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## Seniors Display Art Work in Annual Show

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The Monmouth University Art Department presented its annual Senior Art Show Exposition on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The show was presented in both the 800 Gallery and the Ice House Gallery at the Monmouth University campus.

"The Senior Studio Art Show Exposition is an accommodation of the senior art student's preferred art work, from their time here," Suzanne Tomes, a Monmouth senior and Fine Art major stated. Her work is found in the Ice House Gallery, along the right side wall.

"For me personally, the art work that I am displaying at the show is mostly from my upper level art classes," Suzanne stated, "I feel more challenged in my upper level art classes; there is more creative license in those classes."

At the back corner of the left side wall in the Ice House, Andrea Zalenski, a Monmouth senior, had art work was displayed for the crowd. "When it comes to my art work matter, I like to look more at the art work's technique and style of how I am producing works rather than looking at the work's subject matter. The style of the art work piece can set such a tone and a look to the piece that it could be any subject matter. In these early years of creating art works, I tend to look at that more often." Andrea stated, regarding her art work at the senior showcase.

"This is one of the better shows that I've seen here in ten years, ever since I have been employed here at Monmouth University," stated Professor Aristovoulos.

Leigh Ann, a junior, Fine Arts major,



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Dean Michael Thomas and Professor Mike Richison glancing over senior Katie Fastnacht's art work.

was encouraged by the show, put on by her fellow classmates, "This art show is extremely inspiring to me, being an Art major."

Art work displayed in the back right hand side on the 800 Gallery was created by Christine Lindstrom, a senior, Fine Arts major. "I'm so excited to have my art work up in a gallery for the public to view. I am planning on attending Graduate school, so I look forward to working on much more art in my future," stated Christine.

Cynthia Plantamura, a Fine Arts senior, reflected on one of her pieces presented at the show; "This was one of my most challenging pieces of work. A portrait of my daughter, sitting on steps was difficult because it was the first time that I had done a full figure. I am very proud of how it turned out though."

Professor Mike Richison, Professor of Graphic Design, stated, "This show is

great; it has a very high level of craft."

"Overall I think the creative talent on display, in this show, is very impressive. Many of these senior students have the talent needed to go on to get their MFA (Master of Fine Arts) Graduate work should they choose. The students all received a very solid foundation on the arts, here at Monmouth, so now they can proceed should they desire to." Dr. Andrew Cohen, Chair of Arts and Design stated, towards the close of the night.

Jason Freidman, an Ithaca Graduate and an attendee claimed to be overwhelmed with the amount of talent displayed at the show; "It is really great that Monmouth University gives the students such a wonderful opportunity to showcase their work, an accumulation of their experience exploring their passion for art."

"I feel very pleased with my work in this show. In my years here, my professors have certainly been there to guide me. I am planning on attending Grad. school to get my MFA and become a college Art Professor, in my future." Katie Fastnacht, senior, Art and Education student declared.

"This year we have a very talented group of seniors, and they have presented a very diverse body of work, at this show which is definitely a success." The Art Gallery Director of Monmouth University, Scott Knauer, explained. "Stop by; take a look."

The Senior Studio Art Show Exposition will be on display from now until Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, in both the 800 Gallery and in the Ice House, on the Monmouth University campus. Dean Thomas stated at the close of the opening event for both art galleries, "This night was truly a success. Come out and see the magnificent work that our senior students have created."



PHOTO COURTESY of Sarah Alyse Jamieson

Suzanne Tomes, senior Fine Arts major, displays her art work at the Senior Exhibit, a piece inspired from a picture taken from a moving vehicle.

## Bias, Hate Crime Seminar on Campus

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STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, March 19, I took on the assignment of covering the "Bias Incidents and Hate Crimes on Campus" seminar. The seminar took place at Young Auditorium in Bey Hall from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. I went into the event with the attitude that this would be another week, another article. Little did I know how much I would learn about the topic and the community around me.

Detective Dave D'Amico of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office educated attendees about the difference between bias incidents and bias crimes. He informed people about prejudice and stereotypes, and showed an audience full of teary eyes what happens when people commit hate crimes, and nobody does anything to stop it.

The presentation started with a short video entitled "The History of Hate in America". Compiled of clips from movies such as "American History X" and "Mississippi Burning", the video threw in-your-face images at the audience, who expressed feelings of anger and sadness at what they were seeing. An image of a black man hanging by his neck from a tree as his murderers smiled for the camera. A little boy holding his parent's hand, and they're both dressed in white hoods. But this happened decades ago. This doesn't happen anymore, right?

Wrong. Hate didn't end with slavery, the Holocaust, and Timothy McVeigh. According to D'Amico, in 2002, there were approximately 500 known hate groups in the United States. In 2008, there are a reported 888 hate groups in our country. There are more White Supremacist hate groups than any other hate group.

Ok, so prejudice still exists, but not in New Jersey, right?

Wrong again. Until 2007,

New Jersey led the country in the number of hate groups. Today, we are second only to California, based on size and dense population, according to D'Amico.

So, there are hate groups in New Jersey, but my town is a nice, quiet safe town, and hate crimes don't happen there. Log on to [www.splcenter.org](http://www.splcenter.org) to view a list of known hate groups that meet in your town. According to this website, there are three that meet in mine.

What is a hate crime anyway? According to NJ law, any crime that is motivated by race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin or ethnicity, is a hate crime. The penalties for hate crimes, according to D'Amico, are one degree higher than the underlying crime, which means perpetrators will do more time.

Along with being second in the country when it comes to hate groups, New Jersey is first when it comes to protection and punishment. New Jersey has the most protected classes under the law, and the most severe penalties for people who commit hate crimes.

In NJ, according to Detective D'Amico, the most hate crimes are committed against people of color, blacks leading that group. Religion, mostly Jewish, falls second, and gay men and male Mexican immigrants are third. Shockingly, it is not only adults committing these crimes. According to D'Amico, children ages 12-21 are the majority offenders.

There have been at least five reports of hate crimes at Monmouth University alone since January 2007, according to D'Amico.

In his presentation, D'Amico told the story of a 14-year-old boy named Ahmed who committed suicide after being called names at school. "All it

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Wednesday 51°/33°

Mostly Sunny



Thursday 52°/41°

Mostly Cloudy



Friday 51°/43°

Showers



Saturday 56°/42°

Showers



Sunday 58°/42°

Partly Cloudy



Monday 54°/37°

Partly Cloudy



Tuesday 54°/45°

Showers

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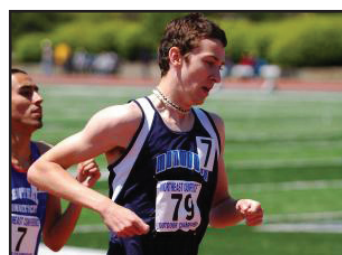
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# Shadow Nation Hosts Pepsi Bike Challenge

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STAFF WRITER

In March of 2007, a group of Monmouth University students came together to form Shadow Nation. In conjunction with the Athletics Department, the students decided there was a need for a Monmouth University Athletics Fan Club, now known as Shadow Nation. The goal of this club is to increase the hype and spirit at all games.

One of the things that Shadow Nation decided to do as one of the events exclusively for Shadow Nation Members was a Pepsi Bike Challenge. The challenge, which took place over a four week span, was directed by Shadow Nation Committee member Lauren Acquaviva. "The Shadow Nation committee was really excited when we received the bike from Pepsi. We thought it would be great to use it as a prize in a contest and



PHOTO COURTESY of David Beales

Like this bike? Keep an eye on the Shadow Nation for more school spirit boosting contests like this one.

proceed to the next round. Every round worked this way, including the championship round. The contest consisted of two

**"The Pepsi Bike challenge was a great idea to get students to come out to the games and be involved."**

**JULIAN MUSCIO**  
MU Student

since it was basketball season at the same time we went with that. Hopefully we will be able to have more competitions similar to the bike challenge in the future."

In each round two participants faced-off in a hot shot challenge. There were specific spots on the court that the participants could choose to shoot from and each spot was worth a certain number of points, ranging from 1 to 3. Each participant was given 30 seconds to try out their skills on the basketball court and their goal was to score as many points as possible. The participants who had the most points at the end of their shot offs would then

elimination rounds, a semi-final round, and a championship round and each round was held during halftime of a Shadow Nation sponsored basketball game. Participants included Joe Rancaniello, Julian Muscio, Devin Menker, Gina Mignogna, Joseph Lopardo, Stanley Fils-Aime, Adam Leibensperger, and Walter Barnes. Joseph and Julian were the last two contestants to compete. During the championship round that took place two weeks ago, they tied twice, but in the end of the second round of overtime, the winner was Julian Muscio. His prize was a brand new mountain bike, one of the items donated by Pepsi for this

come out to the games and be involved". He said that next time he will win the bike. All of the Shadow Nation members thought that the challenge was a great way to get the shadow nation members involved and give them another way to get great stuff while supporting Monmouth University Sports.

For its first year on campus, Shadow Nation has almost 200 members and is continuously thinking of ways to gain support and get students, especially student athletes and sports fans, involved. The Pepsi Bike Challenge was the first of many great things we will see from the Shadow Nation committee.

# ZTA Hosts Sixth Annual Big Man on Campus

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On Wednesday, March 26, 2008, the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha held their 6th annual Big Man on Campus event in Pollak Theater. This event is a male beauty pageant. Big Man on Campus is held every year to raise money for breast cancer awareness within the campus.

"The money goes to the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation and Breast Cancer Awareness and Education," said Ali Ostroff, co-fundraising chair and one of the planners of the event. With the proceeds collected from Big Man of Campus the sisters also collected outside donations from various vendors, all of the money collected will be all put towards the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation.

Both Ali Ostroff and Shannon Jacobs planned the event. Though Ostroff was on the sidelines for the event Jacobs was one of the female escorts during the event.

The event was well attend-

ed with members from the Monmouth Universities Greek community to the student of the University. Many of the male students that were participating in the pageant were very excited to be a part of the cure.

"The attendance was amazing, more than we could ever ask for. The guys were amazing who participated and overall it was a great success," said Ali Ostroff.

Jackie Small, freshman at Monmouth University said, "I had a good time. I mean what girl doesn't like a male beauty pageant? But on a more serious note, the show was really entertaining and I can't wait for next year!"

The male contestants included 12 contestants who were all from different fraternity and sports teams and were even some unaffiliated. The judges for the event included Michelle Hacker (president of ZTA), Seth Harrow (member of Sigma Tau Gamma), Victoria Lucido (sister of Phi Sigma Sigma), and Donna Wilbergh (ZTA Ad-

visor). The contestants of the show were being judged on personality, overall appearance, answers, applause, and being unique.

The first round was casual wear, each of the male contestant were wearing pink t-shirts, which said Real Men Wear Pink on the front. Round two was swimsuit and round three was formal wear. During each of the rounds the contestant were asked different questions from either of the two host, Kelly McCullough and Brandon Bosque.

Though the competition was fierce, Joe Lopardo prevailed and was crowned Monmouth University's Big Man on Campus.

"I was really excited that Joe won. Because not only did a freshman win but he is a really nice guy and definitely deserves it," said Small.

Adaer Melgar was also a contestant in the show when asked about his experience he said, "It was a good time, and I am glad to have been a part of it."

# Student Receives Scholarship to Study Abroad in Rome

**TARA FANTINI**  
STAFF WRITER

Ciao! Come sta! Buona sera! Arrivederci! These phrases will soon be commonplace for MU student Teresa Dioguardi who recently received the Programma Ponte scholarship to study abroad in Italy. The scholarship program, which is organized through the Italian Embassy, enables qualified Italian American college students to participate in an intensive summer course.

The Programma Ponte was initiated in 1997 and each year provides nine scholarships for Italian American students to study at the prestigious Thomas Aquinas University in Rome. The program focuses on the European Union and its strategic partnership. It also entails a visit to the Italian Parliament.

"I was asked to go into New York City to the Italian Embassy in America and participate in a panel interview," said Dioguardi. "After the interview, which took place in Italian, I waited about two weeks before I heard that I was chosen to participate in the program."

Dioguardi is a Communication major with a minor in Italian. During this trip, she hopes to meet new friends and

continue learning more about the language. However, she is no stranger to Italy as she lived there for 6 months before she transferred to Monmouth.

"I can speak Italian, this will be my second time living there," said Dioguardi.

During this program, Dioguardi will be living in a small town outside of Rome, which will give her a hands on experience when she is studying the political history of this city. One course will focus on ancient Rome and the other will discuss modern Roman history. Both courses will be taught completely in Italian. Although, this will pose no problem to Dioguardi as she speaks the language fluently.

"I am most excited about living in Rome, it is my favorite city in the world," said Dioguardi. "It has to do with ancient Rome because I love the fact that so many important people walked the same streets I am."

Besides enjoying the historic home of the Colosseum, the Sistine Chapel, and the Pantheon, Dioguardi also plans to travel to Sicily, Cinque Terre, Morrocco, and Greece.

"The scholarship is for the summer, but I will remain in Italy for a year," said Dioguardi. Bon Viaggio!

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# Open Mic Night Rocks Underground



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Sophomore Carlos Morales, a music industry major, performed at The Open Mic Night in the Underground on March 27.

**SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON**  
ASSISTANT OPINION EDITOR

In Elmwood’s Underground, on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Residents Hall Association, the Office of Substance Awareness and the Office of Residential Life, hosted their monthly Open Mic Night for students to enjoy and perform in. The girls from “Kylie’s Cause” were present at the event; they were selling the donation bracelets again to help to raise money for an MU senior and survivor, Melissa Pinheiro’s, medical bills.

To start off the night, Devin Manker, an MU freshman and Political Science major, the host of the night, made an opening announcement and thanked all of the attendees, performers and support for the night to occur. “Let’s get this night started!”

“This looks to be a good night” stated Jon Gant, an MU Grad Assistant in the Office of Substance Awareness and a great help to the organizers of the event.

First up was Matt Monkan, playing his trumpet. “Matt serenaded us all with his trumpet music,” Ron Zaras, an MU junior, Communications, Public Relations and Journalism major, announced.

Next up was Carlos Morales, an MU sophomore, Music Industry major. Carlos played his guitar to the hit, “Cannon Ball” by Damien Rice.

First raffle of the night came up; it consisted of a chocolate bar, an Einstein Bagel gift card and an RHA long sleeved T-shirt. The prize went to Jessica Duda, an MU sophomore.

Next up, Michael Dante Sommonte, an MU senior, Music Industry major, and a regular performer of the Open Mic Nights, who jammed on his guitar and sang to his song “Tiny People” which he announced to the audience that he had only written two days ago. Carlos accompanied Michael by playing his guitar along with Michael.

Bill Palmer, an MU freshman, Marine Biology major, and his friend Matt Milligan, a Drexel University student, played Blink 182’s hit “Damn It.” Before the two played, Bill stated, to the audience, how this song got him threw some rough times in life. Then the two boys performed the song.

Mary Bliz, an MU sophomore and education major, sang the Boys to Men hit, “It’s So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday.” Mary got a loud applause from the audience after her performance, so she sang a second song, “His Eye’s on a Sparrow.”

“Mary was great! She was the best one here tonight!” Jeff Kirk, an MU junior and Finance major, stated without a doubt in his mind.

Everyone seemed to be captivated by Mary’s performance! “Mary did an outstanding job!” Devin stated, after she sang her second song.

Carlos performed a Dispatch hit, “Two Coins.”

“I really enjoyed the chance to play in front of a group of people. Tonight was a blast!” Carlos stated, after his performance.

Michael sang and played to the tune “Step Back Son,” an original of his.

“I love music!” Michael excitedly announced after he had performed the hit.

A Credence Clearwater Revival hit, “Have You Ever Seen the Rain,” was played and sang next by Bill and Matt. Bill announced, after he and Matt performed the hit how it was their “favorite venue.”

Michael played once again! “Michael was certainly the hit of the night.” Devin stated, referring to the amount of times that Michael had gone up on stage and the level of the crowd’s cheering for his songs.

The final raffle was won by senior, Communications major, Lauren Philippi. “I’m very excited to use this gift card, to Einstein Bagels with my roommate, Liz.”

The last performance of the night was Bill and Matt again, and they played “The Looney Tunes Song” to end the night off on a high note.

“This was a jamming night.” Stated Jeff Kirk, an MU junior, finance major, referring to the great outcome of the night, after it was finished.

As the crowds were leaving the Underground, Devin stated how “The next and final Open Mic Night of the ’07 ’08 school year is going to be held on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, and we sure do want a big crowd. Come out and enjoy the night.”

# NCNW Hosts Annual Masquerade Party

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Monmouth University’s National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) hosted its 14th annual Masquerade Party on Friday, March 28, 2008 in Anacon Hall. It began at 8:00 pm and was open to the entire student body, offering a night of dancing and sporting different Marti Gras fashions.

Upon entering, guests were greeted by tables strewn with masks and beaded necklaces of all colors to wear while at the party. Inside, on the dance floor, there was Marti Gras décor of all kinds, including silhouette posters of Marti Gras dancers and streamers and beads colored purple, green, and gold. The colors are significant with the Marti Gras festival, purple meaning justice, green representing faith, and gold symbolizing power.

The event was complete with a DJ, who kicked off the party with mixed sounds of Hip Hop and R&B. The Masquerade theme is an annual tradition of the NCNW who usually begin



PHOTO COURTESY of Diana Cappelluti

Members of NCNW pose for a photo during the 14th annual Masquerade Party on Friday, March 28.

all backgrounds through involvement in beneficial community activities. Starkieah Hilton, President of the University’s chapter of the NCNW also corresponds with some sororities and professional associations to promote

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**STARKIEAH HILTON**  
NCNW President

planning the event a semester beforehand. The party was funded by last years’ Masquerade Party, according to Janise Barrett, Vice President of the NCNW.

Of the various activities the NCNW is involved in, the Masquerade Party has been one of the most successful on MU’s campus. The turnout was high this year, and the dance floor was filled with students of all backgrounds enjoying a night of fun and recreation.

The NCNW Executive Board did all of the organizing and decorating for the event. The group’s mission on campus is to advance opportunities for African American women and unite people of NCNW, considers her duty to the organization to be of the utmost importance. When asked what membership in the NCNW meant to her she said, “It means raising awareness through social responsibility and unity. My job is to make people aware of the African American culture, not just for African American women, but for women of all cultures so that we can all get to know each other better.”

The Masquerade Party is just one of the many activities the NCNW participates in each year to raise awareness of the personal, sociopolitical, and global issues that affect the lives of African American college women. Monmouth

their message. Nationally, the NCNW has 45,000 current members in 42 states and is also established in Africa.

Monmouth University’s NCNW urges students of all backgrounds to get involved in the group, which is not limited to African American women. If being a part of the annual Masquerade Party, participating in other NCNW events, and working toward goals of freedom, justice, and equality for all races sparks your interest, then the NCNW could be the group for you.

Be sure to check out a group meeting, which takes place every Wednesday in Bey Hall, room 225, beginning at 3:00 pm.

## Need An Ex Ed Placement?

### Experiential Education Opportunities Internships, Co-op’s, & Service Learning

Listings Provided By  
The Office of Service Learning and Community Programs & Cooperative Education

#### Summer Camp Companion for a Child with Cancer

Be a companion, friend, and mentor for a child with cancer at a one-week overnight camp in Blairstown, NJ. The camp will take place from June 21st - June 26th; transportation to the camp will be available from CentraState Medical Center in Freehold, NJ.  
Contact Marilyn Ward.

#### Migrant Education Program

Provide assistance as a teacher’s aide in a six-week educational program beginning in July for the children of migrant workers in Manalapan and Long Branch. The children are recent immigrants to the U.S. and have limited English proficiency. Great for Education, Social Work, Psychology and Spanish majors.  
Contact Marilyn Ward.

#### Radio Sales/Marketing Intern

Work closely with Account Executives at WRAT 95.9 located in Belmar, NJ. Great opportunity for Business, Communication, Public Relations, and Screen Study majors. Should have an interest in radio.  
Contact Kathy Kennedy.

#### Museum Internship

This internship program in Newark, NJ will provide students with meaningful career development experiences while at the same time imparting practical knowledge of the museum profession. The program will take place from June 16th - August 8th. Ideal for Art, History, and Communication majors.  
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# Monmouth University to Host Relay for Life

*Event will help raise funds for cancer research and programs*

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Monmouth University, together with the American Cancer Society, will host an overnight relay event beginning at 5 p.m. April 11 at Monmouth University's practice field to raise funds for cancer research and programs.

The Relay for Life will begin with a brief welcome and opening ceremony. Then any cancer survivors present will do a Survivors Lap as the sun is setting, celebrating their victory over cancer.

Several student organizations and the employees of Monmouth University are organizing this event which will be held at the West Long Branch campus for the first time. "I've participated in three Relays in Freehold in recent years," said Monmouth University sophomore Mallory Rapisarda, who is chairing the event. "I'm excited to finally bring this event to Monmouth."

Interested participants are invited to form teams of eight to 15 members. Teams may bring tents and sleeping bags to camp overnight. The goal, to keep at least one person from each team on the track at all times, symbolizes that cancer never sleeps. A "luminaria ceremony" will

be held on Friday night, April 11. Participants will decorate luminary bags to remember, honor and celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer. Additionally, a "memory board" will be prepared and displayed with photos of loved ones, co-workers, friends and neighbors who have battled cancer. Track sign sponsorships, available for \$500 and \$750, will be displayed at all 14 Relay for Life events in Monmouth and Ocean counties.

"You'll be glad you participated in this emotional and inspiring event," said Rapisarda. Don't miss the opportunity to join the Monmouth University community as they celebrate cancer survivorship, pay tribute to the lives lost to this disease, and raise funds for research and programs sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service. For more information, please visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## New Public Relations Advisor Announced

**PRESS RELEASE**  
*PRSSA*

Ms. Ann T. Higgins, President of Utopia Communications, has been appointed Professional Advisor of the Monmouth University Public Relations Student Society of America Chapter (PRSSA), announced Dr. Don Swanson, Chair, Monmouth University Communication Department. Professional PRSSA Advisors—nationally accredited PRSA members with at least 5 years of professional public relations experience—serve as role models of the public relations profession for the student association.

"It is with great pleasure that we accept the appointment of Ms. Higgins," said Dr. Swanson. "This is a building year for Monmouth's PRSSA chapter. With over twenty years of experience conducting successful public relations campaigns in a variety of industries, Ms.

Higgins will assist the chapter's efforts in cultivating relationships between students and professional public relations practitioners," added Swanson.


"I am absolutely thrilled to accept this appointment. As the name of my company suggests, I am committed to ethically focused practices which represent organizations, ideas, people, and companies that enhance the human condition and which operate within a strongly principled framework, says Higgins. "Increasingly, companies are turning to their marketing and public relations partners to help them better communicate and develop socially re-



sponsible communications programs. That's been our focus and I hope to pass it on to our future public relations professionals," added Higgins.

As set forth by the mission of the national PRSSA association, Monmouth's student society aims to foster greater understanding of current theories and procedures of the profession, appreciation of the highest ethical ideals and principles, and awareness of an appropriate professional attitude.

An officially endorsed ethics trainer for Trust Inc. in North America, Ms. Higgins founded Utopia Communications, an ethically based firm, to make a positive impact on the public relations world. Prior to presiding over Utopia Communications, Higgins served as the managing director for the public relations division of KCSA, the nation's 11th largest independent public and investor relations agency. Higgins also founded Danlee Public Relations in 1995, which was ranked the fourth largest agency in the State of New Jersey by PR Week Magazine. Ann holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Relations and is completing a Master of Science degree in Communications Management from Syracuse University, for which she received an academic merit scholarship from the Women Executives in Public Relations Foundation.

"We are so grateful to have such a seasoned professional as our advisor. She has given so much to the public relations world, and is truly a role model for all professional women," said Shannon Monaco President of PRSSA Monmouth University Chapter.





Start a TeamDonate to Participant

Are you ready for Relay? The big event is right around the corner, and soon people throughout the community will come together to help celebrate survivors, remember those lost to cancer, and fight back against the disease at the Relay For Life at Monmouth University.

Teams already have been working hard to raise funds and awareness to help the American Cancer Society and its lifesaving efforts-but it's not too late to join, raise funds, or attend the event itself, there is still time!!! You can get more information by contacting Kathleen Gelchion Director, Special Events at [kathleen.gelchion@cancer.org](mailto:kathleen.gelchion@cancer.org).

Those planning to be a part of this year's Relay will find information about the event below.

Important notes for current teams and participants:

- Bank night will be held at Monmouth University, Rebecca Stafford Student Center Afflitto Conference Room from 6:30 to 8:30PM. During Bank Night you will turn in all cash and checks to date, receive team t-shirts, important logistic information, and choose your teams' campsite!
- Remember that fundraising doesn't stop on the day of Relay- donations can be made to your Relay team online through August 31, 2008!
- Remember to bring all of the luminaries you've exchanged for donations with you to Bank Night and Relay
- Don't forget to plan refreshments and fun for your team during the overnight hours that you spend at Relay.

Special Ceremonies Include:

- Survivor Dinner at 5PM in Boylan Gymnasium. If you are a cancer survivor please join us with a guest for a special dinner to honor you. Yourself and a guest is free, anyone additional will be \$5. RSVP to 1.800.ACS.2345
- Opening Ceremony 7PM on the Monmouth University Practice Field
- Survivors' Lap and Caregivers' Lap- Honor the cancer survivors in the community at 7:30PM on Monmouth University Practice Field
- Luminaria Ceremony- Join us remembering those who have died and won their fight against cancer at 10PM on the Monmouth University Practice Field
- Fight Back Ceremony- Pledge to Fight Back against cancer all year long at 8AM on the Monmouth University Practice Field

Additional entertainment and activities will be listed as they become available. We look forward to seeing you at Relay!

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**ERIC WALSH**  
*SPORTS EDITOR*

*The Outlook*, Monmouth University's student run weekly newspaper since 1933, is looking to fill the recently vacated News Editor position immediately. The staff holds general meetings every Monday at 8 p.m. in room 260 in the Jules L. Plangere Center at Monmouth University for all students who are interested.

The News Editor position is open to all students, regardless of their major and experience. *The Outlook* welcomes all who have an interest in joining the staff and meeting new people. By joining the newspaper staff a student can improve their writing skills and earn valuable experience in the field of journalism.

"The position requires the editor to layout, edit stories, as well as assign news stories for each week," says Editor-in-Chief Jacqueline Koloski. "They will also be working along with the editor-in-chief to create the front page design and story layout."

