increase over the past ten years has been lower than other New Jersey independent colleges and universities, including Drew, Princeton, and Seton Hall. While the decade average increase for private colleges is at 5.9 percent, Monmouth's has been 4.7 percent. Various factors contribute to rising tuition costs, Gaffney said, including normal inflation, as in consumer price index, and the Higher Education Price Index that add additional costs. The two account for 3.5 percent and 1.5 percent, respectively. This matches Monmouth's annual increase.

Of the 16 private colleges and

Monmouth ranked tenth, leaving Drew, Princeton, and Stevens Institute of Technology as the top three rences also played a part to the most expensive schools, all costing nearly \$35,000 a year to attend. Gaffney explained that tuition and comprehensive fees - which WebAdvisor

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supports the operation of various student services, tickets to athletic and culturevents, al and SGA budget funds - are totaled together when

comparing universities with each other.

tuition dollars are being spent. According to 72.1 the report, percent of Monmouth's revenue comes from student tuition and fees. Private colleges' tuition increases are normally stable, said Gaffney, as opposed to public institutions, which can sporadically jump each year.

"Tuition is going up,"

universities listed in the report, said the president, "but things are for about \$1 million lost. Faculty not so horrible.' He explained that other occur-

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salary increases are also set to rise, one of the more vocal

points of Gaffney's presentation to the SGA.

"Salaries are going up intentionally," the presi-"We dent said. want to have our faculty not surpassed by peer other institutions IMMEDIATELY<<<<<<<<<<>>> See where breakdown of the proposed yearly budget. See where your in terms of salary."

The presentation reported

Student Government Association Monmouth professors and associate professors account for the top fifth percentile of paid teachers in the American Association of University Professors, according to 2005-2006 findings. Assistant professors

\$15,969

\$26 million

\$16 million

\$600,000

\$70 million

fall between the 80th and 95th, while instructors fall between the 40th and 60th. Monmouth professors are paid above most NJ colleges, stated Gaffney, and he predicts to exceed the percentiles by 2007. The report stated that in the 2005-2006 year, 46.7 percent of university expenses went towards employee compensation.

"The most important thing is our faculty," the president said. "We don't want anyone going to our competitors 'next door'.'

According to the report, Rutgers-Camden was the only college, both of private

and public institutions, who paid their faculty higher than Monmouth.

Comprehensive fee allocation was set to distribute the majority of funds to registration, advising, and graduation (25.5%), student center operations (16.2%) and computer services (13.3%). The SGA receives 18.9 perent of the comprehensive fee funds, which totals roughly up to \$650,000.

The presentation also outlined fee changes set to take place for the 2007-08 school year. Plans to eliminate transcript fees and increase the comprehensive by \$4 are being discussed. Gaffney also reported that

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Students Use Break to Help Rebuild Katrina-Ravaged City

LESLIE WEINBERG CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When I started to gather my things for my Spring Break trip to New Orleans, I figured it wouldn't be so bad. Our trip was coordinated through a few Monmouth University students and the NJ Community Water Watch chapter on campus. We would drive down there from Monmouth University, do some down there that has not been Hurricane relief work and be done with it. I figured it's been a houses that were untouched; but year and a half, how much work then I realized that it's not as if the nation's history. Also volreally still needed be done? If the those people have the time to do unteers were completing ninety

needed to be cleaned up. There its volunteers with housing, three were many houses without walls or roofs, houses in shambles with boarded windows and other areas completely abandoned. People just completely gave up on the idea of returning to their once beautiful homes.

Freshman Cassie Maines, a business accounting major, said, There is still so much damage touched. I was taken back by the

ing all the devastation that still relief work. The church provides meals a day, tools, showers and transportation to job sites. There were many frightening facts being told to us at orientation early Monday morning. There was a chance we could get mold into our lungs while gutting a house, last year several volunteers were killed by the alligators in the bayou, rats, snakes and tons of mosquitoes at job sites. The church pastor also told us Katrina was the costliest natural disaster in

Gas Leak Provides Brief Scare

PAUL BAKER STAFF WRITER

Students were forced out of their classrooms in the Edison Science Building and Howard Hall Monday at around 6:45 p.m. because of a reported smell of gas in a hallway.

Upon inspecting the buildings, firemen found two gas valves leaking a small amount of gas in Edison. They shut the main gas valve off and eventually the two valves were replaced with stock the University had on hand.

Fire trucks were on the scene minutes after students had evacuat-

ries on what could be happening inside their classrooms, occasionally giving pleading glances at their equally distraught professors.

Eventually teachers declared their classes finished for the evening, with a couple exceptions of certain classes moving to another location. As students were being escorted farther from the buildings, the West Long Branch Police, MU Police, West Long Branch Fire Department, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and EMT took over the roadway in front of the buildings.

The exits also were monitored to

dia have forgotten about it, then working, trying to support their			percent of the restoration work. Our group's expectation for the week that we would all stay to-	ed the buildings. "I jumped because (the fire alarm) was really loud," said student Katie Meeker, who was in class when the alarm went off.	make sure nobody re-entered the buildings, and the floor plans were delivered to acting Fire Chief Brian	
			Katrina continued on pg. 3	Students huddled in small groups outside for warmth and shared theo-	Leak continued on pg. 8	
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Wyeth Collection **Showcased in Pollak Gallery**

SARAH JAMIESON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Monmouth Art Studio presented the Wyeths' artwork in Pollak Theatre on Tuesday, March 20. The Wyeth boys – N.C., Andrew and Jamie – are part of an artistic family that spans three generations.

and Jamie's grandfather - was the oldest of the three Wyeths. He noted that the event attracted was interested in the land, mainly members of the West Long Branch painting nature and landscapes. community to the Monmouth Bold light and shadows were present in his artwork.

N.C.'s son Andrew Wyeth, the "middle child" of the three generation artistic family, was interested in painting real scenes. He was the geography painter of the Wyeth world. Andrew drew his father prior to N.C.'s death in an automobile accident.

The youngest artist in the Wyeth family was Andrew's son, Jamie Wyeth. Jamie concentrated mostly on contemporary works of art - recent events and symbols. For example, Jamie has a 9-11 art art presentation was not limited piece and symbols, such as street signs.

ing art event at Monmouth University this year!" exclaimed Michael Thomas, Chair of Art and Design and Assistant SHSS Dean. Thomas explained that the Andrew Wyeth works "Blue Box" and "Chain displayed works.

"The Wyeth show is such a wonderful opportunity," added Scott Knauer, Monmouth University's Art Gallery Directory. "Monmouth University is so fortunate (to have) the collector, Eric Sanbol, share his collection with the public here."

'This was a wonderful exhibi-N.C. Wyeth - Andrew's father tion!" exclaimed Program Director of Design Karen Bright. Bright campus. "I love Andrew Wyeth's artwork, and it was great to see such a good turnout!"

"I am so pleased that Eric Sanbol shared this museum quality collection with us here at Monmouth University," art and design instructor Barbra Powderly said. "It not only brought attention to our campus, but the show's lecture, made by Dr. (Joyce Hill) Stoner - the Wyeths' assistant and the show's speaker - made it a memorable art experience."

The excitement over the Wyeth to members of Monmouth faculty. Monmouth students expressed "This show was the most excit- how overwhelmed they were by the Wyeth boys' work, as well. "For somebody who enjoys artwork, this show was very inspiring," noted freshman art education major Kristin Savasta.

What a great art experience to Hoist" were among his favorite bring to the Monmouth campus!" Knauer excitedly added.

Cleaning Up a Little Known Dirty Brook

ERIN STATTEL CONTRIBUTING WRTIER

Tiles, sinks, pipes and shower basins are often the trash leftover from a bathroom renovation. But what was it doing in Whalepond Brook in West Long Branch? Unfortunately, these are some of the items that people decide to dump into our local waterways.

About 35 local water lovers came out on Sunday, March 25 to attend a cleanup of Whalepond Brook at Monmouth University. The cleanup was hosted by Monmouth University's Chapter of the New Jersey Community Water Watch, a project of the New Jersey Public Interest and Research Group and Americorp.

Volunteers included MU students receiving extra credit, members of the community, the Monmouth University women's soccer team, members of the Monmouth University Education Honor Society, and a local girl scout.

A hard working group of people turned out for a fun day of cleaning up a local waterway.

"I didn't know what to expect. I never realized [Whalepond Brook] was so close," said Katie Bubnis, a member of the MU women's soccer team.

Whalepond Brook is a small waterway that runs through the Monmouth University campus and into Lake Takanassee, which emp-ties into the ocean. Whalepond Brook is on New Jersey's 303(d)List of Impaired Waterways. Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act requires states to develop a list of impaired waters, commonly referred to as the "303(d) list.'

A body of water is considered impaired if the current water quality does not meet the numeric or narrative criteria in a water quality standard or if the designated use is not being achieved. Whalepond Brook is listed as not meeting the water quality standard for PH.

"People are too lazy to provide for proper disposal," said Annette Kelleher, whose daughter found Deli, Nino Jr's, Jersey Mike's, and the shower basin in the brook. Kelleher's daughter, Megan, 9, is a Junior Girl Scout working on earning her Water Wonders Badge.

We learn about water quality and erosion and rocks. We learn about the environment and how to help it," said Megan Kelleher. ized how much people don't use "This cleanup should fill my badge requirement."

the heaviest item found. Volunteers used pipes, also found in the brook, to lever it out of the mud. Once upright, it was hard to drag out of the brush and onto dry land. The group moved on to find tires, bottles and pieces of oil drums.

volunteers' efforts to clean up the brook. Alyssa Emanuele, Bridget Shaw and Steve Hunt are work-Monmouth University electronic field production class. The cleanup was their first day of shooting and their topic is about the environment and local water quality.

University women's soccer team are no strangers to helping out the West Long Branch area either.

'Yesterday we were at Top Soccer, which helps handicapped kids play soccer." said Adele Kozlowsmember. "We most likely will be back for more cleanups.'

Volunteers managed to wrestle mud and water. Christina Pisanello, 22, pulled on a pair of waders and braved the muck.

"It took about four of us to haul out this sink," the Monmouth University junior said while standing next to a white porcelain bathroom sink. "The weeds were so Liz Glynn at (732) 263-5753 or eovergrown that it must have been mail her at Monmouth@njwaterhere for a while.'

Junior Jen Zudonyi, the cleanup organizer, said that it was a fun day. Volunteers munched on food donated by Quizno's, West End University Subs.

'We got a lot of trash out of the brook. A lot of unusual things but the majority was just paper, bottles and other recyclables. Our parking lots may need more recyclables receptacles. I never realthem," said Zudonyi.

The cleanup resulted in an es-The shower basin proved to be timated 2 tons of trash collected. Trash included a sink, a tire, various scrap metal, old sign posts, car parts as well as lots of plastic bottles, paper, and plastic bags.

"I'm really happy to see such a good turnout. Everyone really put in a lot of effort to improve another A documentary crew filmed local waterway," said Liz Glynn, Monmouth University Chapter of New Jersey Community Water Watch Campus Organizer. "Hopeing on a documentary for their fully, all of the ducks and geese will appreciate the effort."

