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CLOBAL UNDERSTANDING WEEK 2009

David Sanger Delivers GUC Keynote Speech

MELISSA ROSKOWSKI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

David Sanger, Washington Correspondent of the New York Times, delivered the closing address of Global Understanding Convention on Apr. 9. Sanger atic in the near future. spoke about America's future and our place in the world.

Sanger started off speaking about President Obama's recent trip to Europe and contrasted him to George America," he said.

Elaborate strategies mark Ex-President George W. currently trying to change its reputation.

"Obama knows it will take a long time to get the world to view America differently,' said Sanger.

When America went after the Taliban after 9/11, "the world was with us," said Sanger. "This Chief led to arrogance in Washington and our view of our place in the world."

That arrogance may have Monmouth's Eighth Annual blinded us to other foreign issues and could prove to be problem-

> Sanger said America let Iraq become "the great distraction. It took our eye off the terrific challenge of the next seven to eight years.'

"Countries we thought would W. Bush. "Obama did not give up realized we were dispresent a grand strategy for tracted and bogged down," said Sanger. "The Iranians realized they were in the driver's seat."

Iran currently has the capac-Bush's term and America is ity to build more nuclear weapons than America had previously thought they could.

Sanger said, "We invaded a

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New York Times coorespondent David Sanger gave the keynote address at the closing of the 2009 Global Understanding Convention.

Children of the Caribbean' Give Students Insight to Life in Poverty



PHOTO COURTESY OF GINA COLUMBUS

Share USA Vice President Alice Pearce gave a presentation about the impoverished children of the Dominican Republic during the GUC

GINA COLUMBUS NEWS EDITOR

As part of the university's Global Understanding Convention, a discussion of daily life for children in the Dominican Republic called "Children of the Caribbean" took place in the Guggenheim Library on Tuesday at six p.m.

The presentation included a variety of information about the Dominican Republic and the culture and poverty that many of its citizens, primarily children, live in. Share USA, a non-profit 501C organization works to help those who are in financial and medical need, especially children, and give them the necessities and resources that are unavailable to them.

The lecture was conducted by Share USA Vice President Alice

Pearce, who has been with the Pearce showed the audience organization since 2005. Approximately every six months, Pearce and her husband travel to Monte Plata in the Dominican Republic, where they meet with the community to try and better their living conditions.

Pearce's sister-in law and Graduate student Gina Frigiola, who has also made a trip with her to the Dominican Republic, gave an introduction speech prior to Pearce's discussion. She set up a memorial fund for said that her strongest interest him. It was later on that the in the Dominican Republic was fund was used to donate to concerning the citizens. She de- the children of the Dominiscribed them as warm and gracious people, and said she truly learned something coming back from her trip.

"They have nothing, but whatever they have they share," Frigiola said.

In the library seminar room,

a slideshow of photographs of the children she worked with and recalled their daily lives. Most of the children either live in single family homes, or both of their parents have died most likely due to AIDS or lack of medical care.

She became involved in Share USA after her father in-law passed away, and had can Republic. She was invited to teach health to students and sexually transmitted diseases to the community. She was surprised that no

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Club and Greek

Find out about Delta Phi Epsilon's charitable efforts.



Opinion

Has texting gone too far?



Entertainment

Learn about the Twilight craze and one student's take on the novel.



Sports

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athlete Megan Brennan.

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'Children of the Caribbean' Give Students Insight to Life in Poverty

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one had ever come to speak to the community about health, nor did they have a health textbook for anyone to read. To this day, Pearce said she is in search of a bilingual health textbook for the community to read and learn from.

The poor living conditions were also discussed; people of the Dominican Republic are not able to open their mouths while taking showers, and they must brush their teeth with bottled water; the tap water is unhealthy and filled with parasites.

When discovered that it was necessary to wash their hands, Pearce said that the children were dumbfounded.

Pearce has also returned to Monte Plata to teach adults and children about alcohol and domestic violence.

In Monte Plata, even if a home has electric, the government turns it off at two p.m. every day in order for the vacation resorts to have full access. This leaves all families without electric for the mass part of the

Only one percent of the Monte Plata community is wealthy.

As for education, Monte Plata's school, Eva M. Russell, did not have an eighth grade up until a couple of years ago. It went from first to seventh grade, and without grade eight students cannot move on to high school, leading to less job opportunities and more poverty. When Pearce discovered this, Share USA had a new classroom built into the school and an eighth grade curriculum.

Share USA also has plans to build a vocational school for students.

Since working with the children, Pearce said that out of those who have finished school, one student is going to be a doctor, another a dentist, and several are learning to be

"Don't just give them a fish. Tell them how to do it," Pearce

Share USA has also been overseeing the Casa Monte Plata Orphanage, in which children are put in homes with two parents, while also seeing the father figure leave and come home from work. This enables children to live in a stable fam-

Another component of the presentation consisted of photographs taken by children of the Dominican Republic. Pearce gave several children disposable cameras, and told them to take pictures of anything they wanted. When she had them developed, she was amazed at how the children took the photos and what they stood for their culture. The subjects in the photographs included other children, animals, nature, Monte Plata homes, and other miscellaneous objects.

Pearce said she told the children to "take pictures of their

For the children that she talked about during her presentation, Pearce wants them to "believe and actually have a future."

Pearce is also a retired nurse and health teacher.

Students, many whom were social work majors, enjoyed the presentation and the photographs.

Assistant Librarian Eleonora Dubicki stated, "While many of us have vacationed in the Caribbean, few of us have witnessed the dire living conditions of most native islanders outside of



PHOTO COURTESY OF GINA COLUMBUS

Share USA Vice President Alice Pearce with an impoverished child from the **Dominican Republic**

the resort areas. Alice Pearce delivered an eye-opening presentation on the poverty and hunger faced on a daily basis in a small village in the Dominican Republic. She also described the excitement of the children who have benefitted from the educational opportunities made possible to them through SHARE USA, a non-profit organization headed by Pearce. The photos taken by the children express their unique perspective of the environment in which they live, and yet also express a joy they have in their hearts and share with their friends.'

The discussion, arranged by the university's library staff, was available at no cost to the public; refreshments were also served for the audience.

"The Library is very interested in hosting these types of photography exhibits and seminars to raise awareness among the Monmouth community about much to be happy. Most of us poverty in many areas of the are overindulged." world, and to encourage volunteerism and fundraising to improve the quality of life in these regions," Dubicki also said.

Pearce also hopes that the authree weeks. dience got another sense of what the Dominican Republic is all USA, visit www.shareusa.org.

about.

"It's more than the fancy resorts you hear about. They can make a difference- one person can have a ripple effect," Pearce

Becoming involved in Share USA has also made Pearce realize that "we really don't need

Photographs from "Children of the Caribbean" can be found throughout the Guggenheim Library and will remain there for

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Senior Named Distinguished Tutor from the Writing Center

JANE DETULLIO DIRECTOR OF THE WRITING CENTER

School, the Monmouth Universiter Director, Writing Center Secty Writing Center presents an an-retary, Dean of the Honors School, nual student award for outstand- Dean of the School of Humanities ing commitment and dedication and Social Sciences, and a faculty to the Writing Center as well member from the Department of

as for excellence in the tutoring of writing. The recipient of the 2009 Writing Center Distinguished Tutor Award is Kristopher Jackson, a senior majoring in Health Studies. Kris will receive a plaque and check for \$500.00 for his excellence in tutoring at the Student

PHOTO COURTESY of Kris Jackson

The Writing Center solicits materials. nominations for this award from

ter staff, and English department faculty who have familiarity with the Writing Assistants. A commit-In conjunction with the Honors tee comprised of the Writing Cen-

> English then consider the nominees terms eight criteria, including tutoring excellence; participation in workshops concerning tutoring or writing theory and practice: ability to work well with students, other Writing Assistants. and Writing

> > Center staff;

and effec-

Senior Kris Jackson, a Health Studies major, is set to recieve the **Distinguished Tutor Award on April**

tiveness in Awards ceremony on April 26th. the creation of new Writing Center

Past winners include Stacie four constituencies: students, Snelgrove (2007), Christina Writing Assistants, Writing Cen- Wanis and Susan Berrios (2008).

Beyond the Bars of Redemption GUC Keynote Speech

Prison Panel Takes Place as Ex-Convicts Tell Their Stories

TARYN GOSCINSKI

Three ex-convicts spoke to a room full of eager students in Antheir experiences in prison and causes they are promoting.

