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New York Times Columnist Fills Pollak Theatre with Lecture on Oppression

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"Women hold up half the sky."

This was stated by American journalist and New York Times columnist Nicholas D. Kristof, who took part in the ninth Annual Global Understanding Convention as the keynote speaker on Wednesday, April 7 in Pollak Theatre with a lecture on the oppression women struggle with in various

countries around the world.

The event began at 6 pm as faculty, staff, students, administrators and members of the surrounding Monmouth community gathered in the theatre to listen to Kristof's lecture, "Between Oppression and Opportunities: How Women Are Facing Change and Stability in Global Environments."

The reporter gave insight to the audience on women suffering in countries such as Zimbabwe, China, Ethiopia, Cambodia, and several others.

One story Kristof told involved a girl in China who was forced to drop out of school because her parents did not want to pay the \$13 in school fees, simply because she was a girl. Females are looked upon as inferior to males in many countries, including China.

Kristof spoke of three main themes which have taken place in the world. In the 19th century, it was

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The Red Cross Says What to Do When Disaster Strikes

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In honor of the Global Understanding Convention, "American Red Cross: What To Do When Disaster Strikes" was presented by Leo Pratte, who is the Chief Disaster Officer of the Jersey Shore chapter of the American Red Cross, in the Turrell Boardroom in Bey Hall to approximately 25 students on April 5.

The American Red Cross

is one the most successful non-profit organizations in the world, with a Red Cross in every country except for two. Jason Wiemken, a first year student who attended the presentation, said, "I was surprised at how big the Red Cross is. 98 million people are members across the world. This is huge!"

There are seven principles that the Red Cross employs; which are humanity, independence, neutrality, impartiality, volunteer service, unity and universality. "These allow us

to be an ally to all and an enemy to no one," said Leo Pratte. "I believe this is why we are successful on a global level."

Neutrality is one the most important principles for the Red Cross. It allows volunteers to gain access to countries where normally they would be treated with hostility.

Independence is also an extreme principle because

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Discussion Surrounds First-Hand Experience on Hunger in Haiti

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As part of the Global Understanding Conference, the University's Friends of Socrates organization held a discussion about solutions to poverty on April 8 in Howard Hall.

The discussion was based around the book "On That Day Everybody Ate," by Margaret Trost. Through her writing she tells a detailed

story of her first-hand experience with poverty and hunger in Haiti.

The book sparked conversation quickly and most people in the room got involved. Trost's book was published in 2008 and until the recent earthquake in Haiti, most people were unaware of the poverty Haitians were faced with.

This idea began an examination of our media. "What media emphasizes as a problem is what becomes a problem," said Ma-

rina Vujnovic, Communication professor. "We cannot rely on mainstream media to tell us what's going on in the world."

Heather Mistretta, Assistant Editor of the University publication, made the point that, "It took an earthquake that leveled the whole city to make us realize Haiti needed help. They needed help before that."

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Increase in Males at Annual Stress Event

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The Monmouth University Counseling and Psychological Services hosted its annual Mental Health Screening in the Afflitto Conference room in the Student Center on April 8. The object of the day was to educate students on depression, anxiety and other mood disorders. The mental health screening offers students the chance to fill out a questionnaire and then talk to a licensed professional about their results. Videos and pamphlets on psychological disorders were also available to students.

The Counseling and Psychological Services have been hosting annual events during the fall and spring semesters since the early 90's. In the early years of the event, there was a high majority of females that responded to the stress event but in recent years, the numbers of males have increased and have

started to level out. At the fall event, there is a high turnout of freshmen and transfers who are overwhelmed at being at a new school with new students. However in the spring, there is a larger majority of seniors who are anticipating graduation and are developing a fear of entering the "real" world.

"We are trying to show students that being depressed and having anxiety is nothing to be ashamed of and is nothing to hide," says Mancini. She goes on to say, "being able to confront the problem is a strength where as ignoring it and hoping it will go away on its own is a weakness."

The Psychological services have been working to change the misconception of depression and anxiety that students have. Depression and anxiety has an extremely high rate among college students but it is

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Drag Ball Sports Professional and Student Models

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On April 7, the fifth Annual Drag Ball was hosted by All Lifestyles Included (ALI) and sponsored by the Student Activities Board, Environmental Club, and Energy Service Corps.

In honor of Gay Pride Month and the Global Understanding Convention, the Drag Ball consisted of professional drag performances as well as student models. Dressing in drag can be theatrical or comedic consisting of clothing and make-up worn for performing, not to be confused with transgender.

All Lifestyles Included is a group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender students, anyone questioning his or her sexuality, as well as heterosexuals who support the diverse sexual community. ALI's purpose is to promote awareness of the sexual diversity on the University campus and to help minority to feel comfortable enough to express themselves. Privacy is assured to all members. "Hopefully the Drag Show will bring more acceptance to the sexually diverse community," said Brianna

Blackler, a member of ALI.

President of ALI, and host of the Drag Ball, Greg Montagino, was dressed in drag himself. He said, "I hope this organization continues for years to come." He sported a lovely baby pink dress with black polka dots and puffy shoulder sleeves. Montagino announced that his drag name for the night was, fittingly, Princess Caroline.

University Environmental Club President, Kaitlyn Kanzler, designed a dress made of sleek black garbage bags, hemp, and bottle caps for embellishment around the collar. The coordinator for Energy Service Corps, Aimee Lim, modeled this dress in support of the Drag Show.

Tickets were sold in advance for five dollars. At the door, tickets could be purchased for seven dollars. Before the show, Blackler, estimated that there would be at least one hundred people at the Show, but the result exceeded her expectations with an outcome of over two hundred people, including Montagino's mother.

The entire show was entertain

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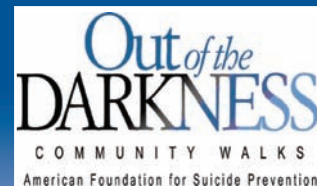
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Alpha Sigma Tau held their "Love Struck" event to raise money for a certain charity.

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See what one student reviewed for the new film, "Date Night."

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American Journalist Kristof Gives University a Glance on Oppression of Women

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slavery, in the 20th century it was totalitarianism, and now it is “the oppression of women and girls throughout the world.”

“Human trafficking, [which really is] a modern form of slavery,” Kristof said.

One of the more surprised moments of the lecture was when Kristof informed the audience that there are indeed, more males than females in the world, but the reason for that is because “there are 120 million females missing in the world.”

“You starve your daughter to feed your son,” Kristof said.

Several photographs were shown in Kristof’s PowerPoint presentation, including ones of abused women and starved children. One story involved a girl from Cambodia who was kidnapped at age 13, and was forced into a brothel. After refusing the brothel owner to take part in a form of sexual activity, the girl had her eye gouged out by the owner.

Another major event Kristof spoke of was something he described as not “pure journalism and raised a lot of eyebrows.” After traveling to Cambodia to write up a story, he came across two girls both stuck in a brothel. After finishing his story on them, he said he left knowing that even if he wrote an article about the women, they would still be dying of HIV AIDS. Kristof ended up buying the girls from the brothel owner, one for

\$150, and another for approximately \$200.

“Receipts for buying a human being, that should be a shame on us all,” Kristof said.

Another story Kristof told the audience consisted of a 13 year old girl from Ethiopia who was forced to marry a 60 year old man, and at age 14 was trying to give birth to her child alone in a bush. After suffering from a fistula, which is an abnormal passageway between two organs or vessels which normally have no connections, she became very ill and began to smell with a constant wetness. The town said she was cursed and wanted to keep the woman outside where the hyenas would eat her alive. However, the girl kept the hyenas away by waving a stick at them throughout the night. At the next morning, the girl could not walk, so she crawled 35 miles to an American missionary. Two days later, she arrived at the building, and the missionary immediately brought her to the hospital where she was saved. The woman later became a nurse in the same hospital.

“Don’t forget the opportunity without the tragedy,” Kristof said.

Elements Kristof touched on were microfinance and education.

Kristof said as a lesson to the audience, “I hope you spend time in the grass roots somewhere in the world. You will learn how things work in the world, [in the grass roots].” The columnist encouraged all in attendance to get of their comfort zones.

“The fact that we are all in this room today truly means that we have won the lottery of life,” Kristof stated.

Kristof has co-authored a book with his wife Sheryl WuDunn titled, “Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide.” The author had a book signing and reception prior to the lecture at 5:30, which was free and open to the public.

From 6 pm to 6:15 pm, the Corialis Trio performed a musical piece for the audience. One member of the Trio dedicated the performance to Kristof, his family, and the victims of human trafficking.

Nancy Mezey, Associate Professor of Sociology, was the moderator for the program, as well as President Paul G. Gaffney II who gave the introduction to Kristof, and thanked Dr. Rekha Datta, Director of the Institute for Global Understanding, for all of her work on the program. A question and answer program followed Kristof’s lecture and completed at 7:15 pm.

Kristoff has studied law, and also speaks Chinese and Arabic. He has been with The New York Times since 1984, and has covered a variety of issues, and also George W. Bush’s campaign to become the President of the United States.

For more information on Kristof’s and his experiences, visit www.halftheskymovement.org.

“Women and girls aren’t the problem,” Kristof said as a summarizing quote, “they are the solution.”



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

Nicholas D. Kristoff was the keynote speaker at this year’s GUC.

Helping to Fix Disaster with the Red Cross

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the Red Cross will not simply send in thousands of volunteers and try to “fix” a community’s problem. Wiemken said, “The Red Cross also trains locals in countries how to respond to disaster situations so that they can help themselves in the future.” This is also helpful because locals already understand the culture so the process can run smoother, while also building local knowledge and trust.

These principles are extremely necessary to the success of the Red Cross, especially in times as this when they are facing major global challenges. As Pratte discussed in his presentation, across the world there is currently major overcrowding, extreme climate change, health emergencies such as infectious diseases, natural disasters, as well as 15 wars taking place.

One of the Red Cross’s biggest priorities right now is obviously the earthquake in Haiti. 200,000 people died in mere minutes, along with 1.3 million who lost their homes. But because of the Red Cross, three-fourths of those people have already been sheltered and 108 million dollars has been spent to rebuild homes and start businesses. They are also responsible for helping families reconnect by using Facebook.

Pratte took part in the rebuilding of Haiti, along with September 11, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, tornadoes in Kansas, hurricanes in Florida, floods

all over the country, and countless other disasters.

Pratte first got his first taste of the impact the Red Cross has while he was serving in the Air Force during Desert Storm in 1991. “I was in Kuwait when my grandfather passed away,” he said. “Though we were in the middle of a war, the Red Cross was able to locate me and inform me of my family’s loss. They then offered mental assistance and offered me

the opportunity to travel home for the funeral. I was so impressed by their capabilities and compassion.”

The Red Cross has given Pratte the opportunity to give back to society, something that he considers extremely important. “I often tell my friends that it might not pay much but I will never be ashamed to tell my kids what I do for a living. I consider myself fortunate to be able to wake up every morning and I truly look forward to going into work for the day,” he said.

The Red Cross has a huge scope of 98 million people who are either volunteers for the organization or

paid staff, all of whom are trained. Pratte, reflecting on the nature of these volunteers, said, “These are some very special people. Somehow they become part of the Red Cross and it becomes part of them. They are the face of the Red Cross, its personality and identity. If you talk bad about the Red Cross they take it personally. They divulge themselves into the Red Cross and what its mission is. These are the people I get to work with everyday and they make my job truly enjoyable.”

If you wish to donate for Haiti, the Red Cross asks that you only contribute cash because this way it is easier for them to help people directly. Also, the Red Cross employs people for a wide range of internships and jobs. If you are interested in working for the Red Cross as a volunteer, paid employee, or intern in this area, visit www.jerseycoast-redcross.org.

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Speaker Debates Journalism as Objectivity or Public Relations at Global Understanding Convention

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The ninth Annual Global Understanding Convention continued at the University on Wednesday, April 7, with a panel discussion entitled “Global Crises: Journalists as Objective Spectators or Public Relations Agents?”

The discussion took place in the Richard H. Turrell Board Room on the second floor of Bey Hall. It was hosted by Darijo Cerepinko who is an independent Public Relations (PR) consultant, a political consultant during presidential campaigns, and a professor of communication at the University of Varazdin in his home country of Croatia.

Whether or not journalists report the news to the public with truthfulness or bias is a concern of people all over the world, as the findings of journalism directly influence what the public perceives as the truth. This simple fact places enormous power in the hands of journalists to effectively shape public opinion regarding any person, issue, or event. More importantly, it further magnifies just how essential fair and unbiased journalism is to the workings of the world.

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DARIJO CEREPINKO
Independent Public Relations Consultant

During the panel discussion, Cerepinko highlighted various events in recent history and examined whether or not journalists covered the stories as objective reporters or public relations agents. These events included the March 29, 2010 subway bombings in Moscow, Russia, the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States, and the 1999 North Atlantic Treaty Organization

(NATO) attacks on Serbia. When analyzing the media coverage of the Moscow subway bombings that killed 39 people, Cerepinko acknowledged the objectivity of the Cable News Network (CNN) in covering the issue. Upon reporting the bombings, CNN avoided becoming PR agents by referring to the bombers as “female suicide bombers” and “Chechen rebels.” By not automatically referring to the attackers as “terrorists” and concluding their report by calling them “Terrorists for some, freedom fighters for others,” CNN fulfilled its ethical duty to the public by completing an “objective report that left the floor open for contemplation as to how to judge the bombers,” said Cerepinko.

However, despite this example of objective reporting, Cerepinko pointed out the lack of objectivity by the American media in the wake of the September 11 attacks. “The media coverage [on September 11] was an emotional reaction and was decidedly one-sided in presenting the attack,” said the Croatian native. However, in light of the devastation of the attacks, Cerepinko does sympathize with Americans by saying that he can

understand this type of coverage immediately following the attacks. Cerepinko cites the role of the American media in framing the September 11 attacks as an example of how “Journalists have found a way to express their emotions by identifying themselves with the nations to which they belong, which makes it hard to be objective...essentially the journalists become PR

agents of their societies.”

To further illustrate this idea, Cerepinko mentioned a 2002 report by the CNN journalist Christiane Amanpour, during which she said, “We tried to answer a question that Americans are asking and that is: Why do they hate us?”

By using the word “us” in attempting to discover why the Middle Eastern forces who attacked the United States on September 11 were so anti-American, Amanpour “identified herself as an American when she should have looked at it as if she was not an American,” said Cerepinko.

Furthermore, the problem of media acting as PR agents rather than objective reporters is not limited to the U.S. media, as Cerepinko made clear that it is a global problem. To prove this, he provided his analysis of the 1999 attacks on Serbia by NATO forces.

In 1999, Serbia invaded the province of Kosovo in an attempt to ethnically cleanse the land of the Albanian people. Their efforts caused a massive displacement of the province’s inhabitants, as 800,000 Albanians were forced into refuge. These actions prompted action by NATO which intervened by bombing Serbia.

According to Cerepinko, “During the NATO bombing, the Serbian Information Ministry required all media to report what the Serbian state media was saying,” meaning that all reports would be one-sided by lacking any support for the NATO attacks.

However, Radio Studio B, a radio station that operated out of the city of Belgrade, the Serbian capital, stood in direct defiance of this order as it refused to become a PR agent that would carry out the agenda of the Serbian government. Instead, this radio station courageously took the focus off of the political issues by reporting local news that would actually help the Serbian people, such as what streets were safe to travel on.

“Radio Station B’s objective re-

porting succeeded and gained it many listeners,” said Cerepinko.

According to Cerepinko, there are three reasons why journalists frame stories and become PR agents.

Firstly, journalists know that their reports will be read as the public has a dependence and a

preference for official sources, essentially insuring journalists that many people will rely on them for the truth. Secondly, journalists feel the need to self-identify with their own societies, as was seen in the Amanpour example regarding coverage of September 11. Thirdly, journalists suffer from an inability to look at all sides of an issue.

Cerepinko further elaborated on his third point as he said, “Most of the media tend to divide conflicts into good and evil. Journalists need to find out who the ‘evil others’ are.”

Furthermore, Cerepinko believes that journalists follow three phases in covering any attack. First, there is initial emphasis on the details of the incident. Second, journalists report on how the government that is under attack is responding. Third, journalists provide an eventual explanation of the attack.

Sadly, the third phase “rarely occurs the way it is supposed to,

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University Students Deliver Poverty Lecture

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Moleen Madziva, a 2009 Software Engineering Graduate student, and Melissa Flynn, a senior Health Studies major, spoke to students about plans for sustainable poverty eradication with a focus on public health in the village of Macheke, Zimbabwe, on Thursday in Wilson Auditorium.

Madziva, born in Macheke, is pioneering the Macheke Sustainability Project (MSP), which will bring awareness to her poverty-stricken home village.

The goal of the MSP is to attain support in acquiring farming equipment, rebuilding infrastructure, integrating renewable resources, updating the education system, and modernizing health clinics and facilities to “empower the community of Macheke with counsel, resources, and training for sustainable living practices,” said Madziva.

Madziva has made extensive plans to support the MSP including the creation of a food-processing center, the establishment of a microcredit and banking system, and the formation of a social center because after all, Madziva said, “Life is about having fun.”

The MSP will introduce integrative medicine, which combines the traditional practices of Macheke with modern practices.

The new “healing center,” as Madziva called it, will draw on medical assistance from organizations like the World Health Organization, but will also empower local traditional herbalists to participate in the healing practices. One major concentration for the healing center will be HIV treatment support.

MSP-America will be housed at the University and will provide students with an opportunity to contribute to the poverty eradication of Macheke. Students will be able to offer support for further research for health infrastructure set-up in Macheke, contribute to medical supply drives, and aid in online tutoring activities.

Flynn presented a project she composed for Professor Bojana Beric’s Promoting Health in Communities course.

Flynn’s focus was on public health in Macheke—specifically zoning in on the spread of HIV/AIDS, malnutrition/water supply, and the high infant mortality rate. She presented a plan

that identified causes and possible solutions to each of these problems.

Flynn suggested that because one out of every six in Macheke has HIV, the MSP should encourage education and knowledge of the disease while preparing the “healing centers” with more modern treatment plans.

Malnutrition can be attributed to the poor water management (it only rains four months out of the year) and the lack of food processing plants, said Flynn. The decline in agriculture and food processing has elevated the risk for food and waterborne illness.