The Water Watch group's next event is a community forum about water quality. The community forum is titled, "Water Quality: Sub-Members of the Monmouth urban Sprawl, Scientific Studies, and Community Action" and will be held on Wednesday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Magill Commons. Guest speakers include Professor John Tiedemann of Monmouth University's Urban Coast Institute ki, a sophomore and soccer team and Kari Martin of Clean Ocean Action. The forum is free and open to the public.

The Water Watch group will all sorts of large debris out of the also be cleaning up Sunset Lake in Asbury Park on April 7, Long Branch beach on April 28, and is hosting an Earth Day Cleanup of the Navesink & Swimming Rivers with Brookdale Water Watch on April 21.

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Hope and Hammers: Volunteers Help Hurricane Victims

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gether and we would just be applying a few layers of paint to some houses. Well, this was not the case. Immediately after orientation, our little group of fourteen was split up and assigned to certain teams based on individual skills. Monmouth Students spent the week completing various tasks including building and painting sheds, putting up fences, cleaning parks, weed whacking and cutting grass on medians, mudding, sanding and painting a house, hanging drywall at Camp Restore and doing prep work on a house that was around the neighborhood we were waiting for an electrician. There were over 150 other volunteers staying there, doing work that ranged in mopping Camp Restore to gutting a house. We learned so many important lessons from fellow volunteers and residents.

The first day my group was assigned the task of cleaning up an old overgrown park. At first glance it just looked like a giant nasty field with a cement foundation. We were just dumped by this nondescript field in the middle of a neighborhood, given lawn mowers, weed whackers, rakes, gloves, bug spray, clippers and was told the bus would return in four storm wasn't as forgiving as the hours. After a lot of hard work, we turned it into the best generic field we have ever seen. It still was by Katrina and a tornado. It was unclear why we were stuck doing so strong it threw their two Harlandscaping when there were still places in the city where people SUV over a mile away and encouldn't get into their houses. I tire second floors and attics (still

til the end of the week. Just because we weren't gutting a house, doesn't mean we didn't make a difference in someone's life. We provided an element of normalcy in people's lives. Rather than drive down the street every day and see an overgrown highway median filled with trees and garbage, they were seeing a reminder of the past. A reminder that someone cares for them and there is still hope. Many of the communities weren't able to pay for the expenses to clean up such areas and that's when Camp Restore was called in.

We had the opportunity to walk working in and talk to some incredible people. "It was amazing to hear a first hand story from one of the survivors," Emel Senman, Social Work major said. "It was a day full of 'wows' and 'oh my God's' as we departed back to camp." One included a mother and her two daughters who left their home with only three outfits each. The past two hurricanes they packed up all their belongings and were fine in the end. They assumed since they took extra precaution last time for no reason and they thought they would not need to this time. Unfortunately this other hurricanes. One side of the street was completely torn down leys into the neighbor's pool, their

didn't figure out this lesson un- in tact) blocks away. This family wasn't allowed to see the rubble that was once their home until three months after the storm. Not letting this tragedy ruin them, they returned to the same area and began to rebuild their lives. Almost a year and a half later they still cannot return to their home. Having the contractor push the movein date further and further back, they are forced to just sit around and wait. Even after all the obstacles this family has been through, they still display an amazing spirit. They were more than willing to give perfect strangers a tour of their home, share all their very personal and moving stories, send donations to Camp Restore and offered to buy us lunch. This kind and generous hospitality is a rarity now. After losing literally all their possessions, this family demonstrated that the most important thing in life is a caring and loving family

> One selfless construction worker was channel surfing one day and saw a commercial asking for donations for Hurricane Katrina victims. Realizing he didn't have enough funds to help out, he decided to contribute his services. So he picked up his belongings and traveled from Wisconsin to New Orleans months after the storm. He made forty calls to churches and construction companies every day, ringing up a cell phone bill close to a thousand dollars. Most people would have given up after being completely shot down for weeks. Not him, he waited patiently and finally received the opportunity to help people. He is very satisfied with doing tree work for next to nothing for those in need. One group of volunteers staying

at Camp Restore was able to change some young boy's lives. As they were cutting the grass, a group of twelve boys asked when they were going to be finished so they could play football there. The team worked very hard and diligently to provide these boys a place to play and enjoy themselves. Some not alone, throughout the week needs our help.



HOTO COURTESY of Leslie Weir Pam Epstein, Sasha Goldfarb, Becky Joyce and Stefanie Garcia are ready to tackle some lawns.

on a median and neighborhood houses. Shortly following the time they finished cutting the grass, the birds returned to ground in search of worms. This was the first time in months these birds were able to dig for food. These simple things people they are doing the work for. Junior Communication Major, Bob Danhardt explains his thoughts to-A testament of what we often take for granted."

estastic about us being down there. "It was really amazing how people would just stop by and say 'Thank you'. It was really nice to know that it made a difference to them and that they knew they were not forgotten" said junior, Christina Pisanello, who is a biology major. One man was driving through the area and stopped to pull over as soon as he saw us. He lived across town and was just showing available time, money and rehis relatives from out of town the ask where all of us were from and many great accommodating orgahe wasn't even from the neighborwanted to say thank you. He was is a whole city down there that still

MU participants did landscaping we got numerous drive by wavings, thumbs up, hellos, honks and smiles.

Each one of these stories has an important lesson that goes along with it. These people have all been a part of something completely monumental and life changing, brighten the lives of many people; yet they have not let Katrina conthe people doing the work and the sume them. Instead of dwelling on the situation and being bitter, they chose to rebuild and go on stronger. It makes all the daily frustraward the experience, "A sobering tions in life absolutely miniscule experience. A true reality check. in the grand scheme of things. So next time you are in line an extra five minutes in Starbucks, your The New Orleans residents were favorite snack is off the shelf in the grocery store, the bus is running late or your cell phone drops the call, think of something else. Think of the family of four waiting to return to their house, or the elderly gardener who has half the people still missing from his block.

This experience was so rewarding, fulfilling and incredible. I recommend anyone who has the sources to go down there and help damage. He took the time out to anywhere it is needed. There are to thank all of us from the bottom nizations down there that provide of his heart. It didn't matter that it all. Just remember every time you turn on the news and don't see hood, he was just so grateful and a picture from New Orleans, there



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Model UN Wins Award

FACULTY REPORTS

UN Team Wins Distinguished Delegation Award at the National Model UN Conference in New York City, March 18-22, 2007.

ence is the world's largest simula- Irber, Brian Kim, Jason Lyons, tion of the UN and educates more Robert Marmolejo, Scott Marusthan 4,000 students worldwide about important global issues and empowers them to negotiate solutions to global crises and conflicts. This year, our students represented the African Republic of Chad, bordering Sudan and affected by the ongoing acts of genocide in the Darfur region. This year's National Model United Nations Conference included students from 31 countries on five continents, representing 272 delegations. Monmouth's delegation was one of only fourteen delegations recognized as either an "Outstanding" or "Distinguished" delegation at the Award Ceremony in the United Nations.

Political Science majors Lindsay Savage and Michael Prepelitskiy served as the Head Delegates and David Kratz played a leading role Service Project, the student wing in fund-raising efforts. After the of the Global Understanding Projaward ceremony Lindsay Savage stated "not only did our delegation demonstrate an intense level of interest and dedication, we also nancial sponsorship of the Student kept a sense of humor which gave us the added advantage of actually the Global Understanding Project enjoying the Model UN experience". Michael Prepelitskiy added that the Monmouth delegates partment of Political Science. Acwere "hardworking and passion- cording to Professor Datta, "The The future is bright.

ate" about articulating the plight Model UN program is a wonderful community. The Monmouth Model UN Team also included Dorcas Adekunle, Laura Downey, Robert Giglio, Amy Gough, Jona-The National Model UN Confer- than Grubb, Kacie Hubbs, Jamie ka, Chris Pappas, Janhvi Purohit, Eric Sedler, Brian Thomas, Justin Woska and Matthew Zorner.

> In a short four years after the Model UN program at the university level was envisioned by Professor Rekha Datta, Chair of the Political Science department, the program and its students are already making history. Head Delegate Lindsay Savage and first year political science major Justin Woska also received Outstanding Performance Awards at Pace University's Tri-State Model United Nations conference on February 24, 2007.

About the Model UN program at Monmouth University: Students may participate in Model UN through taking the class or through the student club. Global ect. As such, the program is open to all Monmouth University students. It is made possible by the fi-Government Association (SGA), (GUP), the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the de-

Monmouth University's Model of Chadians to the international collaborative example of academic and extracurricular activities which seek to prepare students to become familiar with global issues, parliamentary procedures, diplomacy, and conflict resolution skills. As a result of the experience, students become persuasive leaders, effective communicators, and skilled negotiators. We congratulate our team for bringing prestige and glory to Monmouth University".

Professor Joe Patten served as the faculty advisor this year (and 2006) and Prof. Kevin Dooley served as the faculty advisor in 2005 and 2004. Professor Patten remarked that "we should assess our effectiveness as a university on how well our students do in life after graduation. Today, our students demonstrated that they have the leadership skills to affect positive change on the international stage".

The initial years of this highly prestigious and competitive program that elicits leadership and conflict resolution skills of students from all around the world, were filled with challenges. Led by Farheen Haider and a group of valiant and dedicated Monmouth University students, the team has been drawing everyone's attention in the conference the past few years. This year's team took another giant step forward as the first Monmouth team to receive the Distinguished Delegation Award.

Tuition Fees Lower Than Competitors, President Boasts

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elimination of the summer session comprehensive fee and reduction of summer session room rates are also tentative measures to take affect. However, the president also confirmed that current parking costs change.

Other enhancements set to take place on campus include redesigning student orientation and the university Web site, making summer session financial aid available to all full time undergraduate students, and general

center elevator. New initiatives to build the Multipurpose Activity Center and a new residence hall were also discussed at the meeting.

Gaffney spoke optimistically in the proposed budget, and its intent to keep Monmouth's price tag as will remain the same until the next low. The president commented that the country's inflation rate has been reasonably stable in the past administrations, and he'd like to have the university follow the same pattern.

"We also want to keep the line as flat as we can, knowing that we don't control the consumer price index, or renovations and upgrades, such as the total inflation rate of the country,"

in Beechwood Hall, Woods Theatre, Gaffney said. "It allows a family, or Garden Apartments, and the student an individual, if he or she happens to pay for it, to plan what their expenses might be for four years or so. So if you're a freshman this year, and I can tell you what you'll be paying as sophomore, your family can probably plan around [it]."



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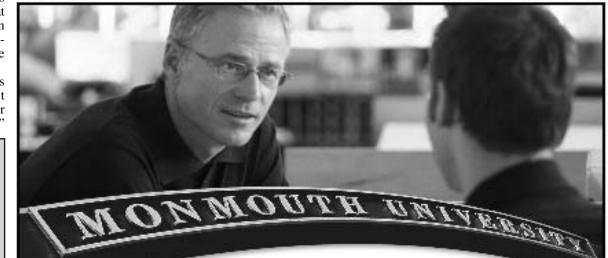
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Scholarships will generally be awarded to full time students. However, part-time students whose application reflects serious attention to completing a course of study will also be considered.

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STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION: The awarding of scholarships shall be made without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age or physical handicap.



CSC Sponsors Bowl-a-thon

KATHLEEN FIELD CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Sunday, March 25, the Community Service Club sponsored its first annual Bowl-athon. Ian C. Craig, the president of the club, organized the event based on various bowl-a-thons he has done with the Disney VoluntEARS program.