All editors, including the news editor, are to be in the office to lay-out their sections on Mondays and Tuesdays of every week, in order to have the newspaper ready for printing and distribution on Wednesday. Students new to the field will learn on the job, and will be able to pick up the concepts quickly and easily.

In addition to its appeal on a resume, having an editorial position at *The Outlook* can also help to earn credits towards graduation. After serving for one semester on the editorial board, an editor may receive one credit per semester for up to three semesters. The editor may also earn an additional credit per semester for three semesters for writing stories that are published in their section. That's a total of six credits, which is equivalent to two awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and has also earned state-wide awards from the New Jersey Collegiate Press Association for news coverage and layout.

*The Outlook* currently has eight editors, and also includes many staff and contributing writers.

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# Monmouth University Group Promotes literacy



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One way in which IRA promotes literacy within the community is by being a "Reading Buddy".

NICOLE GIANNOPOULOS  
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The International Reading Association (IRA) is a leading advocacy group for worldwide literacy which fosters lifelong reading and supports literacy development initiatives for children of all ages. The Monmouth University Council of IRA provides the opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to become a part of this group and facilitate literacy connections with Monmouth's greater community.

Every semester the IRA MU Council reaches out to various organizations such as Red Bank Head Start, Long Branch Public Schools, Red Bank Public Schools, and Special People United to Ride (SPUR). The IRA MU Council also participates in the Dr. Martin

Luther King Jr. Children's Festival, The Big Event, and the Fall Open House.

The Monmouth University School of Education and the IRA MU Council have a partnership with Red Bank Head Start where members bring in brand new bilingual books and give them to each of approximately 40 children twice a semester. Time is spent reading the books to the children and the children are allowed to take the books home in order to help build their personal libraries. In the Red Bank Public School system the Council volunteered to create "Bilingual Storytelling Gloves" for seven preschool classes. The Storytelling Gloves were focused on the story *The Three Little Pigs* and were donated to the school.

In the Long Branch Public

School system, volunteers from the IRA MU Council go to the Gregory School to serve as a "Reading Buddy" during the school day. Also, on March 3, 2008 the group adopted six Kindergarten classroom doors at the Gregory School in honor of Dr. Seuss Day. The doors were decorated based upon a theme from a Dr. Seuss book which was later read to the children by an IRA member from Monmouth University.

The IRA MU Council also works with the non-profit organization, SPUR, to provide individuals with disabilities the opportunity to achieve personal goals through therapeutic horseback riding. Members volunteer across a span of several days during Disability Awareness Week assisting with awareness programming.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Children's Festival benefits from the MU Council as well. Hosted on campus, this event enables local elementary schools to visit Monmouth University for several hours to celebrate Dr. King's life and legacy. The MU Council sponsors a table at the event which allows the school children to create *A Quilt for Peace*. The paper quilts are then delivered to the schools for a permanent display.

The group also participates in the Big Event in the fall and has a table at the Fall Open House to showcase the organization to perspective students and families.

In order to find out more about the International Reading Association please contact Dr. Mary Lee Bass at mbass@monmouth.edu

## Public Relations Student Society to Host "The Amazing Race" on Campus

### PRESS RELEASE

The Public Relations Student Society of America will be hosting "The Amazing Race," a scavenger hunt, on campus Saturday April 5, 2008. The scavenger hunt will begin at the Underground, where teams of two will register at 6:00pm.

The Amazing Race is made possible through the Weekend Warriors Program and will be an exciting event. The teams will begin their scavenger hunt at the Underground, where they will be handed their first clue which will lead them to their next destination.

Free snacks and beverages will be served to all participants. Great prize packages will be awarded to the teams that come in first, second, and third place. Whichever team arrives back at the Underground first, will be awarded with a prize valued at \$100. PRSSA wants everyone to stay on campus this weekend for your chance to race against your friends in this fun competition.

If there are any questions about this event, please contact PRSSA President Shannon Monaco at Shannon.M.Monaco@monmouth.edu or Professor Mcallister-Spooner at smcallis@monmouth.edu.

## Hate Crimes and Bias Seminar Offered

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would have taken is one person to do the right thing and Ahmed would still be here today," D'Amico said.

What is the right thing? According to D'Amico, in order to battle hate and bias, eyewitnesses have to first recognize something is happening. If you hear someone use the "N" word in the hall, recognize that it is NOT acceptable. Second, witnesses must respond to what just happened. Something as simple as a look or shaking your head will send the message "Don't say that around me, because that's NOT acceptable" said D'Amico. If you don't want get so publicly involved, you can always report it. Tell the police, a

counselor, or anyone with authority, and they can handle the situation, according to the detective.

"When we hear stuff like that, and we see stuff like that, and we do nothing, we're just like those people standing underneath that body. We're allowing it to happen, we're doing nothing to change it," said D'Amico.

Many were reduce to tears as D'Amico ended the presentation with photographs of James Byrd, Jr.'s abused, battered, and dismembered body after three men tied him to the back of their truck with chains and drug him for three miles at 30 miles per hour.

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## The Importance of Global Understanding Week

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Next week will mark the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Understanding Convention. For those who are not familiar, this is a time when the campus focuses its attention on the importance of being aware of various global issues that affect our world. Always featuring a theme, the topic of this year's convention is "Beyond Borders: Individual Responsibility-Collective Action."

I spoke with Dr. Saliba Sarsar, Associate Vice President for Academic Program Initiatives, and Dr. Golam Mathbor, Associate Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, who are both involved heavily with the event. They encouraged everyone to attend some of the innovative and interesting programs that will be offered this year. The speakers that will be featured are experts in their field and will only add to the importance of the program. For example, one speaker presenting is Robin Raphel, a former United States Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia. She will be speaking about the United States involvement in Iraq, as she was amongst the deconstruction team there, according to Dr. Sarsar. Maybe some of us are not as

caught up as we should be on our global issues. We are lucky and should be appreciative that our university is bringing this opportunity to us and have been for the past few years. Since beginning in 2001, Drs. Sarsar and Mathbor both marvel at the fact that what once was the Global Understanding Project is now an institute as of late.

At this year's convention there will be about 60 programs that not only the campus community can attend, but the local community as well. The special part of this convention that I have noticed after learning more about this event is the collective effort from every facet of the university. Drs. Sarsar and Mathbor say that is what contributes to the success of the Global Understanding Convention.

The intriguing aspect of this program is the diverse group of speakers who will be covering the various issues relevant to the theme. They come from all many parts of the world and I believe that only adds to how beneficial it will be to attend this program. The presenters have first hand accounts to offer. I find that hearing personal experiences are the best way to learn. You not only get a glimpse into what life is like in other places, but you gain a better understanding of how others

live and deal with certain issues that may not affect us directly.

"This is to educate people, raise awareness and to interact with people who have dedicated their lives to global education," said Dr. Sarsar.

The campus community should want to get involved for that very reason. It does not benefit you when you only are aware of what affects you directly because sometimes what occurs indirectly could have equally powerful repercussions.

Dr. Sarsar added, "This week, in a sense, provides the campus community with a positive experience to reflect upon and enhance their awareness of global issues."

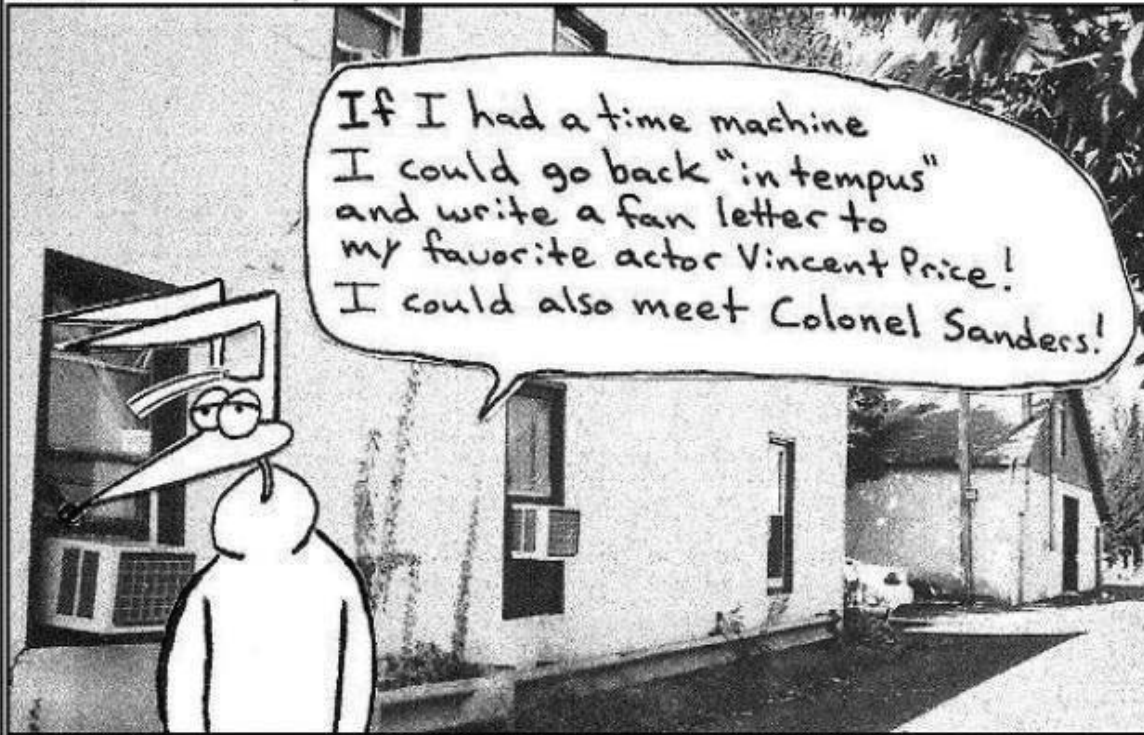
When speaking with Dr. Mathbor he acknowledged a valid point on the importance of this convention. "We have that responsibility to bring those things that are happening in the world to students," he said. "We needed to bring that awareness and make the students familiar with what is going on in the world."

With that said, think about your role in society. How do you make your mark on the world? You can make it better simply by raising your level of awareness of the world around us. After all, every little bit helps.

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# Things that Should Have Been Taught in Freshman Seminar

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Please note: the following is meant to inform, not frighten the public. There are numerous infidels amongst the wide-eyed and bushy tailed students armed with their notebooks, pens and text-books in the college classroom. If you have never experienced a run-in with these char-

acters in your college career, consider yourself very lucky, but have no fear you will before you graduate. Let's start with the front of the classroom. Most likely the spot directly in front of the professor, you will spot the bobber. This rare breed of student can come in any size, shape, color and age. From the minute the professor walks into the classroom to the second they walk out, the bobber will constantly nod in agreement. In some extreme cases, the bobber produces more neck action than a bobble head doll trapped on a dashboard during non-stop donuts. It is safe to assume their chiropractic bill is through the roof.

The latecomers are stuck in the front of the class because these are the only seats available when they arrive late every day. Latecomers must have the memory of goldfish because they can't remember the ONLY time class starts or how long it takes to get to campus. Perhaps latecomers live on a vessel that keeps drifting further out to sea, making them habitually 15 to 20 minutes late every day. Key phrases that can be heard coming from a latecomer, "Yo prof, I am sorry my alarm didn't go off", "My tire was flat", "I woke up to find a herd of T-rexs barricading my front door", "I was abducted by Martians walking to class" and "I had to wrestle with my dog to get my homework assignment back."

Toward the middle of the classroom you will find the dreamer who is not the only one. You will always find the dreamer catching some much needed z's on the ever so comfy desk. Out of any place on campus, they seem to pass out on the least comfy place. Maybe someone should tell them about the numerous couches on campus or give them a sleeping pill for a better night's slumber.

In the next row, it is hard to miss the non-chalant gossip-er. Sadly, this nonchalant gossipier fails to realize their vocal chord is actually a megaphone. Be on the look out for "I can't believe Tony is dating Susie" or "Saturday night was so crazy I think I..." It's not like the gossipier talks for two minutes before the professor walks in. No way! They typically drone on for the entire class and then some.

Scattered throughout the classroom, you will find the next rising DaVinci and fake note taker.

The Rising DaVinci will doodle on everything from their name in bubble letters to the Mona Lisa all over their desks, books and any body near them. The fake note taker will bring their laptop to class to give off the impression they are studious. Don't be fooled by their gadgets, they are just using their computers for further distractions. In actuality, they are

The most obnoxious students are the texters. These kids can't wait an hour and 15 minutes to text their friends, mom, boyfriend, girlfriend, dog, neighbor's lawn gnome about who knows what. Sitting next to a texter is like sitting in on a dress rehearsal of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and there is absolutely no chance you will ever be able to hear your professor again. In case

you weren't annoyed enough by the texter, you will hate the hidden texter. The hidden texter thinks they are absolutely brilliant by shoving their phone in their bag, under a desk, climbing in a cabinet or building some type of fortification on their

desk. No one is fooled by these barricades, everyone knows these are not the most entertaining things on earth (and if that is the case, those people need to climb out from under their rock).

The last group of people you will have to deal with before you leave the class are the early packer uppers. If these pupils stay two minutes after class is supposed to end, they will turn into a pumpkin. It is a proven and well known fact. In order to prevent their vegetative state, they must pack up all their belongings ten minutes before class ends regardless of where the professor's lecture is. If they get really impatient, they will jingle their keys louder than the Salvation Army volunteers.