Flynn suggested implementing new water conservation systems and a food processing plant to bring nutrition back to Macheke.

Nutrition during pregnancy and the conditions in which women give birth contribute to the high infant mortality rate. There are approximately 32.31 deaths per live 1,000 births, said Flynn.

Flynn recommended improving the conditions women give birth in and either providing transportation or resurrecting more health centers because 85% of the population lives within one day’s walk of a health facility.

In conclusion, Flynn devised the Macheke Healing Village. The health center would provide holistic health services (mind, body, spirit) in both prevention and cure. This would be a sustainable health center that operates on renewable power sources and provides complementary training to all visiting patients.

The Macheke Healing Village would use integrative medicine and collaborate with the health sector, the food industry, and educational institutions.

“My main goal is to assemble a group of students and visit Zimbabwe in the next couple of years,” added Flynn.

Madziva commented, “What really hits home is the fact that I’m 34 and considering the mortality rate for women in Macheke, if I lived in my village this would be my last year.”

Macheke’s estimated population was 8,300 people in 2006. It is home to 20 commercial farms. The rural village has unreliable power, unaffordable internet, and no hospitals—only underdeveloped clinics. For more information about the Macheke Sustainability Project, visit machekeproject.blogspot.com.

EOF Seniors Honored for Academic Achievement

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The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education honored 13 Monmouth University Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) seniors for their academic achievement. EOF is a state funded program which awards scholarships to NJ students who fit financial and academic criteria. Honorees will receive an achievement certificate along with a State of New Jersey Executive Department Proclamation signed by Governor Chris Christie. Graduating EOF students from New Jersey Colleges and Universities were chosen according to their high grade point average and overall academic perseverance. The three categories the students

were honored in are the following: Outstanding Academic Achievement 3.5-3.99 cumulative grade point average, Academic Achievement Award 3.2-3.4 cumulative grade point average and Outstanding Achievement awarded to the senior who best exemplifies the spirit and intent of the EOF Program.

Jessica Ball, Csilla Greiner, Andrea Lee, Joseph Long, Niles Barry Murphy and Natalie Rambone will be honored in the Outstanding Academic Achievement category. The Academic Achievement Award will be presented to Lori Gates, Denise Gonzalez, Orin McKay, Kim Sauerwald, Jennifer Swan and Katelynn Wolf. Valeria Ballatori will be honored with the Outstanding Achievement Award.

Lecturer Gives Insight on Photographing Water in Underdeveloped Countries

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By Thursday, April 8, the Global Understanding Convention was beginning to wind down for the week. That didn’t stop one lecture from having a full house. Photographer Tim Ryan gave a lecture in the CETL Room in the library Thursday afternoon, and it was packed to the brim with aspiring photographers, graphic designers, and a few students that were just plain old curious.

Ryan, a commercial photographer by trade, donates his spare time to an international organization called “Water For People”, which works with developing countries to create innovative and long-lasting solutions to water, sanitation, and hygiene problems in local communities.

Through a slideshow that can also be viewed on his website, Ryan took us through his work. So far, he has traveled to Guatemala, India, and Malawi to document the organization’s work in

these countries. “Water for me is just one of those beautiful elements to photograph,” Ryan said. “Working with Water For People has really given me an appreciation for the value of water. Imagery is very important because it puts a face to the mission and vision of the organization.”

“You will always have children following you,” Ryan remarks. At some points he even needs to create a diversion. “I give them a point-and-shoot, and then I can walk about on my own,” said Ryan. “I don’t really carry around a lot, either, just a basic camera bag and two or three lenses at most.”

Indeed, this becomes apparent in Ryan’s work, as the audience was shown two boys straddling logs on a river, a woman bending over to clean her pots, and a whole group of women and children that have to carry bins to get their water every day. “It’s a two-mile journey for them,” Ryan told us. “You’re not going to be able to go in and bulldoze these villages. There’s too many people.”

That is where Water For People comes in. Pumps and latrines are built and fixed, while the local people are taught how to maintain the facilities to ensure they last.

Throughout the lecture, Ryan gave some perspective on photography equipment. “I grew up using film, but some of those new cameras are great – the last time I used film was three years ago.” He particularly likes some of the new Canon cameras for their journalistic versatility. In today’s day and age, a good camera needs to take both still shots and video footage, and for Ryan, a good Canon seems to do the trick just fine.

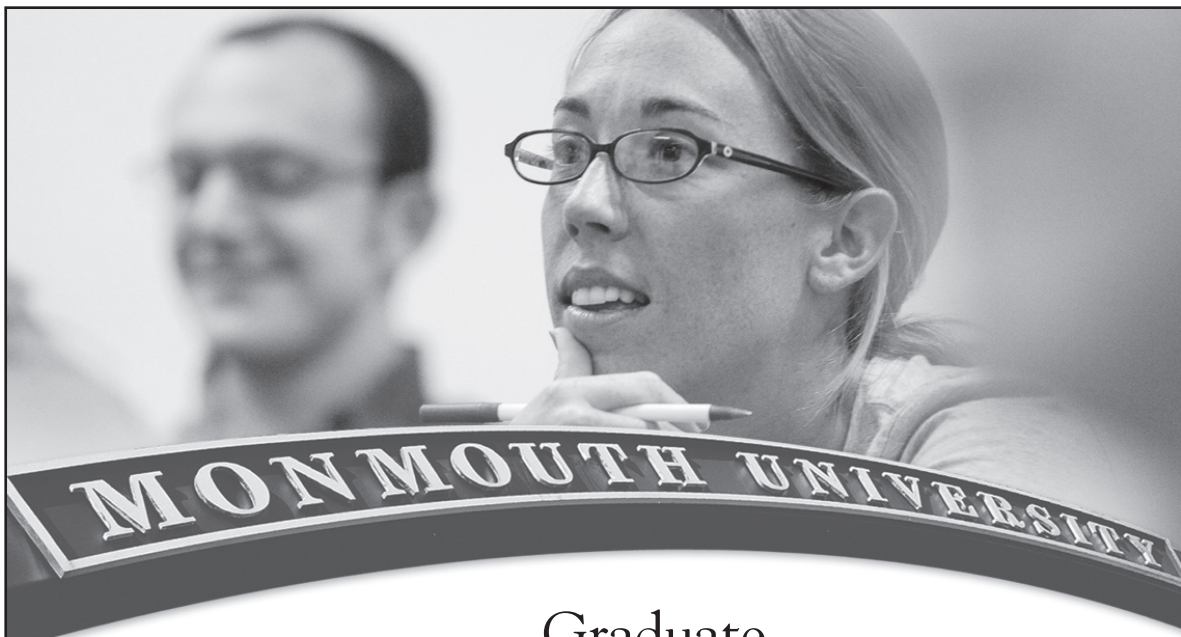
He also provided some humble advice on photography. “You can find those images just about anywhere. It’s just about being aware. If you have that passion for photography or design, it will lead you into some interesting places.”

For more information on Tim Ryan’s work, go to www.timryan-pictures.com. Water For People also has their own website at www.waterforpeople.org.



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Tim Ryan, commercial photographer, does work for the international organization, “Water for People.”



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Poverty and Hunger Become Subject At Convention

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As the discussion moved on to brainstorming solutions for global awareness as well as poverty and hunger, Chris Hirschler, Health Studies professor, said, “In the United States, people are generally unaware of the rest of the world.” He posed the question of how we, as a society, can sensitize ourselves.

“Start thinking about it,” said Bojana Beric, professor of Health Studies. “We are all capable of caring about other people. It’s impor-

tant to act on that caring.”

Caring is part of what it takes to fix global issues. The group decided it also takes education. People cannot start helping if they do not know what is going on.

Hirschler pointed out that if people were more educated about America’s strain on resources, the entire world could benefit. “We often don’t see what is behind everything we use,” he said.

The example he used was about

grain. Seems simple enough, but the high consumption of meat in America, and other wealthy countries, wastes an enormous amount

of grain that could be feeding people around the globe. “In the next 40 years, we may not have enough

to feed everyone.”

Not having enough to go around is a life-threatening problem in many countries around the world.

Tony Lazroe, Director of Grants and Contracts at Monmouth, said, “As we’re sitting here having this discussion, people have died because of poverty and hunger.”

Poverty and hunger is a global problem and while it will take more than a discussion to find a solution, the idea of opening

peoples’ eyes is significant.

Yleana DeLosangeles, student, said of the conversation, “It really raised my awareness about world hunger. I want to do something about it.”

Whether or not everyone will be inspired to actively fight global hunger and poverty is debatable. “It’s so easy to turn around, walk away, or turn the television off,” said Lazroe.

It is up to each one of us to face the realities of what is going on in the world. The group concluded that we can all make progress and help those who really need it.

“In the United States, people are generally unaware of the rest of the world.”

CHRIS HIRSCHLER
Health Studies Professor

Stress Event Offers Mental Health Screening to Students

Psychological and Counseling Services Host Annual Event to Educate University

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also seen in a bad light. Many people view both disorders and many others as students not being able to handle their problems on their own and they are seen as weak. Many students are ashamed and scared to admit that they need help.

“There is a difference in feeling sad occasionally to being depressed to the point where your anxiety begins to interfere with your daily life” says Dr. Mancini.

Untreated depression and anxiety can lead students to have trouble focusing in class and becoming unsocial. They can begin

to withdraw from normal friends and activities and lose interest in things they used to enjoy. Their grades can suffer and they can experience many different mood swings.

After student’s go through the

mental health screening that the University is offering, the Psychological Services has found that at least ten percent of students require follow up appointments and may need to invest in

outside treatment as well.

The Psychological Services are trying to introduce the idea of therapy in a non-threatening way by reassuring students that there is nothing to be ashamed of. They have found that students are more forthcoming to counseling now that the Counseling Center has moved to the third floor of the Student Center because it gives the students entering privacy.

For students who still do not feel comfortable speaking with someone in person, they can also visit the counseling website and take the screening online anonymously at www.monmouth.edu/counseling.

“There is a difference in feeling sad occasionally to being depressed to the point where your anxiety begins to interfere with your daily life.”

DR. FRANCA MANCINI
Director of Counseling Services

Zumba Dancer Danielle Kicks Foot Pain



Danielle wiggled her toes & smiled. An exhilarating Zumba session – 40 women dancing to South American music – was over. So different from six weeks earlier – when her feet hurt so much that she had to STOP. A dancer, clued in to podiatry, recommended Dr Steven Marder.

Danielle: “I tried dancing through my pain, but it got worse. Dr Marder caught it early so I could teach Zumba while receiving treatment.”

Zumba is the new, world-wide Latin dance exercise craze which helps you lose weight as you dance to the latest music. As a zumba teacher, Danielle, like all athletes, can’t take time off to recover from injury.

Marder: “Savvy Athletes consult their podiatrists regularly to escape foot pain & worse, debilitating, sidelining injury.”

Dr Marder is a Consumer Research Council “Top Podiatrist” with 30+ years experience. More about Danielle at zumba.com

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The Importance of Global Understanding

THE OUTLOOK STAFF

Sometimes we forget the immensely, powerful issues that occur around the world every single day. HIV AIDS, oppression of women, the war between Israel and Palestine, and global warming, are just some of the international conflicts happening at this very moment, yet as college students we do not often think about them unless they have personally affected us.

The 9th Annual Global Understanding Convention (GUC) offered a mass amount of information to students, faculty, staff and administrators over the course of last week consisting of poster sessions, photo exhibits, classroom colloquiums, lectures and faculty panels. The University even held a five mile run to benefit Haiti in front of Wilson Hall and an International Festival in Anacon.

Now again, as college students, whether you attended one, three, or the majority of the events offered for the GUC, it is impossible not to take into consideration everything happening around us that we are, ultimately, blind sighted by. It sounds cliché, but you know what they say, "out of sight, out of mind." However,

er, if you learned about the oppression of women from Nicholas D. Kristof's keynote speech, it surely made many of you realize how balanced and lucky we truly are to live in America. Sure, we worry about the shape our economy is in, and how many people are unemployed, but as college students, are we really living in poverty (although we

teaches about the ongoing issues around the world simultaneously.

Students were also given the opportunity at these sessions to admire and observe the work of their peers. This is a great way to not only see what fellow students are doing, but to learn from them and the way they view some of these issues. One example can be taken from the Poster Gallery Exhibit, which were posters created by students studying graphic design. Some of these posters had such deep and abstract

If you did not have a chance to attend any of the sessions of the GUC, you surely missed out on some useful information provided by some of the University's professors or fellow colleagues.

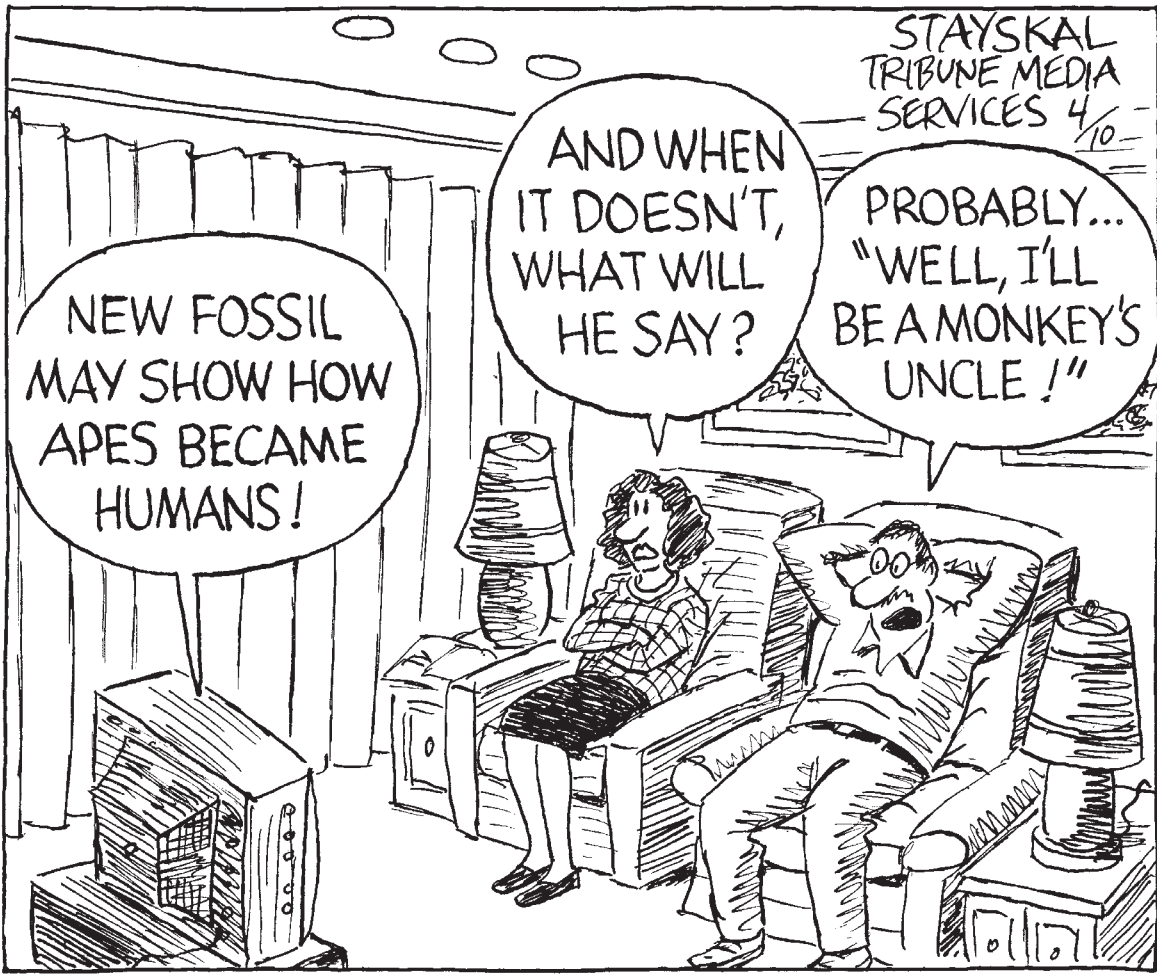
may often feel like it) making one dollar a day and being forced into brothels?

Not all of us are political science majors or even consider ourselves to be environmentalists, but from this convention, you probably gained a much greater insight into some of the literal, change and stability in global environments, hence the theme of the convention.

It may seem sometimes that we live in a perfect bubble here at the University where nothing out of the ordinary happens, but after the GUC, the importance is to notice how well we have it at a school that offers so much and

meanings, that it ultimately was a way for students to think about these global matters in a very different perspective.

If you did not have a chance to attend any of the sessions of the GUC, you surely missed out on some useful information provided by some of the University's professors or fellow colleagues. However, it would definitely be a wise decision to attend some for the sessions for next year (which will be the 10th Annual GUC), in order to enrich your mind about international topics and open it up to think about what is happening in your surrounding communities and others far, far away.



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Let Go, and Love Again With a Heavy Heart

KAREN DISARNO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As I write this story, it is April 5, 2010. I'm writing this with a heavy heart. Today marks the seven year anniversary of two wonderful people I knew who passed away in a tragic car accident. You would think after seven years it would get easier to continue through this day like any other, but the fifth of April has this tug on my heart; a tug that no matter how hard I try to ignore, it brings me right back to seven years ago when all of this was new to me. Every year, it feels new to me. And every year my heart breaks all over again.

You see, the story of Ashley and Billy Streiter is bitter sweet. It's mostly very sad, and I'm not one to talk about it much because it doesn't help bring them back. But their story needs to be told. Their lives need to be remembered. This is a good lesson for college kids everywhere. Heck this is a good lesson for anyone whose heart is still beating.

Ashley was a 20-year-old ju-

nior at Kutztown University and her brother Billy was a 23-year-old law student at Seton Hall. One weekend night with Ashley home for the weekend, Billy was out with a friend, but asked Ashley to come get him so he could do his work for law school and not get home the next morning. She was sleeping, she was tired, but being the loving sister that she was, she went. Neither Ashley nor Billy ever came back. To Mr. and Mrs. Streiter's surprise, two police officers were at their door the next morning with the news that their only two children were dead. Not only did they not believe the officers, but they swore Ashley and Billy were up in their rooms sleeping. But they weren't there.