The event had over 50 members of the Monmouth University community attend including members of the bowling team, the Student Activities Board, members of the Residential Life staff, as well as many others.

"I thought the event was very enjoyable and I think other organizations on campus, especially the ones I am involved with, should do an event like this" said Soleil Farrow, a Monmouth University freshman.

Each person attending do- with a greater profit.

nated \$15 plus and all the money will be donated to the local chapter of the SPCA. Prizes were awarded to the person who raised the largest amount of money and to the team who had the highest average bowling score.

Erin Gallagher raised \$250 and won a gift card to Applebee's restaurant. The Bowling Team had the highest average score of 112 and they received gift cards to Starbucks.

The event raised more than \$1,000 for the SPCA. Freshman Natalie Dolce stated, "It was a lot of fun. The money went to a good cause and I definitely think the Community Service Club should do this again next year."

The Community Service Club is hoping to hold its second annual Bowl-A-Thon in Spring 2008 and is looking forward to an even bigger turnout next year

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Editorial

SAMANTHA YOUNG CO EDITOR IN CHIEF

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." Semisonic couldn't have been more right. For those graduating, the pressure of May and impending future endeavors are no doubt weighing heavy on the minds of seniors. With four full weeks left in the semester, I feel it is my duty to give you a quick checklist titled, "Things You Should Have Already Done But, If You Didn't, Do Them Now."

Ask anyone who knows me, really knows me, and they will tell you I am not one to meddle in the affairs of others. Directly after, they will most likely offer up the obligatory "psych!" and proceed to tell you how, at one time or another, I have added my two-sense without prompt or provocation. Over the past three years, I feel I have grown close enough to each and every one of you to give you advice. With the spirit of excite and anticipation in the air, let's make a list!

First up is a staple for any graduate. Res-u-mé. If you intend on going out in the smoldering hot days of summer with nothing on you but a thick layer of perspiration, you may as well stay home in the air conditioning. May is graduation mania and thousands of students are just out of college or graduate school, gunning for the same job. Keep your resume updated. Keep copies in your car in case of an accidental run-in. You should also keep your contact information or business cards on you for easy access. Be ready! It's a jungle out there and only the strong will survive. You know what happened to Darwin, the man who first coined that theory? He forgot to keep his information updated and now he's dead.

amazing; two's all right; one's good; zero is unacceptable. You are trying to distinguish yourself from the pack here. Get on it. A lot of places offer co-ops so you can get paid and gain experience. of advice (as if this entire column the place you intern. Unless it's completely horrible and there are extenuating circumstances, try to stick it out for the predetermined you will learn a LOT about tolerance.

Third – I almost feel dirty saying it. Budget. Learn to live with limited means. For some, graduation means moving out of the house, a harsh transition at any point. Couple that with the never-ending job hunt and you have the recipe for a stress meltdown. In my heart of hearts, I know you all have been saving money, storing like the squirrels on campus store crumbs for the magical day when you no longer have financial support. As such, I should omit this entire number. But, borrowing from the ant and grasshopper fable, let's assume there are some less than conscientious students out there. Your best bet now would be to get a part-time job while looking for more steady employment.

The benefits of this plan, we'll call it Plan You Should Have Thought of This Sooner, is two fold: one, you're getting a steady income, no matter how meager to compensate for train fairs, business attire, gas, etc., and two, have some money saved gives you leverage in the world of employment. Those desperate for a job will take the first one thrown at them. With a few weeks of paychecks saved up, an applicant can afford to take a couple extra days to shop around

Second: Internships. Three's and pick the job that best suites his or her interests.

Normally, at this juncture, some would lecture on the importance of manners, etiquette, punctuality and the like. I'm not going to do that. If you don't already know What else do you want? A piece all those things before entering the office of a prospective employer, wasn't the same thing): stay at turn and walk out. There is no use wasting your time or that of other people.

Bursting with excitement, I know you simply cannot wait to length. It looks much better and hear my last nugget of wisdom. And I assure you, I saved the best for last. It's not a list of the best job markets or where to go for fame and fortune. It's not even a tip on how to be successful (let's face it, I'm in the same boat you are).

No kids, the last item on the agenda this week is a bittersweet reality check. The next few months are going to be hard. There will be the lucky few who find contentment right away; others will have to search harder. But no matter where you end up or how pointless sending out 100 resumes to get zero responses seems, cherish every second of it. Thirty years from now, when most of you will have been at your jobs for more years than you care to admit, you will inevitably look back at your last year of college and a fleeting thought will overcome you. Not the parties or the hours you spent studying, but the first day you stepped out of your house a college graduate.

Never again in your life will you have an infinite number of paths laid at your feet, each one new and exciting, and given the opportu-

nity to choose. So there it is, the knowledge I have acquired in my young life.

One month left. Are you prepared?



Photo of the Week by Suzanne Guarino



MU's Pier Village Residents and their guests enjoyed dinner and got to socialize at a pizza party event that took place at Michaelangelo's Pizza in Pier Village on Wednesday, March 21st.



Natalie Rambone

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Views on Iraq: Part Two

DANIEL J. WISNIEWSKI STAFF WRITER

This is the second article in a series of many I will be writing about the conflict in Iraq. The intent of these opinion articles is to analyze the conflict in Iraq and it's relation to United States foreign policy, both in context and morality. My suggestion to the reader is and the highly controversial into, if possible, read the first article in this series (which was featured in the February 15th issue and can be found online on The Outlook website: www.outlook.monmouth. edu)to gain a fuller understanding of the viewpoints expressed here.

The pounding the Republican Party has been receiving by the media over the past few years is my key motivation for citing concern with the situation in Iraq. This concern is not necessarily directed at the loss of life and supposedly 'impossible' situation in Iraq. My concern is directed at the leadership of the United States of America, the media and the American public in general. In a second attempt to restore the good name of the Republican Party, I will prove the following two points: how the Democratic Party is not blame free for the conflict and why the American public is also responsible. This article will also provide my reflections on the current situation in Iraq, The United I will focus on public misconcep-States of America, and its government. Remember, this article is only the opinion of one man; read it, criticize it, but above all, give it a chance.

key reason. News reports are generally opinionated in nature, just as this article is, and I will not try to place my opinion aloof the very category I am criticizing. However, even if a news report is considered verbally unbiased, the way it is presented, and various other factors can make a story unpleasant. Stigmas propagate gime from power in Iraq and to rethroughout America and popularity dominates the culture because ment." Approved with a sizeable most people are unwilling or are majority - 360 to 38 in the House,

analysis of what they read or see. This leads me to my first point.

Democrats are considered by the American majority to be blameless for the conflict in Iraq. It is true that Republicans dominated Congress and held the Presidency during the attacks on September 11th, the invasion of Afghanistan, vasion of Iraq. It is also true that Republicans are generally more aggressive in regards to foreign policy. However, and I say with strong resolve, it is untrue that the conflict in Iraq is solely a Republican invention and practically a whim of President George W. Bush. While I agree that the president, and his administration whether it be the Department of Defense and/or State - definitely made mistakes during the aftermath of the Iraq invasion, there is a history and consensus within the United States government that Saddam Hussein was a brutal dictator and his removal was deemed necessary. Basically, I approve of the invasion but strike discord with the process of rehabilitation. My next installment in this series of opinion articles will focus on the rehabilitation process, the administration's recent more successful policies, and why many of the earlier protocols failed. Here tions.

Now I will present the 'history and consensus' that I have claimed existed within the United States government with regards to Iraq. I say 'give it a chance' for one In doing this I acknowledge the existence of a relatively unknown but important act which was passed by Congress nine years ago. The bill entitled "Iraq Liberation Act of 1998" embodies exactly what its title implies. The introductory: "Declares that it should be the policy of the United States to seek to remove the Saddam Hussein replace it with a democratic governincapable of having an objective and unanimously in the Senate read or see.

- and after being signed by President Clinton, a Democrat, the bill became law on October 31, 1998 as public law number 105-338.

Many leaders within Congress today were amongst those voting that day, and some were not. I focus on those who were not there for a reason. One hundred and fifty-seven Democratic Representatives voted for the bill in the House, while only 29 opposed. Thirty-six representatives did not vote, 20 of which were Democrats. Within the list of those additional 20 Democrats who did not vote, now Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and the prominent John Murtha can be found. What bothers me about these two representatives not voting is that in essence they did not care to, or were not interested enough in the bill to cast a vote. It pains me to realize that they are so vehemently opposed to the conflict in Iraq now when only nine years ago they were complacent to the idea. It is a critical evaluation and further explained in my previous article "Views On Iraq" that they (Pelosi and Murtha) prey on the current American emotions, largely stigmas created by the media, to stay in office, whatever those emotions may be.

Representatives must provide for there constituents, it is what their position entails, but previous law and decisions in foreign policy should be respected. All politicians play on emotions to a degree, but when such grave consequences are in play, sadly it is not avoided by prominent leaders of the United States of America.

Why hasn't any major news source ever mentioned the existence of The Iraq Liberation Act of 1998? Simple; it ruins their anti-Republican stories, stories which can sell based on the current mood of the country. It is a mood which was essentially created by the media. It's a vicious cycle.



Be objective in everything you is to "educate not indoctrinate", I siles rather then just plastic balls guess they must have missed that filled with washable paint.

class.

Paintball: It's just a game

SEAN QUINN STAFF WRITER

Imagine my surprise last Thursday when I received a joint email by two professors addressed to the entire campus community. The message was a demand and plea to stop a perceived injustice on our fine campus. Did this message complain about diversity? Was it a call to action to stop crime or to act that must not be forced into help those in need? Was it even a lightly, by this logic why stop at request for more parking spaces on campus? No, it was about that horrible social ill of a proposed Paintball club at the University.

problem that is going to come get us it! And what about baseball where in the middle of the night and ruin a hard sphere is being hurled at our prestigious institution-a game. someone at 80 miles per hour? These gentlemen are shocked and What does that say about the Uni-

appalled that a game that is analogous to battle might come to Monmouth. One wrote, "During war, when our troops are sacrificing themselves for their country, this is not the time to encourage mock war games by groups on campus. Waging war is a solemn thing that is not to be made into a game."

While I agree that war is a grave paintball? After all isn't a good game of football, where large and talented athletes face each other on the "line of scrimmage", an Yes folks, this is the horrible analogy for war as well? Let's ban

versity? Ban it! In Hawks basketball, hockey, soccer, field hockey and lacrosse we have terms like "guards" and "defense" and a player is supposed to use his body to block another...BAN IT!

Anything from competing for grades to contests of skill can be analogous to war, so why concentrate on this one wholesome activity? I think these professors would better spend their time teaching classes rather than attempting to indoctrinate the entire student body and campus community.

They write, "As shepherds of an educational institution we need to ask, what is our mission?" I'm happy to answer, as an Ed. Major we are constantly told by our methods professors that our job

They state that "All activities, on or off campus, sanctioned by our faculty, staff or students send a message to the whole community about our mission." The logical progression of that thought would go a step further and say that the faculty and administration has that effect too, so why has their been no protest about employees, faculty or administrators who have served in the military? If they are so bothered by this why does our school have a retired Vice Admiral as our President, the public face of Monmouth. Would these professors throw away the vast experience as an officer, scientist, administrator agenda, we are here to be taught and all around decent human being due to his profession? Would they also disregard or marginalize the outstanding work, growth member that games can be an outand prestige that the President has let for our violent tendencies or if brought to MU? After all in the nothing else just a fun time among military, they tend to fire REAL friends. With all due respect probullets, artillery, bombs and mis- fessors: It's just a game, let it go.