So when you enter your next class, watch out for this band of misfits. Recognize anyone who could fit these descriptions? Could it even be you? If so, please keep in mind others around you.

**"The bobber...the latecomers...the rising Davinci and fake note taker...a know-it-all who is always right...the texters...and the early packer uppers..."**

**"Recognize anyone who could fit these descriptions?"**

on Myspace, Facebook, and every website under the sun or talking on Instant Messenger.

Every classroom has a know-it-all who is always right. You could be debating evolution, religion or even your own birthday and you are still wrong. This know-it-all will seize any opportunity to prove their limitless vault of knowledge. In addition to crushing their peers, this brainiac will take down the very knowledgeable professor with no problem at all. This person loves hearing their own voice; they will not stop talking the whole class period. The know-it-all doesn't even need to open their mouths to prove they can recite *War and Peace* cover to cover or explain the origins of Earth to annoy everyone around them; just their presence alone is enough.

Since the cool thing to do at Monmouth is getting incredibly wasted every single night, most students arrive to their early morning classes still very drunk. When you glance around your classroom and notice someone who is bobbing back and forth, looks like they are going to projectile vomit, slurring and bab-

bling non-stop, saying things they normally would never say or are passed out, don't panic they are just drunk from the night before. Toss them a bottle of water and an aspirin and assume they will be fine.

Now I understand some people are not blessed with a superman-like immune system and do not choose to be sick. Rather then step out of the room to conceal their sickness, blow their nose or simply get a cough drop, they choose to hack up a lung on their desk. The festering germ pool of a student refuses to stay home and chooses to come to class and potentially get everyone sick. The Mt. Everest of tissues is building up on their desk, while Niagara Falls is coming out of their nostrils. If this isn't distracting enough, there is always the one man band non-stop coughing machine.

# Folk Art of the Trademark

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STAFF WRITER

The creativity of many talented artists has been invested in the rich tradition of advertising, especially in the cultivation of trademarks. As with other forms of folk art, the iconic images that become symbolically linked in our minds to a specific product and/or company successfully ingrain themselves within our cultural history—they become a part of our lives. Symbols such as the *Jolly Green Giant* (introduced in 1928) exist in every medium, from the labels on cans of vegetables, print and television ads, billboards, and merchandise;

that Virginia's Planters held a 1916 mascot contest, which allowed the youth Antonio Gentile an avenue through which to grace them with his winning *Mr. Peanut* entry (the character was subsequently introduced in a 1918 issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*, embellished by the hand of an unknown artist). Furthermore, if English painter Francis Barraud hadn't sought to capture the bittersweet memories of his deceased brother's dog Nipper, listening intently to a phonograph recording of its deceased master, then the 1898 painting "His Master's Voice" would never have existed, and New Jersey's Victor Talking Machine Com-

**While it seems that some trademarks have been around forever (as does anything which existed before our own self) there is always a beginning which may be discovered, and an artist that succeeded in building a perpetual work of expression.**

we become acquainted with him and his fellow trademarks (who seem as diverse and colorful as the inhabitants of old Olympus) throughout our waking moments.

While it seems that some trademarks have been around forever (as does anything which existed before our own self) there is always a beginning which may be discovered, and an artist that succeeded in building a perpetual work of expression. The Michelin Brothers of France may have mused over the possibility of a man constructed of tires, yet it took the cartoonist O'Galop to deliver their *Bibendum* (introduced in the 1896 Latin titled advertisement "Nunc est bibendum"). It was fortunate

pany, and later RCA, would be all the poorer.

Each trademark that greets us had an artist who first fashioned them into substance for the mass media. Though companies continue to utilize trademarks to stimulate the imaginations of their targeted audience, insinuating their ambassadors of commerce into every part of our lives, it is important to remember artists such as O'Galop, Mr. Gentile, and Mr. Barraud (plus those creators who have not yet been recovered from history), who successfully accomplished an admirable task through shaping a new folklore through the medium of advertising. Their creations live on.

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Political Debate: Is the Cell Phone Law Worth the Safety? (Week 1)

Here students debate political issues of the day. Week 1 students make their initial argument followed by Week 2 in which they respond to their opponent.

Side 1: Cell Phone Laws Infringe on our Freedoms

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Alcohol related traffic accidents claimed the lives of 16,885 Americans in 2005 alone. Even with strict laws in place drivers continue to drive and kill by the thousands. So why is the legislation failing? It’s certainly not due to lack of enforcement, there were over twenty three thousand drunk driving arrests in New Jersey alone last year. These statistics show that people are going to do what they want, regardless of the law, especially if it’s something that is a daily use like cell phone communication.

Proponents of the new and unnecessary cell phone law might bring up that there are 2,600 cell phone related deaths each year. However, this number pales in comparison to the drunk-driving statistics. Those who created the cell phone law make the similarity that talking on the cell phone is like drunk driving, both creating reduced reaction times. Frankly this is insulting to those of us who choose to be responsible and not drink.

This law builds off of a law that already exists in most

states prohibiting any driving distractions, by specifically citing cell phones and making them a primary stop offense. One reason that the cell phone law was even considered in the first place was the false idea that cell phones accounted for most “driver distraction” related accidents, when in reality they can only be attributed to a small percentage. According to a major study done by the University of North Carolina, cell phones only account for about 1.5 percent of these crashes, while the rest is made up of other non enforced actions such as radio dials and beverages. This leads one to wonder if politicians are pushing these laws for public safety or because they are currently trendy.

There are many flaws that make this law mostly ineffective, difficult to enforce, and unfair. Most notably is the exception that allows drivers to use hands free sets. Research shows that people using hands free sets are at equal risk for a collision because it is not the holding of the phone that distracts, it is the conversation. So why have laws been passed against handheld phones and not the act of talking in the car? Well there are a few rea-

sons, first is the idea that it is just a political band wagon and second is the fact that it is extremely difficult and costly to enforce.

These laws are difficult to enforce because in order to consider something a primary offense it must be pursued and actively enforced, and on top of all the other laws this is a hard offense to pick out for police, especially at night. Police admit that enforcing such a law is problematic at best. These testaments from law enforcement officers are just more evidence supporting the fact that these laws are useless and are primarily pushed by politicians in order to better their political appearance.

America is the land of the free, that is, unless you want to smoke in public, talk on your phone in the privacy of your car, or let your kid eat junk food in school. These things all seem trivial and easy to give up, but being an American citizen one shouldn’t have to compromise basic freedoms. Laws prohibiting cell phone use in cars are not only ineffective in reducing crashes, but they infringe on the freedoms that Americans should be able to enjoy, and for that, they should not be valid.

Side 2: One Less Distraction

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It’s Sunday afternoon, you’re driving home, you come up to a stop sign, and look both ways before you cross the road. As you’re about to step on the gas you get rear ended. You turn around to see what happened, and you see the culprit sitting there with their phone glued to their ear. You think to yourself, “This could all have been avoided if this person had just left their conversation off the road.”

In New Jersey cell phones contributed to 3,500 road related accidents and eleven deaths in 2006. Eleven people had to die because a cell phone conversation was taken on to the road, and distracted a driver from their one goal, to drive safe. N.J. is trying to rectify this problem by making it a primary offense to talk on your cell phone while driving. This is a needed step in the attempt to remove distractions from the road. If motorists feel the need to continue their conversations on the road, then N.J. police officers will be able to deal a \$100 fine to the culprits.

Previous laws in New Jersey made it a secondary offense to talk on your cell phone and drive. This meant if a police officer pulled you over for speeding and then saw you talking on your cell phone they could slap on an additional charge. On the other hand if they only saw you speaking on your cell phone and you were committing no other crime then they could not pull you over. The new law gives police officers the ability to pull you over for no other reason then for talking on your cell phone. This is in the attempt to remove one powerful distraction from the road.

Some may feel that it is unfair to make people abandon their cell phones while driving; this is because emergencies can happen anywhere, and a person may need to be contacted while they are on the road. This is not a problem though because the N.J. legislature has only made it illegal to talk on a

cell phone directly; it is still legal to use hands free communication with your cell phone. While this is still a distraction, N.J. law makers feel that a responsible person will still be able to operate a car correctly while talking on their cell phones using the hands free technology.

For those people out there who do not believe it is dangerous to drive while talking on their cell phone, they need only turn to Myth Busters. This television show puts common myths or beliefs to physical tests to determine if they are accurate. In one episode they tested if it is more dangerous to drive while talking on your cell phone or to drive drunk? After being tested by a driving instructor sober, on the cell phone, and just under the legal B.A.C. (0.08), they found that they had failed on both the cell phone run and the drunk driving run. More specifically they found that the subjects failed the cell phone test by a much higher margin than the drunk driving test. This study was just a reenactment of a previously done British driving study.

While this was only one study and may need multiple tests before being completely proven, it does point out the dangers of driving while talking on the cell phone. While some people may have to ability to multitask, there should only be one task while on the road, and that is getting from one point to another safely. If you think you are a person who can handle being on the road and driving with a cell phone, then think of the person who is driving behind you who can’t handle multitasking. That person is a danger to you and your fellow motorists. While this law is making you put your cell phone down, it is also making the person who can’t multitask on the road put his/hers down too. If this law can make just one person think twice before picking up their cell phone while driving, then it will do New Jersey a world of good.

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Who Are These People and Who Invited Them?

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SENIOR SENATOR, SGA

In recent weeks, we as Americans have been subjected to a true sign of the times. What has become of the standard of American leadership? Former Governor of New York Eliot Spitzer was implicated in a major prostitution ring. For a mere four-thousand dollars an hour, Spitzer was able to systematically destroy everything he’s worked for in his life as a politician and lawyer. I guess that is the lengths one will go to for some fun with a Jersey Girl. As if that debacle wasn’t enough for us all to get a grasp on, the incoming Governor, New York’s first African American and blind Governor, stood in front of the media, wife at his side, and told the world they have such little value for marital vows that they have had multiple affairs. Lastly, there are various reports that former New Jersey Governor Jim McGreevy may have had threesome sex involving his wife and another man.

Leaders, it would seem, should be those who not only make good candidates, but who exemplify the best qualities of his or her people. So what does it say about our values and standards that the people we give power to, the people we hand the reins over to, those we entrust to take us to the highest heights and the best quality of life possible are often people who are philandering, breaking the laws they have sworn to uphold, and often profit from the struggles of the people?

As we collectively shame and point our fingers at these people, let us not forget to shame the people who have made it all possible: the person we see when we look in the mirror. We as a people have lost our way. We have concerned ourselves more with sexual appeal, monetary gain, and all the other things that signify a culture has become satisfied with being content and lazy. In an online article on CNN.com about a month ago, there was a study showing Americans were leaving their faith practices at the fastest rate in our history. No matter what, religion, faith and prayer have been the morality yard stick throughout human history.

Some may argue that a politician’s personal life is of no concern of the people; that a politician should be judged solely by their actions in office. I vehemently disagree. A person should always be judged by their true character. It is important to consider how a person treats their family, their friends, and even how one treats those in violation of the rules or the law. We are facing many challenges in our near future and it is imperative to our survival as a nation to regain the virtues and values that formed the United States of America, a nation that, at one time, was revered and respected. So in closing, I stress the importance of figuring out what we hold to be sacred. As a people, we need to set the bar as to what is, and is not, acceptable, and reestablish the role of our politicians so they know they must be people willing to put their egos aside to be our leaders.

*Political Quotes*

*“Being president is like running a cemetery; you’ve got a lot of people under you and nobody’s listening.”*  
-Bill Clinton

*“Three qualities should be considered in evaluating applicants for staff positions- head, heart, and guts.”*  
-Richard M. Nixon

*All quotes from Quotationary by Lenoard Roy Frank*



# THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

**KRISTEN McMONAGLE**  
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

Buongiorno! I have to confess that my favorite part about Spring Break was attempting to speak Italian, because I think it is such a beautiful language. If you haven't guessed already last week I spent seven whole days traveling in Italy, from Rome to Florence to Venice.

It was an amazing and adventurous experience that I will forever cherish, because who knows if I'll ever get to go back! However, I did follow the advice of my travel book and throw a coin with my right hand over my left shoulder into the Trevi Fountain, which is supposed to secure your safe return to Rome someday. I hope it comes true!

We started in Rome where there were many sights to see! We navigated our way around the metro system and found ourselves standing in front of the Colosseum and the Roman Forum.

structures. It is also very cool to see how modern Rome was built around all of it, leaving it untouched.

That night we enjoyed our first real Italian pizza, not knowing that sometimes you have to ask for them to put cheese and sauce on it. (So, we enjoyed our first real Italian bread.)

Easter Sunday we spent going to mass at the Vatican with the Pope! We climbed the Spanish steps and threw coins into the massive Trevi Fountain. With constant running around to see all the sights our three days in Rome flew by.

Before I knew it we were all asleep on a train headed for Florence, where we discovered the world's most phenom-



PHOTO COURTESY of Kristen McMonagle  
The Trevi Fountain located in Rome carries the longstanding tradition of throwing a coin into the fountain to ensure a safe return back to Rome.

enous than Rome which was a nice break, but we quickly realized that Florence has the most amazing food. Many meals of pizza, pasta, and gelato filled our two day stay there. We did see a few sights though!

My favorite part was seeing Michelangelo's "David" statue at the Accademia Museum. Also, we climbed over 450 steps up the Duomo Cathedral and saw over all of Florence right at sunset which was a gorgeous experience!