After a 45 minute delay due to traffic, sociology department head and event organizer, Dr. Nancy Mezey introduced the

that over two million in mates are in mass incarceration and another million on probation, parole and in halfway homes causing over 2 million children to have at least one parent in prison.

One topic Mezey stressed was unnecessary prison spending. The money spent on prisons nearly equals U.S. defense spending, with 95 percent of that money spent on security alone. Also, the United States has the highest amount of incarcerations in the world, spending over \$60,000 on each prisoner.

"Positive" Chambers, after serving 15 years of his sentence for murder, has come very far from his reckless 20's, now decked out in a suit and tie. He got a college degree, wrote a book, teaches black studies, and was President discipline and focus and I found a ple like you and me."

of the NAACP. He went up for papiece of mind," Ingram said. role six times before he was finally released. He discussed his own issue with "Post Prison Syndrome," leaving him feeling unlike a real acon Hall on April 9 to talk about member of society. Chambers said, "Prison is no accident, every person is in prison for the path they chose."

However, Chambers stressed the importance of re-entry back into society as opposed to recidi-"Prison Panel". She informed us vism. Prisons need to help prisoners prepare for leaving by helping abuse-treatment

"I want students to learn that not all

prisoners are the same and that they

are still real, every day people like you

and me."

DR. NANCY MEZEY

Head of the Department of Sociology

them arrange jobs and shelter and

Another activist for re-entry

over recidivism was brightly

dressed Elijah Ingram, who be-

came very emotional during his

speech when he talked about serv-

ing fifteen years in Green Haven.

Ingram received his B.A. in psy-

chology and an A.A. in criminal

justice before he transferred to

Sing Sing to attend their seminary

program in 1989. "The most im-

portant thing I learned in prison

wasn't from a book, but I learned

everyday lives.

He has written articles that have been published in the book, "Black Men in Prison" and has also started the "Pre Release Program". This nation-wide program helps prisoners find a job, shelter, and teaches them how to survive in the real world before they are released. Proponents believe that prisoners wouldn't return if they had other options.

Ingram also runs the substanceprogram along

with Wright. This program tries to steer teens in the right direction. Wright also directs the Far Rockaway Employment Center. This program is a construction company that employs ex

teach them how to manage their prisoners, providing jobs upon release. He stressed finding an alternative to prison for the crimes that aren't that serious. "Today many misdemeanors are being turned into felonies, which leads to the overcrowding of prisons," Wright said.

> Dr. Mezey has been having Elijah Ingram and other ex-prisoners speak at Monmouth University for the last three years. She said, "I want students to learn that not all prisoners are the same and that they are still real, every day peo-

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country [Iraq] to stop a nuclear threat, got bogged down, and ignored a nuclear threat [Iran]."

Karen Schmelzkopf, Professor of History and Anthropology at Monmouth, said she enjoyed his speech because, "he out those missed opportunities where we have ignored things

because we were too preoccupied with Iraq."

Sanger also emphasized how the current financial crisis has allowed a

new country to claim its place as a world power.

"China has recognized themselves as a global power," Sanger said. While we were busy in the Middle East, China globalized. "They bought some influence a great amount of credibility around the world," Sanger said.

dent, said, "One of the most out his speech. It was clear that interesting parts of Sanger's these experiences play a great discussion was when he was speaking about China. He talked about the concern China expressed over the level of national debt the United States is standing Convention and left racking up."

America built up more and more we have globalized today, we debt, the world was changing. still have a long way to go," Sanger reminded us to look to- said Sanger.

ward new countries to help us out of the financial crisis.

The United States has already looked to China for aid, but will need more assistance.

"At this point, the Chinese have a trillion dollars invested in our economy and we need another trillion," said Sanger.

Fortunately for the United was able to successfully lay States, China's economy and ours are interdependent because we are

> their biggest importer. Sanger explained this and said, "Our economies are joined at the hip," which means "stability and safety us."

"For all that we have globalized today, we still have a long way to go."

DAVID SANGER

The New York Times Correspondent

Sanger's opinion on America's place in the world was met by an audience that was eager to hear what he had to say.

Matt Tulla, a Monmouth student, said, "Mr. Sanger gained in my eyes through his use of Tim Tracey, a Monmouth stu- first hand experiences throughpart in shaping his political ideology."

Sanger's speech concluded Monmouth's Global Underthose that attended looking to-In the years since 9/11, as ward the future. "For all that

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Focus on South Asia:

"South Asia at the Crossroads" discusses the regions role in the global community

DIANA CAPPELLUTI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

South Asia at the Crossroads was during Monmouth University's Global Understanding Convention on Monday, April 6, 2009 in the Wilson Auditorium from 2:30 to

University of Virginia; Dr. Walter Andersen, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University; and Dr. Rekha Datta, Monmouth University. Each panelist presented his or her views of the role of Pakistan in Southeast Asia with regard to past and cur- and she addressed education and rent government policies.

recent events in a tumultuous Pakistan, such as suicide bombing and attacks on the police academy. Next, he spoke about Pakistan's dragging economy, which is currently facing grave deficit, he explained. "The Pakistani economy is in need of stabilization," Echeverr said.

problem the United States has ment. caused by allocating \$10 billion to Pakistan's Islamic military. The consequences of this decision are that it has created a deterrence for Pakistan's establishment of a form of government liberated from Islamic militants, it has empowered Islamic militants to build more weapons, and it has made it more difficult for the United States to bring down the Islamic military.

sen, who addressed the current issue of cross-collaboration between there was pervasive anti-Ameri-Al Qaeda and the Taliban in Pakistan. He said that these two groups will always be working together, since they rely on one another for financial reasons.

Also discussed by Andersen was can't expect any gratitude for their the role of the Pashto groups in contributions," Echeverr said.

Southern Afghanistan and Northern Pakistan, who said these groups are breeding and selecting Taliban militants. This is bad news for the presented as a panel discussion United States, explained Andersen, since our country is planning on sending in more troops to Afghani-

He termed it a "catch 22 situation" because of the anti-Ameri-The event included three pan- canism being spread throughout elists, Dr. John Echeverr-Gent, the country, yet, at the same time, the United States is aiding their enemy, he explained, hoping to take away some of that hatred and stop the group from causing further destruction.

Dr. Datta was the last speaker, gender relations in Afghanistan First, Dr. Echeverr spoke about and Pakistan. She called Afghanistan "the most dangerous failed state in the world," meaning that the country is a threat to the safety of the rest of the world.

Almost half of all Afghani women are illiterate, and the oppression of one gender, the Monmouth professor explained, weakens the country greatly, since women are He then addressed the major a vital part of millennial develop-

> "In order to create a stable society, no society can ignore 50 percent of it population. Women are a critical part of the society," Data said. She argued her belief that the United States should not continue to aid the Afghani government until it promises equal education opportunities for women.

All three panelists agreed on reforming American foreign policy in order to assist Pakistan in es-The next speaker was Dr. Ander- tablishing a stable form of government. Echeverr explained that canism throughout Pakistan, and that the United States should not expect this to change in the near future, despite offering aid and support to the country. "The U.S.

NJ Water Watch Teams up with Hundreds to Keep Area Clean

PRESS RELEASE

New Jersey Community Water Watch, a joint-project of NJPIRG and AmeriCorps, will be hosting an array of Earth Week events from April 15th through April 25th. By teaming up with students, community members and various organizations, Earth Week provides an opportunity to make a positive impact on the environment and shed light on current issues.

April 15th kicks off with a Forum on Organic Fertilizers in Magill Commons Rooms 107-108 from 7:00pm-9:00pm, which will feature guest speakers and discuss ways to safely fertilize lawns and

On April 17th, NJ Water Watch and Artists 4 Change bring you the "Shore Story" gallery at Elle Bee Studio in Manasquan. From 7:00pm-10:00pm, the "Shore Story" gallery will exhibit work from Monmouth University and the local community artists who advocate for change for the environment through their art work.

April 19th features an Earth Day Cleanup that will take place Week with Beach Sweeps at Pier at Poricy Park in Middletown



PHOTO COURTESY of NJ Water Watch

By teaming up with students, community members and various organizations, Earth Week provides an opportunity to make a positive impact on the environment and shed light on current issues.

will feature tables from various student groups and energy partners as well as live music.