Ashley and Billy died on the Garden State Parkway when after their car became disabled from icy conditions, a man in an SUV hit them head on. He was drunk and had a suspended license. I don't know the man who killed them. I don't know what his life was like. I don't know what it's like to have the

guilt he had from killing two innocent people. And I don't know if he even cares or not. What I do know is I forgive him. I'm not telling this story to preach about the dangers of drinking and driving. I've preached that too many times. We all know the consequences to such actions. I'm talking about forgiveness. I'm talking about love. And I'm talking about faith.

The human mortality rate is 100%. Sorry to burst the bubble of anyone who thought they were immortal, but you're not. Whether we like it or not, at some point, we will leave this world. And we have to understand that it can happen at any moment because if we don't; if we continue to live like we're going to live forever, we will never truly experience life the way it was meant to be lived. Do you think Ashley left the house that night thinking she wouldn't come home? Of course she didn't. Many of us go to sleep at night with the notion that we are completely safe from any harm when in reality a human life is so fragile. Our

lives can change in a heartbeat. Just ask Mr. and Mrs. Streiter. They know a thing or two about change.

That is why it so important to learn how to forgive. That is why it is so important to love each other. It would break my heart to hold a grudge against a loved one for something completely irrelevant – and in the scheme of things, everything is irrelevant – and have something happen to them. I never forgave them. I never said I was sorry. I never said I love you. Can you imagine the guilt?

This brings me to my final point. God loves us so we can love. The only reason we're here is because God sent His only son down to die for our sins. Talk about the biggest act of love in history. God forgave us. Don't you think we at least owe it to Him to forgive as well?

You can totally disregard me. You can throw the notion out that there even is a God. Go ahead, I'm not selling anything. You can believe whatever you want to believe. All I know is we are

human beings with hearts, with feelings, and we were put on this earth for a reason. That reason was not to hate or fight. It was to love. We need to get it through our heads that this world is not here to stay; we are not invincible. We are only here for a short while. Let's love the world God gave us. Let's love the people in it. Forgive those who have hurt you. I am telling you now, it is not worth it. Nothing is worth losing someone you love.

If Mr. and Mrs. Streiter can forgive the man who killed their only two children, who took away their entire life, what right do I have not to forgive him too?

"Billy and Ash were known as being extremely close, always called each other every day. They both would not hang the phone up without telling each other or us 'I Love You,'" Mrs. Streiter once told me. "Billy and Ashley taught me. They taught me to love others unconditionally. I do believe something big will become of their death - I see it now..."

Let go. And love again.

This I Believe

ASHLEY BRUNO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It is extremely important to be nice to everyone and not to judge others based on appearance. Even if someone appears to be the "weird kid" in class, nerdy, dorky, stuck-up, conceded, not very attractive, or extremely shy, do NOT immediately brush them off without taking the time to get to know them. These people may end up making a large impact on your life; and the trait that once initially deterred you from that person will perhaps seem to disappear. The only time you should ever judge someone, or not take the time to get to know them, is if they are unkind to you first. Other than that, everyone else is a chance for a new friendship. The people that you least expect, may end up being your closest friends or the person to helps you when you need it most.

Some of my best friends are people that I never expected would be, and it has made me further my belief on not judging people. My sorority has opened my eyes to this more so than any other experience in my life. There are people that I really clicked with, that I originally voted against getting in. These people that I once felt forced to get to know through the organization, have ended up being some of the most amazing people I've ever met. It makes me so upset to look back and think that I ever judged them over something silly, without truly giving them

a chance. Now, I now don't even vote on people unless I am sure that I really know them. This is because I have found nothing but error in my past judgments.

I have also found that it is people that you least expect, that help you when you need it the most. For example, when I first joined a campus organization where I immediately deemed all the members as "dorky," I quickly learned that my initial judgments couldn't be more wrong. These people helped me learn everything I needed to know to be part of the organization, and were very accepting. I am so happy I got the privilege of becoming friends with them, and I regret ever passing judgment. I also had a situation where a girl in my sorority who I immediately thought was "weird," came to my rescue and helped me take care of sick friends, when no one else would. This girl, who I once judged, went out of her way to help out my friends and me.

I have made a lot of judgments in my life, and it has made me learn that the cliché phrase "you can't judge a book by its cover," couldn't be more on target. Great people come in every shape and form, and there is no way to know a person's potential unless you take the time to get to know them. Everyone makes mistakes, but it is very important that you learn from them. I have grown to see that passing judgment on others has nothing but negative effects. This is why I believe that everyone deserves a chance.

Be Beautiful in This Skin

STEFANIE CALELLO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Sitting on a bench between my classes at school I watched fellow classmates walk passed me and I noticed many young adults who strive to be skinny. They use magazines and the media as their code to what they feel is acceptable in our culture. I'm sure each person feels their bodies has some type of imperfection, I know I do.

I have experience with people who strive to look like the models and celebrities. Don't get me

er down to nothing just because she felt she was overweight. She is thick boned but nowhere near fat. Her close friends haven't helped this situation either. Their always staring into mirrors and constantly saying they feel so fat but there isn't one pinch of fat on their bodies.

Girls, let's be serious. Talk about a problem this society has. I believe a person with a little extra meat rather than a little extra bone is a lot sexier than a girl whose jeans barely stay on.

I may not have a personal issue

struggle for her. God made each and every human being one of a kind, each person should love their bodies for how they are made. Beauty comes in all shapes and sizes but a pencil is not an option.

Don't just flip through a magazine or a Victoria Secret Catalog and assume that's how you're supposed look. You should be happy and confident with the body you were given. Each and every person is sexy in their own way. I'll admit that I've looked at others, especially celebrities and I in-



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Passing judgment on others has nothing but negative effects. Everyone is a chance for a new friendship, so never judge a book by its cover.



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Young girls feel the pressure to be skinny now more than ever. It is important for everyone to embrace what they were given and be confident in their own skin.

wrong, yeah it's nice to feel good about yourself but there are ways to go about it that aren't damaging to your body. I believe that God has made each and every person different and unique for a reason. I doubt a person wants to look exactly like the next, I'm pretty sure this world would be boring.

I personally believe uniqueness is an incredible thing. Letting yourself be how God made you is more beautiful than being something you're not. As I grow up in this cruel society where skinny is the new in has made me witness things I've never wanted to see.

I watched my close friend with-

my body but I do have a personal experience that kills me to see. I have been watching my close friend struggle to survive because of her negative thoughts about her body. This made me realize that she isn't the only girl who feels this way about themselves.

The media has portrayed body image poorly and it has messed with the minds of many men and women. At fourteen my friend began struggling with this harsh reality where skin and bones seemed to be the hottest thing. She dropped down to around 85 pounds where she looked like a corpse where breathing was a

stantly became disgusted with my body but I learned to love and have confidence in myself.

Being confident in your own skin is the most beautiful thing in the world. No one should ever look at someone else and wonder why they don't look like them. Don't transform your body into something it's not.

I believe we should all have confidence in ourselves and love ourselves for who we are. There isn't one person who's built exactly like somebody else. We're all unique and individual in our own special way so why not strut your stuff and embrace it.

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Sigma Tau Gamma Raises Over \$1,000 Towards Mike McNeil Foundation

CATHI VER HOVEN
STAFF WRITER

Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity, here on the Monmouth University campus, recently held their “Don’t Forget the Lyrics” fundraiser Wednesday, March 31. This event raised over \$1,000 all while entertaining the excited audience.

All of the earnings went to the Mike McNeil Foundation, a charity started by another STG chapter at the University of Massachusetts. McNeil, a brother of the fraternity at UMass, tragically lost his life to cancer. After the brothers from his chapter visited Monmouth University, our STG chapter had decided to help by putting together, “Don’t Forget the Lyrics”.

“The prep work that went into putting this together was a lot,” said Anthony Viola, brother of Sigma Tau Gamma and director of the charity function, “Figuring out songs and which parts should be filled in by the contestants was hard, but the hardest part was coming up with alternative answers.”

Viola decided to try something new this year by incorporating a ‘texting’ game. This involved more audience interaction by allowing them to play along via

text message. At first, Viola didn’t know if it would work out, but he felt that it ended up working out pretty well.

According to Viola, the idea came from a brainstorming meeting last year. STG wanted to host another philanthropy event, so they decided that their own spin off the television show, “Don’t Forget the Lyrics” would be a lot of fun.

The contestants consisted of different members of fraternities

and the show because it’s not where you just watch people perform, it’s a game where everyone can play even if they aren’t on stage,” Viola said.

Audience members singing and dancing along to the music in their seats showed great success, according to Viola, because entertainment was their main focus in carrying out this fundraiser.

Elizabeth Keys of Phi Sigma Sigma agreed, “STG’s fundraiser was so much fun, and you could tell everyone was having a really great time.”

In collaboration with “Don’t Forget the Lyrics”, Relay for Life promoted their upcoming event to raise money for cancer research.

“I’m so happy that we got to work with Sigma Tau Gamma because we got a lot of people to sign up for Relay for Life that night,” said Sami Schaffer, co-chair of the Relay for Life committee.

Viola cannot wait to host this event next year, and suggests that they use newer songs during the future fundraiser.

Sigma Tau Gamma thanks everyone who attended for their support, and looks forward to holding an even bigger and better fundraising event next year.

“People really seemed to like the show because it’s not where you just watch people perform, it’s a game where everyone can play even if they aren’t on stage,”

ANTHONY VIOLA

Sigma Tau Gamma Director of Charity Function

and sororities on our campus, and were open to who ever wanted to sign up.

Over \$200 in prizes were given out. Donations from Junior’s, Friday’s, Buffalo Wild Wings, Chili’s, and Jack’s were all included in the winnings that the contestants received.

Viola mentioned that the show ran smoother than last year, since the rules were changed. Harder songs were chosen so that the audience couldn’t sing along to the songs as they were playing.

“People really seemed to like

Club and Greek Announcements

SIFE

Help support Monmouth University’s SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) Club in their efforts to raise money for Haiti’s malnutrition crisis. Together with nine other teams, SIFE is trying to raise \$6,000 that will go towards Edesia’s donation of a 60ft container of Plumpy’Nut to Haiti. SIFE is raising money through donation tables, benefit events, and support from local businesses. Be sure to stop by the SIFE table on April 7, 8, 13, 15 and 28 to make a donation.

In addition, SIFE will be hosting a battle of the bands concert called

“Make It” in Anacon Hall on April 1st from 8-11pm. Tickets are on sale now costing \$5 for MU students and \$8 non-MU students. All proceeds from the ticket sales will be going towards the Feed Haiti fundraiser. Join the Feed Haiti group on Facebook for updates on fundraising efforts. For additional information on Edesia, Plumpy’Nut, and other ready-to-use foods please visit www.edesiallc.org. Donations can be made by check, cash, and credit card through PayPal at www.edesiallc.org/donate. For online donations, please add “Feed Haiti- SIFE” in the notes section of the company box. SIFE would like to thank everyone for their support

PRSSA

Professor Kristine Simoes is coming to give a presentation to PRSSA this Wednesday. The meeting will take place at 2:30pm in room JP 234. Simoes presentation will talk about internships and going through the job process. This will be helpful for students especially with the current state of the economy where internships and even jobs are sometimes hard

to come by. Simoes is a specialist professor in the public relations program, here at Monmouth University.

The Monmouth University chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America has been on campus for 11 years. Together the group works to help give public relations student’s additional experience and insight along with that is being taught in the classroom. With meetings once a week and guest speakers the organization hopes to help give students additional experience in the field of public relations.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life’s bank night will take place Wednesday April 14th from 6-8 pm in the student center room 202A. During bank night teams will be able to hand in all the money they have raised offline so that it can be added to the total amounts. At this time, teams will also have the opportunity to gain their relay t-shirts if they have raised over a hundred dollars for this year’s event. Along with turning in money and gaining t-shirts, teams are also picking their campsites for the night and picking up any final information they might have missed at a previous team captains meeting.

Relay for life is a twenty-four hour community event in which teams pledge to stay up for twenty-four hours to celebrate, remember and fight back against cancer. In only two years, Monmouth University Relay for Life has raised over \$100,000 to support the cause. This year’s event will be taking place on Kessler practice field from April 23-24th. This year’s event will be bigger than ever with more teams and participants registered than ever before. All students, employees and faculty are encouraged to form teams

for the event and fight back against cancer.

CHRISTIAN AMBASSADORS

Our club is holding an event Friday on April 16th at 6 pm-7:30 pm. The event is called Darwin vs. the Bible and it will be held in Young Auditorium in Bey Hall. There is no cost to get in and all students are more than welcome to attend and see what our organization is all about. We hope to see you there!

SENIOR CLASS

Tickets for Senior Week 2010 will be sold April 5 – April 23 at the office of Student Activities, located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center. ONLY GRADUATING SENIORS MAY BUY TICKETS through April 14 unless noted otherwise. Tickets for Senior Week are NON-REFUNDABLE and can be purchased with cash/check. Ticket purchasers must show proper ID. All ticket purchasers must be 21 or older to attend, unless otherwise. One guest per student ID, unless noted otherwise. ONLY GRADUATING SENIORS MAY STAY IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS DURING SENIOR WEEK.

OUTDOORS CLUB

We would like to thank all of those who came out for our clean up of Deal Lake this past Saturday. We would also like to thank the brothers of Phi Kappa Psi for their aid in the clean up.

We have a few opening for our White Water Rafting Trip which will be May 1 and May 2. The total cost of the trip is \$85 and we will be collecting money and discussing the trip in our meeting Wednesday 3:30 in Bey Hall. We will also be holding elections this week so make sure that you do your best to be there.

GREEK WEEK 2010

Tentative Schedule of Events

Sunday, April 11

- ~~BLOCK PARTY: (TO BE ANNOUNCED)~~
- ~~SPEAKER: 4 PM, ANACON HALL~~

Monday, April 12

- ~~BASKETBALL EVENTS: 10:15 PM, BOYLAN GYM~~
 - ~~3 VS. 3 TOURNAMENT~~
 - ~~3 POINT SHOT CONTEST~~
 - ~~FOUL SHOT CONTEST~~

Tuesday, April 13

- ~~ACADEMIC BOWL: 10 PM, ANACON HALL~~

Wednesday, April 14

- ~~DODGEBALL/BAG TOSS: 10:15 PM, BOYLAN GYM.~~

Thursday, April 15

- ~~GREEK FEUD: 10:15 PM, ANACON HALL~~

Friday, April 16

- ~~KICKBALL / TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS:~~
 - ~~FOOTBALL THROW~~
 - ~~SOFTBALL THROW~~
 - ~~60M SPRINT~~
 - ~~½ MILE~~
 - ~~4 X 200 RELAY~~

Saturday, April 17

- ~~VOLLEYBALL/WII BOWLING: (TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED) BOYLAN GYM~~

Sunday, April 18

- ~~QUAD GAMES: 10 AM, RESIDENTIAL QUAD~~
 - ~~3 LEGGED RACE~~
 - ~~EGG TOSS~~
 - ~~WHEELBARROW RACE~~
 - ~~PUDDING EATING~~
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Fraternity and Sorority Life Get “Love Struck”

BRETT BODNER
CLUB & GREEK EDITOR

Alpha Sigma Tau held their first annual “Love Struck” this past Wednesday in Pollack Theatre to raise money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. “Love Struck” is a brand new event and a lot of the credit for this event can go to Alpha Sigma Tau’s Dawn Beaton. “It was a group effort to get the idea for ‘Love Struck’. We knew we had to come up with an original event that hasn’t been done before and we came up with a dating game. The idea was easy, but trying to figure out how to execute it proved a little more difficult. We needed a lot of contestants, all of whom had a fun personality. I think we gathered a good group of people,” said Beaton. The concept of “Love Struck” was very similar to “The Dating Game”. There were two daters trying to pick out a possible date out of seven pos-

sible suitors. The male dater of the event was Anthony Guimarra, who is an alumni of Phi Sigma Kappa, and the female dater was Lindsay LaConti, a sister of Phi Sigma Sigma. There were thirteen suitors who took part in “Love Struck”. The six male suitors were Clyde Snyder, Steven DeCarlo, Mike Bodine, Nick Grimaldi, Corey Forrest, and Paul Imperiale and the seven female suitors were Steph Struniewski, Holly Cannon, Katherine Lyons, Nicole Sabiano, Britney Acklery, and Emily Parsowith. There were also two hosts for the event and they were Dana Kaufman of Alpha Sigma Tau and Corey Springer of Sigma Pi. “Love Struck” consisted of two rounds, where the suitors had to answer questions about themselves and what they would do in certain scenarios. Many suitors answered with innuendos, kind remarks, and other types of witty comments. After the first round, the daters had to eliminate a few of the suitors they felt

did not give good enough answers. When the round was over there were only three suitors remaining for the daters. In round two, the suitors had to answer a few more questions and they had to perform a few tasks. The male suitors took part in a push up contest and a dance off, while the girls did their best to strike a pose like models do. When the round came to an end it was up to Guimarra and LaConti to make their decision on what suitor was best for them. Anthony Guimarra wound up choosing Theta Phi Alpha alumni, Stephanie Struniewski and Lindsay LaConti selected Mike Bodine of Sigma Pi. Dater Lindsay LaConti said there were a few things which influenced her decision on choosing Bodine. “My thought process on choosing the winner was basically whoever had the best answers and the audiences’ reactions,” said LaConti. Many of the suitors were disap-

pointed they did not win, but Clyde Snyder, who is a brother of Phi Kappa Psi believes that things are looking up. “Sadly nice guys really do finish last but our day will come and I will be king!” exclaimed Snyder. A good mount of Greek life showed up for the event to cheer on

their representative. They were loud and laughing throughout the show and Alpha Sigma Tau plans on having the event again next Spring. “We will be hosting this event again next year, as it was a great success,” said Beaton, “There were a lot of laughs and it was a good time for everyone there.”

PRESS RELEASE

Join Prestige Worldwide and Participate in Relay for Life to Raise Money for the American Cancer Society, Monmouth University, April 23 and 25

Monmouth University- Prestige Worldwide has set up a team and is participating in a Relay For Life to help raise funds for the American Cancer Society, scheduled for Friday, April 23 and 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Monmouth University. To join or donate to Prestige Worldwide, go to http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY10EA?pg=team&fr_id=20666&team_id=663305. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is an overnight community celebration where individuals and teams camp out, barbecue, dance, and take turns walking around a track relay style to raise funds to fight cancer. At nightfall, participants will light hundreds of luminaria around the track in a moving ceremony to honor cancer survivors as well as friends and family members lost to the disease. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents hope that those lost to

cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated. Several Monmouth University student organizations, such as the Chapter of the Public Relations Students Society of America (PRSSA), and two fund-raising classes being offered through the department of communication (undergraduate and graduate) are forming teams and spearheading comprehensive fund-raising campaigns. Dr. Sheila Mcalister-Spooner, Assistant Professor of Public Relations and advisor to PRSSA said, “The Relay for Life offers a perfect opportunity to apply the concepts that they have learned in the classroom to practical situations.” “It’s a win-win situation,” McAllister-Spooner added. “The students learn the tricks of the trade as they raise money for a worthy cause such as the American Cancer Society.”