Finally, we were in Venice. The most beautiful city I have ever seen. Venice is made up of over 100 islands connected by over 400 bridges. The streets are all canals and people take boats instead of cars.

We took a water bus to our hotel and road up the Grand Canal. We saw police boats and fire boats which was a very different experience!

My first favorite part about Venice was going to the island

of Murano, which was about an hour boat ride. This is where the famous Murano glass comes

from, and we were able to watch a glass blowing demonstration and buy some nice souvenirs.

My second favorite part about Venice was our gondola ride. Yes, we were such tourists and took a gondola, but it was so worth every Euro! The gondola went through tiny canals and under bridges as the driver hummed. It was late at night so the water was very calm, the city was pretty silent and the canals were lit up.

I miss Italy already, but as always coming back to London feels like coming home. Rome had amazing sights, Florence had fantastic food and gelato and Venice was too gorgeous for words.

I hope you all had wonderful Spring Breaks and are enjoying the second half of the semester! Ciao!



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Florence has a wide variety of gelato to choose from to satisfy a sweet tooth.

It is so cool to think about how much history is behind these

enial gelato!

Florence had a lot less sights to



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Venice has been popularly known as the "City of Bridges" or the "City of Water" because the entire city is connected by bridges, therefore many locals travel by boat instead of car.

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# It’s Your Loss if You Pass Up Stop-Loss

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

“The bravest place to stand is by each other’s side.”



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Steve and Brandon get awarded medals for their service in Iraq.

Throughout the current war in Iraq, America has sent over 400,000 soldiers over seas. Sadly, upon returning home about 81,000 have been stop-losssed back to Iraq.

If you don’t know what it means to be stop-losssed, it’s when a soldier is forced to return to war because there aren’t enough people enlisted.

In the film *Stop-Loss*, this is exactly what happens to Sergeant Brandon King (Ryan Phillippe). Brandon safely returns home to Texas with his two best friends, and he is ready to get out of the army when he gets word from his recruiter that he has orders from the president to return to Iraq.

It has been a while since a film has accurately depicted the brotherly bond that men in the army have. The *Boys Don’t Cry* director, Kimberly Peirce got the point across of how much these men need each other to help them adjust to life back home. King, Sergeant Steve Shriver (Channing Tatum), and PFC Tommy Burgess (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), all handle themselves in different ways to get over the shell shock of being away from war.

The opening scenes in Tikrit, Iraq are very brutal and gory. It made me realize just what was going on overseas, and how brave our soldiers are for dealing with that on a daily basis. Peirce’s directing of this scene was fantastic. Not since *Saving Private Ryan*, has a war scene made me feel

out having some of their men killed and severely wounded. This event is something that haunts Brandon throughout the film. He can’t get out of his mind all of the men he

led there that didn’t make it out. This is one of the reasons why Brandon does not take the news of his stop-loss very well. He doesn’t want to go through that all over again, so he goes AWOL (Absent Without Official Leave). Taking along Steve’s fiancé, they head to Washington, D.C. to try to get help from the senator of Texas.

Meanwhile at home, Tommy and Steve try to get over their shellshock by drinking and getting into fights. Steve eventually cleans up, but he knows that Brandon is the only one who can help Tommy, so he goes after him on his road trip.

Will the three boys all come together and help each other stay on track? Will Brandon be on the run for the rest of his life? Will he fulfill his duty to his country and go back to Iraq? You’ll have to see the film to find out.

Ryan Phillippe does a good job with his role of Brandon King. He nailed the Texan southern accent, and he was so convincing that he made me want to marry a cowboy in the army. As an audience member, you can’t help but feel sorry for him as he tries to deal with his past.

Running at 113 minutes with an R rating, I wouldn’t recommend soldiers recently coming home from war to see it in the theatres. The beginning few scenes are very realistic and it is something that could bring back bad memories for a veteran. However, with all the action and all the eye candy, this is a film that

“The bravest place to stand is by each other’s side.”

like I was a part of the action. Brandon’s men are at a routine checkpoint when they get attacked and are lead into an ambush in a small ally. They make their getaway, but not with-

will satisfy both guys and girls. So go see it in theatres, because many of the scenes won’t have the same effect on DVD they will on the big screen.

# Demi Moore Detoxes with Leeches

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Ever wonder how over the hill celebrities such as Demi Moore, who is 46, are looking younger and healthier than ever? No, it’s not from spending millions of dollars on personal trainers and cosmetic surgery; it is from blood sucking leeches.

On March 24<sup>th</sup> Moore, appeared on the David Letterman Show and said, “I’ve always been somebody looking for the cutting edge of things that are for optimizing your health and healing, so just a week ago I was in Austria doing a cleanse and part of the treatment was leech therapy.”

Leeches, for those of you who don’t know, are worm-like creature that suck blood or eat flesh. Sounds like quite the luxurious Hollywood fad now doesn’t it?

“These aren’t just swamp leeches, these are highly trained medical leeches. These are not just some low level scavengers; we’re talking high level blood suckers,” explained Moore.

Moore had a couple leeches tested out on her bellybutton before letting a total of four leeches get “drunk” off her blood.

“It detoxifies your blood,” she told Letterman. “And they have a little enzyme that when they’re biting down on you, gets released into your blood and generally you bleed for quite a bit. And your health is optimized. It detoxified the blood and I’m feeling detoxified right now.”

This unusual form of therapy dates back to the medieval times. Leeches back then were closely linked to doctors who

were quickly given the nickname “leeches.” Physicians of that era used millions of the parasites annually to treat their patients.

Now in present day, most doctors veer away from leech therapy,

ter the wound until veins re-grow and regain circulation.

Leeches play an important role when reconstructing minuscule veins. In 1985, a Harvard physician was having difficulty reattaching the ear of a five-year-old child. The tiny veins kept clotting, so with the aid of leeches, the ear was saved. This success has established leeches in the modern medical world. Since then, leeches have saved lives and limbs.

As much as leeches have helped with medicine, they also have a downside. Leeches can sometimes slip off the patient and reattach themselves in unwanted places. Also, many patients cannot handle the thought of a blood-sucking parasite living on their skin, no matter how helpful they may be. As a result, scientists have invented a “mechanical leech” that can perform the same duties that a real leech would but would not scare the patient as much.

Bottom line, Hollywood is always searching for a new way to stay young forever. Now with cosmetic surgery prevalent it should not come as a surprise that celebrities are allowing leeches to detoxify their bodies.

While most of us will probably stick to the old fashion treadmill to stay fit, leech therapy may just be the next craze to hit Tinsel Town.



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Demi Moore talks about her leech therapy on David Letterman.

yet some still think they can play a special role in certain kinds of surgery. The leeches are believed to help promote blood flow to damaged tissue.

When leeches bite a victim, their unique saliva causes blood flow to increase and prevent clotting. As a result, when a victim is bitten they can bleed for hours, allowing oxygenated blood to en-

# Dancing with the Stars Update

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Dancing with the Stars is back, and despite the fairly unpopular cast this season, it is better than ever.

Perhaps the person surprising

everyone is deaf actress Marlee Matlin. Each week her and her partner Fabian Sanchez do wonderfully, especially for someone who c a n n o t hear the music. It’s like she can feel the music inside of her when she dances. Last week she described what the music sounds like to her as being in the shower with



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Anna Trebunskaya and Steve Guttenberg love to dance.

the door closed and trying to listen to music playing in another room.

Steve Guttenberg is having trouble with the dances, usually receiving scores less than 20 (out of 30) but his attitude is a perfect 30 every week. It is obvious to the audience that he is there to strictly

have fun and that is exactly what he is doing. In fact, this week he and partner Anna Trebunskaya danced a wonderful tango and got a score of a 21. The judges have seen a big improvement in him, and they can tell he is determined to keep working hard to win the coveted mirrorball trophy.

Kristy Yamaguchi and her partner Mark Ballas did a fantastic

job and got yet another 27 out of 30 during Monday night’s performance of their tango.

Jason Taylor and partner Edyta Sliwinska were told last week that they are definite contenders for the trophy, but this week judge Len Goodman didn’t feel that way about their jive. The pair scored a 23 out of 30.

Another pair Len as well as the other two judges Carrie-Ann and Bruno were disappointed in was Marissa Jaret-Winokur and Tony Dovolani. The judges didn’t think Marissa gave her best in their jive this week. They all know she can do better and left her almost in tears as they gave them their scores which ended up being a 19 out of 30 causing the audience to boo.

Last week two couples went home, and they were Penn Gillette and Kym Johnson and Monica Seles and Jonathan Roberts.

Make sure you keep voting each week so your favorite stars stay in the competition!





# This Season on Idol



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Hey *Idol* fans! In case you were wondering, last week's article was a week outdated, so this week's article will cover everything that happened these past two weeks on *American Idol*.

Two weeks ago, the producers of *Idol* brought the tunes of Lennon and McCartney back for another night of performances. This time, the performances did not live up to the previous week.

Carly Smithson had her worst performance of the season. Brooke White took a huge leap backwards with her rendition of "Here Comes the Sun." Ramiele Malubay still failed to impress the judges and "didn't show the best of (her) ability," according to judge Simon Cowell.

The person who stood out the most was Syesha Mercado's rendition of "Yesterday." She finally proved that she has star quality, and belted out the memorable tune flawlessly. "Very, very, very good performance tonight," said judge Randy Jackson, and judge Paula Abdul said she did a "beautiful job."

Smithson, Kristy Lee Cook, and Amanda Overmyer ended up in the bottom three during the results show Wednesday night, in which season five contestant Kellie Pickler performed. In the end, Overmyer was sent home. She, along with David Hernandez, will not appear on the summer tour, in which the top 10 finalists travel the country together and perform.

Last week, the top 10 finalists

took the stage, singing songs from the year they were born. Malubay opened up the night with an attempt at Heart's "Alone." Now, as many *Idol* fans can recall, season four winner Carrie Underwood sang the same song during one of her weeks and knocked the ball out of the park. It is basically an unwritten rule to never sing such a memorable song that a past contestant has done unless you can do it better. While it was probably Malubay's best performance (aside from the pitchiness towards the end of the sing), she did not exceed the level that Underwood had set for that song. Jackson did not like it, but Cowell said that it was not as bad as Jackson said it was.

While Jason Castro and Chikezie did not perform at their prime this week, Mercado has another great week with a powerhouse performance that Jackson referred to as "stellar." However, Cowell came back with a hint of criticism, saying that he felt she has a limit on her vocals and "that song stretched it."

White made another attempt at the piano, singing "Every Breathe You Take" by the Police. While she started off the song incorrectly, she restarted and gave a pretty nice performance. While all the judges commended her on knowing that she started off wrong and fixing it, Jackson and Cowell said they would have liked to hear her perform with just the piano, as opposed to having the band come

in later in the song.

Michael Johns gave his best performance this season, singing a Queen combination of "We Will Rock You" and "We are the Champions." Kristy Lee Cook also gave

also criticized David Archuleta's performance of Australian singer John Farmham's "You're the Voice." It was a strange song, but Archuleta nailed the key change. Cowell referred to the perfor-

brave," then followed with "It was amazing." Cook, however, took some heat from the media, who criticized him for not really being "original," as the arrangement was not his own. These accusations are absolutely ridiculous. First of all, Cook never said the arrangement was his own, and host Ryan Seacrest even said that it was the Chris Cornell arrangement before the performance even began! If the critics are mad because Jackson referred to him as "original," then criticize him, not Cook.

At the results show the next night, Seacrest announced the *American Idol* song contest, encouraging America to submit their original work, and reminded everyone of the next *Idol Gives Back* episode, to air April 9. Season two contestant Kimberly Locke also performed, and the contestants gave their take on what it's like to record songs for iTunes, and how the service has helped them in the competition.

Once again, the contestants were brought out one-by-one and learned their fate. Seacrest had made note of media attention surrounding Smithson, and she said she was aware that people are saying she's pregnant, but denied the claim. Chikezie, Castro, and Mercado were in the bottom three, and the results sent Chikezie home.

Nine contestants remain. Who will be voted off next? Tune into *The Outlook* next week to find out, and be sure to watch *American Idol*, only on FOX.



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**The Top 10 finalists perform Maxine Nightingale's "Right Back Where We Started From," to commemorate the week's theme of the years they were born.**

her best performance, singing "God Bless the USA." Abdul said that the song was a "good choice for you," and Cowell called it her "best performance by a mile."

Smithson gave a knockout performance of "Total Eclipse of the Heart" by Bonnie Tyler, but Cowell and Jackson didn't quite enjoy it so much, and Cowell said she seemed "tense." The judges

mance as "reminiscent of a theme park performance."

David Cook took a leap singing "Billie Jean" by Michael Jackson, but performing the Chris Cornell arrangement. Everything about the performance was perfect. Jackson called Cook "the most original" and told him, "You might be the one to win." Abdul was "blown away," and Cowell said "That was



## Tackles The Lighter Side of Divorce

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Many of you probably saw the commercial for a new comedy show entitled *UnHitched* during this year's Super Bowl which featured a man accidentally dropping vegetable dip on the top of his baby's head and then proceeding to lick it off while professing his apologies to the infant. This scene along with many other hysterical moments could only be part of the new comedy project by the Farrelly brothers.

*UnHitched* features four friends in their 30's who have recently been thrown back into the dating pool for different reasons. Jack "Gator" Gately (Craig Bierko) married his college sweetheart, only to end up divorce from her 15 years later. His two best friends Tommy and Freddy have also been through a divorce or two, but each of them are handling their new found freedom differently.