Village from 10:00am-12:00pm. from 11:00am-2:00pm. Brookdale NJ Community Water Watch will

from 2:30pm-4:00pm. The event sey. Currently, 75% of New Jersey's waterways are too polluted for fishing and swimming. This is a testament to just how serious April 25th will conclude Earth water quality issues are in the Garden State. Tributaries like Poricy Brook, which feeds into the Navesink River, are severely impacted by overdevelopment, runoff, and pointless pollution. Earth Week events provide the opportunity to bring Monmouth County colleges, community members, churches, organizations and elected officials together to help protect our rivers and streams and rid them of pollution before it ends up on the beaches.

For more information on NJ Community Water Watch or on our events, contact Sean Foran at Monmouth@njwaterwatch.org or see out website at www.njwater-

Currently, 75% of New Jersey's waterways are too polluted for fishing and swimming.

which will include a free breakfast and post-cleanup BBQ with live Bi-Annual Beach Sweeps.

Community College is partner- be hosting one of the 100+ sites ing with Monmouth for the event, along the shore bring cleaned up as part of Clean Ocean Action's

The true importance of Earth On April 22nd, there will be an Week lies in its ability to raise Earth Day Celebration event tak- awareness around many ongoing ing place at the Student Center environmental issues in New Jer-

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

NYC TRIP: \$12

Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of New York City!

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Monmouth at 8 pm.

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THURSDAY, MAY 14

BOWLING DAY: \$10

Let's be kids again!

This includes your transportation to and from Memory Lanes. Also this includes your bowling shoes, unlimited soda and one pizza pie per lane. Each lane can hold 5 bowlers. The bus for an evening of bowling will be leaving the Student Center parking lot at 5 pm and will be departing to come back to Monmouth at 7:45pm.

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FRIDAY, MAY 15

ATLANTIC CITY CASINO TRIP: \$15

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This also includes \$20 coin token to The Trump Plaza Casino, near The Walk.

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SATURDAY, MAY 16

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No guests are allowed. because space is limited.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

A DAY AT THE RACES: \$30

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MONDAY, MAY 18

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TUESDAY, MAY 19

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WEDNESDAY MAY 20

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~Officers of Senior Class 2009 ~
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Language as Unifying Moment between Cultures

Students Show How Study of Language Helps to Break Down Global Barriers

CHRISSY MURRAY MANAGING EDITOR

As a part of the Global Understanding Convention (GUC), Professor Maria Simonelli's Italian and Latin classes presented "Language as Unifying Moment between Cultures" discussing how the world breaks barriers through the study of language leading to a better understand-

guage reaches everywhere, to by my friends." every field. Doing these pre-

keting major and Italian minor.

There were seven Italian language presentations. Ashley Jensen, an artist, described language through a piece of her artwork in which a person wore a mask. "People live in different places and have different languages but use the same words." she said.

Pasquale Morea discussed body language saying that, 'Nonverbal communication ac-Simonelli made this project a counts for 60-70% of what peorequirement because many stu- ple are actually saying. Italians dents have never heard of the use their hands a lot to speak and GUC. "Students need to have have a lot of gestures. I once got an open mind and support their asked to sit on his hands while colleagues. Understanding lan- explaining something as a joke

"Italian greetings include for-

raments and Italians eat different types of fish like baklava, oyster, and calamari."

Concerning religion, "80% of Italians are Roman Catholic and the main language of the church is Latin. One billion Roman Catholics go to the Vatican on pilgrimages and celebrate Saints Day as their own birthday," said Maria Mazzone and Alexandra Sirianni.

Gabriella Macaro and Amanda Richardelli described holidays. "From December 17 until January 5, Christmas is celebrated. Children put their letters under their dishes. Their second biggest holiday is Easter, the resurrection of Christ."

The Last of the Italian presentations was given by Julia Papetti about how technology has affected communication. "36% of Italians have at least one cell phone which is the 6th highest in the world, only 25% of Americans have one. Some call it a "high tech umbilical cord" and have an anxiety to turn it off."

Professor Simonelli added that one of her Italian friends had six phones and explained that sometimes people have them for significant others.

The first Latin language presentation focused on the Latin revival in popular culture and learning through literature. Sidney Goldstein, Megan Miguelino, and Nicole Rosaperez said, "Latin is called a 'dead language' and is no longer spoken around and 80% of English words are

business management and mar- of 7 fishes' represents the 7 sac- of Harry Potter, spells, potions, thought all the different aspects Snape means "strictness", de- tion and how it used all the

and character names were made of the culture were very interfrom Latin. Albus Dumbledore esting. I learned a lot of things means "white", perfectly de- that I did not know about Italscribing his character that had ian culture. A part that stood a huge white beard, Severus out was the Harry Potter por-

"I think it is very important to understand different cultures... it helps broaden people's understanding of other people, and helps people appreciate the aspects of their own culture and the aspects of another person's culture as well."

> **DAYNA CARMEN** sophomore

"It's a way to express how Italian is similar to other cultures around us. We take stuff from others as they take from us."

FRANCESCA EMMA Italian minor

that mindset. And for me, being a teacher lasts a lifetime. They teach me and I teach them, teaching is never one way. I always learn something new from these presentations.'

"It's a way to express how us," said Francesca Emma, a Christmas Eve night, the 'Feast derived from Latin. In the series

sentations pushes students into mal hand shaking, an informal hug and kiss on cheek, and saying 'Ciao' which means hello and goodbye," explained Francesca Emma.

When discussing family traditions, Darian Merlonghi said, "On Sundays, many Italians Italian is similar to other cul- have a dinner gathering with antures around us. We take stuff tipasto, two dishes, and dessert the world. It originated in Rome from others as they take from where they share stories too.

Lupin means "wolf", a teacher who would morph into a wolf. This series launched a revival in the Latin language."

Latin as the language of debate. ous cell phones." She said, "Fallacies also have Latin names. 'Post hoc' means to understand different culthat x follows y, therefore x tures because it gives you a is caused by y, 'Ad Nauseum' means repetition, and 'Ad Populum' means appeal to common

Some students in attendance who did not present received extra credit. Dayna Carmen, a people appreciate the aspects sophomore, is Italian and is in of their own culture and the Simonelli's Italian 102 class. aspects of another person's

scribing his teaching habits, and Latin words for the character names and spells. The presentation about technology and cell phones was another part that stood out as well. I didn't know Marygrace Murphy described that people in Italy had numer-

"I think it is very important better understanding of how different and sometimes how similar parts of the world are to one another. I think it helps broaden people's understanding of other people, and helps "I enjoyed the presentation. I culture as well," Carmen said.

La Festa Italiana Celebrates Italian Heritage

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON

The Department of Foreign Language Studies along with the Italian club, "L'ora Del Caffe," sponsored La Festa Italiana, a cultural celebration. The event was held on Wednesday, April 1 in Anacon Hall.

The crowd at this event gathered together not only to celebrate, but also to be educated about Italian culture. La Festa *Italiana* is a yearly Italian Festiva that promotes Italian language, literature, culture and art.

Professor Pasquale Simonelli said, "This year's theme, "Goldoni ed il teatro popolare" (Goldoni and the Popular Theatre), highlights a significant moment in Italian Culture. The Eighteenth Century Italian Theatre, thanks to the genius of that Venetian play writer, rises to international levels second to no one in the contemporary European Theatres."

Dott. Maria Simonelli, Professor of Italian, opened the event by thanking everyone for their attendance then welcomed many special guest speakers to the cer-

The celebration of La Festa Italiana attracted a crowd of students who were interested in learning more about the Italian culture, but also attracted many professors who inform attend-

There were also several special guest speakers. Among those speakers were Dr. Andrea Barbaria, the Italian Consul in New foreign ;anguage professor at

D'Acquaviva, journalism professor at Palermo University and Dr. Niccolo Paletti, Public Administrations professor at Milano University.

A power point presentation was given by Professor Maria Simonelli which centered on Italian artwork and Italian music. Following the power point, students also were invited to present on Italian culture. Jonathon Loporto played "Andantino" and "Country Dance" on his guitar, Megan Miguelino and Nicole Rosaperez spoke of Italian masks which symbolize Italian culture, Napoletana." After the dance

"Accidente Amoroso," and lastly, James Saunders sang "Amarilli, mia bella."

Many Middletown High School students also attended the event and others presented. Steve Coluccio, Steve Gisondi and Amanda Yamaguchi, were among the Middletown students who presented.

Much work was put into preparing for La Festa. Megan Hendrick and Diana Koerner, Monmouth Students, also presented Italian works of art. Foldancers performed to "Tarantella

Bart University, Dr. Marianna Daniela Polimeni read the poem number, Diana Koerner, junior, said, "The dance was very impressive! All of the dancers were like they were having fun! They got the audience into it; the entire crowd was cheering them on! Great job!"