PHOTO COURTESY of Jenn Sime

Female contestants answered the “dater’s” questions in order to find love in Alpha Sigma Tau’s “Lock Struck,” which raised money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

CLASS OF 2010 SENIOR WEEK

TUESDAY, MAY 11 BAR A: \$17

Spend time with friends, relax and enjoy! This includes your cover charge and an all you can eat BBQ from 9pm-12am. Three shuttles to Bar A leave from the Student Center starting at 8pm. The last shuttle home is at 1:30am. Shuttles hold 13 passengers each, so plan your return home accordingly. 2 forms of photo ID will be required at the door.

FRIDAY, MAY 14 D’Jais: FREE

Spend time with friends, relax, and enjoy! Three shuttles to D’Jais leave from the Student Center starting at 8pm. The last shuttle home is at 1:30am. Shuttles hold 13 passengers each, so plan your ride home accordingly. 2 forms of photo ID will be required at the door.

TUESDAY, MAY 18 JACKS: FREE

This includes your free transportation to and from Jacks. Shuttles to Jacks leave from the Student Center starting at 9pm. The last shuttle home is at 1:45am. Shuttles hold 13 passengers each, so plan your return home accordingly. Jacks will ID at the door.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 NYC: \$10

Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of NYC! This includes your transportation to and from NYC with a top 10 things to do guide. The bus will be leaving at 12pm from the Student Center and will be departing from NYC back to Monmouth at 8pm. Under 21 allowed. Space is limited.

SATURDAY, MAY 15 SENIOR RECEPTION: FREE

Come for a free semi-formal event hosted by the President and Mrs. Gaffney! This event is going to be held at the Doherty House from 6pm-8pm. If a rain site is needed you will be notified. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required for this event at the Office of Student Activities. No guests are allowed, space is limited.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 CAP & GOWN PICKUP

Cap and Gown pick up for May graduates. Look for details in your mailboxes at home or in your Monmouth email accounts.

THURSDAY, MAY 13 Atlantic City: \$15

Spend 7 hours in AC! This includes your transportation to and from Atlantic City. The two buses will be leaving at 4:45pm from the Student Center and will be in AC for 7 hours, departing from AC at 1:45am. Credit will be given to students pending designated casino. Must be 21 years of age. Space is limited.

MONDAY, MAY 17 RIVER QUEEN DINNER CRUISE: \$49

Take a 3 hour cruise on the River Queen Paddle Boat sailing out of Brielle. Deluxe dinner buffet, DJ, open soda bar, cash bar for beer and wine, transportation, semi-formal attire. Buses leave the Student Center at 6:15pm sharp! Guests are not permitted as space is limited. Bartenders will ID.

THURSDAY, MAY 20
GRADUATION @ PNC BANK ART CENTER
Congratulations graduates! Thank you for making Monmouth a part of your memories! We hope you enjoy Senior Week!

2010 Senior Class Officers
Dante Barry, President
Mary MacDonnell, Vice President
Caroline Silva, Secretary
Cait Sofa, Treasurer
Any questions, please call the Office of Student Activities (732) 571-3586.

Tickets for Senior Week 2010 will be sold April 5 – April 23 at the office of Student Activities, located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center. **ONLY GRADUATING SENIORS MAY BUY TICKETS** through April 14 unless noted otherwise. Tickets for Senior Week are **NON-REFUNDABLE** and can be purchased with cash/check. Ticket purchasers must show proper ID. All ticket purchasers must be 21 or older to attend, unless otherwise. One guest per student ID, unless noted otherwise. **ONLY GRADUATING SENIORS MAY STAY IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS DURING SENIOR WEEK.**

STUDENT EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK

Administrative Information System would like to say thank you to Danielle DeRosa and Sarah Subbe for all they have done for us. “I appreciate your kindness. More than words can say; The very nice thing you did for me. Really made my day! - By Joanna Fuchs

The **Vice President for Administrative Services and the Facilities Management** department would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our student employees for their hard work and dedication. You are a special part of this department and we thank you for your efforts - Ryan Abbott, Gabriella Arce, Nick Avellino, Kevin Bradstreet, John Gearhart, Cody Kulik, Brendan Mallon, Wyatt Sklar, Jared Slaweski, Dan Wolfe.

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The **Athletic Department** would like to extend a sincere thank you to our student employees, Jennifer Basedow, Victoria Drake, Kimberly Clarke, Andrew Mandeville. And a special thank you to Meghan Pakalik who will be graduating in May. We'll miss you Meghan!

The **Athletics Communications Office** would like to thank its great staff of student-workers for their dedication and effort throughout the school year. Thank you to Bryan, Gabby, Whit, Squeak, Layton (BH), Bree, Mohrman, Pollock, Heleen, Segreto, J-Rod, Meredith, Ali Mac and Mallory. We would not have had the year we did without you, thank you.

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Athletics Event Staff, a great job well done by the “Yellow Jackets” as always!

The **Bookstore** would like to thank our Student Workers for all their hard work and dedication. They make our store the Best. **YOU GUYS ROCK!!** Jeremy Baltimore, Maxine Bustria, Troy Butler, Elyssa Bucceri, Katelyn Cahill, Kody Castor, Caitlin Eisele, Julie Gallart, Sarah Johansen, Julie Kinloch, Stephen Mellet, Sarah Opatovsky, Jennifer Puckett, Soraya Quezada, Carianne Quirk, Amanda Remling, Sade` Stevens, Mark Stranieri, Merrideth Trocano

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The **Center of Distinction for the Arts** proudly recognizes the hard work and dedication of our student employees; Briana Bianchini, Erin Candee, Elyse Chamberlain, Sarah Donsky, Claudio Innocenti, Sara Iantosca, Morgan Keller, Harrison Klostreich, Deanna Kreger, Elizabeth Rimassa, John Slezak and Lisa Torres. Also, a special thanks to all the students who volunteered their time and effort. You Rock! Huge, huge thanks from, Vaune, Eileen, Barbara & Rosaly

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THota, Andrew, KatelYn, JOy, JUnjie, JuStin, Steven,Sandra Stephan Stephen JasOn, DaVid, JEnni, LauRenBrittanY, Matt, WenyUan,CHau,PaigE, DaniEl, JiE, JenniE; Excellence with a capital E was your motto and we noticed. The **Information Technology Academic Program** is proud to recognize your outstanding performance, your exemplary talent, and your dedicated commitment. By assisting your peers in and out of the classroom, the academic integrity of a rigorous curriculum was maintained. Not only are you an asset to the **Computer Science and Software Engineering Department (CSSE)** and the School of Science, but you make the entire Monmouth community proud! We are deeply appreciative.

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The **EOF Staff** would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our student employees - Balkees Parveen, Stephanie Luczkowski, DJ Fountain and Tim Markley for their dedication and enthusiasm. You create a new dimension within our program with your insight and ideas. We eagerly look forward to future semesters with all of you. We celebrate and thank you!

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Emily breezes in smelling of Hollister and sets a friendly tone; It's ditto for Jessica, but she's leaving us to become a nurse on her own. Tara, our filing clerk, comes to our aid with a smile; While Vanessa is always flexible and goes the extra mile. For all our students who help us through the best and worst of days; We're thankful for you all and in so many ways. ---**Health Services Staff**

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work with us and the youth and families we serve.

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Anything Can Happen When You Take the Risk of Playing ChatRoulette

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Imagine sitting at your computer screen; you're lonely and bored and desperately wishing for some human interaction. Now imagine you merely right click your mouse and suddenly find yourself face to face with someone you've never met before. It's as easy as online shopping, but get this...it's free! You can get yourself a friend delivered directly to your PC.

If you're not the type of person who spends long hours dazed in front of your computer screen, then you most likely haven't heard of ChatRoulette.com. ChatRoulette is a website started in December of 2009 that allows you to communicate with strangers all over the world. It is a blend of every other communicative invention of the beloved internet's past with a fresh new twist. Not only can you talk to a person via typing words; such as AOL Instant Messenger, but you can also visually see and verbally talk to the other person like Skype. ChatRoulette somewhat resembles a chat room in the sense that you're meeting strangers, but different because you're communicating one on one with another human being in a completely personal experience. Instead of a screen name, you're seeing a face and meeting a person.

With an estimated 997,963 users per day, the probabilities of bumping into anyone you recognize are slim to none. The website is set up like a "scan" on a radio setting. You can browse different options (male, female, young, old, blonde, brunette) until you see something, or someone, that strikes your interest.

If you've ever played the game of Russian roulette, you'd know that winning is left up to chance. The same goes for ChatRoulette, the person you'll be given the opportunity to meet is entirely left up to chance. The website is described as a "game". The webpage is set up with your live video footage on the bottom of the screen and the person you're connected to above it. As soon

as you click "start", you find yourself looking at a stranger through a computer screen and having them stare straight back at you. You get to witness a person at that very moment in time, possibly from across the country, picking their nose in their living room while you're eating a burrito in your kitchen.

If this person who pops up doesn't interest you, then you have the option to "next" him or her; which simply means that you click the "next" button and move forward to a new stranger. This seems like a fantastic application until you find yourself being "next" quicker than it'd take you to Google the site.

Jill Russell, a senior from Saint Josephs' University, said she felt uncomfortable sitting face to face with a stranger.

The majority of users appear to be college students who are bored and looking for interaction without the hassle of leaving their apartments or dorm rooms. Megan Mackown, a graduating senior from Stockton University, has found herself spending many nights in front of her computer screen to kill time and subdue boredom. "My roommate was the first one to find it. As soon as we used it once, we were addicted." Most people claim to use the website because they're bored and looking for entertainment. Katie Schwarz, a Montclair graduate, mentioned that "it's mostly just something fun to do when we're all sitting around. You get to talk to and see people from all over the world in an instant. It's insane."

So let's say you've controlled

course, one could always argue that the celebrity rumors could just be an easy dose of publicity for the site. Personally, I'll believe the celebrity blather when I find myself sitting face to face with Leonardo DiCaprio.

It all seems harmless and interesting, but the new website also has its downfalls. You can almost guarantee throughout an hour of "nexting" strangers that you'll eventually stumble upon a penis or two. Yes, I said penis. The website is available to everybody, and since there is no surveillance of the communication between users, it's hard to crack down on "creeps". There are people who use the website to do highly inappropriate motions, while hiding their face. In my research while using the website I came across a few weir-

which makes it extremely unmanageable. After all, teenagers and college students aren't the type of people to alert authorities on the flaws of ChatRoulette; to them it's merely entertaining. The website, black and white with no advertisements or product placement, shows just how unknown the interactive website is to the mainstream media.

In my experience, ChatRoulette has left me feeling extremely uncomfortable. Here I am, sitting on my computer alone in a room, searching the internet for other humans. Technology seems to take the personalization out of communication. Before you know it, we'll be depending on our computers for social contact and connection. Not to mention, it's like being forced to sit in a room with someone you've never met before and someone you may have absolutely nothing in common with... awkward much? Besides, who wants to be exposed to naked male parts while on the search for a friendly chit chat? To give you an insight to my unpleasant experience, I stopped myself from the addiction of clicking "next" and decided to engage a conversation with two 21 year old college students from Colorado. They admitted, "We're looking for chicks, just cool girls from other places. We get the opportunity to see hot girls from a completely different state with no strings attached." The guys made a good point. As uncomfortable as ChatRoulette could be, it also puts a barrier between two people. You can quickly escape a conversation by clicking a button. Since there is no way to be traced, you can hide your true identity and be someone completely different for the time being. ChatRoulette is different.

It's fresh, and in my opinion, it's genius. Will it evolve like Facebook? Will you soon find your grandparents using ChatRoulette? I'd take my chances and say that the game of ChatRoulette is leading towards world domination, and if not, I'll bet that it'll eventually evolve into an interactive pornographic website.

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JILL RUSSEL
A Senior from St. Josephs' University

"It's so weird. The worst part is when they [the stranger] take one look at you and hit the next button before you get the opportunity to diss them. It's like human rejection right from a computer screen," Jill mentioned.

So let's say you're playing the game of the human shuffle, you come across a nice looking fellow from Nebraska and you two get to chatting. Not only do you see this man and his every move, but you can hear his voice and communicate as easy as if you were on a telephone. With so many computers and laptops having built in microphones these days, it's extremely common for this generation to be verbally communicating with another user via computer screen. ChatRoulette is a virtual reality; you can sit in New Jersey painting, while hanging out with someone from Rome who's playing video games.

yourself from nonstop "nexting" and finally come across two people that seem fairly normal. Some users admit to finding people they actually bond with through ChatRoulette. "One day my roommate and I were on ChatRoulette and found these three guys who were just hanging out in their dorms. They turned out to be cool as hell and we just talked about music and movies and stuff for an hour," Megan divulged.

Another hot aspect to ChatRoulette is the current buzz about a few users bumping into celebrities such as Paris Hilton and Ashton Kutcher. Celebuzz.com mentioned that a couple of college kids stumbled into Paris Hilton while using the website. "I mean, the chances of bumping into a celebrity are extremely low, but I guess it's the possibility of it that keeps people intrigued," Russell said. Of

dos myself; experiences that left me quite horrified. Older men sitting in front of their computer screens midday on an interactive website has bad news and pedophile written all over it. So stay away kids!

What makes me uneasy is that there are also chances of coming across children and teenagers. So the probability that your teen will come across a male, or maybe even a female body part, is very high. My 12 year old cousin just received her first laptop for Christmas with a built in camera and microphone. She uses her computer constantly to communicate with her friends, even if they are sitting side by side on the couch. This new generation is immersed in technology, the fact that they're just a click away from seeing a one eyed monster is quite troublesome.

The website is still fairly unknown to the older generations,



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ChatRoulette has comic relief also; you could be face to face with the caped crusader, or President Obama.

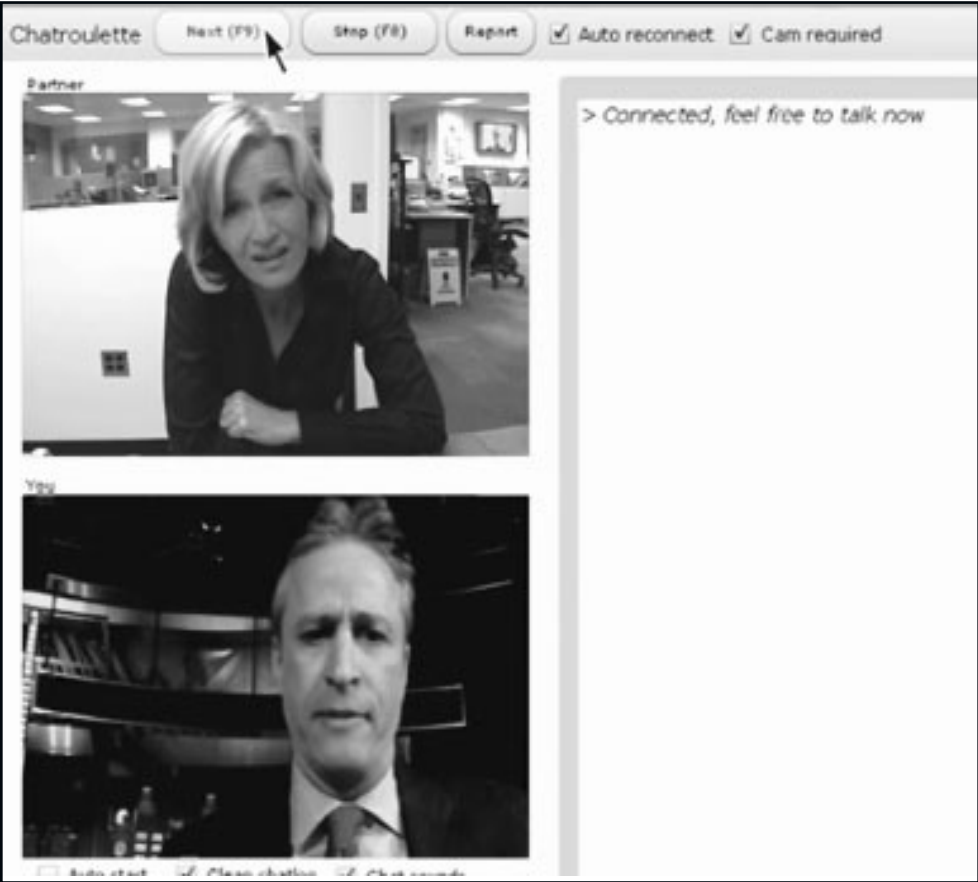


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ChatRoulette also gives viewers the possibility of meeting celebrities.

Picking Ears While Driving Earns \$250 Fine: Is the Itch Worth It?

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The other day I was driving down the road with the side of my head resting on my hand. I did what many people do when they are tired; I used my hand and arm as a support structure to keep my head upright. Beware; this is a very risky thing to do that could empty your wallet.

As many know, drivers can be pulled over for talking or text messaging while behind the wheel of an automobile. Holding a cell phone and talking up a storm while navigating the streets can be hazardous to the individual partaking in the activity, other passengers in the car, other vehicles, and pedestrians. According to Edgar Snyder and Associates, a law firm that represents injured people, around 6,000 American lives were taken by drivers talking on their cell phones in one year. “In 2008, at any given moment, over 800,000 Americans were texting, making calls, or using a handheld cell phone while driving during the daytime.”

While the battle should be fought against those who do violate law and use cell phones while driving, those who are unfairly ticketed need to be protected. In 2009, a friend, who will remain nameless, was pulled over while driving to my home. What was the charge? Talking on a cell phone. What was he actually doing? Picking his ear. It seems some water was still residing in the area after his shower. Today, picking your ear can cost you several hundred dollars. Is the itch worth it? I recommend never showering before driving then! When you are tired, don’t attempt to rest your head



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It is one thing to receive a fine for texting or talking on your cell phone, but it’s another to get a ticket for scratching your ear.

on the palm of your hand unless you think that support system is worth a buck or two.