These professors also write "With respect, I would urge the one advisor who has volunteered so far to withdraw his or her name and discourage anyone else from volunteering ... "Well, I have call of my own; I call on all people with common sense who can tell the difference between a game and actual warfare to sign up for this club and for employees to sign on to advise it.

Folks, in the end we have to remember a few things: professors, while entitled to their opinions. should not under any circumstances use their classrooms or University resources to push their all the facts of a topic and then to think critically to make up our own minds. Finally, we must re-

"Psychic Madman" Shocks and Amazes Anacon Hall

WESLEY CHIN NEWS EDITOR

Surprise, amazement, and shock overcame students at Anacon Hall last Tuesday as celebrity entertainer Jim Karol, the Psychic Madman, performed for a near full house. Brave student volunteers took stage with the performer and a wide variety of props, including handcuffs, bear traps, and a shock stool, the infamous gag seat used in the movie Jackass Number 2.

Karol performed various illusions and feats, ranging from simple slight of hand magic cards tricks to mind reading. One of his first tricks had men's basketball center John Bunch on stage assisting in restoring power to a wired microphone. Unbeknownst to the crowd and the volunteer, they had cut a phony wire, leaving what was a wireless microphone still powered. Karol incorporated humor into the act, meshing comedy with magic.

"It's wireless, you're not doing [anything]," said Karol to Bunch, as the crowd burst into a loud laughter. "That's what I do. I get in to your heads."

The Philadelphia-born entertainer has been performing for crowds for over 20 years in magic and illusion tricks. However, it was only at age 49 that he began training his mind for memory retention and "psychic abilities." Since then, he has memorized the entire Scrabble dictionary, a thousand digits in pi, and over 80,000 zip codes and their respective locations in the nation.

"I'm living proof that you can do incredible things if you just put your mind to it," Karol said.

that his other nickname, "Cardman," given to him after his appearance on the Rosie O'Donnell Show, was an appropriate title.

Bringing senior Brandon Lomeo up on stage, Karol performed a poker game Texas Hold'em, where he was able to guess the student's card he had chosen. Following up the trick, Karol also managed to find another student's card, by tossing the entire deck into the air, and sticking it to the top of the auditorium ceiling.

Crowds witnessed two feats that were featured in the movie *Jackass* Number 2. Bringing two students to stage, Karol laid before them an authentic, all metal bear trap. Audiences were at the edge of the seats when the performer jokingly

"I'm living proof that you can do incredible things if you just put your mind to it." JIM KAROL

Psychic

moved one students' hand close to the trap's trigger mechanism, until Karol thrusted his own. With the contraption closed tight around his lower forearm, he waved the trap, saying, "Pain is all in the mind," with not a sign of discomfort.

For audiences unfamiliar with the stunt-based film, Karol had his signature shock stool blending in on stage. Men's basketball player Whitney Coleman braved the seat that once sat Jason "Weeman" Acuna's bare buttocks, and experienced the same shocking results. At a push of Karol's button, The performer proved to crowds Coleman jumped out of his seat, clenching the affected area.

after the show. "That thing really did shock me."

After main stage attractions were over, Karol invited the crowd trick loosely based around the infor an intimate round table demonstration. Audience members gathered tightly around a small wooden table, where he performed several card tricks, including a celebrity picture card trick he created, and had recently performed on the Ellen DeGeneres Show earlier this month. Many of the tricks Karol demonstrated were followed by a detailed explanation of how it was carried out.

"I usually don't do this for people," he said after the show concluded. "I'm just trying to prove I'm not doing trickery. Some of the stuff here is the real deal. I'm all about entertaining crowds."

"It felt pretty cool being his assistant," said Nicole Packo, Student Activity Board festival co-chair. "It was very interesting being a part of the show for once!'

All the illusions and tricks in Karol's act have been self taught. Before his life as a performer, he had attended college and received a degree in criminal justice. It was not until he was laid off at a job at a steal mill at age 20 that he began performing magic tricks and illusions for crowds.

Karol has been on many nationally broadcasted television shows, including The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Montel Williams, and Good Morning America. One of his most memorable on camera performances, he recalls, was with Johnny Knoxville and the rest of the Jackass crew for the filming of their movie.

"I've never seen so many beer bottles in one room," he recounted. "I'm the craziest act in the country, and I felt like a child next to them! I have a crazy show, and they're just crazy."

Karol is the author of Mind "It really hurt!" he proclaimed Games, a book that gives the reader tips on how they can accomplish the same mental feats as he does.

CAMPUSDOOR



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Kramer to aid in the search of the building.

"I think it's amazing that the community has such an efficient emergency response to the University," said student Janet Miller, who was passing by the commotion.

Another concern was revealed by one organic chemistry teacher. Her class had been conducting an experiment in Edison when the fire alarm sounded. This forced the class to leave flasks of sulfuric acid unattended.

The chemicals being used and reaction being made were both stable, however, so the concern was merely in the air surrounding the acid. Hazmat was called in and eventually the sulfuric acid was moved to safety.

Besides teachers, students and emergency personnel, Hawk TV reporters and even a representative from NJ 101.5 FM was present during the brief crisis.

Students were permitted back into the Edison Science Building and Howard Hall at around 8:30 pm. Classes were resumed and the Monmouth community returned to its daily routine.



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Kidz Bop and Indie Rock From Ireland and Scotland to Camden, New Jersey

LISA PIKAARD ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Although OK Go was the opening act for Snow Patrol, they deserve their own column. Everyone has heard their catchy, and f*in great!" Everyone enjoyed sometimes irritating, hit, "Here that. He then went into a story It Goes Again," and undoubtedly about how he was told the band's knows the band as the guys with big hit, "Here It Goes Again," is the treadmills. Well, the

quirky band with the gym equipment is just as quirky and eccentric live. More than that, they were beyond entertaining and talented.

OK Go was as-

tounding live and no one in the audience could take their eyes off the stage or the big screen. During their performance, peculiar videos - there was one of a man wearing a leotard that matched the wallpaper of a small room dancing around - were being shown. No matter how strange or disturbing the videos were, I couldn't seem to stop watching them. Well, their live performance was no less outlandish than the aforementioned video. The crowd was cracking up at the jokes and stories the band told, and rocking out to every song, regardless of whether or not they knew it. Almost the entire audience was standing, and that is very rare with opening acts.

some to be an indie rock group exactly what I did as soon as the and a fan made sure to point that show was over.

out. Well, in response to said crazed fan's shouting, the band made the crowd do the wave. Then lead vocalist Damien Kulash said, "You just don't do the wave at indie rock shows! That's f*in great!" Everyone enjoyed

on the newest Kidz Bop

album, which he

defined as a bunch of 8 - y e a r old kids singing popular songs. He goes on to say, "That song is about being in a stupor

of a hangover after a one night stand and thinking 'WTF did I just do?' How many 8-year- olds know that feeling? AND, if they do know that feeling, do you really want them playing your song?" That was the greatest possible introduction to that song, and had the packed Tweeter Center standing on their feet.

I must admit that I didn't know a single other song the band had performed Saturday night in Camden, New Jersey. But I do recall the band debating whether to call Camden Philadelphia show, Kulash made sure to say, "Thank you, Camden-Philly!" I didn't care where I was, but I did The band is still considered by care to get their CD – which is

LISA PIKAARD ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Snow Patrol, best known for their hit song "Chasing Cars," has a few good albums out. Nothing, though, can even come close to the band's sound live. The band originates in Ireland and Scotland (being that members are from both countries) and has come a long way, now playing sold out concerts in the United States, a sign of true talent.

Their most recent album, Eyes Open, which previously appealed to me as a good mellow rock album, seems somewhat flat now that I've witnessing the band live. I was fortunate enough to get to interview the band a bit before the show, and I found out a little about what drives them. Before each show, they play table tennis (ping pong) and then snooze for a while until it's time for them to go on stage.

When asked if they drink or party before a show, the band's keyboardist Tom Simpson said, "We get too crazy!" (Which is ironic being that they are such a mellow band) He went even further, saying, "There is no such thing as one beer. Once you start you don't stop!"

The show was an altogether great show. The lighting matched the songs perfectly. The lights were predominantly blues and reds, keeping the mellow feeling the band exudes. The lights were hanging down on what looked like cargo nets across the entire back of the stage, and or Camden. At the close of the the drums and the keyboards were raised on platforms so they wouldn't be buried in the back of the stage.

> The crowd was a great mix of all ages, and there was an even split of men and women in the crowd. There were even people that had to Europe. Simpson said Glasgow is low snow!"

be in their late 50s together dancing in the aisles.

I was most impressed by their song "Grazed Knees" from their album Final Straw. The song with the mellow lighting and overall tone reminded me of a newer "Iris" by the Goo Goo Dolls. It was powerful and is definitely a song to download and check out. The other song that was better live than I would have imagined was "Chasing Cars." The song was of better quality than the album version, which was fantastic already. The introduction to the song really got the crowd in the mood for the performance. Nathan Connolly, the lead vocalist, introduced the song by telling the audience about how they performed after Beyonce on an award show recently and how she had a wind machine. He said, if he had a wind machine he would, "Turn on the wind machine, put on a cape, put my underpants over my pants, and become an indie rock superhero! This song is dedicated to Superman." Needless to say, they were heroes (if Portland four times." not superheroes) to the crowd that filled Camden's Tweeter Center on Saturday night.

Although Camden, New Jersey may not have been the place of choice the band would perform, they made sure to point out a commonality between Camden and their home. Connolly said he likes to do research before he He discovered that Camden was the murder capital of the United States and then pointed out to the if you haven't, buy it!" crowd that Glasgow, Scotland, his hometown, is the crime capitol of from Simpson: "Don't eat the yel-



PHOTO COURTESY of www.google.com Snow Patrol, best known for "Chasing Cars," rocked a packed Tweeter Center in Camden, New Jersey Saturday night.

where he would play if he could play a show anywhere. He said, "It's always your hometown. We don't play there enough. We played there twice last year and we played

Snow Patrol may be a mellow rock band from Scotland and Ireland, but they certainly have what it takes to make it in the United States. With hit songs that sound even better live like "Hands Open," "Open Your Eyes," and, of course, "Chasing Cars," the band will be around for quite some time. If you don't know the three songs mengoes somewhere new and he had tioned above, go hear them now, never played in Camden before. or in the words of Snow Patrol's drummer, Jonny Quinn, "Thanks for buying our music if you have;

Oh, and one last bit of advice



JACQUELINE KOLOSKI CO EDITOR IN CHIEF

Since when does it take three two.

creative in both of these, the music sounded a bit too repetitive. It was difficult to distinguish the **GREGORY EGAN** STAFF WRITFR

America's favorite reptiles make the world from de-

April O'Neal and Casey Jones, have to fight together to save struction. The most impressive and amazing aspect of TMNT was its graphics. The combination of animation and computeriza-PHOTO COURTESY of tion almost make the **TMNT** are characters look real. ready for ac-Another positive astion. pect is how the film brings back numerous elements from the three previ- major villain since anybody who ous movies. Towards the end of the has seen the Ninja Turtles knows first film and throughout the third, Casey and April were dating. It have used more of a sense of huwas interesting how they brought that concept into this film. The most negative aspect of the new version. The only character film was the turtles' enemies. You begin to get confused as to who the turtles' enemies are and who they are allying with, especially towards the end of the picture. At first, the movie makes you believe that Max Winters is going to It is suggested that viewers check be the arch nemesis. A little later out Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles on, you see the stone warriors that (also known as *TMNT*) on DVD.