> After the performances, there around. "La Festa" was great; it could not have done it all without was very interesting and the food the great help that I got from all was delicious!" Steven Ficalora, senior, said.

"This event is always fun; Prolowing the artwork presentation, fessor Maria Simonelli always as well as Middletown High does a wonderful job, and I am School students of various asvery proud of the many students pects of Italian culture.

who participated in La Festa today." Dean Green said.

At the very end of the celebravery talented, and they looked tion, Professor Maria Simonelli said, "I had a wonderful time preparing for this event with the help of my wonderful and very dedicated students. I am very proud of them! I believe that this was an arrangement of food to go event was a huge success and I of my students!" The event was a success.

It informed Monmoth students



Jersey, Dr. Giuliana Ammavuta, Monmouth students watched an Italian dance as well as a power point presentation on various aspects of Italian culture such as artwork and music.

Migration, Outsourcing, and the Making of Modern India

Global Understanding Convention event on Transnational India

"Understanding India is impossible," stated an audience member who attended the Transnational India presentation during the Global Understanding Convention event on April 9 at Monmouth University.

Speaker and author, Dr. Jocurrent India migration, outsourcing, and about the modern day country. India started out as a slave country and was also known for its richness.

The first University and hospital were founded in India. However, through time the country was stripped of all its wealth and in many areas people live in extreme poverty among other very educated and wealthy citizens. India struggles in getting back to the way it once was.

India has progressed greatly in terms of economic growth, new technologies, and many job openings which have helped with the countries advancement.

Many people in India live in poverty which creates problems for the country. 42 percent of Indian children are malnourished. Some people cannot afford to own their own car or even afford a taxi ride to take them where they want to go. Additionally, not everybody is lucky enough to go to school or graduate. Those who are lucky

find work and will either mi- employees. The job pays well grate or become servants.

There is also major crisis in India during the summer where water shortage is a huge issue. The water shortage in India specifically in the summer forces women to spend hours lined up for water that is delivered by tanker trucks.

are a problem as they make it hanna Lessinger, shared about hard for businesses in India to function. Often, companies in India will need their own generators to supply electricity especially for computers and other equipment that needs electricity. To have some sense of how bad things are for the impoverished, some will go to extremes of selling their body parts for money to benefit themselves and their families.

More and more Indian people are migrating to other parts of the world, specifically New York. New advancements are seen in both India and America as a result of the global economy. Both countries are able to positively help one another in areas such as healthcare as new hospitals are built in India.

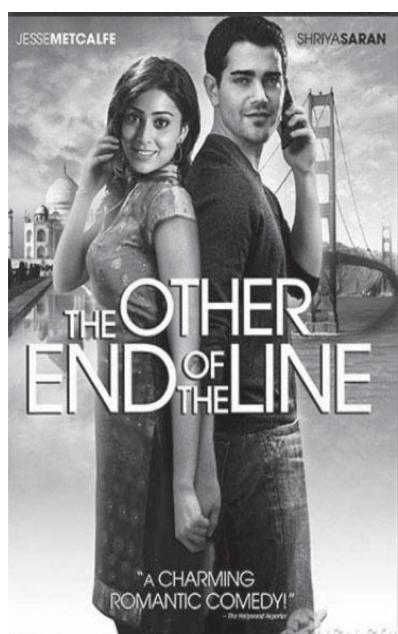
Also many jobs have migrated to India from the US as Americans look for cheap labor. For example a common job in India is working for call centers where people can answer service calls in the United States, Europe, and Australia. These workers must stay up all night because of the time differences in all these places, and

enough that one can support themselves especially until going to the IT. Another popular job is at The Multinational Information Technology Services Company in Bangalore which employed 100,000 in its nine development centers in India.

Although India is physically Also blackouts or brownouts half a world away from the US, communications, computers, and the influx of Indians who live and work in American, have brought India and the US closer together. By India experiencing global understanding specifically by Indian immigrants entering the US, they will be able to help their country continue to prosper.

The movie "The Other End of the Line" can help Indians and Americans experience each other's cultures. The movie is about an American man and Indian woman who fall in love but have misunderstandings about each others ways of life. When many Indian immigrants have migrated especially to New York, these groups help bring back new ideas and knowledge to India and also change the United States. Global understanding has greatly impacted India and has helped the country continue to prosper.

After the well enjoyed presentation by Dr. Lessinger, she had a signing of her book, "From the Ganges to the Hudson: Indian Immigrants in New York City" which will describe more deeply about the interesting topics pertaining to India.



The Other End of the Line, starring Jesse Metcalfe and Shriya Saran, portrays two people in a diverse romantic relationship with misunderstandings about each other's

Campus Continues to Go Green with Earth Day Celebrations

TAYLOR BYTHEWOOD-PORTER

Monmouth University, not just a place where leaders look forward, but rather, it is a place where leaders can emerge and do something for the environment. According to Global Issues.org, as global warming is increasing and species' habitats are decreasing the chances for various ecosystems to adapt naturally diminish.

Dr. Donald Dorfman, biology that "the environment is deteriorating rapidly because of increasing population, overuse of natural resources, poor agricultural practices (e.g. slash and burn), poor planning, etc."

But no matter what the debate is, global warming is happening.

With these issues about our ecosystem, it is easy to be distraught and wonder what is being done to help the situation. Patricia DaSilva, biology student, feels that "it could be better but the only way we can help the situation is by starting at the school." But don't fret; Monmouth University is doing its part to right the wrongs. largest solar power project at a university on the east coast.

Monmouth is also the first independent University in the state of New Jersey to sign the comprehensive green operation agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency otherwise know as EPA. The green operation agreement outlines the

disposal, and landscaping.

Monmouth has already taken across its campus, such as installdormitory roofs that absorb less heat. Monmouth is also installing a Sunday." water-saving fixtures and appliances where possible.

this and more in order to do its Earth Day Celebration. Differprofessor at Monmouth, believes part in going green. Dr. Dorfman, ent groups on campus and, once working at Monmouth Univer- again, a live band will be celsity for 40 years, has seen many changes at the school. Noting that, "heat and electric conservation [and] attempts at water conservation, garbage separation" have been done at the school.

With all these great things happening and/or about to happen at the University, now is the time for the students to step up and do up the beach. This event should something to help out. Students can help with this ecological revolution on the Monmouth Univer-

In the month of April, from the love to go to. 15 to the 25, Water Watch is holding events in which anyone who ing its part by helping out mother In 2005, Monmouth installed the cares about the earth's environment should attend. There are three big events that will make caring for the natural world rewarding and will make anyone Planet said, in the 1990 television feel that they were apart of some-

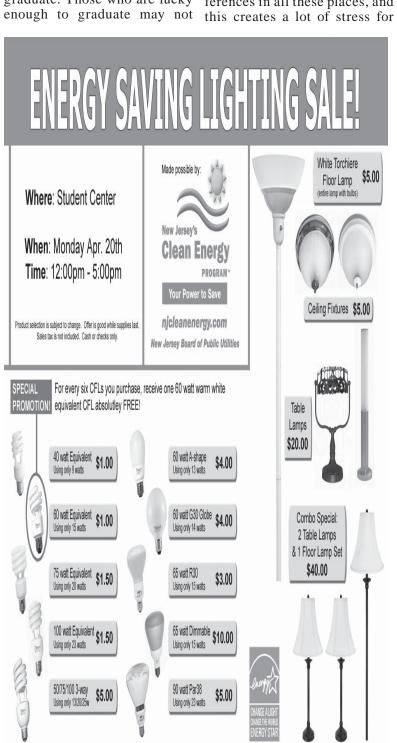
> event, happening on April 19th, no longer stand the terrible dewhere 200 people come together and help cleanup Poricy Park.

> goals to improve the school's en- This event is a great experience ergy, water and fuel usage, waste for anyone who attends. It is helping the planet, and there is also a barbeque, not to mention live steps to reduce energy usage music. Caitlin Dwyer, student, is planning on "attending this event. ing energy efficient lighting in It will be great to help out the many buildings and constructing community in this way as well as giving me a fun activity to do on

Get your party hats on ladies and gentlemen because the sec-The University is doing all of ond event, on April 22, is an ebrating Earth Day in front of the Student Center.