Freddy (Shaun Majumder) although a successful surgeon has found that he is virtually helpless without his ex-wife. He has been out of the dating scene since 1992 and his ridiculous attempts at getting back into the dating lifestyle are anything but successful.

Tommy (Johnny Sneed) on the

other hand is a pro at being divorced, having survived three failed marriages, most likely on his part. Out of the bunch, he is defi-

Round out the group is Gator's neighbor Kate (Rashida Jones), a lawyer who was recently dumped from a seven year engagement, only to find that her ex-fiancé, Chad, has managed to propose to his newest girlfriend after only several months of dating.

The cast also includes Phil (Pat Finn) who most will remember as the oblivious father from the commercials. He can usually be seen toting around one of his kids no matter where he is, be it at Gator's house or at a bar with his buddies.

Each of these friends experience a new relationship almost every episode, which not surprisingly ends up with them going home alone. But, to try to explain these episodes wouldn't do them justice, because the scenarios are far too ridiculous to be able to convey through words alone. Simply put, these characters are involved in the most absurd and comical shenanigans in which their dating experiences inevitably following Murphy's Law, because it always seems that if something could possibly go wrong for them, it usually does.

If you want to catch an episode of *UnHitched* tune into Fox, Sunday nights at 9:30. Also, if you've missed the first few episodes and you want to catch up, you can check out full episodes online every week at Fox.com.



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**The hysterically funny foursome of the Farrelly brothers new comedy UnHitched (right to left) Johnny Sneed, Rashida Jones, Craig Bierko, and Shaun Majumder.**

nitely the most forward and least likely to ever stay in a steady marriage.

## The Outlook Staff's Favorite Embarrassing Movies

**Jackie Editor in Chief**  
**Danielle Features Editor**  
**"She's Too Young"**

"It's the most amazing Lifetime movie ever."

"I just always get sucked into it."



**Lisa Managing/Entertainment Editor**  
**"3 Ninjas"**

"Rocky loves Emily."



**Kristen Entertainment Editor**  
**"Motocrossed"**

"Riley Smith is HOT!"





# I Scream, You Scream

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Spring has begun to knock on winter’s door. The time has come to start saying farewell to subzero temperatures, shoveling snow, heavy sweaters, and hot chocolate. Yet, if winter’s prospect of canceled classes has started to get you done, despair not. Spring will usher in sunny walks on the boardwalk, lazy afternoons in the quad, and t-shirts. And, let us not forget another pastime that walks hand in hand with warm weather, outings to get one of the Jersey shore’s finest amenities, ice cream.

Being a student at Monmouth University means having dozens of ice cream parlors at your fingertips. So many in fact, that the choices are usually overwhelming. So, on behalf of the Monmouth community I have selflessly visited five local ice cream jaunts that are open all year round. I now feel qualified to tell you a little about each and what make each one

Scoops has been open in this location for almost nine years. This popular ice cream parlor boasts homemade ice cream at affordable prices. Soft ice cream will only cost you \$1.75- \$2.55, hard ice cream between \$1.85- \$3.95. Sheila, an employee of three years at Scoops explains, “Our low prices really attract a wide variety of people. We get a lot of families and sports teams, but young students too.” Although their best selling item is the old classic of soft vanilla ice cream with rainbow sprinkles, they offer nontraditional flavors such as Smurf, or blueberry, and Miss Muddy, coffee flavored with fudge ribbon (both of which are popular among customers).

Also on the same highway, located in Towne Center, is a new ice cream parlor, just beginning to catch on with Monmouth students. Igloo is a relatively small

you, Carvel, located in the Carousel Shopping Center, across the street from Walgreens on Rt. 36, is more of classic ice cream parlor. In fact, this particular Carvel has been satisfying customers with their homemade recipes for over 31 years. They offer a variety of flavors of both soft and hard ice creams, with prices varying from \$2.48 to \$4.58. Unlike the above mentioned creameries, Carvel also offers many novelty items. They sell Flying Saucers, Chipsters, Sinful Love Bars, and many more. Yet, Carvel is mostly known for their outstanding cakes. Carvel has been perfecting their cakes since their debut in 1934. The tradition started with Fudgie the Whale Cake and Cookie Puss Cake, both of which are still available today for only \$19.99. As Carvel’s founder Tom Carvel says, “Make everyone feel special and every occasion deserves a special ice cream cake.”

their original 31 flavors (one for every day of the month), this particular store only feature 12 different flavors of hard ice cream. Yet they did offer some variety, even carrying a seasonal flavor. The current one, winter white chocolate (white

are sadly, only seasonal. These five are open all year round to help satisfy your ice cream cravings. So whether it’s a good deal, a new experience, or an old classic you’re craving, one of these parlors is for you. Let’s not forget however, if



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With spring here and summer right around the corner, Baskin Robbins and similar places can satisfy anyone’s taste for ice cream.

unique for the Monmouth student. The first ice cream franchise I visited was Cold Stone Creamery, located in the Monmouth Mall near the food court. Cold Stone is by far the biggest splurge for struggling students. Yet, the price you pay equals the taste you get: very rich. They offer 21 Signature Creations, everything from Cookie Doughn’t You Want It (French vanilla ice cream, chocolate chips, cookie dough, fudge, and caramel) to Our Strawberry Blonde (Strawberry ice cream, graham cracker pie crust, strawberries, caramel and whipped topping). These Signature Creations, as well Custom Creations, sundaes you can customize to your own taste buds, will set you back \$5.15- \$6.00. There is no denying that Cold Stone Creamery has a great location, making it a perfect stop after a long day of shopping. Yet, as Monmouth student, Caitlin Comba, pointed out, “Sometime’s

store that only opened a year ago. This new establishment is very unique, offering an ice cream experience that is solely their own. It only sells soft serve ice cream and frozen yogurt (fat free or sugar free), no hard ice cream. These Kosher delights are only offered in a one size cup priced at \$4.15. For all those that love to experiment with new flavors, this really is your place. They create Custom Blends, in which they actually add the flavor and toppings into the soft serve. The outcome of which is soft serve with a flavorful punch. I personally sampled the German Chocolate Cake and Chocolate Chip Mint, both of which offered an abundance of flavor that normally does not accompany your typical soft serve cup or cone. It can be likened to the Dip N’ Dots of soft serve ice cream, something new and different. Also keeping on track with this innova-

This franchise motto has definitely been put into practice, with Carvel offering cakes for holidays, sporting events, and birthdays. They have also started a new trend in the industry. Many ice cream shops offer screened designs on birthday cakes. Carvel does too, with everything from High School Musical decals to Bob the Builder to Disney characters. Yet now they also offer something new. You can now bring in your own picture, which they will scan on to edible sugar paper and apply to the cake. Imagine how much fun you can have on your friend’s next birthday by putting a picture of them on their actual cake. It makes for a great personal touch, one that depending on the picture you decide to use could be quite entertaining.

Another close ice cream parlor, and the last that I checked out, is the Baskin Robbins on Broadway, attached to Dunkin Donuts. Although the franchise is known for

As students, we can’t fit much into our budget. However, ice cream is a sweet treat that anyone can afford, even if you splurge.

chocolate ice cream swirled with cherry pieces and cherry ribbon), is still for winter. Employees were not aware what the spring flavor would be or when it would debut. The best thing about Baskin Robbins is their weekly special. Every Tuesday you can buy one sundae and get another for free. This is a great thing for students, whether on a date or just out with friends. You can get two sundaes for \$3.99- \$4.99. That’s the best bargain I’ve found, including the previously mentioned ice cream parlors, but again remember this special is only on Tuesdays.

Of course, these five ice cream parlors are only the tip of the iceberg. There are tons sprinkled around the shore. Many of which

all else fails, Miranda, a customer at Baskin Robbins, informed me Turkey Hill is usually on sale at Foodtown for only \$1.99 for a half gallon. This could be the only ice cream distributor that is open for those common late night cravings so common in the college life. So, as spring approaches, get out there and take part in the Jersey shore tradition of sunny days and ice cream cones. Being a Monmouth University student, this is an experience none should miss. In fact, maybe it should become yet another requirement for graduation, dubbed “Experiential Ice Cream Education.” Yet somehow, I doubt this would be a requirement any Monmouth student would complain about.

**Being a student at Monmouth University means having dozens of ice cream parlors at your fingertips.**

it’s worth the drive over here even when I’m not shopping. Sometimes you just need the really good ice cream.”

If you’re still looking for good ice cream, but at a more reasonable price, Scoops is just a short distance down from the mall on the opposite side of Route 35.

tive nature, Igloo now delivers to all surrounding towns. This definitely will appeal to busy students who between classes and homework may not have the time to personally make it to the shop.

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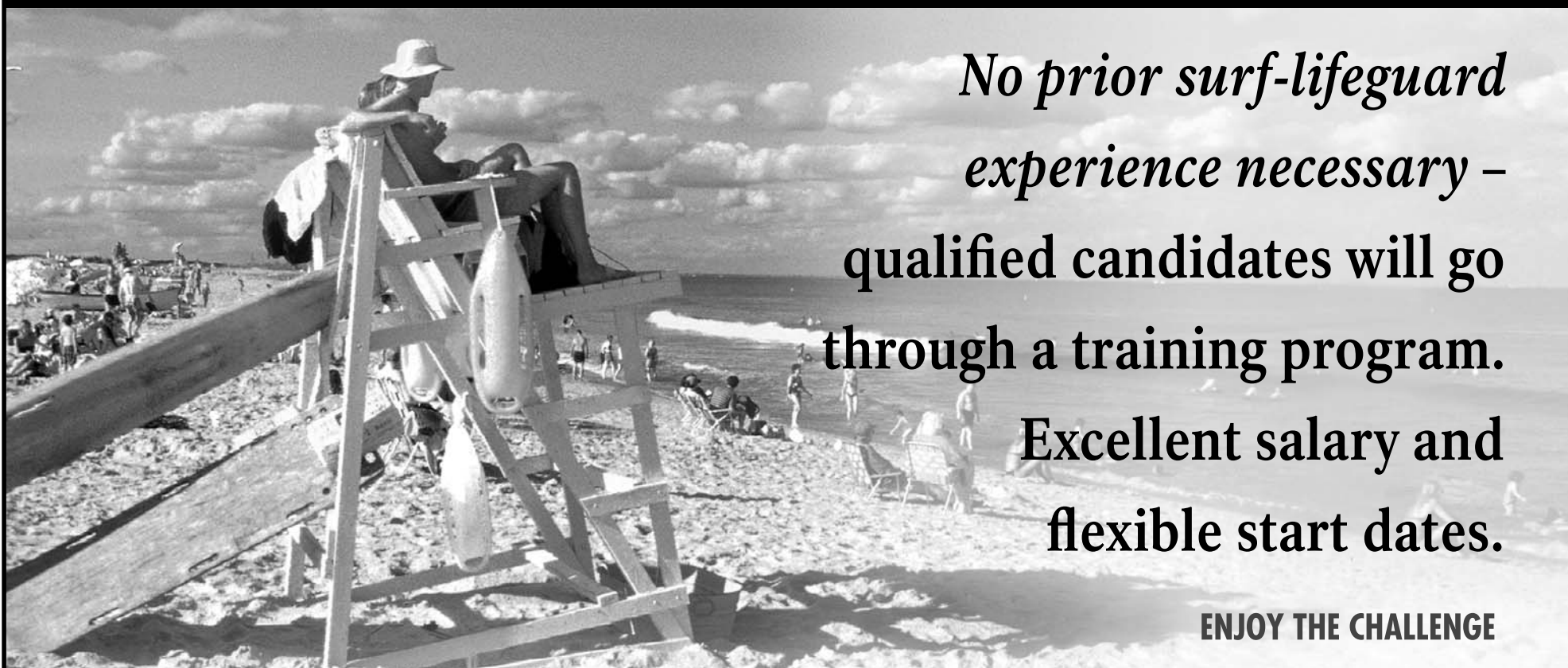
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## Alpha Xi Delta

The ladies of Alpha Xi Delta are prepping for Greek Week and their upcoming event for The National Parkinson's Foundation along side Theta Phi Alpha. The event will take place on April 22, 2008 in Anacon Hall, from 7:30-9. The event will be a silent auction for some really great prizes. Please come out and donate! We hope everyone is getting excited for Greek Week! Keep an eye on this space for more Alpha Xi Delta updates, or check out our Facebook profile, Interested in Joining Alpha Xi Delta. Much Xi love to everyone! <3

## Alpha Sigma Tau

Alpha Sigma Tau would like to welcome the new members Beth Berdin, Alys Barrecchia, Lauren Ermilio, Katelyn Mulliken, Rita Carroll, and Allison Bennett. Congratulations Alpha Upsilon Class!!!! Insiders: Blue! You my boy. Blue! It's the Bermuda Triangle-in the Bahamas! January 6, 1980. Love you guys, Gia, Vogue, & Allure <3 Serenity Spryte- I will be late to go home and get those brownies, except I don't need to sugar cult my love! Ha! Honey- let's have a chicken tetrazinu and gossip night again soon k? Little-let's hang out more like last week? Dolce- you're officially one of my favs now-lets keep it up! 34 days left-Jacks here I come <3 Kaprice Snacks, Chic, & Luckystar go on an emergency Rita's run! yummy! I love my pseudo twin! My littles are the best! Love, Luckystar I love my little Beth <3 Big Athena, Hi I don't like that! Smalls and G-Sec-YA B\*TCH! YA! haha GGSmalls-You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. GSmalls I <3 you too. Radiance- lets scheme. I love you. Love, Gia! Radiance- I bet your man says "Mistress Alison"...Little I LOVE YOU!