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Winters created and the monsters that have made their way through the portal from three thou-

albums to finally formally introduce yourself to the music scene? I was left with that question when listening to the new Joss Stone album entitled Introducing Joss *Stone*. Stone is known for her soul and bluesy voice, and this record showcased that same vocal ability which reinstates my initial question: What's with the introduction? I thought we were introduced to It shows that Stone is capable her in the first album. Apparently, we were not.

The overall album was predictable. I thought since she appeared to have been coming out with a new look, a new sound or a variation of the old sound would complement it. But it came up short in that department. I felt like this person was already known.

Believe It," sounded reminiscent not sure if there is a quota they of a Supremes song due to the have to meet or what, but it bebackground vocals and the music. The second song, "Headturner," sounded very similar to the pre- little deceiving. Overall, I would vious song. Though the lyrics are say it was satisfactory at best.

"Tell Me About It," the current single off of the album, is one of the better songs. It has a catchy beat to it as opposed to the many ballads that are featured. "Tell Me What We're Gonna Do Now' takes an entirely different route. It strays away from the soul sound and instead dabbles into the more pop-sounding track. of singing songs that do not have the soul sound to them and walked out of her comfort zone for a minute.

This is a question I want to raise: How many times do soul singers have to say "baby"? It got quite repetitive when listening to the album and something that I really began to notice after The first song, "Girl They Won't the track "Baby Baby." I'm came a little much after awhile.

The title of the album was a

their way back to the big screen

after a fourteen-year absence in the film, TMNT. Donatello, Rafael, and Michelangelo try to live a more peaceful life in their underground home beneath the sewers of New York City after having defeated their arch nemesis Shredder over a decade ago. Meanwhile, the leader of the group. Leonardo, has been sent to Central America by the turtles' rat sensei, Splinter, for training to become a better leader for the clan. Leonardo unexpectedly returns to the Big Apple and the occasion creates a feud with Rafael, who has held a grudge against his brother's lengthy absence.

In the film, the turtles are up against more than a few villains. Their opponents in the film include: technology industrialist Maximillian Winters, an army of stone warriors, 13 mammoth monsters that make their way through a portal from thousands of years ago, and their old arch enemy, the Foot Clan. Now the turtle gang, along with www.google.com

sand years earlier. It was interesting how the Foot Clan was brought back from the original film. The Foot Clan was the only villain in the film that made sense.

It probably would have been a better idea if the filmmakers found a way to bring back Shredder as the film's

who Shredder is. The movie could mor. The turtles' goofiness in the earlier films is rarely seen in the that is somewhat funny is Michelangelo. The most amusing part of the movie is when Michelangelo lets out a loud burp after eating a piece of pizza. As a whole, the film only has scattershot laughs.



Forever Stronger Than All

REMEMBER

ERINH NATHAN

Jeffrey Thompson, were taken before their time.

JEF



DANIEL LOBACZ CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On December 8, 2004, renowned guitarist "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott was performing with his new band Damageplan at the Alrosa Villa night club in Columbus, Ohio when 30 seconds into their first song, a deranged schizophrenic "beast" broke into the club, found his way to the stage and fired three point-blank shots, killing the guitarist. Oddly enough, John Lennon, the famous Beatles singer, was killed Their stories December 8, 1980, almost to the minute. Since December 8, 2004, rumors spread like wildfire about this incident. Philip Anselmo, the singer of Dimebag's former band Pantera, was brought up in every conversation seeing that their courageousness split was anything but amicable. The Alrosa Villa was also under fire for cries of lack of security. It seemed that if you were to ask five heavy metal fans what happened on that night, you would get five different descriptions of the events that took place.

since the Alrosa shootings, and we have heard a ton of stories, but the also tired of having these four theme that is common with all of men either be left out or put on the them is that three names seem to backburner. So he set out to find

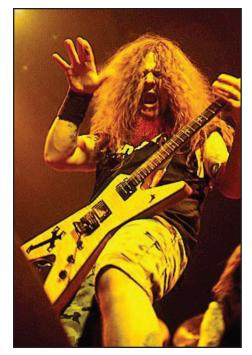


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Darell Abbott was an amazing guitarist who was killed 24 years to the day after John Lennon.

of security Jeffrey "Mayhem" Thompson; fan, father and husband Nathan Bray, and security guard and professional roadie Erin Halk.

I am sure you are asking, "Who are these guys?" How could you not? seem to be left out of every report, article or Behind the Music. Instead of focusing on the and selflessness

of these three men and remembering Dime for the free spirit he was, the media focused on a selfish killing machine who callously took four lives to "fix" whatever problem he thought *he* was having.

Author Chris A., like me, was It has been about 27 months affected deeply by this tragedy and he wanted answers. He was

the truth and also to find some information on the three heroes that we have never heard about. Over a 14-month span full of sleepless nights, tears and determination, Chris came up with a book that is part rock and roll history, part true crime and part biography.

What he came up with was a modern day story about good vs. evil. "A Vulgar Display Of Power: Courage and Carnage at the Alrosa Villa" is an insightful look at all aspects of this tragedy. Chris interviewed hundreds of people that were involved in this incident, including family members, friends, and Columbus police, Alrosa

What we are getting in this book is a look at the lives of three men who were stuck in a situation

coward, otherwise known as the gunman and how his "plan" has backfired and his grave continues to be spit on while we all celebrate the men that tried to stop him and the man who he had so much hatred for, he thought violence was the answer. Also found within the pages of AVDOP is a full description of the night and events idea behind this is to get an honest view of what happened and to show how selfless our three heroes actually were. Between the chapters, we will find stories, encounters and memories that are shared about the great "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott. These sections are appropriately named "Dime Time".

Throughout time, heavy metal music has had a horrible reputation. Within the first year of this, all we heard was how heavy metal music bred violence and this was just another tragic example of it. It wasn't too long ago that there was an interview on our own HawkTV where an employee of our radio station, when asked what he likes about each genre of music, stated he liked listening to metal music when he was in the mood to hear about killing animals or something along those lines. Obviously, this was a harmless joke and the person being interviewed never meant any harm. But that is the kind of attitude and perception metal has been fighting for a long time. We can trace back full of tragedy and decided to what became "that one year" to give their lives to help, at the Grammy's where Metallica either be left out or just little foot- something extremely rare in this lost "Best METAL Performance" to Jethro Tull. For those who do a signing at the club Dingbatz. It

The selflesspassion that Nate B., "Mayhem" and wrong the stereotypes are. has always gotten holds absolutely no water.

PHOTO COURTESY of google,com December 8, 2004 will be remembered at the Alrosa as the day four lives, Erin Halk, Nathan Bray, Darrell Abbott, and is actually the complete oppo-A. articulates tragedy.

that to the best of his ability. ultimate sacrifice for the greater good. We saw METAL fans, get that, metal fans risk their own lives to save one of their own and violence.

I have spoken to Chris A. on good- hearted guy who just wanted the world to know this story. He has told me there were times where he was just going to trash all his hard work and book because he felt that it didn't do these men justice.

By sharing this book with the Stomp some ASS!" world, Chris A. tells us the real truth and he also extends his hand to anyone who is still having trouble dealing or confronting this tragedy. According to the Columbus police chief, no one knows more about this situation then he does.

"A Vulgar Display of Power: Courage and Carnage at the Alrosa Villa" drops on April 13. Throughout the next year, Chris A. will hold benefit signings. Anthony Bray was the son of Nathan Bray and at these signings, 100 percent of the proceeds will go to the Anthony Bray College Fund and other charities. "Mayhem's" father Frank Thompson might hold a benefit in the Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas area to provide support for charities related to paranoid schizophrenia, the symptoms which afflicted the killer. On May 12, in Clifton, NJ, there will be

In closing, we all can learn ness, love and something from the heroics displayed by Nathan Bray, Jeffery 'Mayhem" Thompson and Erin and Erin showed Halk. We can also learn something equaled the way from the way "Dimebag" Darrell Dime lived his Lance Abbott lived his life. Oflife every day ficer James Niggemeyer sets an together example for us too. He went into they showed us the Alrosa without backup and how completely stopped the madness by taking out the gunman. He saved lives. If he had waited, who knows how many They showed us more lives would be chronicled that the elitest in this book? For all you aspiring attitude metal cops, this is what it truly means to protect and serve.

December 8, 2004 was a horrible day. Throughout this article, What we learn you have heard me say tragedy a million times. I've said it because losing four beautiful men to a site and Chris senseless crime is nothing but a

For me, this hit home because On December 8 we witnessed Dime was one of my idols. I grew tragedy, but we also witnessed the up with his music blasting in my ears and in my guitar books and magazines. Once I learned about the other three guys, Nate B., "Mayhem" and Erin, it was like take down an obvious advocate of adding fuel to an already burning fire.

Chris A. looks at the big picture leading up to December 8. The many occasions. He is a genuine and tries to pull out the positives, something I think our four heroes would want us all to do.

In this story of good vs. evil, evil may have won the battle, but good has won the overall war and will hopefully always prevail, or, like Dime would say, "Good will