To top the week of celebrations, the most influential event will be the "beach sweeps", which is happening on April 25. Students interested in attending this event are asked to meet down at Pier Village in order to help clean mean the most to the students at Monmouth University because it is so close to the school and it is a beach that locals and students

Monmouth University is do-Earth, and with Earth Day just around the corner it is time for us, the students, to carry the torch for a better tomorrow. Like Captain show series Captain Planet and the Planeteers, "Our world is in peril. Earth Day Cleanup is the first Gaia, the spirit of the Earth, can struction plaguing our planet"... "The power is yours!"



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Global Understanding - More than Just Extra Credit

JAMIE KINARD CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Every year Monmouth University hosts the Global Understanding Project. But what's the point? Sure, a lot of classes offer extra credit to go see the various events. We have all been there - gone and seen the boring panel discussions to get extra credit. But why bring this event to campus, if only so we get a few more points in our classes?

Clearly, the GUP is worth more than just a few extra credit points. Although events seem boring, many of them are worth the time. For example, the gallery exhibits can show the world and the state it is in. Even if you just pass in while going into the library, you are exposed to events all over the world. Not only is it easy, but it also makes you think.

Another big part of the GUP is panel discussions and presentations. Panel discussions are good because professors and people come in from other uni-

versities and give their opinions one way of thinking, and this on events in the world. This ex- causes people to be ignorant to poses students to what people the world. Jolting people out of from other universities are do- their comfort zone is important ing, and they can get an outside because it makes people reopinion from other teachers. valuate their life, and how they The discussions are also impor- can change the world around tant because students can inter- them. What is also good about act in ways that the previously the project is that almost every

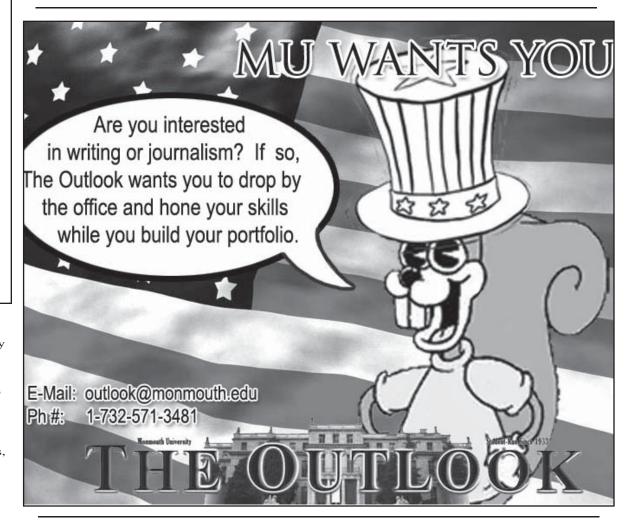
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discussions can make students every student has an opportufeel uncomfortable, but this is nity to get involved in the projvery important. Students need ect, and really fix the issues in to be thrown out of their comfort zone in order to face the real events in the world. It is credit really helps at the end of very easy to get comfortable in the semester

might not have. Sometimes the class on campus is involved, so the world.

And, after all, that extra

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End of the Semester Blues

DANA SYPNIEWSKI

When the semester starts to wind down, and parties become scarce, it can only mean one thing: final exams. For most college students finals are the worst part of their college experience. They spend countless hours in the library trying to prepare for an exam that covers an entire semester's course work.

In a Budweiser campaign a quote was issued about final exams, "Today we salute you stressed out college student during exam week. As you sit in your lonely cubical in the library, doped up on Starbucks and Adderall, you think to yourself, am I ever going to need to know this stuff in life? The distractions are tempting and you have suddenly diagnosed yourself with ADD along with advanced delusionary schizophrenia with involuntary narcissistic rage.

I'm sure by now you know exactly what everyone is doing because you have checked your buddy list 800 times. Summer break is just days away, and your Prozac prescription will be in tomorrow. So crack open an ice cold Bud spent in rehab."

Although an extreme example, final exams stress students so much that they are in need of an escape. Companies such as Budweiser and Wrigley's have been trying to sell their products as a "distress device" for college stu-

According to a new survey from Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company, nearly half of college students surveyed admit they stress more about finals than they do about choosing an academic major or dealing with roommates. "Fortyfour percent of students surveyed classify themselves as "last-minute crammers" -- Only three percent of students surveyed say they "never" procrastinate during finals -- Eighty percent of students' stress results from having to study for more than one final at a time -- Nearly 40 percent of students surveyed say studying for finals is more stressful than going on a first date (38 percent), and nearly one third (32 percent) say it's more stressful than going on a job interview and trying to graduate on time. In fact, 56 percent of students surveyed say they chew Lite after that last exam, because gum when they study -- often to is right around the corner.

for most of us the holidays will be reduce stress and tension (52 percent) and increase focus and concentration (25 percent)."

Both products attempt to establish a way for students to relax during this stressful time of year. Ashley Chandler, a senior at Monmouth University, says "Final exams are the most stressful time of year. Every time I step foot in the library or computer lab I see an abundance of overtired students with large coffees attached to their hands. I know this year as soon as finals are over I will make my way over to a local bar to celebrate with my friends."

I have never really heard of students chewing gum to concentrate. I always thought gum would serve as a distraction, but if it works then I would load up on my gum supply before finals.

Whether you use gum to concentrate while studying, or use beer to relax after the stressful week, you are giving into the temptation of these companies. Although finals may be stressful, use a strategy that works for you to relax. When you start to feel like finals are getting the best of you, just remember winter break

To Text or **Not to Text**

That is the Question

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON

In today's world, text messaging, or texting is the term for sending short, quick messages from mobile phones using the short message service (SMS), without making a costly, time consuming and energy wasting call to who ever it is that to text, but sometimes, I wish to you wish to communicate.

Text messages originally could be 160 characters or fewer, including spaces. 160 characters that receiving the text, and this is a bad must be enough fonts to tell a friend aspect of texting.

where when you will meet them or to quickly tell your boyfriend or girlfriend that you love them; texting is quick communication.

Short message services developare ing very rap-

idly throughout the world. In 2000, sister is a mad text messages; she sent; in 2001, the number rose to messages in 2004. Everyone's texting no a day.

The ability to text message is a service which is offered on most popular that advertising agencies digital mobile phones and some and advertisers are now jumping personal digital assistants with wireless on-board telecommunications. One can also text to an message sending are also becomonline user, and they can answer, ing a popular way for clubs, assocomputer to phone.

Most digital mobile phone services offer a plan where you can best plan to own, since sending and receiving text messages can get pretty costly; texting is a very easy method of communication to get ered spam. wrapped up in, and that will raise your phone bill.

possible to send a message to a group of people, and they will all receive the same exact text. Some think that texting is a good idea, because you can communicate quickly, without having unneeded speech, but shouldn't people want to communicate to their friends and family through speech. I love hear the person's voice. Sarcastic remarks through texting are sometimes taken seriously by the person

The world has become more and more addicted to communicating mobily. There have been numerous reports of teenagers going on rampaging sprees because their parents ground them from their cell phone. My 16 year old

only 17 billion SMS messages were is always communicating with her friends through text messages, and 250 billion and 500 billion SMS I know that she would go berserk if my mother ever took her cell phone away from her.

PHOTO COURTESY of yahoo.com

Text messaging has become so into the text message business. Services that provide bulk text ciations, and advertisers to quickly reach a group of opt-in subscribers. This advertising has proven to be get unlimited texting. This is the extremely effective, but some insiders worry that advertisers may abuse the power of mobile marketing and it will someday be consid-

I love to text message; it's such an easy way to contact my bud-One can communicate person- dies quickly. Whoever invented it to-person by texting, but it is also should be royally thanked.

The Best Antiques are Old Friends

BRIANNA KIPNIS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As you enter college you face a huge transition that can shape your life for the future. You are confronted with a great deal of challenges and obstacles that you may need to

face or just avoid. Regardless of what situation you involve yourself in, you must always remember that back at home there are people that love you more than you can even imagine.

Clearly your family is going to be there for you through thick and thin considering they are your blood and that is their "obligation." But one of the main things that are back home is your old friends. Some of these friends could be from when you were just born and others can be from your senior year of high school, but regardless those are your "old friends." Many of them have

must always remember that they are "the best antiques."

behind at the beginning of Septem- know you from every angle consid- bonds that should last a lifetime.

even if it is just for a couple of days, is one of the best parts of summer break.