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## Who and Where

JAMIE KINARD  
STAFF WRITER

Construction will begin soon on the new rain garden! Now that you know all about the garden and what it is for, who is involved, and how can you become a part of it?

The Rain Garden is being built by a coalition between the Urban East Coast Institute and Monmouth University's Water Watch. Professor Tiedemann of the Institute is the person who has been monumentally involved in bringing the rain garden on campus. He also has his own set of interns that are working on the logistical aspect of the garden, including the

plants to be used and the planning of construction.

The other half of this team is Water Watch, headed by Katie Feeney. Katie is the leader of the group, and is also responsible for working with both the Institute and the club. Water Watch's end of the project is to reach out to local communities and inform them about the project, as well as building the project. We get politicians involved in our projects, and inform them of the water issue. We also contact local newspapers and other universities to educate the communities about what we are doing, and how they can do the same thing to help the environment. Another project we do is cleaning up local waterways

and beach areas to stop beach closings and heal our water systems; another part of this is stream monitoring, in which we monitor the health of different waterways. Media is another major topic. We involve local newspapers and other media networks to come and cover our cleanups or to be aware of what is happening. Water Watch is also responsible for building the garden, which is set to begin construction soon!

Interested? Water Watch meets every Wednesday at 2:30 in 202A on the second floor of the Student Center. We are always looking for volunteers, and we are always willing to accept new members!

## Phi Sigma Kappa

Brothers...It's been a long time coming, and we're finally back. It has been a great week doing community service and having a record showing at the dance off thanks to Chodehed...We have been one thing on our mind, and that is to win Greek Week...We thought we should come back with a bang so read at your own advisory cause this is fire...Coco got the \*\*\* ringtones and the boots with the furr. Beowulf has hit rock bottom at the gym, with squeaks lifting more than him. Abu has just found out Mehmet Okur is his distant brother. Donkey shows off his new Speedo collection at big man on campus. Skeeter moves from one relationship to another. Sloth is starring in Just Friends based on a true story...It has been a great week, and many more to come...We will always be DAMN PROUD...This is Dud and Barbie signing off...

## MU Community Service Club Will Host a Bake Sale

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Many other volunteer opportunities are available. Search "**Volunteer Directory**" on the MU website for a complete listing. Questions? E-mail [volunteer@monmouth.edu](mailto:volunteer@monmouth.edu) or stop by the Office of Service Learning and Community Programs, Room 301c in the RSSC.

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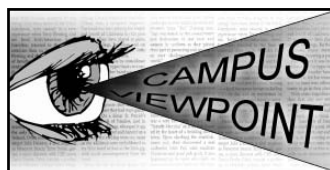
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## How is your semester going so far this Spring?

COMPILED BY: SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON



**Ryan**  
senior

"Crappy! A ton of work."



**Jeannette**  
senior

"I have 'Senioritis!' It's a lot of work, and I don't feel like doing any of it!"



**Jen**  
junior

"Very good: I'm doing well in all of my classes, and I like all of my Professors."



**Danielle**  
freshman

"Better than last semester."



**Becca**  
freshman

"I passed Chemistry, so much better now."



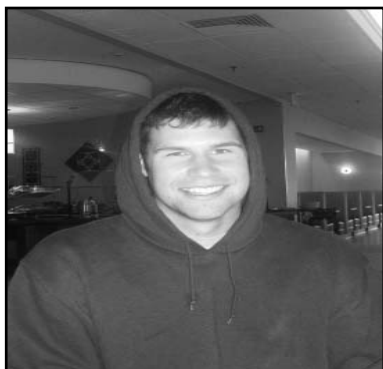
**Harrison**  
sophomore

"Classes suck, but everything else is fine."



**Chase**  
freshman

"Soccer's starting, and the weather's getting better, so it's good."



**Bryan**  
freshman

"It's going good, but I can't wait until summer."



**Devon**  
sophomore

"School's CRAZY, but it's almost the summer."



**Christian**  
sophomore

"It got a little wierd, but it's cool now that I have changed my major."

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### Campus Events This Week

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Festa Italiana • 11:30 AM • Anacon Hall  
Baseball vs. Rutgers • 3:00 PM • Baseball Field  
Comedian Ronnie Jordan • 9:00 PM • The Underground

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Anxiety Screening Day • 12:00 - 5:00 PM • Student Center 202A  
Leadership Workshop: Transition for Student Clubs • 2:00 PM • Afflitto Conf.  
Dainty Dames and Burly Boys: Identities in Crisis • 4:00 PM • Plangere 235

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Texas Hold'em Tournament • 5:00 PM • Student Center Fireplace  
Karaoke Night • 8:00 PM • The Underground

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Softball vs. Mount St. Mary's • 1:00 PM • Softball Field  
Meet the Pep Band • 5:00 PM • Student Center Fireplace  
The Amazing Race • 7:00 PM • The Underground

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Men's Tennis vs. NJIT • 12:00 PM  
Softball vs. Rider • 1:00 PM • Softball Field  
Lacrosse vs. Long Island • 1:00 PM • Kessler Field

#### MONDAY, APRIL 7

Global Understanding Week Begins - LOOK FOR DETAILS

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Men's Tennis vs. Fairleigh Dickinson • 3:00 PM  
Film Viewing • Two Women • 4:30 PM • Wilson Auditorium  
Zainab Al-suwayj: Women's Equality in the Muslim World • 6:00 PM • Anacon  
Java City Theology • 7:30 PM • Java City Cafe

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Break Out of the Silence: Inequalities in Prison • 1-4 PM • Student Center  
STE Student Research Conference • 2:00 PM • Wilson Auditorium  
Baseball vs. Lafayette • 3:30 PM • Baseball Field  
Softball vs. Manhattan • 3:00 PM • Softball Field

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# Baseball Rides Five Game Winning Streak

## Hawks defeat Temple, sweep three-game series against NJIT as Brach makes history

ERIC WALSH  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Monmouth baseball team came back from its 10 day streak without playing a game by winning its next four games over a five day period. The squad defeated Temple and then went on to sweep a three game series against NJIT. With their four consecutive victories, the Hawks improve their overall record to 7-8 on the season.

In their first game since March 16, the Blue and White hosted Temple on Wednesday, March 26. The contest was a pitcher's duel right down to the end, as Monmouth salvaged a run in the bottom of the seventh inning, and was able to hold off the Owls 2-1.

After both teams missed out on scoring opportunities early on in the game, it was the home team that scratched out the first run. In the bottom of the sixth inning, with one man out, Paul Bottiglierio singled past the Owl shortstop to bring Shawn Teters in from third base to make the score 1-0.

Temple came right back a half inning later with their first run in the top of the seventh. With runners at the corners and no outs, a throwing error by MU allowed the tying run to cross the plate.

The Blue and White answered back in the bottom of the seventh inning. With two outs, the Hawks put together a rally to plate the go-ahead run. The home team put players on base as Brett Holland singled to center, followed by a Kyle Higgins walk. After Holland stole third, MU had players on the corners. Holland came home on a wild pitch by Temple reliever Kyle Monahan to give Monmouth the 2-1 advantage.

Monmouth got through a scary top of the eighth inning to secure the 2-1 victory. Kyle Breese earned his second career victory in only his fourth start, going 7

1/3 innings, allowing only one run on six hits. Justin Esposito registered his second save of the season, pitching a perfect ninth inning highlighted by two strikeouts.

With their scheduled match-up against St. Peter's postponed due to the weather, MU turned its sights to the three game series with in-state foe NJIT.

Despite his shaky start, senior ace Brad Brach earned his first victory of the season, and 22nd win of

ever the Blue and White answered back in the bottom of the first inning with a two-run homerun off the bat of Nick Pulsonetti.

The home team scored their third run of the contest in the third inning off of an errant throw home with the bases loaded, which allowed Teters to safely cross the plate.

The game was quiet until the bottom of the seventh inning when the Hawks pushed across seven runs to take the 10-2 edge. MU scattered seven hits in the inning, with Pul-

sonetti and Bottiglierio each driving in two apiece.

Brach went 7 1/3 innings, allowing two runs on eight hits. His record-setting strikeout came in the second inning as he punched out NJIT's Ricky Petrosino on a knee high 86 mph fastball.

In game two of the three game series with NJIT, the Blue and White had to stage a rally to pull out their fourth victory in a row. The home squad found themselves down 4-2

in the bottom of the sixth inning, but clawed back, scoring the final six runs of the game, propelling them to an 8-4 win.

The story of the game was the Hawks' sixth errors, leading to three unearned runs for pitcher Matt Marc-Aurele. The Blue and White finished the game with a season-high eight errors, but were salvaged by the two-hit days of Ryan Terry, Andy Meyers, and Mike Casale.

In the final game of the series, the power of the Monmouth bats was on display. The Blue and White tallied a season best 26 runs on 24 hits, including three homeruns, on Sunday afternoon at Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium. MU registered its fifth straight victory in the process.

Monmouth, who scored 19 runs twice last season, last scored at least 20 runs in 2006 when the team defeated Temple 35-1. Pulsonetti and Meyers led the Hawks with five RBI each, as Pulsonetti went 5-6 in the game. Meyers, Terry, and Holland each recorded three hits in the contest.

Pulsonetti, Meyers, and Terry all registered homeruns against NJIT. MU used seven pitchers in the game, as starter Brett Brach was knocked out of the game in the bottom of the second inning. Reliever Tim Ballard earned the victory, working 2 2/3 shutout innings.

Meyers moved into a tie for fourth place all-time in career RBI with his five RBI against NJIT. He now has 156 career runs driven in. Meyers and Pulsonetti each drove in five runs, while Holland added four RBI and Higgins added three. Meyers' also moved up the career hit list. With his two-run home run in the third inning of the game on Sunday, the senior registered his 200th career hit, making him the eighth player in Monmouth history to reach 200 career base

hits. Meyers now has 202 career hits, which ranks eighth all-time, while Joe McCullough (1995-98) tops the list with 247 career hits.

After the Hawks host Princeton on Tuesday, April 1, the team hosts Rutgers on Wednesday, April 2, at 3:00 p.m., and then travels to Sacred Heart for a three game series spanning from April 4-6. The team will then travel to Princeton on Tuesday, April 8, for a 3:30 p.m. scheduled first pitch.

### Baseball Upcoming Schedule

4/2  
Rutgers  
3:30

4/4 at  
Sacred Heart  
3:00

4/5 at  
Sacred Heart (DH)  
12:00

4/6 at  
Sacred Heart  
12:00

4/8 at  
Princeton  
3:30



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Brad Brach became Monmouth's all-time strikeout leader Friday against NJIT as he struck out eight to surpass Mike Liloia on the all-time Monmouth strikeout list. He has tallied 226 strikeouts in his career.

his career, guiding the Hawks to a 10-3 triumph. In the outing, Brach also surpassed Mike Liloia on the Monmouth all-time strikeout list to become the career strikeout leader in Monmouth school history with 226 punch outs. Brach's 22 career victories are the most for any pitcher in program history.

Brach opened the game by giving up two runs to the visiting Highlanders off of a walk and two singles in the first inning. How-

sonetti and Bottiglierio each driving in two apiece.

Brach went 7 1/3 innings, allowing two runs on eight hits. His record-setting strikeout came in the second inning as he punched out NJIT's Ricky Petrosino on a knee high 86 mph fastball.

In game two of the three game series with NJIT, the Blue and White had to stage a rally to pull out their fourth victory in a row. The home squad found themselves down 4-2

# Softball Goes 2-4 in Busy Week on the Road

## Blue and White drop pair of games at St. John's, split games at NEC foes Fairleigh Dickinson and Sacred Heart

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The Monmouth Univeristy softball team started off the week with two tough battles at St. Johns on Wednesday in Queens New York. The first game was a heartbreaking 4-3 loss and the second of the double header was a tough 4-1 defeat.

In the first game against the Red Storm the Hawks were treated to all 3 of their runs in the third inning with the bases loaded as Emily Delong, Lee Simonetti, and Jessica Nicola all drew walks and drove in runs for their team.

Kristine Sawlsville pitched a complete game and had a solid outing in the loss keeping her team in it until the very end. The Red Storm did not gain the lead until the 5th inning making this a heart breaker for the Hawks.

In the second contest Melissa Mehrer was on the mound for the blue and white and pitched a complete game as well allowing 13 hits and three earned runs in the contest.

The bats never got hot for the Hawks as they could only manufacture one run when speedy pinch runner Dara Palms came

all the way from first to score on a single up the middle from Nora Bosmans.

The Hawks then traveled to Teaneck NJ, to start North East Conference play against Farleigh

header as the Hawks pummeled the Knights 11-1. The bats stayed hot in the second game but the defense cooled as the blue and white suffered an 8-6 defeat.

In the first match up the Hawks

in the first four innings. Pitcher Kristine Sawlsville had her strongest outing of the season collecting the win, allowing only 2 hits, and accumulating a career best 10 strike outs in the game.

Offensively their were many stars for the blue and white in the contest but Nichole Alvarez had a huge day going 3-3 from the lead off spot driving in 2 and scoring once during the game.