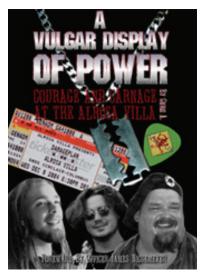


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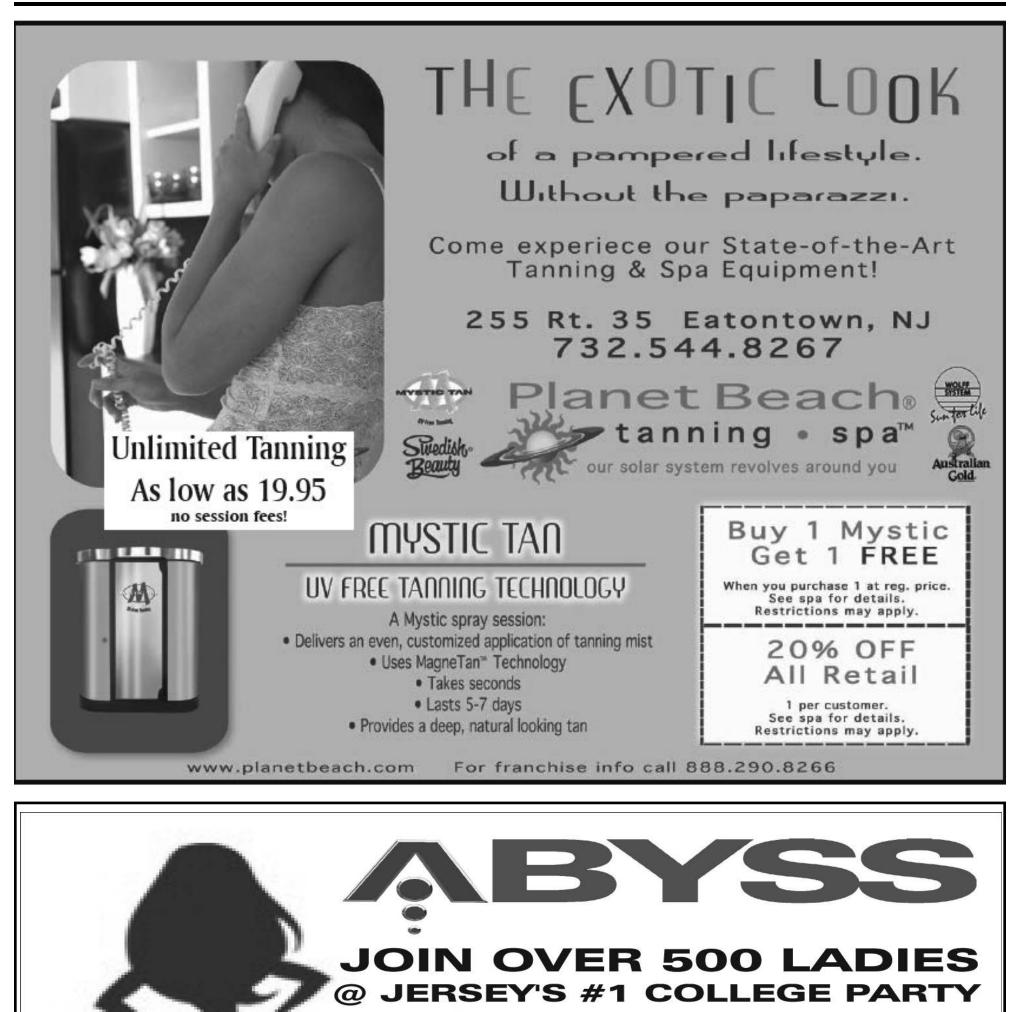
What we don't hear about are Chris also explores the back- not know, Jethro Tull was not even would be great if as many people as possible could come.

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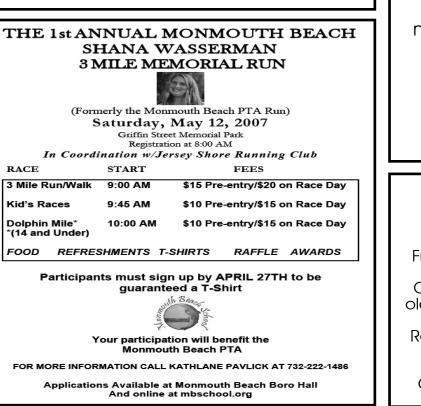
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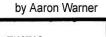
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SGA President's Corner

Hey Monmouth University,

Next week is April already! Seniors are starting to realize that commencement is around the corner, and the rest of us have to start thinking about next year. Registration for classes begins this week, and housing selection is coming up. Also, elections for next year's Student Government Association Senate begin in April. All positions are available at every grade level including senator-at-large, so if you were thinking about it, now is your chance. Be about it.

If you're not running, it's still your responsibility to vote. SGA does a lot, probably more than you even realize, so who you choose to represent you, regardless if it's a federal, state, or school government, is important. Voting is a whole week long with laptops available to vote in the dining hall and student center, so there really aren't any excuses not to vote. Voting for SGA elections is the week of April 9-13th.

Besides SGA elections, we have another thing on the agenda. Last year, the senate sat down and took a really good look at the SGA Constitution and felt that is was outdated and full of grammar mistakes and typographical errors. Taking our time to carefully comb the Constitution, it is finally ready to be presented to the student body for a vote of approval. It's funny, because the right for students to approve the Constitution is actually one of the amendments we decided on that wasn't even included in the old one. The document will be available for review with noted amendments by the first week of April. The voting of approval will take place the week of April 16th with tables being set up with laptops to vote, SGA giveaways, and information about the Constitution available. The Constitution is important to the student body at large because it discusses procedures for things like student judicial hearings, sanctions for student funding, and club/ organization guidelines. Check it out; take the time to read it and vote because it affects you.

That's a lot, I'll let it soak in. That's it for now. Have a fun a weekend.

Sincerely,

Brandon Bosque

Alpha Xi Delta

Hey everyone! The women of Alpha Xi Delta hope everyone is doing well and keeping up with their schoolwork! We're almost done! The ladies of Alpha Xi Delta would like welcome our newest sister, Lastny Rodriguez. 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!

New Jersey Community Water Watch

LOCAL WATERWAY CLEANUPS

75% of NJ's waterways are too polluted and unsafe for fishing or swimming! We need your help to pick up trash out of our local waterways! In the past volunteers and Water Watch organizers have collected tons of garbage out of surrounding Monmouth County waterways. This is a great way to get out in your own environment and make a difference!

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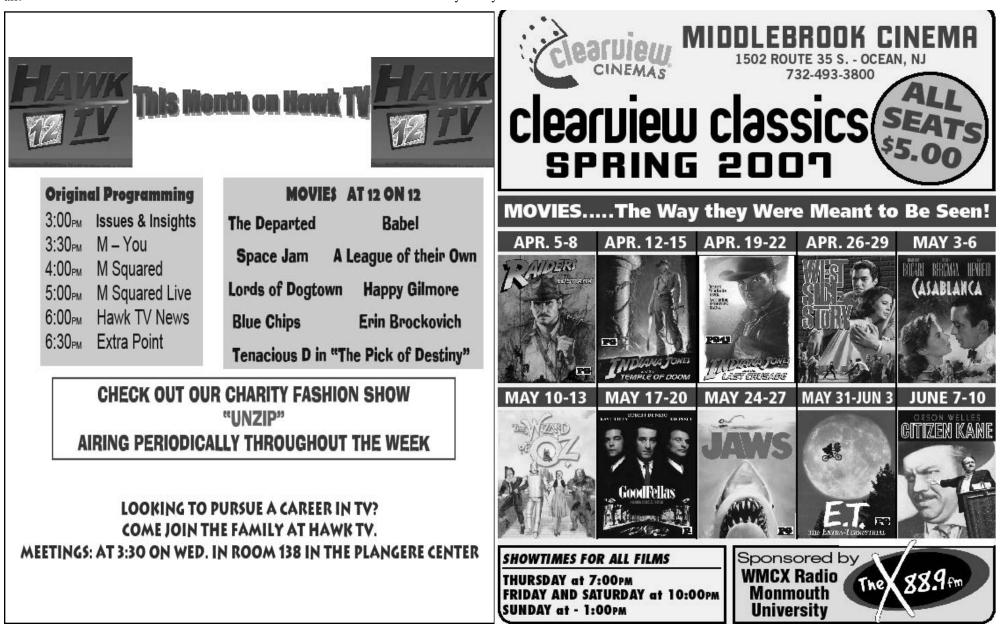
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I love you Perfect! I enjoyed to the fullest dancing and all with you girls Friday night! xoxo- dolce. dolce...when else could we be the cutest bunnies ever? No one else can prance like us! Love- GLISSAdE. Helloooo......Aloha! - DESTINi. VOGUE is so CALIENTE, I love you little, you are my sunshine. xoxo. SunSet and fabulous...the perfect fit! Love you littleface! Harmoni, we're bringing sexy back...yup. P.S.-\$68 you love it! Secret, always obsessed <3 SunSet. Love my little HEIRESS! SunSet, what you know about UDel? Love HARMONi.

Alpha Sigma Tau

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Vogue: i just wanted to say that you are the best secret i could ask for. Thanks for all you do and say :0) Stitch: I could not have asked for a better bigface, you rock in so many ways, Thanks :o) I love my birthday buddy and out randomness! love my little too - Serenity. LuckyStar absolutely loves trips to NJIT with Gia, kaprice, Electra, Spryte and Cypris! I don't know what I would do without my lovely Alpha Pis and al my sisters. I miss Luna - LuckyStar. Muse and Radiance take a trip to APC to purchace Spider Monkeys!!! Just want my Rhos to know I love them like WHoa! - Muse. Thanks for treating me to a good night on thursday radiance! GBig thanks for helping me heal - Summer. Thanks for dinner Serenity - Spryte. Paradice = best hair stylist ever, i <3 Friday's on Friday love Twinkle. Arielle - we should make our trips an annual event!! I need a little more Alpha Rho in my life! Cyprus thanks for being my on call dining hall partner and best social chair teammate! <3 Euphoria. Lady and Cyprus make dinner after a trip to Ralph's and ranting all the way there. Riff is so sad about Greek Week. OH MY GOD, Gia luckystar, cyprus, electra spryte, kaprice - i love us so much! i jsut love us. - i love smalls and g-smalls - <3 Gia. Secret Euphoria my love. Cyprus I absolutely love you! <3 Tink



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World According to MU: Hurricanes

SEAN KENNY CLUB & GREEK EDITOR

In recent years, the number of hurricanes seems to have been on the rise during the warmer months of the year. This has led to billions of dollars in damage and tragic loss of lives throughout effected area. The summer and fall of 2005 was one year in particular that the Gulf region of the United States, Mexico and the Bahaman islands saw an unprecedented amount of damage and death due to powerful hurricanes. In that same year, the United States experienced one of its greatest natural disasters, when Katrina flooded and destroyed most of New Orleans.

This year, according to an MS-NBC.com article titled "Forecaster expects very active hurricane season," the upcoming hurricane season will be exceptionally active. The British group based out of London known as "Tropical Storm Risk," is claiming that this year will yield numerous hurricanes, possibly resulting in another Katrina-like situation.

The group has stated that for the six-month period, which begins on June 1, there will be 17 tropical storms, nine of which will become hurricanes, with wind speeds reaching 74 miles per hour or more. Out of the nine predicted hurricanes, four will become intense, destructive hurricanes, according to the Tropical Storm Risk group. On average, the amount of storms per year that develop into tropical storms number close to ten, with

six reaching hurricane strength during the months from June until the middle of autumn.

After the 2005 season when a record setting, 15 hurricanes developed in our oceans, scientists drew the same predictions for the following tropical season. Although the scientific community predicted record setting numbers for 2006, the tropics, in fact, had one of their most docile years on record.

The TSR points to projected and current climate trends that indicate that Atlantic Basin and U.S. land reaching hurricane activity to rise 75 percent above a half a century average of threatening storms, according to MS-NBC.com. Other factors such as a dissipation of El Nino, which usually suppresses hurricane and tropical activity, and a cooling of the Pacific waters, points to yet another season of unusually active tropical activity.

The most serious issue surrounding the possibility of another devastating hurricane season is the possible effects it could have on the human population in areas such as the gulf coast and the Florida peninsula. In 2005, the effects of Katrina were absolutely devastating, with thousands of people dead and countless more left homeless.

Monmouth associate professor of Geography, Dr. Karen Schmelzkopf, explained how devastating the effects could possibly be on the region in the southern United States, due to a number of different reasons.

"Full measures have still not been taken in preventing damage to the Gulf area. While 2006 was mild, it has also worked to decrease the sense of urgency," explains Schmelzkopf. She con-tinues by stating, "Moreover, with the crime rate and the lack of housing in the area, another major hurricane will exacerbate the social as well as the environmental instability of the area."

As for the current situation in New Orleans, even after two years of rebuilding, Schmelzkopf explains that the damage has still not been entirely fixed, due to numerous reasons, and that a similar hurricane could make the situation much worse than it already is.