The friends you have from home and the friends you make in college may be completely different people. Your home friends, also known as

College roommates and friends can never replace the people you grew up with.

seen you grow and develop into the your "old friends" have seen you will still be there when you return. person you are today therefore you turn into the person that you became right before college. But your friends in college are the ones who With summer break approaching really see you as a more indepenyou know that this is your oppor- dent, responsible adult. Your college unity to go home and reunite with friends are the ones you live with for those antiques that you had to leave four years and the ones who really you build in college are inseparable

ber. Being with everyone again, ering they see you more than anyone else.

> Regardless of any situation, all your friends should be there for you if they are a "real friend."

Old friends will never let you down considering they have been there for you for so many years and

> have experienced so many great things with you that will be in their minds forever. Sometimes those old friends are the ones you do not talk to everyday, or even every month, but when you pick up the phone to just say hello the time elapsed or the distance does not even factor into the conversation. Normally you just start to talk like the old times and act as if you spoke everyday.

College may be a difficult transition for many students considering they are leaving many things they love at home, but you must always remember that regardless of what happens the things you loved back home

The new things you find in college will help you become a better person and develop into a stronger, more successful individual in the future.

Although old friends are really ne best antiques the friendships

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The Future of **American Immigration**

KRISTYN MIKULKA CONTRIBUTING WRITER

According to Immigrationcounters.com we currently have slightly over twenty-one million immigrants living in the United States. That large number does not mean all of these immigrants many have work visas that have expired but are currently still living in the US. Most of these people are hard working simply trying to support themselves and their family; however by living in America illegally they immigration laws.

Illegal immigration is not a victimless crime either. It causes tremendous harm to American born citizens and non American tion policy recently has been unborn citizens. The large flow of illegal aliens into the country puts a huge burden on public is to be taken. President Obama funding. Health care and edu- promised to work with congress

and art.

President Obama is working with out nations to smolder the effects of these budget cuts and create equal opportunities for all peoples living in America. Some of these services include universal healthcare, and educators who are highly effective came into the country illegally; and highly trained. President Obama is offering incentives for teachers to become effective and to teach in non-affluent districts all around the United States. In New Jersey some areas include, Asbury Park, Longbranch, Camden, Newark and many others. are still violating our federal The types of incentives include paying off students loans, or offering them tax free money to spend towards their tuition.

President Obama's immigrader intense scrutiny for the conflicting messages on what action cation are two particular areas in order to legalize all illegal

Political Science Club Members ExploreWashington

BRYAN TISCIA CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Political Science Club, last weekend, went on its yearly voyage to Washington D.C., our nation's capital. It is the foundation for our current laws and the rest-In addition to the many famous to get a private tour of the Capi- Earth.

the current home of a dozen or so Monmouth students enrolled in the Washington Semester. It is this semester long internship that enables those interested in politics to get hands on understanding of their trade at its source. Monmouth sends a dozen or more students

every semester, more than Rutgers and Seaton Hall Combined. Those students who were deciding whether or not they wanted to on the internship were able to get a good understanding of what they would be doing, where they would be living, and just how ev-

too distant future.

In addition to meeting the student with the Washington Semessites that liter the capital, it is also tal Building. The Political Sci-

> "For many of us, it was a chance to share a piece of history with those who have come before us..."

> > **BRYAN TISCIA**

contributions to political ence Club sends it most deeply theory were also here. The Arfelt thanks to Congressman Palcoveted tickets. The Capital rep-

eryday life would be. For some is. It is a truly majestic place, of us it was the first time in the with architecture and art unseen semester to see old friends and anywhere else in such grandeur. catch up, and for others it was It boasts a newly built welcome a time to meet the people they center that is simply stunning. to could be working with in the not preserve freedom and to promote legislation that directly impacts us. Its purpose is only met in size by its beauty; it is simply one of ing place of much of our history. ter, we were also very fortunate the most majestic buildings on

> The Capital was not the only stop made, simply the first. Washington D.C. is the home of some of this planets greatest history. The Smithsonian embodies mans greatest achievements,

whether it be art, aviation, agriculture, etc. In addition to these great sites, America's greatest

chives hold The Constitution, The lone, for getting us these highly Declaration of Independence and various other documents critical resents the beacon for Freedom to our survival as a nation. It was in the world. It is wear mere these great sites that made up the thoughts became law and were bulk of a great voyage to an even the heart of our political system greater place, Washington D.C.

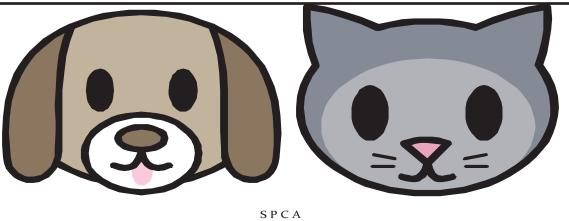


A cartoon depiction of the imigration issues America is currently

back on programs such as music resolution in the near future.

where funds are being over ex- workers currently living in the tended thus creating inadequate United States. However, more services. Hospitals are forced recently Vice President Biden to accept patients that do not has informed many groups that have health insurance and can today, the real issue is the failnot pay the large bills that come ing economy, and to push legalwith hospital visits. Schools are izing all foreign workers would becoming over crowded and do be devastating to the cause. As not have enough funds to sup- of April 4th the Obama adminply students with the proper istration has been stuck in this supplies. They are also cutting conflicting sport but promises a

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Students Don't Need to go Abroad to **Enhance Their Global Education**

CLESLIE WEINBERG CLUB & GREEK EDITOR

Students, professors, faculty, and deans came together to discuss "Global Education in New Jersey-Transcending the Campus, Transforming Lives" on Wednesday, April 8th and was a part of Global Understanding Convention.

The discussion included problems facing global education on campus and concrete solutions to fix them. "The purpose of this discussion is global education on our campuses and how we can reach other campuses and through that other parts of the world," said panel moderator, Rekha Datta. A new version of the MU mission statement is in the works and emphasizes global outreach and edu-

Rekha Datta, the Director of Institute for Global Understanding, brought up the biggest difficulty of them all when it comes to global education: time. Free time is rare among professors and staff and finding matching schedules to talk about global education is very difficult. In fact, the time allotted for this discussion flew by so quickly, it was unanimous that a second session was necessary. Many professors on the panel found it difficult to properly fit global issues into a crammed 18 week curricu-

Dr. Terry Konn has been working hard to integrate global education in daily life at Brookdale Community College. She has asked ence and won't have any other the administration to make global time to do it," said sophomore,

statement and provide more funding for international programs. She has promoted study abroad programs for non-traditional subjects, getting Chemistry students to approach problem solving as the Japanese would. "Global Education is not just a study abroad program or going to a history class and learning about world civilizations. It is an integration of the disciplines and thinking about things in a different light," said the Faculty Liaison to the International Education Center at Brookdale Community College. Brookdale offers Study Abroad programs in 30 countries for a semester or twoweek trips offered during Winter and Spring Break.

The MU Foreign Language Dept has already kicked off the process of fusing global studies into daily life. MU offers dual concentrations in Business and Spanish, Education and Spanish, Spanish and Communication, and a minor in Italian. Studying abroad in Spain or Italy help students to immerse

themselves in the culture in the country and to further enhance their knowledge of foreign lan-

"I want to study abroad and I think it was interesting to hear what faculty had to say about it. It was so different than students. It is important to encourage students to go abroad. I want to see how they live and I think it will be a once in a lifetime experi-

education a part of their mission Jessica Citro. Studying Abroad the fall semester. According to social work department, students allows students to be apart of other cultures and expand their minds. They can spend an entire semester in Sydney, Australia, London, England, or Florence, Italy. During the summer, students can spend six weeks trips in Cadiz, Spain or four weeks in Florence, Italy. According to the MU Study Abroad Website, flexible and keep an open mind "Nearly 100 percent of participating students said that study

international experience and preparing them is quite a process. Whether it is the time it takes for food to be served, the internet not working, or all the comforts of home being readily available; students learn to be abroad.

"One of our students a long

"Nearly 100 percent of participating students said that study abroad was the single best decision they made during their college years and nearly all report they would do it again."

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sion they made during their college years and nearly all report they would do it again. There is no textbook or classroom that can substitute for actually living in another country and experiencing how other people live, work, think, and play."

Each spring, some students in the International and Community Development masters program elect to spend 8-10 weeks abroad. Students are prepared to go abroad starting

abroad was the single best deci- time ago who went to Bangladesh, when she came back we asked her what the most important thing she learned was. She said the best thing you can do when you get to the airport, take all your values and assumptions shove them in an airport locker and leave them there. When you come home, leave them at the airport," said Robin Mama. Dr. Mama emphasized the importance of not just going abroad but at the same time giving back while being humble to the country students are visiting. Through the

Robyn Mama, Dean of Social help improve the lives of people in Work, most students don't have India, Chile, Ghana, and several other countries. On May 5th, from 11:30a.m.-2p.m. in the student center, students will be sharing their experiences in Ghana and India.