The issue is the idea that you can be pulled over for committing a crime that you have not even fathomed taking part in. Was this friend talking on the cell phone? Not at all. A simple three block drive from his home to mine cost him a week and a half’s pay at his job.

Do you think you can get yourself out of that situation? I bet you can’t! When going to court, his display of phone bills matched up to the time of the ticket clearly showed there was no cell phone activity going on at the time the red and blue lights started flash-

ing. The judge disregarded it and sided with the police officer simply because he had been on the force a long time.

Don’t take this lightly... this is a big deal. While driving to the grocery store or to campus, you may find yourself pulled over and paying for something you did not do. I hope everyone has a couple extra bucks lying around that they don’t mind donating.

To put it in perspective, pretend you are going to see a movie and get dinner. The movie cost \$12.50 and the dinner cost \$25. Woops! You got pulled over for “talking on you cell phone.” Now, your night that originally cost \$37.50 now cost \$287.50.

Ouch!

The fine for being caught driving on the phone is not cheap. According to NJCOURTSONLINE.COM, “For driving while using a hand-held cell phone, fines range between \$100 and \$250.” If the cop makes the mistake of pulling your vehicle over, this is one pricey error. “Since New Jersey’s ban on handheld cell phones went into effect 23 months ago, police statewide have issued almost 225,000 tickets to violators, an average of over 9,700 a month,” Nora Muchanic said in a recent article on 6abc.com. I wonder how many of those people were actually talking on their phone...

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Ticket for
Talking On
Your Cell
Phone
In NJ
Minimum of
\$100 dollars.

In NY
Maximum of
\$100 dollars.

In PA
Minimum of
\$50 dollar
with the fine
doubled in
certain zones.

In DE
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MUSIC PERFORMANCE

I am a senior at Monmouth and my major is Music Performance. Woods Theater is a place I call my second home, where I feel like I’m part of a big family with the students as well as the teachers—There’s no place like it. As a freshman, my major was undecided and I explored several options. When the Music and Theatre department held a meeting for first-year students, the professors gave a speech about something called the “fire in the belly.” “Do you have it??” they would ask. That “fire” is the desire to take on a major that is difficult to pursue; one that is so competitive in the real world—but if you’ve got the “fire,” then you belong here. That’s when I knew I was in the right place. I love to sing and play several instruments including the violin, guitar and piano. I hope to make a career out of songwriting and performing, and being a Music major at Monmouth has prepared me for my future endeavors.

During my time here at Monmouth, I’ve been a part of the chorus and chamber orchestra. I went to Ireland last year with the chamber choir—that was an incredible experience! This year, I was lucky enough to be a part of a special, original production of a take on Alice in Wonderland, called “Roasting Alice,” and I was the Dormouse! I found a desire to act as well as write and play music, so my participation in the play has broadened my skills as a performer—We even learned choreography for the songs in the show! It’s incredible that a student can start out with a fear of standing in front of an audience and, just a few semesters later, become a confident, talented musician with the help of our enthusiastic faculty members. I encourage any incoming freshmen with a passion for the music and theatre arts to pursue it as a major—it is extremely rewarding!

Heather Postel

Senior,
Music Performance Major
Monmouth University ‘10

ALI Produces the 5th Annual Drag Ball

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ing from start to finish, keeping the audience involved and interested with passionate acts. Performers entered from behind a rainbow curtain and onto a three-fold runway stage where they were illuminated with flashing multi-colored lights.

The first act was a Brookdale Community College student performing a Miley Cyrus song while interacting with the audience. Rutgers' ALI also made an appearance with a performance of "Kiss with a Fist" from a Rutgers performer named Candy.

The crowd favorite of the night was a Monmouth University student's hula hoop performance. The performer danced while shocking the audience with her lit up hula hoop routine to Lady Gaga's "Disco Heaven."

Other student groups such as CommWorks danced to Madonna's song, "Hollywood," illuminating the false pretenses in Hollywood. The group consisted of five students dressed up as a pimp, athlete, stripper, businesswoman, and striving ballerina.

The Drag Ball also consisted

of performances by professional drag artists. The first professional, performed "Accept Me for who I am," shocking the crowd with ballerina dance moves and complete splits. The drag artist, "Victoria," stripped down to a gold sequined bikini by the end of the performance. A few males in the audience whispered, "Wow, she's hot!" during the dance routine. The second professional drag artist, "Morgan," performed Lady Gaga's "Paparazzi."

About half way into the show, Montagino opened the stage to three volunteers for a lip singing contest. An energetic fun battle occurred between the three, who lip sung to "It's Raining Men." The winner, Kuree Cain was chosen by the audience's level of applause. She happily accepted a \$25 gift card to the Monmouth Mall. The contest was undoubtedly silliness at its best.

The performances all brought forth important messages, especially emphasizing that people should appreciate differences and be comfortable being themselves. "We are all people and we all deserve to be happy," Montagino said.

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Inside the Mind of a New Wave Filmmaker Tim Burton Shows Off Art Exhibit at Museum of Modern Art

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As I walked into the giant monster's mouth, my anticipation grew rapidly. The inside was dimly lit and the walls were black and white striped. Flat screens filled the red carpeted aisle. People stopped to watch the animations.

I heard a lady shout for the crowd to move aside and keep walking down into the exhibit as I scribbled down what was written on the plaques. As we all shuffled along the aisle, I saw a dark room with neon colors practically jumping out of it. "Oh my gosh, that is so cool!" I thought.

Tim Burton, a well-known filmmaker, shows off his many talents in the Tim Burton Art Exhibit located in the Museum of Modern Art.

The popular exhibition, which was mostly contributed by SyFy, is open from November 22, 2009 to April 26, 2010. Guests can see the display for a reasonable fee, which includes entrance into the rest of the museum as well.

There are about 1,000 pieces of Burton's works that are scattered in different parts of the museum, but his main gallery is on the third floor. It is easily recognizable with a giant wall listing his various works in chronological order.

The wall leads you to a merchandise stand where you can buy Tim Burton products and art books.

In the next room, the really interesting things begin. After you present your ticket to the attendant, you can enter the unique, complex mind of the artist that is

Tim Burton.

Items fill nearly every inch of the walls in the gallery and are carefully placed in sequential order. These include drawings, sculptures, animations, and even school reports that Burton has done in his life. There are five parts that make up the entire gallery. The first consists of a narrow room with animations of The World of Stainboy episodes one through six. Another is a black light room with neon-colored pastel drawings and a moving sculpture called The Carousel. Next is a section containing works from Burton's early life called Surviving Burbank.

Then a mid-section is titled Beautiful Burbank. Lastly, a section includes recent works; such as Edward Scissorhands, The Nightmare Before Christmas, Batman, Beetlejuice, Ed Wood, Sleepy Hollow,

The Corpse Bride, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and Alice in Wonderland; named Beyond Burbank.

In addition, transcripts of the animations and films can be seen at the information desk.

Throughout the exhibit, one can constantly see a running theme of twisted but tastefully appealing work. It was just enough crazy to keep a viewer absorbed in each piece of art instead of turning away scared.

A personal favorite was the neon sculpture of The Carousel, made by Tim Burton and Albert Cuellar. Audio by Danny Elfman was available for the black light room that the work was stored in. It added to the wild effect of this model.

The colors were so vibrant and

eye-catching. A plasma ball was attached to the bottom of a carousel, which made it that much more intriguing.

Strange creatures rotate as part of the carousel. On top of that, there is a UFO like piece with eyes and hair coming out of it like antennas.

The whole sculpture is based on one of Burton's original drawings that is also hung up in the exhibit.

Overall, the Tim Burton exhibition is definitely worth checking out.

His amazing style is so uniquely him that one can automatically recognize his artwork. It is highly likable according to the thousands of people who see attend the exhibit, especially for the already dedicated fans.

A Museum of Modern Art worker said, "It is probably the biggest joint we ever had."

If you wish to go for a discounted price of ten dollars, Artist 4 Change is hosting a trip to the exhibit on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Transportation will be provided at the Student Center. A valid student ID is necessary for this trip.

E-mail Jennifer Sime, vice president of Artist 4 Change, at s0772262@monmouth.edu for tickets. This limited time exhibit is one that should be seen if given the chance. And do not forget, you can look, but of course, no photography.



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Upper left: Monmouth student performs at the Drag Ball.
Lower left: Greg Greg Montagino hosts the show on behalf of ALI.
Right: A professional drag artists performs and shocks the audience.



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The entrance of Tim Burton's exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art beholds a giant monster's mouth.



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Tim Burton poses with his artwork on display at the MOMA in New York City.

This “Date Night” is Impossible to Forget

MATTHEW FISHER
MOVIE REVIEWER

You don’t need a date to enjoy this date night. That’s the most important thing to understand about the new and hilarious comedy, “Date Night,” directed by Shawn Levy (“Night At The Museum”) and written by Josh Klausner. Making the film even better is the terrific pairing of two of today’s most talented comedic actors, Tina Fey (“30 Rock”) and Steve Carell (“The Office”). Levy is incredibly lucky to have these two fine actors because their natural comedic abilities allow them to make the story and dialogue better than it already was (and be improvisational like in the outtakes during the credits).

Fey continues to win audiences with her witty sensibility while Carell acts wonderfully with his goofiness and humble humor. It’s not hard to see that Fey and Carell are being themselves and, it is evident when they are acting like snotty socialites or a stripper and her pimp that these are the only times they really have to get into character. Since these comedians have worked well separately, it is fun and exciting to finally get to see Fey and Carell act as one of the funniest screen couples. They make being funny look easy.

“Date Night” is about Phil (Carell) and Claire Foster (Fey), a “boring couple from New Jersey” as Claire describes them. Although they love their two kids, they never feel like they do anything exciting. Phil is a New Jersey tax consultant, who deals with obnoxious people while Fey is a real estate agent.

They have date nights, which act more as a chore than something fun. Regardless, they make their evenings better by observing other couples and adlib voices to the couples they watch.

It’s not until Phil and Claire

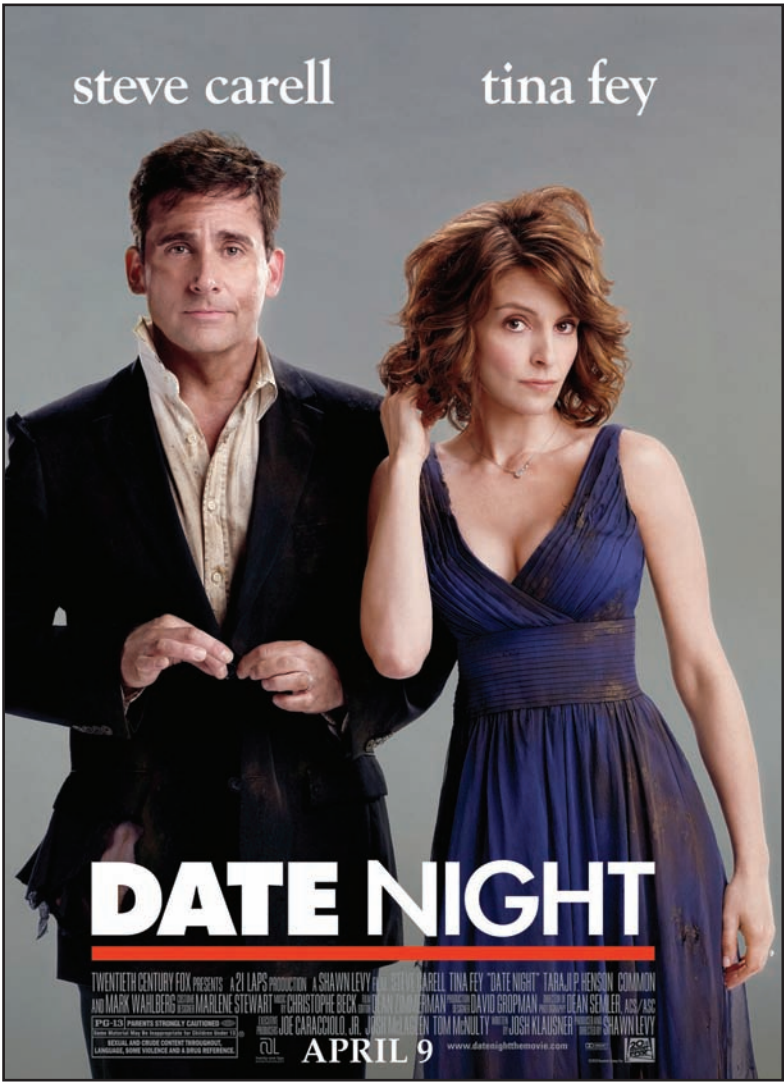


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Steve Carell and Tina Fey star in the hilarious film, Date Night.

discover that their friends, Haley and Brad Sullivan (Kristen Wiig and Mark Ruffalo in comical cameos) are getting a divorce that they decide to make their weekly date night something special. Phil tells Claire he’s going to take her to New York City to eat at an exclusive restaurant known as the Claw. Being spontaneous, they don’t make reservations and are quickly pushed aside by the host. Phil and Claire realize that getting a table here is next to impossible, so Phil decides to cut

some corners. When he hears that a couple, the Tripplehorn, isn’t there, he spontaneously takes their reservation.

While the Foster’s evening begins well with jokes, glasses of wine, and a quick photo snap of Will.i.am (playing himself), things quickly turn sour. Two NYPD detectives, Armstrong and Collins (Jimmi Simpson and Common) approach the Fosters pretending to be the Tripplehorn’s and make them leave the restaurant.

Thinking that this is only about stealing someone’s reservations, Phil and Claire discover that taking the Tripplehorn’s reservation was just their first problem of the night. Caught in a web of corruption, a stolen flash drive, mistaken identities, and with help from security expert/a former client of Claire’s, Holbrooke (Mark Wahlberg), the Fosters will experience one date night they’ll never forget.

Levy wonderfully handles this picture. Throughout the film’s 88 minute running time, the picture never loses its speed. It continuously gets funnier and more exciting with each new scene. He captures the comedic performances of his leads incredibly well and never loses the humor in the film even at the most serious of times. It’s plain to see that something funny will happen eventually.

Equally amazing is how well Levy captures the action of the film without ever losing his humorous touch. This is something that defied expectation for the movie and made the story even better. At one point, when Carell crashes a car into a taxi, the following minutes presents one of the most intense and hilarious car chases seen in a while.

Levy perfectly captures the hustle and bustle of the city streets, whether it is on location or on a set. He never misses a chance to put a part of the city into the scene such as the excitement of Times Square or the natural wonder of Central Park. It builds an authenticity that puts this fictional story into the real world. Levy finds a way to make New York City in “Date Night” fun and a wild concrete playground.

The script by Klausner is fun and exciting. Something that could have been just a regular romantic comedy is free to be a strong comedy that has romance

as well as action and adventure. The humor is excellent and, Klausner creates scenes that get audiences to laugh out loud. As Phil and Claire try to escape Detectives Armstrong and Collins, their escape seems fast yet in reality they are making one of the slowest getaways in history.

Another terrific moment comes when Phil and Claire finally confront the real Tripplehorn’s known as Taste and Whippit (James Franco and Mila Kunis) in one of the zaniest and most hysterical confrontations. Klausner puts just enough subtext to this moment that the Fosters seem themselves, oddly enough, in the Tripplehorn’s without losing its humor.

These moments are written extremely well so that the scenes come alive, but never feel forced or over the top to get a laugh out of the audience.

The other thing to note about the movies is how the comedy doesn’t work through only one person. It takes the characters working together to generate the humor, which is shared and thrown around like a hot potato. Basically, it takes one to start the joke, the other to get the ball rolling, and both to make the scenes funny such as when the

Foster’s babysitter haggles them to watch their kids longer as they are being chased around the city.

To put things simply, this script acts as a wonderful blueprint for the actors and director to build the comedy they have in mind.

Without a doubt, “Date Night” has a standout cast and is one of the most enjoyable, memorable, and funniest films to date (no pun intended).

The characters of Phil and Claire are so genuine and lovable that it would be a shame for this to be their only adventure. Here’s hoping for another adventurous date night soon.

A Dreary Time for Bullock

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Sandra Bullock, America’s Sweetheart was Queen of the World. Riding high after an awards season full of accolades for her stand-out performance in 2009’s The Blindside, which culminated in an Academy Award on March 7, the actress’ personal life was shattered.

On March 17, People Magazine reported Bullock had dropped out of several European publicity appearances in response to infidelity rumors involving her husband, TV personality Jesse James. March 18, James made a public apology, confirming the rumors. In this statement James said he had used “poor judgment” and deserved “everything bad that is coming my way.”

Up until now, Bullock has been silent regarding what must be a very devastating turn of events for the Oscar-winner. Bullock broke her silence to People April 6, to dispel internet rumors of the existence of a sex tape involving her and her estranged husband.

Two days later a rep for James also told People that “The claims of sex tapes are untrue and completely fabricated.” However, RadarOnline.com has previously reported that there are more than a dozen other sex tapes out there, as James documented his exploits with his mistresses.

March 26, James checked himself into a treatment facility “to

deal with personal issues” in the hope of saving his five-year marriage, his Representative said in a statement, as reported by the New York Daily News.

In a statement to the Associate Press, James’ attorney Joe Yanny said, “This whole thing has destroyed Jesse’s entire universe. He’s a broken man. Jesse is in love with Sandra. The single most important thing to Mr. James and the children is that the marriage somehow survives.”

Right. So maybe he should not have cheated on her.

During every award speech and interview, Bullock praised her husband’s love and support. Often James was seen in the audience, smiling, with tears in his eyes. But now it seems, maybe James was just practicing for his own Oscar.

It is such a shame that at a time that was, at least, critically the best of Bullock’s life, had to be tarnished by her husband’s thoughtless actions. It is also unfortunate that her Oscar-winning film was called The Blindside as “Bullock Blindsided by Husband’s Infidelity” headlines consumed the media.

Why would anyone cheat on Sandra Bullock? One of the most well-liked stars around, she has never been anything other than affable to the public, and scandal-free. Whether it was cracking people up as she danced around with Betty White in box-office smash The Proposal, or

drawing rave reviews for work in critical darlings like Crash, Bullock has never offended anyone. James has to know he has made, probably, the biggest mistake of his life.