After the incredible offensive outburst early in the first game the Hawks fell behind the Knights 8-1 early. However, the Hawks refused to quit and staged a late rally scoring 5 runs in the last 2 innings to fall 8-6.

All was not lost in the defeat as Kristine Sawlsville solid performance brings hope for things to come later on in the season.

To end the week the Hawks traveled to Fairfield Connecticut to take on the Pioneers of Sacred Heart.

Again the Hawks started off hot in division play with a 4-0 victory in the opening game, only to cool off in the night cap dropping a hard fought 2-1 contest.

Jr. Pitcher Kristine Sawlsville carried her momentum from her last outing to dominate in this

complete game shut out. Allowing only 3 hits in the contest and tallying 8 strikeouts, Sawlsville improves her record to 3-6 on the season.

In the second game, Monmouth lost a close battle 2-1.

The Hawks again scored a run in the first inning as Nichole Alvarez once again set the table for Monmouth as she singled, stole second base and scored on a Nicola triple to right field in the first inning.

Sacred Heart tied the game in the bottom of the second inning and scored the winning run in dramatic fashion in the bottom of the 5th.

Melissa Mehrer had a solid showing for the Hawks, pitching all six innings, giving up only three hits and two earned runs in the game to add to her 6 strikeouts.

With their weekend record of 2-4, the softball team falls to 5-14-1 overall, and 2-2 in NEC play. Monmouth finds itself in a tie for fourth place in the NEC, with over a month left in the season.

The Hawks return to the field on Wednesday, April 2 when they head to South Orange, N.J. for a doubleheader with Seton Hall.



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Kristine Sawlsville pitched a three-hit game one shutout against Sacred Heart leading Monmouth to a 4-0 victory.

Dickinson. The bats came out hot in the first contest of the double

could do no wrong offensively, as they tallied 11 unanswered runs



# A Word on Sports

## Settling the Debate: Brett Favre's Place in History

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As soon as it happened, I predicted it. And, unlike most of my predictions, it came true. As soon as Brett Favre retired, I knew the love fest would begin, and ESPN and Co. would declare him “the greatest quarterback ever”. While I have nothing but respect for Favre and the fantastic career he has had, I have no problem looking someone in the eye, and telling them that Brett Favre is not the greatest quarterback of all-time.

There are a lot of Brett Favre fans out there. I get that. He’s got the stats, the records, and three MVP Awards. I get that too. But being a quarterback in the NFL is different from any other sport. Individual stats aren’t as important as how many championships he wins, which is why people have such a hard time putting Dan Marino (who never won a Super Bowl) in the upper echelon of NFL quarterbacks, despite his incredible career.

So, if Brett Favre isn’t the greatest quarterback of all-time, who is? To me, it’s Johnny Unitas. Much the same way that no linebacker can ever be better than Lawrence Taylor, and no running back can ever out do Jim Brown, Johnny Unitas will always be the best

quarterback in the history of the league. He revolutionized the position, won three NFL titles, and put up big numbers in a time when teams played a run first, pass second offense.

On the list of all-time greats in the Super Bowl era, Favre does crack the top five. Ahead of him are Joe Montana, Tom Brady, John Elway, and Terry Bradshaw, in that order, all of who have more Super Bowl rings than Brett. Montana went four-for-four in Super Bowls, while Brady has collected three in just six seasons. Elway played in five Super Bowls, winning two of them (including one against Favre in Super Bowl XXXII). And Terry Bradshaw won four Super Bowls, but to be fair, was helped by a Steeler defense that seemed to feature a Hall-of-Famer at just about every position.

I’m not a Brett Favre detractor, but it’s important to put his career in perspective. In addition to only one Super Bowl victory, Favre was the typical gunslinger quarterback. In other words, when he was playing well, he was great, but when he wasn’t, he was terrible. And that is not exactly what you want from your quarterback in a big spot. It’s like a 50-50 all-or-nothing type deal. Look at Favre’s two overtime games this season. You either get an 80 yard touchdown bomb (against the Broncos) or an interception on

the plus side of the field that sets up a game-winning field goal (against the Giants).

Although Favre owns just about every career passing statistic, he’s also the owner of some dubious career numbers. Between 2003-2005, he threw 67 interceptions, and over his 17 year career, averaged about 17 interceptions a season. That’s not awful, but compared to Elway (14) and Montana (8), it just doesn’t stack up. Favre simply put the ball up for grabs too many times, and with only one Super Bowl victory to his credit, he simply cannot be put in the upper echelon of NFL quarterbacks.

To be fair to Brett, and to put his career in perspective, I think he is better than Marino, three-time Super Bowl champion Troy Aikman, and Peyton Manning. No one has thrown for more yards or touchdowns than Brett Favre, and his consecutive games started streak is something that, dare I say, may never be equaled.

If I were to create a Pantheon of Quarterbacks, here’s what it would look like: Level 1- Unitas, Montana, Brady.

Level 2- Elway, Bradshaw, Favre, Aikman

Level 3- Marino, Jim Kelly  
So there you have it: Brett Favre’s proper place in history. Not the greatest quarterback ever, but certainly in the picture.

# Women’s Golf Third at Hawk Invitational

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth senior Rylee Plitz finished in second place at the 3rd Annual Monmouth Hawk Invitational on Sunday afternoon, at Eagle Ridge Country Club. Plitz, who finished one stroke off the lead, paced the Hawks to a third place team finish at the two-day event, at the par-72, 5,837-yard course in Lakewood, New Jersey.

Fairleigh Dickinson won the team title, posting a 661 (338-323), as the Knights carded

position with a 710 (342-368). FDU’s Michele Holzwarth captured medalist honors, firing rounds of 80 and 74 (154). Holzwarth’s second-day 74 was the lowest round of the competition, which helped her finish one stroke ahead of Plitz, who shot 78-77.

Julia Drygas was the Hawks’ next finisher, claiming ninth place overall with a 171 (89-82). Brigid Cahill tied for tenth place with her 174 (83-91), while Lisa Rastede (23rd place; 100-88=188) and Kelly Reilly (27th place; 108-95=203)



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Kylee Plitz finished in second place at the 3rd Annual Monmouth Hawk Invitational to pace the Hawks to a third place team finish.

the low round on both days of competition. Boston University (348-339) finished second, with a 687, one stroke ahead of the host Hawks (350-338). Hofstra finished in fourth place with a 708 (356-352) and Central Connecticut State rounded out the team scores, finishing in fifth

rounded out the team score. Monmouth’s Vanessa Toscano competed as an individual at the event and finished in 28th place (96-109=205).

Monmouth returns to action on Sunday, April 13th, when the Hawks compete in the Rutgers Quad Match, in Piscataway.

# Men’s Track and Field Agrees There’s No Place Like Home

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University men’s track & field team took home the top prize at the 13th Annual Monmouth Season Opener on Saturday afternoon, going undefeated on the day.

The Hawks went 5-0 in the dual meet scored system, defeating Fairleigh Dickinson, Rutgers, Lehigh, St. Francis (N.Y.) and St. Joe’s. The meet featured over 1,000 athletes. Monmouth’s men’s team has never lost in the 13 years of the event.

“The marks and times in many events were not outstanding and the conditions certainly played a part in that for our team and every team,” said head coach Joe Compagni. “But I felt like we competed well and started off the season with some great efforts in our first full team meet of the spring.”

Christian Keller started things off on the right foot for the Hawks, winning the hammer throw with a throw of 179’ 5”, while Ed Skowronski was right behind him with his distance of 179’ 02”. The two qualified for the IC4A’s. Sophomore Shawn Sabo was fifth 155’ 3”, Tom Ciccoli was sixth, Brian Fill was seventh (121’ 5”) and sophomore Michael Smith was eighth to round out the scorers in the event.

Keller was also first in the discus, beating out all other competitors with his IC4A qualifying throw of 157’ 11”. Sabo took fifth

place with his throw of 144’ 01”. Skowronski finished seventh in the discus with his throw of 141’ 08”. Keller was also the first collegian competitor (behind MU alum Jon Kalnus) in the shot put, throwing 52’ 8” for a second overall finish. Ciccoli (51’ 8 ¼”) was third, while Skowronski placed seventh (48’ 6 ¼”). Keller and Ciccoli each earned spots at the IC4A in the shot put.

Monmouth’s 4x100 relay team of Chris Santorelli, Dave Martell, Jason Kelsey and Chris Taiwo captured first for Monmouth, crossing the line 42.42, which qualified them for the IC4A’s.

Kelsey, freshman Patrick McCarney, Keich and Vuono made up the Hawks 4x400 relay team, which took first with their time of 3:21.48.

Senior Chris Vuono was the first collegian in the 200m dash with his time of 22.11. Matt Caporaso finished first in the 3000m steeplechase with his time of 10:33.70. Dustin Coleman took second for the Blue & White in the 10,000m, finishing in 33:58.73. Coleman’s time was first among collegiate competitors.


MU athletes went 2-3 in the long jump, with Alex Bowers tallying a distance of 21’ 3 ½” and Kolan Reevey taking third with his distance of 20’ 7 ¼”. Vuono also tallied a third place finish for the Hawks in the 400m dash, but his time of 49.61 was tops for a collegiate athlete. Kelsey was fifth

overall in the 400m, with his time of 50.81. Martell’s time of 11.33 in the 100m dash earned him a fifth place finish.

Monmouth athletes took the third, fourth and fifth places in the long jump with freshman Julio Rodriguez finishing first after clearing 6’ 0”. Reevey was second (5’ 10”) and Anthony Appezzato was fifth with his height of 5’8”. MU’s sprint medley relay team of Terry Paul, Eric Fay, Zachary Krupka and Yasser Barr were third at the meet with their time of 3:38.54.

Sophomore Matt Mizerek’s throw of 184’ 07” placed the sophomore third in the javelin. Smith and Fill were seventh and eighth in the event, with their throws of 175’ 10” and 175’ 7”, respectively. Sophomore Derrik Keich was sixth in the 400m hurdles while Ben Hutterer also claimed the sixth spot in the 1500m with his time of 4:10.46. Chris Tanzola placed sixth in the 110m hurdles, crossing the line in 15.58 and Santorelli finished in seventh in the 100m dash (11.37). Rodriguez’s triple jump of 36’ 2” was the sixth best distance of the day. Senior Randy Hadzor and junior Jeff Cody placed fifth and eighth, respectively.

Monmouth’s men’s and women’s track and field teams will be competing next weekend at the Sam Howell Invitational at Princeton University and at the Colonial Relays hosted on the campus of William & Mary.



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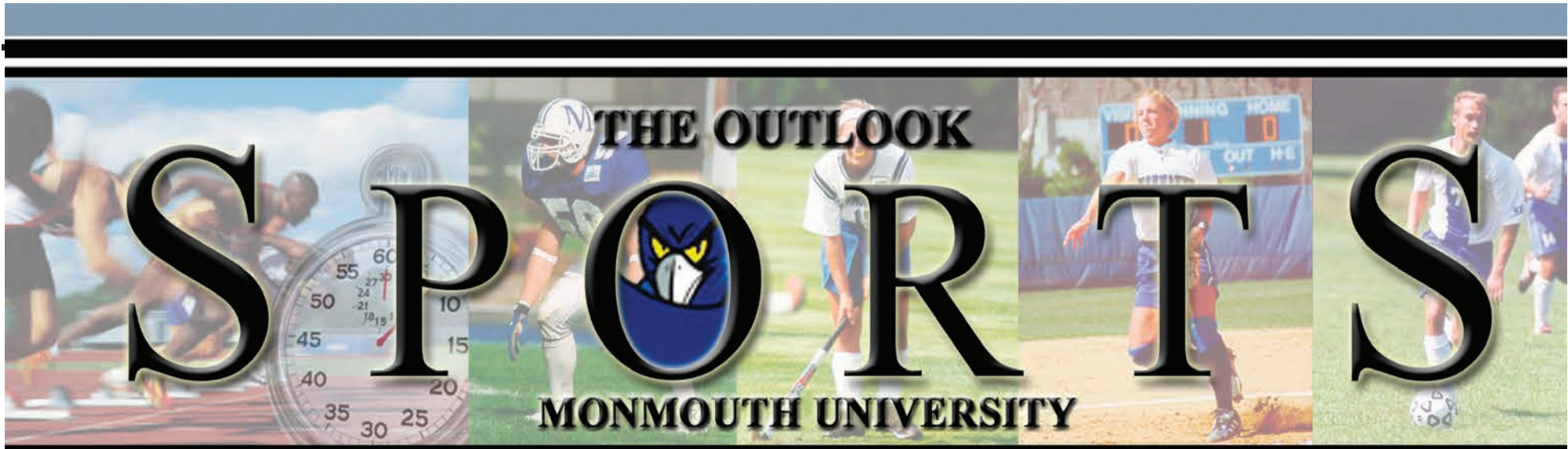
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# Strikeout King



Monmouth University Baseball  
*all-time strikeout list*

1. Brad Brach (2005-)	226
2. Mike Liloia (1993-96)	219
3. Joe Aragona (1995-98)	204
Dan Severino (1997-2000)	204
5. John Garrabrant (1992-95)	168
6. Glen Keeton (2000-04)	162
7. Andrew Palmieri (2001-04)	149
8. Brian Gismonde (1998-2001)	148

**Pitcher Brad Brach became the all-time leader in career strikeouts, as the Hawks defeated NJIT 10-3 on Friday afternoon.**

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