Dr. Nancy Mezey, Associate Director of Institute for Global Understanding said, "I am a returned Peace Corp volunteer. I spent three years in Mali, West Africa and I show my students pictures. All of them say 'How can I be away from home for that long?' Think how quickly your four years have gone at Monmouth. To quote the Grateful Dead, 'what a long, long time to be gone and the short time to be there'. Time goes back really fast and yet nothing happens. The best way to learn about your culture is to get out of it."

One suggestion of thinking globally by acting locally is engaging the MU community more with local communities. Another suggestion was to offer more exchange programs in more countries-for professors and staff- not just students. In case students want to study abroad somewhere that isn't offered through MU, Monmouth is a member of the College Consortium of International Studies that offers 80 programs in over 30 countries.

Students and faculty do not need to go abroad to have a global education. There are tremendous opportunities available on campus to enhance students' global perspective-it just starts with an

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Can One Be A Shopaholic in Today's Society?

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON

"Yes, I must admit, I am a shopaholic. I am addicted to shopping" Laura Barolin, a stylish, 23-year-old business major at Maryland University, stated. "I have a serious need to shop and be in style. I have grown up loving to shop; my mother taught me how to look for the best fashions, and my dear friends always accompany me on my shopping excursions. Now, living on my own, I find making enough money to support my shopping habit to be very hard, so now I need to find the best sales in order to budget my spending properly. I find that it is possible to be a shopaholic in today's society."

It looks like 17 million Americans, more than one in every 20 men and women alike find it hard to control their urge to shop, MSN Money Center found to be true. It is said that the typical shopaholic's rotation is very similar to the phase of a compulsive gambler. Shopaholics are entertained by purchasing items, as gamblers are amused by casino games; most shopaholics shop to relieve their tension; they are obsessed with fashion or spending their money. Excessive shopping can be an addiction, just as excessive gambling can be.

"Shopaholism is not considered a disease according to the diagnostic manual that psychiatrists and psychologists use (DSM-IV-TR), however, that doesn't mean it's not real and that it's not debilitating," Dr. Alan Cavaiola, Associate Professor of Psychology at Monmouth University said. "Most of the illnesses listed in the DSM indicate that something becomes 'a disorder' when it causes significant impairment in life func-

disorder or disease when the person's drinking causes serious problems in life functioning (e.g. DUI, job loss, relationship loss, memory impairment,



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Shopping can provide a fix for people who can't find simple pleasures in their daily lives.

"The same is true of shopaholics. They will spend rent or mortgage money on clothes or other items they don't really need. Shopaholics are driven or obsessed with the need to acquire goods like clothes, electronics, DVDs etc. I've known of shopaholics who have had to file for bankruptcy numerous times or have lost their cars or apartments.

"That's pretty extreme. People who are at risk for shopaholism are those who have difficulty deriving pleasure from everyday activities, therefore shopping becomes their 'drug of choice.' When they decide to quit or fashion icon. Watch the amount you

tioning, so we think of alcoholism as a stop they often do go through a kind of withdrawal, like feeling depressed or irritable."

> History has provided us with many role model shopaholics. MSN Money Center stated that famous shopaholics

> > in times past include Marie Antoinette, Mary Todd Lincoln, William Randolph Jacqueline Hearst, Kennedy Onassis, Imelda Marcos and Princess Diana. These fashion icons' shopping addictions ranged from clothing, to art and antiques, to shoes, to gloves; precious objects which one needs in order to live a stylish life.

"In making a diagnosis of shopaholism it's important to make sure the person is not suffering from Bipolar Disorder. It is common for people with Bipolar to go on shopping sprees when in

the midst of a manic phase," Cavaiola stated. "One patient I worked with would find himself surrounded with a lot of useless stuff as he was coming down from a manic phase that he would then try and return to the stores where he purchased the stuff."

"There are a few guidelines that one needs to keep in check in order to have a fashion mindset," Barolin stated. "First of all, one needs to monitor their money spending; never splurge on items and pay more than you have on hand to pay out. One never wants to go without a meal, in order to be a

freely?), why are you purchasing the item at hand (is it a need to own this particular apparel or is it simply a want?), where you are spending (is this a quality department to purchase fashion pieces from; have you shopped here before?), and lastly, how are you paying the amount you are spending (are you using cash or credit? Is the item that you have chosen on sale at a decent shopping price? Are you earning discount points at that specific store?).



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Sometimes shopping can feel overwhelming.

"When these marks are properly taken care of, and one still has extra shopping money, then I believe that

spend (can you splurge this amount you are a successful shopaholic in today's society. However, in this day and age, when everything is overpriced, is it possible to shop and save at the same time? In today's society, one can be a shopaholic."

It would be very hard to be a shopaholic today. There has been evidence that it is hard for people to shop," Nahid Aslanbeigui, Ph.D., Chair of the Economics Department and Professor at Monmouth University said. "People are losing their jobs, so money is scarce, unless one has means to spend. Everyone needs to cut down on their shopping and save."

"It may be hard to grasp, but I believe it is possible to remain on a shopping frenzy today; I make it happen every day," Barolin stated. "I am a student, with little cash to spend freely, but I make sure to be a current fashion idol. Anybody can be a current style trend setter with the right fashion sense and the proper discounts."

There is a definite difference between shopping addicts and those who just shop for fun. Those who are addicted to shopping do not limit themselves when spending; shopping fills a certain need for them. They shop to cope with every day issues. Whereas 'fun shoppers' are reasonable with their purchases; they budget themselves," Lisa Dinella, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology at Monmouth University said. "Right now everything is on sale; if you have money to spend, shop now.'

"I find shopping to be a pleasing activity, as long as it isn't excessive; I think that if I have extra money, then I can go and spend it on whatever I want to buy," Barolin exclaimed. "I love to shop, so budget your money, grab your wallet, get out there and treat yourself to something nice.'

Nightmare At The Pharmacy

DANIELLE DECARLO STUDY ABROAD EDITOR

When working in any type of medical field, it is somewhat expected to see things that are a little bit out of the ordinary. My father-being a pharmacist-would come home with all kinds of embarrassing, sometimes awkward stories over the years about his customers.

He would talk about the things that they asked him, shared with him, and yes; sometimes even showed him. Most of the time I would just laugh, but other times I would think he was telling me some type of outlandish fib to dane retail pharmacy a little bit ery driver in his place. more interesting. I now know

Continuing with family tradition, I started working at Medicine To Go Pharmacy my freshman year in college for some extra cash, and to keep myself occupied when I wasn't inundated with school work. I ran the registers, stocked the shelves, and eventu-

"Medicine To Go." It is a pharmacy that emphasizes its delivery service, as it is located in an area in Lakewood, New Jersey, surrounded by retirement villages, nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Our delivery driver, Walter, an almost cartoon-character type man in his 70's with a strong German accent is a favorite amongst the women he delivers to. Perhaps it's his witty charm, silly jokes or just the accent, but they specifically ask if he'll be showing up when they ask for deliveries. However, being a senior citizen himself, my boss decided to give him an extra day off during the make his day working in a mun- week and designate me the deliv-

I didn't mind delivering. In fact, I actually enjoyed it on most days. It gave me a chance to get out of the pharmacy, meet homebound customers I spoke to on the cation. phone all the time but never encountered face-to-face, and every once in a while I even had a really entertaining story to deliver to my co-workers at the end of the ally worked my way up to being day. However, one story stood out an hour-long stay involving

John Hancock next to the "x". The first half of the day went smoothly as I delivered medications and chatted with my customers. It was rare that a delivery recipient where her stitches were underwould sign and quickly shoo me away, as most of them are lonely and look forward to a five-minute chat with the "girl from the drugstore."

The breaks squeaked as usual in the green delivery van as I pulled up to my next destination. The woman was a regular customer who usually came in to pick up her medication. I ambled my way up the door, fumbling with the clip board containing the signature logs as I wondered why on Earth she was unable to come out today.

'Oh well hello, Danielle!" she

"Ms. Adams, how are you?" I asked as I handed her the medi-

"Oh, I've been better dear..." she said; the usual answer from most of my aging customers.