Public support for Bullock has been immense. James on the other hand has been blasted online by fans and turned into the punchline of many personalities’ jokes. Many doubt his career can recover. Even more doubt his marriage can be saved. Since the news broke, Bullock has left the home they share (shared?) together.

Bullock and James married in July 2005. Since November 2009 the couple has had full custody of James’ daughter from a previous relationship. Bullock and her stepdaughter, Sunny James, get along very well. What will happen to their relationship since James’ decision making is up in the air.



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Sandra Bullock and husband, Jesse James photographed at the Oscars before personal issues surfaced.



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Sandra Bullock and her stepdaughter, Sunny James share a very close relationship

Monmouth’s Model UN Club Participates in National Conference

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On Sunday, March 28, Monmouth University’s Model United Nations club headed off to the Sheraton New York in Downtown Manhattan where they would participate in a weeklong conference known as National Model United Nations 2010.

The conference brought over 4,500 college students from five continents together to represent delegations from over 160 countries and simulate the international cooperation that the United Nations deals with.

Monmouth sent eleven students with their faculty advisor, Doctor Kevin Dooley, to participate in the conference, which lasted from Sunday March 28th to Thursday April 1st. Delegates included Steve Alex, Angela Aranda, Annie Coble, Marilyn Fattorusso, Tamari Lagvilava, Aziz Mama, Julie Miller, Katelyn Nawoyski, Shawn Platz, Steve Scarano, and Andrew Stein (head delegate). The students represented the Republic of Finland, and took part in six of the conference’s twenty committees, all modeled after actual United Nations’ committees.

The conference began Sunday night with each committee’s first session, in which delegates set the agenda. Delegates had to debate the order of the topics they would be discussing throughout the week according to the importance they felt their country would put on each topic.

Monday morning began with training sessions for delegates that instructed them on some of the proper conference procedures. The day progressed with committee sessions in which each committee discussed and debated their first agenda item. They also took part in caucuses, which were informal sessions meant to further topic debate and discussion and foster cooperation amongst delegations. On Monday evening, delegations filed into the Sheraton’s Metropolitan Ballroom for the opening ceremonies. They listened to a welcome speech by NMUN alumni



The Monmouth Model UN Club poses for a photo during the weeklong National Model United Nations 2010 conference in Manhattan.

and current UN Under-Secretary General for Public Information, Kiyotaka Akasaka. Delegates finished their workday with committee sessions.

When sessions ended each day, the hotel had a Delegate Lounge set up for students for to relax, dance, and mingle with delegates from other countries. A DJ provided entertainment every night. Monmouth sophomore Annie Coble said, “the Delegate Lounge was the fun side of everyone...a chance to really get to know the people you were working with.”

Tuesday began early with a meeting for Head Delegates - a delegate from each school who organized their delegation and acted as an informant, communicating with the NMUN Secretariat and their delegates. Monmouth’s head delegate, senior Andrew Stein, said, “although it does not sound like the most enjoyable role, the group of fellow students that represented Monmouth were so diligent, prepared, and genuinely ex-

cited to be there that my job was made much easier than the average head delegate.”

The day continued with sessions from 8:30am until 10:30pm, separated into three individual sessions. Delegates worked hard during that day at completing working papers and drafting resolutions that created solutions for and addressed the global topics their committees were debating. Although it was a long day, Monmouth sophomore Tamari Lagvilava said, “[the workload] was spread out well between three hour sessions. We had time to rest and recharge.”

NMUN also hosted an Opportunity Fair that afternoon for students wishing to further their interest and education in international affairs to gain information on graduate programs.

Wednesday was yet another long day for delegates, with sessions from 8:30am until 5:30pm. It was also the final day for many of the committees, so a rush to conclude working papers and draft resolu-

tions added to the excitement and stress of the conference. As the day wound down, delegates voted to pass or fail their committee’s resolutions. Monmouth did well, with Finland’s delegation having at least one resolution passed in each committee it participated in. The week’s hard work paid off for Monmouth students, who took a break that evening to walk Times Square and grab some dinner.

Thursday was the final day of the conference, but excitement was high for the day’s events. Delegates in the General Assembly Plenary committee traveled to the United Nations Building in New York City where they convened in the General Assembly Hall for their final session. Delegates sat at the desks of the country they were representing. As the plenary committee, they voted on resolutions from the other general committees and listened to summaries of specialty committees’ work completed throughout the conference.

After the General Assembly Ple-

nary session ended, the Economic and Social Council Plenary met to vote on final resolutions. Then, all delegates filed into the Great Hall for closing ceremonies. The NMUN 2010 Secretary-General, Emefa K. Gbedemah, gave a closing speech and awards were announced. Monmouth’s delegation representing Finland received an Honorable Mention, an acknowledgeable recognition considering all their delegates were first-time conference attendees. Advisor Dr. Dooley said, “[the Honorable Mention] speaks to how well prepared we were.”

The day and week ended with a Delegate Dance sponsored by the conference and held in the Sheraton’s Metropolitan Ballroom.

Overall, the week led to the formation of friendships, the building of cooperation and teamwork, and the creation of memorable experiences for all attendees. Monmouth junior Julie Miller said, “it forces communication skills and cooperation and it was amazing to meet and work with international students.”

Monmouth’s students appreciate the hard work and time commitment of advisor Dr. Dooley. Dr. Dooley met with the students on a weekly basis to go through simulations of the conference events and prepare students to act as Finland and speak in front of hundreds of fellow delegates. Andrew Stein believes, “we owe a lot of credit to our advisor. Without him we could not have performed as well as we did.”

Overall, it was an unforgettable experience for the eleven students. They formed a close bond of friendship that transferred from the conference into the University lives of the students. Monmouth’s delegates are already looking forward to next year and cannot wait to find out what country they’ll be representing for the 2011 National Model United Nations conference to be hosted in April.

For any students interested in joining Model UN, please contact faculty advisor Dr. Kevin Dooley at kdooley@monmouth.edu.

Tea Party Movement Draws Competing Agendas, Strategies

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Hundreds of thousands of Americans are expected to gather this week for another round of flag-waving, fist-shaking, sign-carrying “tea party” protests, demanding less government, lower taxes and more freedom.

But as they celebrate the first birthday of what they now proudly call a movement, tea partiers concede they face a crucial challenge:

What do you do AFTER the tea is dumped in the harbor?

“You really can have only a couple of these rallies before people are like, ‘All right, now why are these angry people just out demonstrating?’” said Andrea Plunkett, an organizer of last year’s Kansas City tea party at the Liberty Memorial. “We can have these fun events where the pictures look good _ or we can get to work.”

Defining the tea party movement is difficult. There are thousands of tea partiers and hundreds of tea party groups, many with different goals and approaches to changing the government.

Plunkett’s approach is Americans for Conservative Training, which she formed last year to move tea partiers away from rallies and toward helping right-of-center campaigns in other ways.

But trading a protest placard for a business card is viewed with deep suspicion by some tea party activists and other conservatives. One year

after the first major tea party protests, they’re worried the movement may be hijacked by mainstream politicians _ perhaps helping Republicans at the polls, but alienating tea partiers distrustful of Democrats and the GOP.

“I would describe tea party people as fiercely independent, and that’s good,” said Paul Hamby, a libertarian from Maysville, Mo., who spoke at last year’s Kansas City tea party. “It can’t be from the top down.”

The tea party is a decentralized grassroots movement, said Karl Rove, a former adviser to President George W. Bush who spoke to conservatives and tea partiers Saturday in Kansas City.

“These people are very cautious and I think it’s absolutely correct about being swept up by somebody else,” he told The Kansas City Star.

The tea party movement, which began as a series of loose protests in the winter and spring of 2009, caught the popular imagination last April _ on tax day _ with colorful protests at courthouses and city squares across the nation.

Tension between those who would organize the tea party movement and those who want to keep it disorganized may be growing _ and may reflect one of several challenges (and opportunities) tea partiers face in the coming year.

Some tea partiers are taking their disputes to court.

Lawsuits have been filed in several states challenging use of the “tea

party” label, or the establishment of an official “Tea Party.” A lawsuit was filed late last month in a dispute between a conservative fundraiser and the organizer of a national Tea Party convention in Nashville.

The Tea Party Patriots recently expelled one of its leaders for working with the Tea Party Express _ not be confused with Tea Party Nation, or Leadership Tea Party, or TeaParty.org or dozens of other tea party-themed groups, each with its own agenda and tactical approach.

“The tea party seems united only in some kind of inchoate anti-government anger that has little to hold it together,” said University of Kansas political science professor Burdett Loomis.

But tea party enthusiasts say the disputes simply reflect the growing pains of groups formed by people new to the political process and committed to their mission.

“We just see a need and go do it,” said Tonganoxie tea partier Greg Ward. “We’re tired of waiting on everyone else to do stuff _ so we just step up to the plate and say it.”

And almost two dozen tea party groups said last week that they plan to form a National Tea Party Federation to help coordinate communication among tea party groups and counter suggestions that the tea party movement is unfocused.

Polls show the tea party message is being heard, despite the internal disagreements.

A Rasmussen poll released last

week showed 48 percent of Americans said their political views were closer to those of the tea party movement than to those of President Barack Obama, who got 44 percent support.

A similar Gallup poll said 28 percent of Americans consider themselves supporters of the tea party movement, while 26 percent are opposed. Tea party supporters overwhelmingly describe themselves as conservative or moderate _ 92 percent _ and the same number, 92 percent, say they’re either Republicans or independents.

Some analysts credit the tea party movement with Republican Sen. Scott Brown’s victory in Massachusetts, as well as the retirement of Democratic Rep. Bart Stupak of Michigan, announced Friday. GOP Senate primaries in Arizona and Florida, where mainstream Republicans face tea party-like opponents, could also provide a measure of the tea party’s electoral impact later this year.

“The movement is a problem for all politicians who are not working to reduce spending, keep taxes low and respect the individual rights of its citizens,” said former Kansas GOP director Christian Morgan.

Even as the movement picks up mainstream support, though, some tea partiers and conservatives worry about the potential impact of fringe elements _ tea partiers whose biggest concern is Obama’s citizenship, for example, or who use inflammatory

language and images.

“It’s like any new political movement, whether it’s the civil rights movement or the pro-life movement or the Second Amendment rights movement or the anti-war movement,” Rove said.

“You draw new people into the political spectrum, they’re sort of raw and unsophisticated _ the tea party movement needs to make sure it distances itself from the birthers and the 9/11 deniers and the conspiracy nuts so as not to give its opponents something that can undermine its credibility.”

“The tea party movement is disturbingly racist and reactionary, from its roots to its highest branches,” wrote columnist Joan Walsh at Salon.com, comparing

Outside of influencing November’s elections, though, the future impact of the movement remains unclear.

In fact, one year after their movement started, it’s still difficult to say exactly what tea partiers want _ it’s a movement that’s defiantly leaderless, with no universally accepted agenda.

Some are worried about the erosion of gun rights. Others are angry about health care reform, or the bank bailout, or changes in immigration law. Federal deficits and debt are also a huge concern.

“The glue is the people,” he said. “The people _ recognize a movement that has some cohesion, and they’re the ones pushing the movement together.”

Political Debate: Should Russia Freeze Foreign Adoption to the United States?

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

Side 1: Russia Should Freeze Foreign Adoption

TRENNIA FIELD
STAFF WRITER

In light of recent events, the “returning” of an adopted child to Russia, Russian officials should place a hold on foreign adoptions to the United States. On April 6, 2010, 7-year old Artyom Savelyev arrived alone at a Moscow airport with a letter explaining his adoptive mother could no longer care for him. However, according to the Associated Press, the terms of the note were not as kind, citing the child was “mentally unstable.” Torry Hansen, a single woman from Tennessee who had hopes of being a mother, adopted Savelyev. Hansen renamed the boy Justin, but sent him back to Partizansk a town located in the Far East in September 2009, after only six months. Russian officials are calling for a hold on foreign adoptions to the United States as a result

of this incident. Russia should not do this in order to punish people seeking to adopt children from the country, but instead, to protect the children who’s lives are in the hands of adoption agencies and families. Although this incident was a rare occurrence, it shows that people have the chance to “return” a child if they do not fit well with the family. By placing a freeze on adoptions, the countries would be able to reform adoption policies and the procedures that go into adopting children. This by no means calls for making policies more difficult to adopt, but instead, creating a system that correctly matches children with families. Adoption is not a matter that should be taken lightly and this case shows that choosing to become a parent to a child is not like choosing which shirt to buy at a store. A child cannot be returned in the same manner a shirt can be returned if an indi-

vidual decides it is not the “right fit.” This case is now one of he said; she said arguments as to why the child was sent back to Russia. Torry Hansen, although she has not yet made a statement since the letter that stated, “The child is mentally unstable. He is violent and has severe psychopathic issues. I was lied to and misled by the Russian orphanage.” Russia should make every attempt to insure that children are not placed in homes where they are endangered. In recent years the parents who were once murdered two children whom were adopted from Russia excited to adopt them. In 2006, a woman from Virginia beat the 2-year old girl she adopted from Siberia while in 2008 a woman from Utah killed the infant she adopted from Russia. These cases are certainly a cause for concern for the countries international adoption policies.

Artyom Savelyev has been placed in a hospital for evaluation, according to a statement told to the Associated Press by Anna Orlova, spokeswoman for Kremlin’s Children Rights Commissioner Pavel Astakhov. In video clips from Russian news channels, Savelyev is shown to

American families until Russia and the USA sign an international agreement on the conditions for adoptions and the obligations of host families, Lavrov was quoted as saying,” according to the BBC. By placing a hold on adoptions, perhaps more Russian families

Russia should make every attempt to insure that children are not placed in homes where they are endangered.

be smiling and happy, although he reported that Hansen had pulled his hair and was mean to him. As news of this story broke, many Russian families have come forward to adopt the young boy. The Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov is correct in suggesting “a freeze on any adoptions to

would consider in-country adoption, allowing children to remain close with their own culture and have a national identity. This would also allow the two countries to create a document that clearly outlines adoption procedures so as to not allow another unfortunate adoption incident to take place.

Side 2: Russia Should Not Freeze Foreign Adoption

TRENNIA FIELD
STAFF WRITER

In 2009, 12,753 children were adopted to the United States from foreign countries, according to the United States Department of State child welfare statistics. Russia ranked third, only behind Ethiopia and China for the most international adoptions, totalling 1,586 children from Russian orphanages. If Russia chose to put a hold on adoptions to the United States, countless children would spend another year in an orphanage, without a loving home. Another year means everything in terms

of adoption because statistics show that older children are less likely to be adopted. According to Human Rights Watch, about 20,000 children run away from Russian orphanages every year, leaving them with little options other than panhandling on streets or turning to prostitution. Russia should not place a hold on adoptions to the United States because of the unfortunate actions of one woman from Tennessee. Torry Hansen was a single woman who felt as if the adoption agency unfairly misled her about the boy’s medical conditions and therefore sent the boy back to the place where she believed he

could be in better care. In the letter she sent with the boy, she stated, “After giving my best to this child, I am sorry to say that for the safety of my family, friends, and myself, I no longer wish to parent this child.” Wishing for an annulment of the adoption, Hansen did what she thought was in the best interest of everyone involved. Granted, she could have at least accompanied the boy back to Russia, given that he is only 7 years old, but it would not be fair to him or her to keep parenting a child in a relationship that obviously had difficulties. Russia should not place a hold on all

adoptions simply because this case did not work out and this woman made an error in judgement in sending the child back to Russia. By placing a hold on foreign adoptions, Russia would only be harming the children who could be placed in loving families. According to an article published by the BBC, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev “denounced the episode as a ‘monstrous deed’, and called for an agreement with U.S. authorities laying down American parents’ duties in such cases and creating a system to monitor the children’s treatment.”

Rather than Russia placing a hold on adoptions, the United States should create policies that better document and monitor international adoptions. The main priority in the adoption should be the child, given that their lives are in the hands of adoption agents and strangers. A hold would leave children sitting in orphanages for longer periods of time; the children are not at fault in this case. Parties on all ends of the adoption procedure should better communicate concerns over the children, but a hold on adoptions would not do any good for anyone involved.

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Student Employee Appreciation Day • 11- 4pm • Student Center
Caribbean flavor band, Verdict • 2:30-4:30pm • RRSC Patio •(preceded by Pep-Band 2:15-2:30pm)
Spring 2010 Career Day • 12:30-4pm • Anacon Hall •
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Baseball vs. Rider • 3:30pm • Baseball Field
Student Research Conference • 1-5pm • Wilson
Funnel Cakes- topped the way you want it • Magill
Claire Boren, Holocaust Survivor/artist: "Art of the Holocaust." • 7-8:30pm • 102 & 104 Library

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Zumba • 6 - 7 pm • MAC (2nd Floor, inside of track)

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Habitat for Humanity Opening Ceremony • 11am • RSSC Patio (Build starts at 12pm in Lot 18
-Near Athletics) • email dkavouri@monmouth.edu to volunteer.
Tent. WEEKEND Whitewater Rafting/Camping Trip • Leaving RSSC TBA, Returns 4/18 @ 4pm
Darwin vs. the Bible • 6pm • Young Aud.
Movie: When in Rome • 7 & 11 pm • Oakwood
Dance • 9pm • Anacon
Commuter on Campus Housing Applications Due
Totally Mozart • 7:30pm • Pollak Cost: \$22/\$30 (Employee discount \$5 off for you and a guest!)

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Movie: Leap Year • 7 & 11 pm • Oakwood
Travel and Tour Trip to NYC (Details TBA) • Tickets \$10-students & \$15-guests

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Softball vs. Sacred Heart • 12pm • Softball Field

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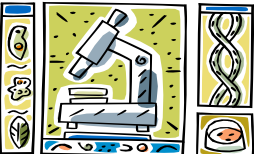
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“Smell-O-Vision”

MAX TIMKO
STAFF WRITER

Recently released to the public are the brand new 3-D Television sets that are in flat screen form. Now I love 3-D movies, growing up I loved to put on those cardboard glasses and see crazy things fly at my face that would later give me a heart palpitation but it was worth the shortness of breathe and a glimpse at the face of death to see this amazing spectacle. But in that moment of hyperventilation, I had an epiphany. I would create newest way to view sitcoms, daytime talk shows, and my ever so favorite morning story “Days of Our Lives.” (Don’t judge me the plots are so relatable). I figured out a new design before Disney had it on all of their 3-D attractions. That’s right Disney I’m calling you out! That’s right Walt unfreeze yourself to prove me wrong, or are you just chicken. (Suck it Imaginengineers!) I began to create a new way to experience television. So I watched an episode of The Three Stooges and planned the newest creation the world would be blessed to be apart of. Smell-O-Vision! (Oh yeah) So I brought a box full of cream pies, oranges, lemons, and other goodies that were apart of the program. I sat my family down on the couch in front of the television set and popped in a good old VCR tape. You remember those right professors. Those came out while you were drawing on the cave walls and yelling at fire. (It’s funny because you are all old.)