"Minimal gains have been made in New Orleans, let alone preventing similar catastrophes. The US Government Accountability Office released several studies last month indicating the problems with the lack of housing and health care in Louisiana, and the need for coordination with state and local governments in future situations," explained Schmelzkopf.

As New Orleans continues to rebuild and this new prediction being made, scientists are still certain that this year could be a season similar to that of 2005. The TSR, along with other scientific organizations, have released this information before the start of the hurricane season and will continue to try to predict, what could be, another year of powerful tropically formed storms.

Disaster Can Happen Anywhere...Anytime!

As part of Monmouth University's continuing effort to help those across the globe, we are asking all employees and students to contribute (individual or group) themed gift baskets to a silent auction that will be held in the Student Center during Global Understanding Week, April 9th-13th. Proceeds from this event will be used to sponsor a box containing survival items from ShelterBox USA, an international rotary club project.







Baskets can be dropped off in the Office of Student Activities on the Second Floor of the Student Center by April 6th. Please notify contact person of participation in our silent auction and basket theme

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Spring Break: Milan and Florence, Italy

DANIELLE DECARLO STAFF WRITER

Ciao Monmouth University! Well, I just got back from spring break and I definitely have a lot to write about! For the past ten days, I was in Italy! I went with two other girls from Monmouth, and we decided to have a nice relaxing spring break in Milan and Florence. We stayed in Milan for two nights in a really nice budget hotel and got to see the Duomo there (duomos in Italy are cathedrals). It was absolutely beautiful! The duomo in Milan is a very gothic cathedral. Two of us climbed the stairs all the way to the top, where we got to see a view of the whole city of Milan!

Milan was fun, but there is not much else to do there besides shop. It was fun to window shop, though! All of their stores are very famous brands and very expensive, so we walked around since the weather was absolutely gorgeous -- we did not have one day that wasn't sunny!

friend, also. So there were five of us in Florence. We actually booked the hotel we stayed at through a travel agency. The hotel was really nice, and we got a much cheaper price than we could find ourselves. The hotel was three stars and we paid the same amount as we did for a budget hotel!

Florence was definitely more appealing to the eye than Milan. It was absolutely gorgeous. Walking around the streets there really gave us the Italian feel. We saw the duomo there, and climbed up 463 steps to the top and saw the whole beautiful city of Florence. The view was breathtaking! We also went to the Academia and saw precious works of art, including the real statue of David by Michelangelo. It was surreal to be in a place with such old, famous works of art. We went to the Ponte Vecchio as well, which was definitely a sight to see. We walked around the area by the Uffizi Gallery, which had statues by many

PHOTO COURTESY of Danielle DeCarlo

ence for four days. There, we met There were also people dressed as one of the girl's boyfriends and his the statues putting on shows for all of the crowds of people around there!

> Of course, the food in Italy was amazing. We all made a pact to eat at least two different types of gelato every day, and we definitely went above and beyond that! It was very nice because you could stop by a small café and get a sandwich for only two or three euro and it is the most amazing sandwich ever. Gelato is also pretty cheap, which was perfect for our pact! On our first night in Florence, we found a restaurant that had the best food we all had ever had. It was owned by a big family and they treated us like family as well! We had lunch and dinner there almost every day and even got to go out on the town one night with some of them. They were all very sweet and we all plan on keeping in touch with them!

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After exploring Florence for a few days, we headed back to Milan for three more days, where we walked around and explored the city a little bit more. We also went to Lake Como, which is probably one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen! There we sat at a nice little café right next to the lake with one of the most beautiful views ever! It couldn't have been more perfect.

A lot of the students here went to Italy, but went to at least four or five different cities. Honestly, it was very relaxing to only go to two. We got to really know the cities well, and really got a feel of the culture. It was really nice not to run around trying to catch trains and Ponte Vecchio, Italy.



Outside Duomo in Milan, Italy.

PHOTO COURTESY of Danielle DeCarlo

planes and feel comfortable in nice to be at our second home! I to see.

My best advice for future study abroad students is GIVE YOUR-SELF A BUDGET FOR SPRING (or fall) BREAK! Or budget yourself up until spring (or fall) break! We all we expected to, which was fine for me since all of my trips for the future are planned (and most of that money was spent on food!), but I know a few people ran into some financial issues or don't have as much money left as they expected! Italy was truly amazing.

The weather couldn't have been more perfect.

freezing, but it was definitely next week, Ciao!

the city we were in and have time couldn't have asked for a more to see everything that we wanted relaxing, fun spring break. It was stress-free, and we all really got a great feel for the Italian culture and had time to sit and really realize that we were in Italy. During most weekend trips, it is so overwhelming that you never get a chance to sit and think, "Wow, I spent a lot more money than am really here!" Italy was perfect in this manner, as we got to truly enjoy every aspect of Florence and Milan.

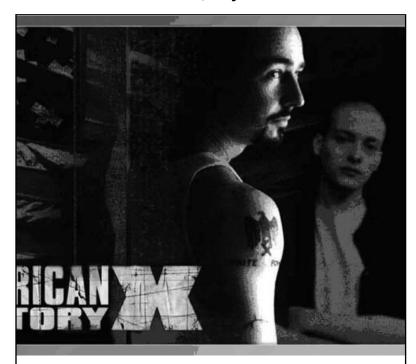
> I could go on and on about how wonderful Italy was, but I have to admit I am very excited to be back in London. My dad is coming to visit me in a few days, and I will finally get to play tourist in London with him!

If anyone has any questions at When we stepped off the all, please feel free to e-mail me at plane in London, we were all s0612807@monmouth.edu. Until





A scenic view of Lake Como, Itlay.



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Softball Swings into '07

Season Starts with Rebel Spring Games Tournament and Rider Invitational

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE SPORTS EDITOR

The Monmouth softball team officially kicked off their season with a ten game slate in Orlando, Florida. The Hawks, who were picked to finish sixth in the Northeast Conference in the preseason coaches' poll, are returning seven starters and all four of their pitchers from last year's squad. In addition, head coach Carol Sullivan welcomed a new addition to her staff, with the hiring of new pitching coach Michele O'Toole.

With the team and staff in place, the Hawks opened up their season with the Rebel Spring Games with a double-dip against South Dakota State and University of Detroit on March 5. The Hawks fell to South Dakota State in a low scoring affair, 2-0, as Jacks' pitcher Jenna Marston held Monmouth to just six hits, earning the shutout. Hawks pitcher Kristine Sawlsville went the distance, striking out eight batters while walking four. Jessica Vineyard provided the only offense in the game, a two run single in the fifth inning for SDSU.

The Hawks bounced back against the University of Detroit, rallying from five runs down to defeat Detroit 9-8 in eight innings. Offensively, the Hawks were led by Lee Simonetti and Nicole Alvarez, who combined to go 6-9 at the plate and score four runs. Heather Gordon tied the game at 8-8 in the bottom of the eighth with an RBI groundout. Jess Nicola, who went 3-5, drove in Dawn Gilchrist for the winning run.

Angela Rand, who came on in relief of Gordon, pitched 5 2/3 innings and allowed three runs on six hits. She also had two Ks.

The next day, Monmouth returned to action with two more games against the University of

day, the Hawks had an offensive explosion, scoring 19 runs en route to two more victories. In the first game against Maine, Simonetti and Alvarez once again led the offense, as Simonetti went 2-2 from the plate and scored two runs. Alvarez went 2-3 and scored three runs of her own. Gordon also went 2-3, with two doubles and three RBIs. Nicola also chipped in with two RBIs of her own. Sawlsville pitched a complete-game five-inning shutout, giving up just three hits and striking out eleven in the 12-0 victory.

pitched a complete game, allowing just one run on five hits.

Monmouth continued their breakneck pace of play, with two more games the next day against La Salle and Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne. The Hawks defeated La Salle 8-3, and Sawlsville gave up six hits and struck out seven to earn the complete game victory. Alvarez led the offense, with three hits, one of which was a triple, four RBIs and two stolen bases. Candice Palumbo also chipped in with three hits of her own, driving in the first two runs of the day.



PHOTO COURTESY of Monmouth Sports Information Heather Gordon was named NEC Player of the Week. She become the career leader in RBIs in the Hawks' loss against the Georgetown Hoyas.

It was much of the same in the Hawks' 7-1 win over Holy Cross, as Monmouth's offense continued in the sixth inning. Led by Pato click. Five Hawks had multi-hit lumbo, Alexa Ferrara and Gina games, as Jamie Jurewicz led the Mignogna, Monmouth scored way with two hits, two runs scored, nine runs in the last two innings

In the Hawks' 11-7 win over IPFW, Monmouth was down 4-2

Maine and Holy Cross. On this and two RBIs. Danielle Ellement of the game, and survived a five- Mizuno Bash at the Beach were run burst from IPFW to get the 11- cancelled, the Hawks returned 7 win. Ellement came on in relief of Rand and earned the victory.

After playing six games in three days, the Hawks were fly- marathon, the Hawks defeated ing high and had rattled off five the Red Storm 6-5, when Gordon straight wins following their season-opening loss to South Dakota run. St. John's took a 4-2 lead in State. Monmouth had an off day on March 8 and then returned to action on March 9 with a pair of games against teams from the Volunteer State.

The Hawks' five game winning streak came to an end against Tennessee State, 7-1, as the Blue and White struggled to score runs. Gordon allowed six runs in 4 1/3 innings. Simonelli's 4-4 performance at the plate was not enough to overcome Tennessee State's hitting.

In the second game of the day against Valparaiso, Monmouth took an early 2-0 lead on a Kara O'Dell home run. But fielding issues reared their ugly head, and two costly errors allowed Valparaiso to score three unearned runs, which turned out to be the difference in their 3-2 victory over the Hawks. Despite not relinquishing an earned run. Sawlsville took the loss.

The next day, the Hawks completed their ten game slate in Florida with another victory over IPFW 14-2, and a 2-1 loss to the Hoyas of Georgetown. In the game against Georgetown, Gordon set a new record for most RBIs in a career. The Hawks finished up in Orlando with a 6-4 record, having played a variety of talented teams from different conferences. Coach Sullivan was happy with her team's performance.

"Even in our losses, our offense looked confident," Sullivan said. "There are just a few things we need to work on."

to West Long Branch, New Jersey for a match-up against the St. John's Red Storm. In a nine inning drove in Ferrara for the winning the fifth, but Nicola drove in two runs to tie the game. After the Red Storm took a one run lead, Ellement scored to tie the game before Gordon's winning RBI. Sawlsville picked up the win in relief, pitching 4 1/3 innings and giving up two hits and no earned runs.

Fresh off of their victory against St. John's, the Hawks traveled to the Rider Invitational for two games against Lafayette, and two more against Villanova and host school Rider. On their first day of competition, Monmouth dropped both games against Lafayette and Villanova, 6-3 and 4-3, respectively.

The following day, the Hawks picked up a victory against the Rider Broncs and avenged their loss against Lafayette from the previous day. Against Rider, the game was tied at 1-1 when Monmouth scored two runs in the second and three in the third to extend the lead to 6-1. The Hawks team combined for ten hits en route to their 7-2 victory.