Well enough about senior citizens, because the time had come to test out my Smell-O-Vision experiment. In the very first part of the episode, Moe squeezed lemon into Curly’s eyes. So I grabbed a lemon from my Smell-O-Vision box and squeezed the entire fruit into my father’s eyes until they were bright red. Sure, he was gasping in pain because of the lemon burning the cornea of his eye but that was the fun part of the experience



PHOTO COURTESY of Max Timko

Smell-O-Vision; the next step in the cinematic experience

of Smell-O-Vision. The lemon pain did not last long because it was replaced with a nice 2x4 over the skull compliments of Moe to Larry. So, just as it happened in the program I backed up and took a nice shot to the back of my sister’s head. I thought this was the most breakthrough idea I had ever thought of. The viewer was actually experiencing the same effects that were being viewed during the program. I continued to bring my family through the entire episode beat them with objects and bringing them into the real experience of The Three Stooges. I thought they would have liked it but I guess not because they made me sleep in

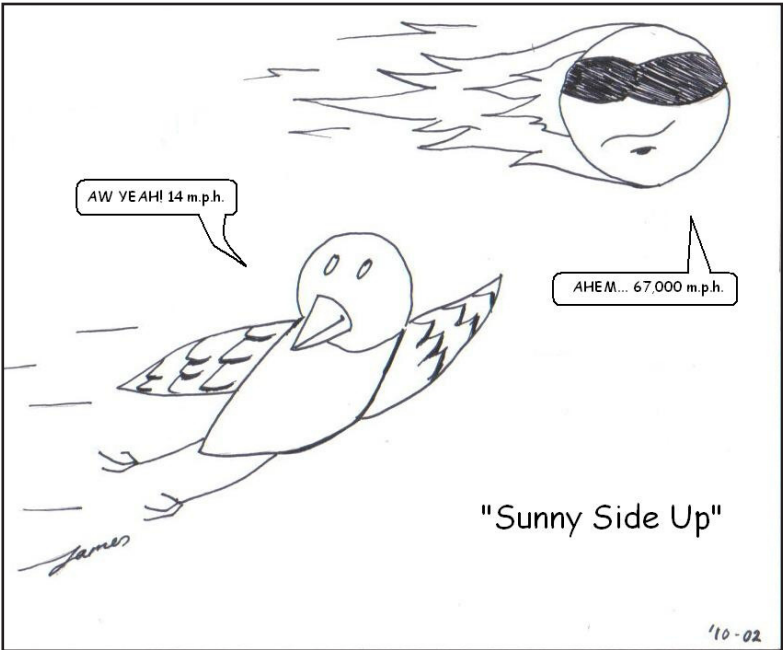
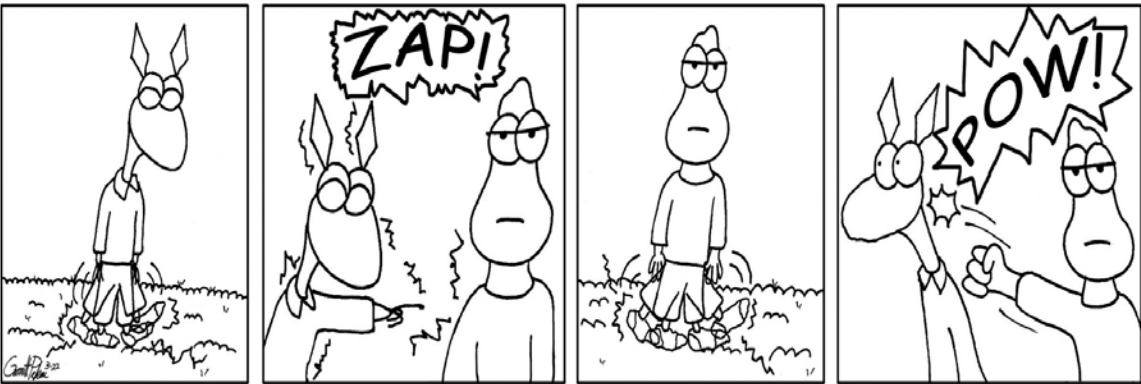
the cage again that night. Three days later, when I was released I started to think that maybe I was being too aggressive with the whole Smell-O-Vision. I thought all twelve year olds had experiences with their family like this but they put me on some Ritalin and things started to be clearer why they were upset. Maybe one day we will live in a world where people can smell the hot apple pie that is coming out of the oven on the Food Network. (Mhmmm, hot apple pie) So think about it people do you want crappy 3-D or the ability to smell things you see on television..... Yeah, I guess your right that was a horrible idea.

Welcome to Falling Rock National Park by Kid Shay



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By Garrett Pekar



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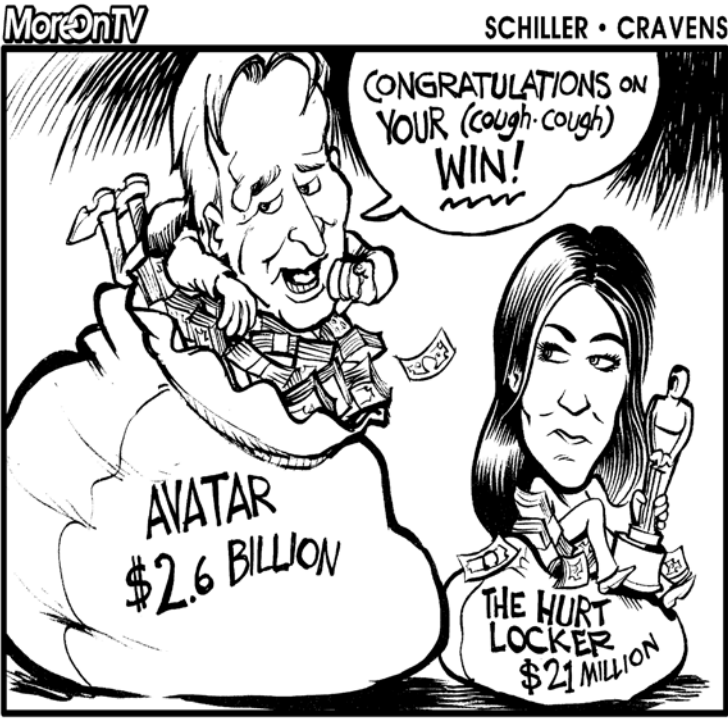




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Jackie Reed (left) poses with friend, Erika Ortiz, in Australia.

Endless Possibilities While Abroad in Australia

JACQUELINE REED
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

How do you put almost five months of the most mind-blowing experiences into a short quip that fully expresses the magnitude and sheer incredibility of what you have just lived? The answer is plain and simple; you can't. So every time someone begs the question "how was Australia?" I find myself in the difficult position of answering honestly. I have primarily been reduced to describing it as incredible, amazing, or the best time of my life; none of which, in my opinion, are sufficient answers; but it gets my point across.

As I tried to think of a better way to answer everyone's questions I realized there were things about the experience I had never even asked myself. Looking back on the months of July through December 2009 I would remember all the fun times I shared with new friends, skydiving over the great barrier reef, traveling the East coast, and cruising down the Great Ocean Road.

However, I failed to consciously think about, and recognize the many things I learned. For example, I never understood what people meant when they would talk about "finding themselves." I always thought "What are you talking about? I'm right here, I know where I am. What is there to find?"

But I have now come to see that the whole question is misphrased. It is not so much about

'finding' yourself as discovering things about yourself you never knew you were capable of. I can honestly say I found out a lot about the kind of person I was, am, and want to be and I have Sydney, Australia and studying abroad to thank for that realization.

Studying abroad is everything one thinks it will be...and so very much more. I can honestly say that I was naive going into the whole experience. Sure, before I left America Monmouth

provided our group with fantastically informative meetings and I received sound advice from prior Aussie study abroad students but nothing can truly prepare you for stepping off a plane after twenty hours of flying and living on your own for close to five months on the other side of the world, nor would I want it to.

Half the fun of the whole beautiful experience was finding my

own way through situations. Whether my new friends and I were hopelessly lost in Sydney, our shopping bags were breaking on the twenty minute trek back to our houses, or we were just trying to find our way to Bondi beach, some of the most frustrating times made the best memories looking back on it.

Thankfully, each and every difficult situation taught me something incredibly valuable that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. So thank you Melbourne, Australia for having the most confusing transportation system in the whole world.

I know that my time in Australia was a precious gift that I will benefit from in so many ways down the line. In just the short time I have been home in New Jersey it is so clear how my time abroad has impacted not only my life but the lives of those around me for the utmost good. It is still difficult to believe I was fortunate enough to meet people from all over the world, from all walks of life who have impacted me more than they will ever know. I did things I never dreamed I would do, and was taught so much more than I ever thought I would learn in such a short period of time.

Sometimes I think "how lucky am I?" and have to pinch myself to make sure it was not all one beautiful dream. I cannot imagine what else studying abroad will do for me, but from where I'm standing now, the possibilities are endless.



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Reed traveled to Melbourne, located in the south east of Australia.

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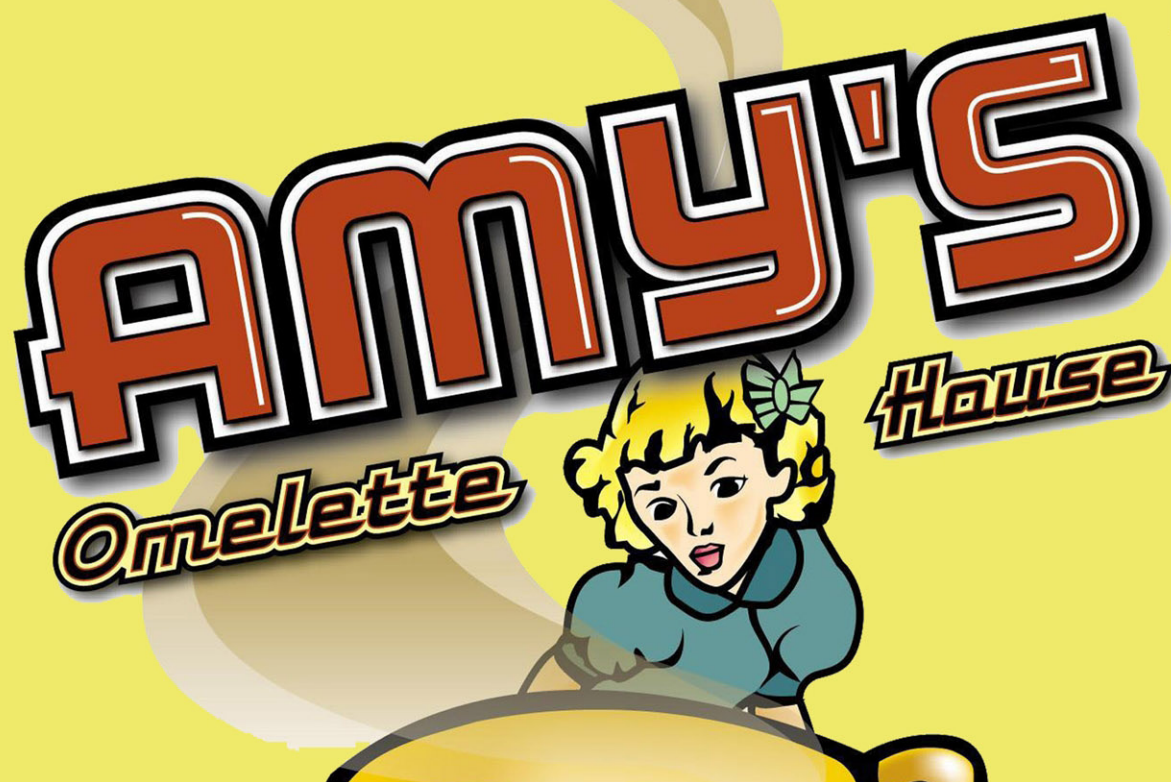
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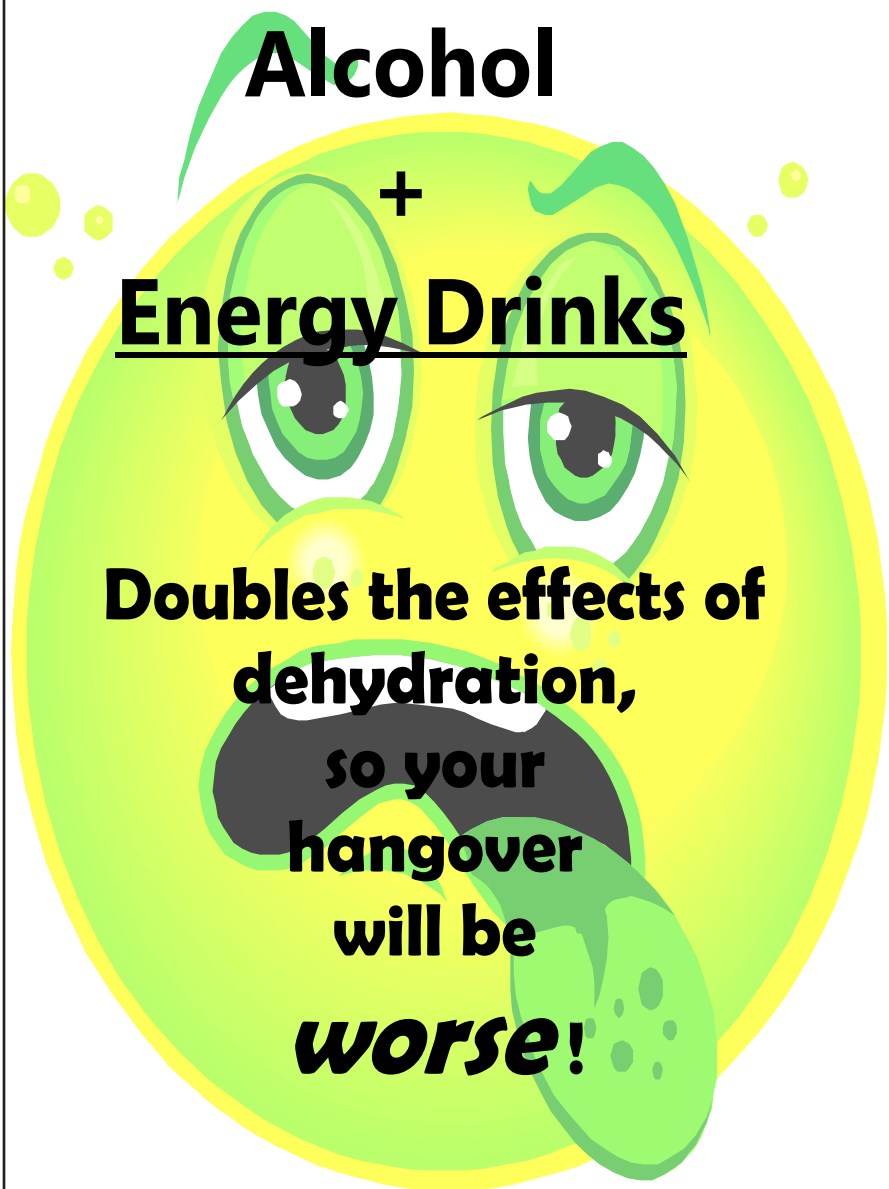
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Baseball Pulls Off Three Wins After Three-Game Skid

Hawks Take Three of Four From Mount St. Mary's After Losing Three Consecutive Contests

KEVANEY MARTIN
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Following a non-conference 6-5 loss to Lafayette on Wednesday, Monmouth's baseball team managed to snap their 3-game losing skid by going 3-1 as they played host to Northeast Conference foe Mount Saint Mary's to improve to 10-14 overall and 6-6 in the NEC.

On Saturday, the Hawks swept the doubleheader by claiming an 8-7 victory in the first contest, despite leaving 17 runners stranded, and shutting out the Mount in game two and earning a 4-0 win.

The first game remained scoreless until the bottom of third frame when

Mike Casale led off with a double, and then after advancing to third on a groundout, Nick Pulsonetti sent him home on a grounder to first base to put the home squad on top 1-0.

MSM was able to even the score in the next inning, and then took the lead in the sixth after they hit three straight two-out singles to register a run, and plate another on a wild pitch from MU's starting pitcher, Nick Meyers, to make it 3-1.

The Hawks responded with a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth after

Bobby Dombrowski and Anthony Lawrence each hit an RBI groundout to tie the score at 3-3.

The Blue and White tallied another score in the seventh, but that lead was short-lived as the visitors came right back in the ensuing frame and tied it at four apiece. Neil Harm, who then took the mound to relieve Meyers, retired the next two batters to end the frame.

For the next six and a half innings both teams faced a scoring drought that would not be broken until the top of the 14th when the Mount added two more runs on the board giving them a 6-4 edge.

MU rallied in the home-half of

that frame and recorded two more runs after Pulsonetti crossed home on a Dombrowski foul, which was then followed by another score after Ryan Terry drew a walk, with the bases loaded, to set the score at 6-6.

In the top of the 15th, following a fielding error, Mount was able to take a one run lead, but the Hawks had seen enough, and finally sealed the victory after Jamie Rosenkranz drew a lead-off walk, which was followed by a Pulsonetti single. Costanzo then nailed a run-scoring single to right to tie the game at 7-7. Avella, who was intentionally walked, loaded the bases and set up the game-winning run when Dombrowski was hit by a pitch on a 1-0 count to force home the final run.

Meyers tossed 7.1 innings, allowing four runs on eight hits, with six strikeouts, while Jonathan Shippee (1-0) earned the win for Monmouth, going two-thirds of an inning.

The Blue and White carried their momentum from game one right into the second match up after Rosenkranz's RBI single in the first put them on top 1-0. In the second, they boosted their lead to two runs when Avella bombed a solo home run.

Costanzo then added two more runs by lacing a single driving in Casale and Pulsonetti.

While the Hawks were clicking offensively, Kyle Breese took care of things defensively as he worked 6.0 shutout innings, allowing just three hits to pick up the win and improve to 3-2. Smith pitched a perfect seventh frame, with two strikeouts, to finish the victory.

On day two of the action, MU rallied from a four-run deficit to snag a 6-4 in the initial game, but could not manage to make a clean sweep of the four-game series and fell 8-5 in the finale.

It wasn't until the sixth that the Hawks turned it on behind the plate and compiled an impressive



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Josh Boyd had the game-winning hit in game one of the second doubleheader against the Mount, an RBI double.

six-runs.

Terry initiated the comeback with a double down the left field line, and then advanced to second after Casale was hit by a pitch. Terry then crossed home when Rosenkranz reached on a throwing error, which was

followed by a single to left off the bat of Pulsonetti that drove in Casale to cut the lead in half and forced MSM starter Kent Worthington out of the contest.

Monmouth continued to climb back in and was able to tie it at 4-4 on a Costanzo RBI groundout, and a single to right from Dombrowski, which set the stage for Boyd's

two-run double and the win.

In the series finale, Mount finally got hot and put together a commanding 7-0 by the sixth off of MU starter Dan Smith.

Costanzo put MU's first run on the board in the seventh with a lead-off single, and then after advancing to second on a groundout, he moved to third on an error and was able to score on a wild pitch.

After MSM went up 8-1 in the eighth frame, the Hawks orchestrated a four run rally behind a double from Casale, an RBI single off of Pulsonetti's bat, a two-run double from Avella, and Dombrowski's run-scoring single. But

this was too little too late and their comeback fell short.

Smith (1-2) worked 5.0 innings in the loss, allowing four runs on nine hits and Harm surrendered three runs in a third of an inning. Jonathan Shippee allowed a run in 1.2 frames, while Chris Perret tossed 2.0 scoreless frames the end the game.

Costanzo, Dombrowski and Avella each finished with six hits in the series, while Pulsonetti and Casale had five and four respectively.

The Blue and White return to the diamond when they travel to Princeton for a non-conference contest on Tuesday at 3 pm.

Softball Rolls Through April With Near Perfect Record

The Blue and White Win First Seven Games in the Month of April, Sport 7-1 Overall Tally

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The Monmouth University softball team won five of its six games this past week in three doubleheaders to improve their record to 15-10 this season.

The Hawks went to South Orange to square off against Seton Hall on April 7th for a doubleheader. The blue and white came out on top in the first game with a 4-0 win. Junior Melissa Mehrer dominated on the mound for Monmouth, shutting out Seton Hall in a complete game pitched.

Mehrer's win on the mound marked her six straight win as a pitcher. She only let up four hits while striking out eight and walking one batter. She also did not let up a Seton Hall base runner past first base. On the offensive side, Monmouth was led by senior Jessica Nicola who had two home runs.

The second half of the doubleheader with Seton Hall saw plenty of offense from the Hawks. Monmouth won 11-1, compiling 12 hits overall for the team. They got off to a fast start scoring three runs in each of the first two innings. The game would eventually only end up going five full innings because of the mercy rule that the Hawks put on Seton Hall. Freshman Kayla Weiser went 3-4 with an

RBI and two runs scored while Junior Emily deLong went 2-4 with three runs scored. Freshman Kate Kuzma added a 2-3 day for the Hawks, driving in three runs in the contest.

The Hawks returned home on Saturday for a doubleheader with Long Island University on Fan Appreciation Day. Monmouth won both contests, 6-4 and 4-1 respectively. Mehrer picked up her seventh straight win despite letting up three early runs to Long Island, tossing a complete game six hitter.

Junior Dara Palms went a perfect 3-3 including three RBI's at the plate.

In the second game, Monmouth starting pitcher Lauren Sulick let up a solo home run in the top of the second, but that would be her only run let up.

Winning her fourth straight start, she threw a complete game five hitter while striking out five and only letting up one walk. Christine Scherr went 2-3 for the Hawks in the second game.

Monmouth stayed in West Long Branch to host Wagner in a doubleheader on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. The series was split, as the Hawks won the first game 4-3 and lost the second matchup 1-0.

The first game was notched at 3-3 in the bottom of the sixth inning as senior Alexa Ferrara



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

Melissa Mehrer once again pitched well to lead the Hawks to five more victories in the month of April. The righty won her sixth straight game last week, giving her nine for the season.

was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. Scherr went 4-4 at the plate with a double and a stolen base while Ferrara went 2-3 including the game winning run.

In the second game, Monmouth starter Lauren Sulick fell to 6-2 on the season despite throwing a solid game. She hurled a

complete game six hitter while striking out five and walking two. She only gave up one run in the contest. The only run scored in the game came when Wagner's Brittany Huss drove in Krysta Fauria with a two out single in the top of the first inning. Jessica Nicola went 2-3

for the Hawks, which included a double.

The Hawks are currently riding a ten game winning streak and are in first place in the NEC.

The team returns to action this Wednesday as they host Lehigh in a non-conference doubleheader starting at 3 pm.

Track Team Sends Competitors to Three Separate Meets

STEFANIE BUCHOLSKI
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The men’s and women’s track and field teams divided their squads in order to travel to three separate meets this past week-end. The meets in which they participated were the Tennessee Sea Ray Relay in Knoxville, TN, the Bucknell Bison Outdoor Classic in Lewisburg, PA, and the Rider Invitational in Lawrenceville, NJ.

At the Sea Ray Relay, Mary Wilks had an impressive showing in the heptathlon when she finished with 4838 points, fourth best in school history. She finished seventh in the event. Wilks not only qualified for the ECAC Championships, but also earned regional and national rankings. She is now placed sixth in the East and 18th among Division I athletes in the nation.

Also garnering regional rankings was Lindsey Walsh, who is positioned 12th in the East. Her 4604 points in the heptathlon placed her 11th in the event and qualified her for the ECAC Championships.

In the hammer throw, Symone Fisher placed fifth with a toss of 173’ 2”. Her throw was the second best in school history. Shawn Sabo finished fifth in the discus with a mark of 158’ 2”. In the shot put, Vincent Elardo’s mark of 57’ 7” placed him fifth. Elardo also finished ninth in the hammer throw with a mark of 187’ 6”. In the same event, Larry Lundy’s throw of 181’ 8” placed him 10th.

Men’s Golf Experiencing Success During Spring Season

PRESS RELEASE

The men’s golf team has had its fair share of success in the past. Trips to the NCAA Tournament, high individual finishers at competitions, and NEC Championships.

As far as this year goes, the song

Alison Day cleared the bar at 5’ 3” in the high jump, placing fourth in the event. Brittany Gibbs broke her own record in the triple jump when her jump of 39’ 5.25” earned her fifth place.

In the 800 meter run, Emily MacEuen won the event, finishing in a time of 2:17.9. In the men’s 800 meter, Ford Palmer placed fourth after crossing the line in 1:54.03. Chris Rutherford and Terrell Gissendanner finished 13th and 14th in the 110 meter hurdles, with respective times of 14.65 and 14.66. Both Rutherford and Gissendanner qualified for the IC4A Championship. Also qualifying for IC4A’s was Chris Taiwo, whose time of 21.75 in the 200 meter run placed him 24th.

At the Bison Outdoor Classic Ben Hutterer broke the school record in the 10,000 meter run...

Gissendanner placed sixth in the long jump with a leap of 22’ 7.25”. Wilks finished fourth overall in the women’s javelin, posting a mark of 136’ 1”. In the men’s javelin, Marion Easley finished eighth with a mark of 202’ 2” and Vincent DuVernois placed 10th with a mark of 196’ 7”. The women’s 4x800 team of Aracelis Lantiqua, MacEuen, Amanda Eller, and Danielle Toritto finished fifth, posting a time of 9:21.61.

At the Bison Outdoor Classic, Ben Hutterer broke the school record in the 10,000 meter run when his time of 30:42.15 placed him fifth and also qualified him for the IC4A Championships.

Esteem Winder finished in the top ten of both the 100 and 200 meter runs, and both the men’s and women’s 4x800 teams also finished in the top ten.

At the Rider Invitational, Victor Rizzotto posted a mark of 192’ 10” in the javelin, which won him the event and subsequently qualified him for the IC4A Championships. The men’s pole vault crew swept spots one through four when, in respective order, Peter Matano cleared the bar at 14’ 14.5”, Jason Timmons cleared at 13’ 11.75”, Brandon Cabral at 13’ 5.35”, and Mark Untisz at 12’ 11.75”.

In the hammer throw, Samantha Hegmann finished fourth with a mark of 153’ 10”. Shane Carle placed first in the shot put with a throw of 48’ 11”.

Carle’s mark of 135’ 11” placed him fourth in the discus. In the women’s discus, Toritto placed second with a throw of 123’. Anne Moccia’s mark of 132’ 4” placed her second in the javelin.

Jake Bartlett finished second in the high jump with a mark of 6’ .75”. In the triple jump, Josh Mann won the event, posting a leap of 46’ 11.5”. Michael Bertocchi placed fourth in the 1500 meter run, crossing the line in 4:17.65. In the 800 meter run, Jesse Cohen’s time of 2:00.04 placed him second.

The Hawks will return to action this weekend when they participate in the Larry Ellis Invitational in Princeton on April 16th and 17th, and the Greyhound Invitational in Bethlehem, PA on April 17th.

cently, the team finished ninth overall this past weekend at the Lafayette Invitational on the Center Valley Golf Club in Allentown, Pa. The Hawks team saw a major 10 stroke improvement from round one (315) to the final round (305) en route to placing ninth in the 19 team field that included four other NEC rival

Francis (Pa.) who finished fourth, saw all five golfers shoot 80 or below and had four golfers improve from one round to the next for the first time all season.

The veteran duo of senior captain Michael McComb and junior Greg Etimos both led the Hawks with 10th place tie finishes overall. McComb fired round of 75 and 76 and Etimos penciled scores of 76 and 75 to both finish with identical final cards of 151.

On the par 72, 6,916 yard course, freshman Ian Thimble finished third on the team with a final card of 155 (81-74) to end the tourney in a 35th place tie finish. Rounding out scoring for MU in the invitational was junior Taylor Krug finishing in a 72nd place tie with rounds of 83 and 80 (163). Finishing fifth for MU was junior Daniel McCreesh whose rounds of 94 and 80 (174) earned him a 97th place finish.

Binghamton won the invitational posting a team card of 600 (310-290) narrowly defeating second place finishing Bucknell by two strokes (313-289=602). Bucknell’s Andrew Cohen took the individual medalist win posting rounds of 75 and 66 (141).

The Hawks will return to the greens on Tuesday, April 20th for the one day Saint Peter’s Invitational in Nechanic Station, N.J.

The invite is scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m.

Lacrosse Gets Back to Winning Ways

Women’s Team Secures Two Final Games at Home, Send Seniors Off In Winning Fashion

CHARLES KRUZITS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The women’s lacrosse team has seen its share of ups and downs this season. They started off the year on a five-game losing streak which was followed by a five-game winning streak. The Hawks were coming off a two loss weekend and lost by a combined four goals to the two teams tied for first place in the NEC. The Hawks faced Rutgers on Wednesday, Bryant on Friday, and Central Connecticut State University on Sunday, which was the last home game of the regular season and Senior Day.

The Hawks traveled to Piscataway to face interstate foe Rutgers under the lights for a 7 pm showdown. Since 2002 the Hawks have yet to beat the Scarlet Knights; last season the Hawks were defeated 11-5 on

two goals while Brennan had a goal and two assists. The last 15 minutes the Hawks went cold only scoring two goals while the Bulldogs scored three to cut their deficit to 9-5.

The second half was more of a defensive effort from the Blue and White as junior goalkeeper Kirby Mundorf stopped four of seven shots while finishing the day with six saves on 14 shots. On the other end senior midfielder Ali Pollock scored three goals and one assist in the second half. Pollock also had an assist in the first half to give her a total of five points on the day. The Hawks were hitting on all cylinders and won by a score of 14-8 to mark their fourth conference win.

On Sunday the Hawks celebrated the careers of their six seniors on Senior Day. Before the game the six were walked



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Shawn Evans was one of six seniors to be recognized on Sunday. She responded with four goals in her final appearance at Kessler.

Kessler field. It didn’t take long for the Hawks to realize it was going to be a long “knight.” The Hawks got on the board first thanks to junior Rachel Feirstein and through the first 13 minutes the game was tied at two but that would change quickly. RU scampered passed the Hawks by scoring six goals compared to the Hawks lone goal to end the first half. The Hawks were down 8-3 and needed to come out of the gate firing in order to keep things close.

The Hawks failed to keep the game close and being outshot by 20 and outdrawn by 14 is a good indicator that the Scarlet Knights overpowered MU. The second half was the same story as Rutgers outscored the Hawks 10-3 which closed the game with an 18-6 loss in favor of the Big East squad. The Hawks returned to Kessler Field and conference play on Friday against the sixth place Bryant Bulldogs. The Hawks were looking to rebound from a three-game losing streak and the Bulldogs were the perfect opponent.

Throughout the first 14 minutes of the first half the Hawks were ahead 7-2 and seniors Shawn Evans and Megan Brennan led the charge. Evans had

out to the field by their parents and were given flowers and a framed picture of themselves. But, Perry Dewitt did things a little different and along with her parents she was accompanied by her dog “Billy Boppy”.

On the serious side the Hawks were looking to win their second straight conference game and CCSU was standing in their way. The Blue-Devils weren’t much of a test for the Hawks as they came out firing on a 10-0 run to start the game. The first half was a 10-2 bashing from the Hawks and the seniors accounted for seven of the scores.

The second half wasn’t quite the scoring barrage from the Blue and White as head coach Denise Wescott gave the starters a rest for most of the half. Goalie Kirby Mundorf stopped four of six shots in the first half while freshman goalie Emma Taylor replaced Mundorf in the second half and stopped five of 12 shots. CCSU outscored the Hawks 7-5 in the second half but that wasn’t enough as the Hawks gave their seniors a 15-9 win on senior day.

The Hawks return to action for a two game away-stand starting Friday, April 16th against Long Island and on Sunday, the 18th against Wagner University.



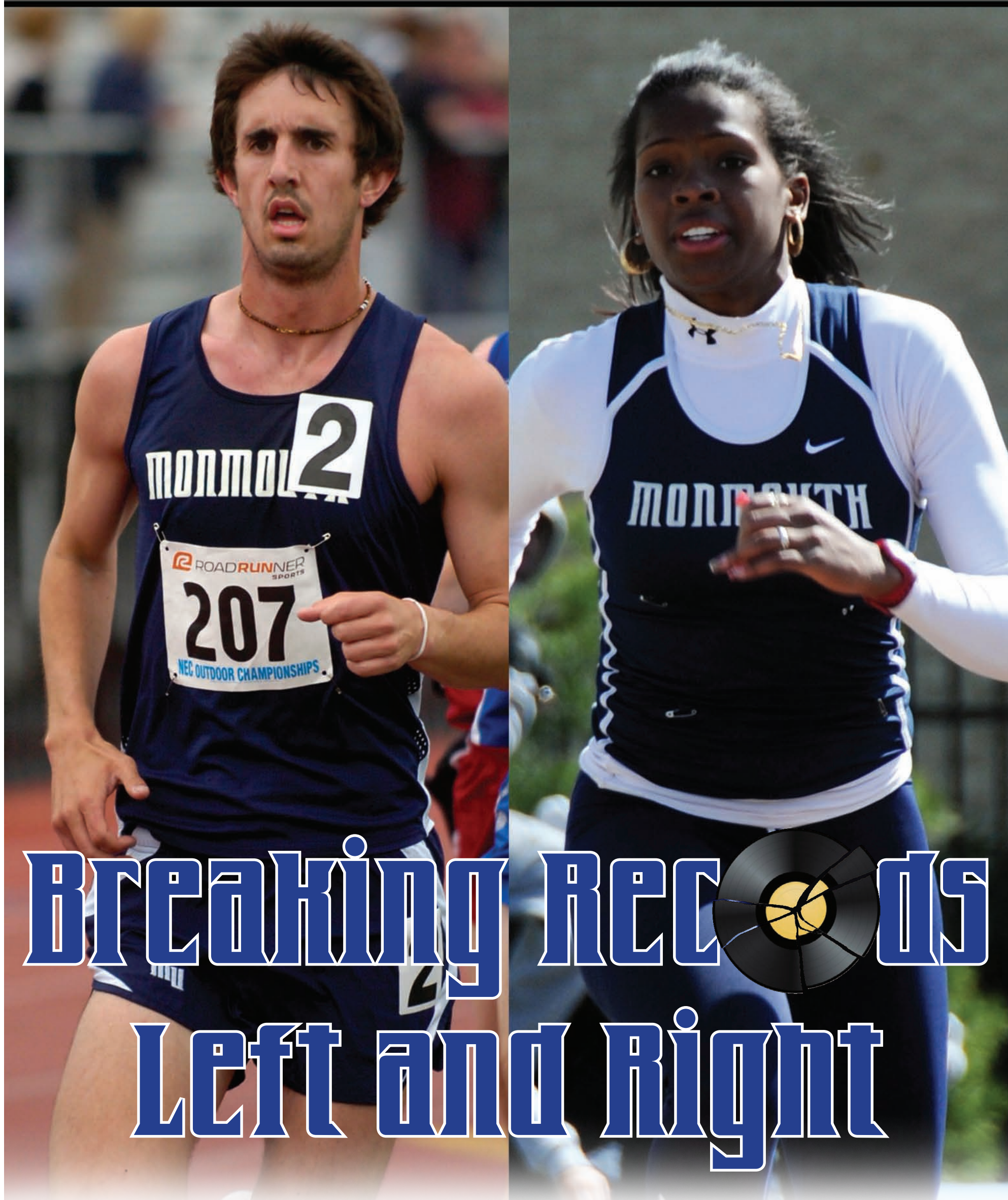
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Greg Etimos tees off during the Lafayette Invitational last weekend. He is one of the veteran leaders of the young, talented men’s golf squad.

remains the same, with student athletes such as junior Greg Etimos and senior Michael McComb. Most re-

teams.

The Blue and White, finishing second amongst NEC foes behind Saint



The track and field duo of Ben Hutterer and Brittney Gibbs shattered MU school records in their respective events.

Full story on page 27.