Thanks in no small part to the contributions of Gordon, the reigning NEC Player of the Week, the Hawks now stand at 9-6 and will return home for a pair of games against La Salle and Seton Hall. Coach Sullivan said the team is "very excited" for their final tuneup before they begin their NEC schedule. "It is so much about our team mindset and about our ability to execute," she said. The team will then open up conference play in Connecticut against Quinnipiac After their four games at the and Central Connecticut State.



ERIC M. WALSH ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

For some people, athleticism runs in the family. For men's golf vantage and an individual ECAC athlete Anthony Campanile, this title as a sophomore. His perfor- am balancing golf and academics statement rings true. As the sec- mance also helped catapult the pretty well." ond Campanile to play golf for Hawks to a team title in the same Monmouth, Anthony has done competition. He has also led the New Jersey plans on graduating enough in three years to distinguish himself from his older brother Greg.

the first Monmouth golfer ever to mance on the golf course. finish first at the NEC champion-64 en route to a three stroke ad-

season. As a freshman, he was classroom to match his perfor-

'Over the past two years, I have ships. Campanile shot a 71 and a matured a lot both on and off the golf course," says Campanile. "My GPA is a 3.3, so I would say I

The junior from Manahawkin.

Name: Anthony Campanile

Hometown: Manahawkin, NJ

Major: Business Management and Marketing

Sport: Golf

Favorite Teammate: "To say I have a favorite teammate would be like picking between eight of my brothers. I like them all the same, and they have become my best friends here at Monmouth."

Having signed early with Monmouth during his high school years and being the only recruit in his class, Campanile was highly regarded coming into his freshman year. As the third Campanile to attend Monmouth following his father and older brother, Anthony felt that MU was the best place for him to attend. "When I first started looking at golf schools, I wanted to go down south to let's say a Florida school or some place in the Carolinas. But, when it came time to choose, Monmouth just seemed to be the right place," says Campanile. He said that being able to play golf so close to home and having his family attend the matches was also a deciding factor in going to MU.

In his third year, Campanile has already earned two varsity letters and will earn his third this spring translates his performance in the with anything less."

Blue and White in stroke average for the last two seasons.

More recently, Campanile fired a 6-under 66 and finished fourth overall in the George Washington Invitational, just three shots off the pace.

With regards to this season and this year's squad, Campanile says, "I feel that the team has a great deal of potential. We just got from our first tournament and played pretty well. It was a strong field, and we proved we could hang with some pretty good schools. As far as our goals this year, it's obviously to win the NEC championship down in Sunset Beach in May."

As a student athlete, Campanile understands the importance of working hard in the classroom in order to earn his degree in business management and marketing. Over the past few years, he has managed to successfully balance school work with athletics and

from Monmouth next year and hopes to go into business with his brother Greg. "My future goals are to work with my brother in the city," says Anthony. "He has a job on Wall Street, and we have always talked about starting up some kind of business together, so I am hoping for the best.

As for ten years down the road. Campanile says, "I see myself being a partner with my brother and hopefully being successful. As far as pursuing my golfing career after college, that does not look like it's going to happen. That's not the lifestyle I want to live."

It seems like the Campanile brothers will once again be successful together somewhere in the future. But, for now, Anthony will focus on winning some more matches for the Blue and White. "I would like to win as many tournaments as I possibly can. I go out there to win and I am disappointed

Biggest Rival: "Central Connecticut, LIU, or Saint Francis (PA) -- they are the better teams in our conference, and I would hate to lose to them in the NEC tournament not necessarily because they are better than us, just because over the last 2 years I have just been a little bitter about losing to them."

Most Memorable Moment at MU: "In the fall of 2005, we were lucky enough to win the ECAC tournament. We all played well and set some Monmouth University Records for our golf program. It was definitely the best experience I have had here at Monmouth on the golf course."

Did you know?: Campanile fired a 6-under 66 en route to a fourth place finish at the George Washington Invitational.

Baseball Takes Two Out of Three from Catamounts

CRAIG D'AMICO ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

After committing four errors in the final two innings to blow an 8-3 lead in a 9-8 home opening loss to St. Peter's on Thursday afternoon, the Monmouth Hawks baseball team rebounded to take two out of three in a weekend series against the Vermont Catamounts at the MU Baseball Field.

In the opener, the Hawks once again relied on their young arms in a 3-0 shutout victory. Freshman Ryan Buch earned the start, and improved to 3-0 on the season with six shutout innings, allowing three hits and striking out eight.

Monmouth got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third inning as outfielder Kyle Messineo drove in catcher John Dennis with a two-out double to give the Hawks a 1-0 advantage. The Hawks were able to tack on two unearned runs in the bottom of the fourth on a Dennis bases-loaded single up the middle.

Junior Justin Esposito came in to relieve Buch in the bottom of the seventh, and was able to earn his first save of the season by striking out one and, after a walk. inducing a ground ball for a gameending Vermont double play.

In game two, the Hawks rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the third for a 7-5 victory and a Saturday sweep over the Catamounts. Vermont was able to plate three in the third as they rattled Hawks starter Matt Frazier for five hits.

The Hawks got on the board Niederhaus double play groundout to narrow Vermont's lead to home run down the left field line, his second of the season.

The Catamounts regained the

Monmouth quickly responded in the home half of the inning by getting their first two batters on board with walks. After a sacrifice bunt, senior Justin Braun came in to pinch hit for Brett Holland.

Braun would deliver the crushing blow, unloading a three-run pinch-hit home run to left-center field to give the Hawks a 7-5 lead. Esposito, who earned the save in the first game, stayed on the mound for the seventh after get-

PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme Chris Collazo went 2-for-4 with an **RBI in 6-5 loss against Vermont.**

when Messineo scored on a Rick ting the Hawks out of the sixth. Esposito ended any hopes of a Vermont rally by quickly taking 3-1. Then the Blue and White took care of the Catamounts, ending the lead on a Messineo three run the game with a groundout and a game-ending double play groundout after a walk.

The Hawks would go down in edge with a two-out, two-run defeat the next day in the series fisingle in the top of the sixth. nale 6-5, after a ninth inning rally fell short. The key inning for the Catamounts was the fifth, when they got four runs off of four hits, including a two-run double by third baseman Kyle Massie.

With Monmouth down 6-2 in the bottom of the ninth, the Hawks caught a break when Vermont took out dominating starter Bryan Rembisz. Rembisz completely befuddled the Hawks, pitching eight innings, allowing two runs, and striking out 13.

However, when he came out in the ninth for Vermont closer Nate Matusick, the Hawks took advantage.

Andy Meyers drove in two with a two-out single to left field, and John Elia plated a run with a pinchhit double to center. However, with two outs and a runner in scoring position, the Catamounts brought in righthander John Boyle, who struck out Niederhaus to end the threat and the game.

The 6-5 loss was the fifth one-run loss for the Hawks so far on the young season. It dropped Monmouth to 8-7-1 overall, the second best overall record in the Northeast Conference behind preseason favorite Central Connecticut State.

Two-time NEC Player of the Week Kyle Higgins continues to pace the

Hawks with a .435 batting average. Meyers leads Monmouth with three home runs and 18 runs batted in, good enough for second in the conference in both categories. Buch continues his hot start, leading the club with a 1.86 ERA. a 3-0 record, and 26 strikeouts.

The Blue and White will host Iona at 3 p.m. on Wednesday at the MU Baseball Field.



Men and Women Take First Place Overall at MU Invitational

MIKE TIEDEMANN STAFF WRITER

Everyone seems to feel more comfortable at home. There is something about it that just allows you to feel at ease.

It's really no different in sports. Having a home event helps in some sort of way.

This held true this past weekend as Monmouth hosted the 12th Annual MU Season Opener. Both

They started in the very first event held, when Ed Skowronksi finished first amongst the collegiate athletes participating in the hammer throw. With a throw of 191' 2", Skowronski qualified for the IC4A and NCAA Division I Regional Championship.

For the women, Tisifenee Taylor had a busy weekend. She finished first in the long jump, took home third in the 100m hurdles, and crossed the finish line second the men and women took home the in the 100m. She also helped the title in West Long Branch over the 4x100 team to a second place fin-

ish and a spot in the ECAC's.

Brittany Gibbs, a freshman, had a jump of 36' 11" in the triple jump. This was good for first overall, and also gave Gibbs a new freshman record. Her jump was also a record for the MU Season Opener.

While these were just a few of the many standout performances this past weekend, Compagni knows that it is about the team.



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme Latasha Leake (left) and Tisifinee Taylor (right) led the way for the Hawks in the 100 meter hurdles.

weekend.

was witness to another successful weekend, as the men finished ahead of the 11 other teams competing. The women finished first amongst effort.' the 13 teams that competed.

performances across the board for both the men and the women. home.

"We are happy that we contin-Head Coach Joe Compagni ued the tradition of winning at our home opener," said Compagni. "We had excellent performances at many events. It was a total team

This concept of the team will There were great individual lead both squads into another successful year; even if it isn't at



ALEXANDER TRUNCALE SPORTS EDITOR

The Monmouth lacrosse team continued their dominance over Northeast Conference opponents this week, with two victories over Wagner and Central Connecticut State. The Hawks' unbeaten streak points, including four goals, while in NEC regular season play was Ali Pollock scored four goals of

goals from Jessica Ellis and Cara Gonzalez and cut the lead to 12-9. But another offensive barrage from the Hawks that saw six goals in six minutes would put the game away and give Monmouth the win.

Degen led the Hawks with five also extended to eleven games, her own. Monica Johnson made



Senior Week is just around the corner!

dating back to the 2005 season.

Coming in at 5-3, Monmouth began their NEC schedule against traveled to Connecticut to take on Wagner in Staten Island, New York. Led by an 11-goal explosion in the second half, the Blue and White defeated the Seahawks 18-10. Carolyn Raveia and Katie Degen opened the scoring with two quick goals in the first two minutes of the game. After Wagner cut the lead to 2-1, Degen netted her second of the day and Colleen Berg scored to give the Hawks a 4-1 lead.

But the Monmouth defense got soft, allowing the Seahawks to get back into the game. Wagner scored three goals in just 1:18, and the two teams went into the break knotted at 7-7.

story, as Monmouth completely dominated play. The Hawks opened the half with five straight goals, and increased their lead to 12-7 as local product Ashley on Friday, March 30 as they take Waldman netted two of the five. on Sacred Heart at home.

seven saves in goal for the win.

After their victory, Monmouth the Blue Devils of Central Connecticut State. The Hawks picked up right where they left off offensively, and by halftime, were leading 11-4. They outshot the Blue Devils 26-10. Raveia had four of Monmouth's 11 goals in the first 30 minutes while Degen, Megan Berg, and Waldman each had two apiece.

The Hawks continued their dominance in the second half, as Monmouth was led by Megan Nutter, who scored three goals in the first 14 minutes. The Blue Devils clawed closer, as Abbey Hayes scored two goals to cut the lead to 15-10 with 6:19 to go in the game. The second half was a different But Monmouth's offense was too much, as Raveia, Pollock and Degen would cap the scoring, giving the Hawks the 18-10 victory.

Monmouth will return to action

Here are our events:



Look for more details in the April 4th issue of the Outlook. Ticket sales start April 4th!



HERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Craig Segel won the 10k race for MU

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Latasha Dickson led the way in 4x100 relay

Hawks keep title in Hest Long Branch with second straight Invitational win. Story on page 19