"What's wrong?" I asked (which I usually don't for fear of

"Horrified, I watched as she ignored my request and started to lift up the paper-thin, coffee or tea stained nightgown to reveal her ten stitches...and the fact that she wasn't wearing anything underneath."

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a pharmacy technician; filling a bit more than the others, as I am prescriptions, counting pills, and reminded of it still to this day. answering phones all day.

Before this ludicrous story con-

It started as any normal delivery day as I organized the signa- bladder taken out the other day, tinues, I would like to explain the ture logs for my customers, where so I couldn't come in," she ex-

burned coffee and a life-story

"Well, I had to have my gall

ing okay," I sympathized. As she gently touched the spot

neath her pastel pink, five-sizes-too-big, nightmarish nightgown, she smiled proudly and said, "Would you like to see my scar?"

Suddenly, one of my favorite customers had put me in a very uncomfortable position. "Um, no, that's okay, I had better go... can you sign here please?" I stuttered.

Horrified, I watched as she ignored my request and started to lift up the paper-thin, coffee or tea stained nightgown to reveal her ten stitches...and the fact that she wasn't wearing anything underneath (not even her Depends).

I quickly turned my eyes up and away, to the cat-shaped clock in her kitchen, its eyes moving from left to right in unison with its ticking. Its tongue was sticking out, with a sly smile on its face as if this were a scene it witnessed every day, mocking me.

"Oh, wow...well you're a brave woman," I uttered, trying to appease her, and make her pull the pink nightmare back down.

She stayed in her position, though, shifting the material into one crease-filled hand, with a yellow hospital bracelet still hanging off of it by a thread. Her free hand pointed to the staples that I had obviously overlooked.

"See? I have staples, too. They are supposed to dissolve by themselves, isn't that

amazing?" she said. Obviously her exposure did not phase her whatsoever.

signature, I stumbled out of the pink nightmare.

reasoning behind the clever name they would shakily scribble their plained. "I hope it's no bother to house, my vision altered for what seemed would be the rest of my "Not at all, I hope you're feel- life. When I finally returned to the store, my speechlessness turned into revolt.

> "I am never going on deliveries ever again!" I spat at my boss. When he inquired as to what happened, I told him everything. He looked as though he was trying very hard not to laugh. I was not

He took a step towards his com-

I stumbled out of the house, my vision altered for what seemed would be the rest of my life.

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puter and typed in her first and last name into the "Patient Data" field. Using the green "Zyrtec" pen in his hand, he pointed towards the field that said "Age," with the oncoming of laughter creeping onto his face. My eyes widened, probably resembling those of the cat-clock on Anita's kitchen wall; 92 were the numbers that lay before them.

On my drive home I opened all of my windows, hoping the wind would clear the immense amount of terrible mental images out of

When I took the exit for my town, though, I had to smile; there was no way my dad would After finally obtaining her ever be able to top the story of the



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Headpiece is set and controller is in hand, now it is time to shoot a few heads off of a couple guys; just for the thrill of it.

Inside four neutral colored walls sits a force to be reckoned with. Sitting on his tan and blue striped bed he wears a headpiece, which consists of an earpiece, mouth piece and microphone that plugs into his controller. Lookhe is surrounded by electronics, more than 1,000 DVD's, mini rocan see, he is no stranger to the entertainment world.

The excitement that flows from this man's hands, controlling everything that is happening on his 42" Sony Plasma TV, has been a habit for years. Much of his time has been used to master the art of video game playing. It is not a technique that one can just possess, but it must be practiced and learned over time.

It is safe to say that Daniel Mc-Namara, 26, has developed an obsession with video games. The "gamer" has been playing since he was a child and has had just about every system out there. He has all this current generation's video game systems which include; Nintendo Wii, Playstation 3, and Xbox 360. "If a new system comes out, I buy it right away and the same goes for games,' Daniel states.

"gamer" has developed a routine of buying new games, playing them and then swapping them in at stores, like Game Stop, for new ones. He currently possesses 20 games, but over the course of his lifetime the video nerd has acquired and played more than 500 games. This fixation has emptied his bank account by about \$25,000; includrelated game products, from his high school years until present day (span of eight years).

What has started as a hobby now consumes hours of Daniel's day. "If I have work and I don't least five times. "I've definitely go out at night, I'll play when gone and sat on a mad long line I get home around 9 p.m. until to pick up Halo 3. I waited for Evil game and looks forward to about 5 in the morning," he emprobably almost three hours," he beating Resident Evil 5. es. He then has to wake up at 9 a.m. to go to work, but that does not hold him back.

On his days off, he usually plays from 10 a.m. until 3 a.m. non-stop, except to use the restroom of course. The strangling hold these games have on this pale, scruffy bearded man could

losing contact with the real world. "If I had the time, I could be on Xbox live for days in a row," the caveman pleads. "It never gets old because there are always new people from around the world to ment does not force him to beat play against and I play against a bunch of friends," he says with excitement.

When Daniel is in the zone, nothing can stop him. Hunger pains do not even faze him. It's like he is in his own world and ing like some type of receptionist nothing matters except what is going on in front of him: almost like he has stepped out of reality bots, and action figures. As you and into a fantasy world. He remains malnourished for the day and regains his strength when he snaps out of it.

The only noise that Daniel hears when he is in "his world" is the noise which emanates from the game. He does not play other music, nor multitask while playing because he wants nothing to distract him. "It's really important to hear what's going on in the game," he shares.

Gnawing on his tongue, he becomes just a figment of the imagination. "I ask him a question and he just does not answer and by the third time I lose it and scream at him until he responds," his brother, Tim, complains. "He sometimes gives me a...yeah, uhhhuhh... to suffice me, but I don't stop until I get his complete attention."

"If you're really into it you definitely get in the zone. It sucks you in sometimes, I won't even answer my phone," Daniel

He constantly goes online to IGN, a popular game website, to stay on top of his game. As a subscriber to Game Informer magazine and sporadically picking up Xbox magazine, he is always ahead of the game and knows what is going to be the next hoting systems, games, and other test item. "I'm pretty much connected," he jokes.

The hardcore "gamer's" dedication has landed him, at midnight, in lines outside of Game Stop for three to four hours at shyly admits

with his professional life plenty of times. As the assistant manager of Pelican Ski Shop, the addict has taken off work specifically to "game". "I've definitely taken off work for *Halo 2* and *Halo 3*, the new Grad Theft Auto, and Resi-

tell them I need to take off and don't give them a reason why, but most of the time they find out that it's because I'm a gamer."

Shockingly, Daniel's commitevery game he has played. For him it is all about, what he calls,

leave him in his "cave" for days dent Evil," he proudly admits. "I winning and playing against oth- a shrug. It only happens when er people on Xbox live. "Gaming he is around new people. Someis my number one hobby. If I'm home, that's pretty much what he works himself up to the point I'm doing or watching a movie," he claims. "Anything electronic times resulting in vomiting. fascinates me and I just love en-

tertainment in general." Although the fanatic has not

Daniel McNamara has an obesession with video games.

"nerd credit" or achieving points become a victim to arthritis, yet, on Xbox live. He explained that for three head shots you would receive 20 points, which others can view and compare their points to. Usually, he doesn't beat every game because he has "gaming ADD". "I will start playing a game, but when a new game comes out I stop playing the old one and get right into the new one," he confesses. However, he has beaten every Resident anxiety that builds in his stom- fantasy world will always be a

As we grow we tend to ni This addiction has interfered hobbies and then move on to new ed isn't due to gaming, but he er going to be the same. I'll be ones, but Daniel never moved admits that he uses gaming to on. He has been sucked into the world of video games and, unfortunately, cannot escape. He this. It happened when I got out enjoys gaming and uses it as a of high school, but I'm a salesthe excitement that he gets from It's kinda weird," he says with just fun and games...or is it?

he does endure some physical pain, such as occasional numbness to his hands and blood shot eyes. His excessive use of video games correlates with his lack of social skills. He suffers from sonever very prominent.

a humorous guy; however, when the crowd grows so does the ach and regrettably explodes as vomit.

The fact that he is introve comfort himself. "I honestly don't know how I ever got like

thing inside of him triggers and that he coughs and gags, some-

Dr. Alan Cavaiola, a professor in the Psychology Counseling Department at Monmouth University, agrees with Daniel, "I don't think that he would have developed social anxiety as a result of his seeming addiction to video games. Although I certainly see that constant video game playing can be a prelude to social withdrawal."

The irony behind it is that it doesn't just happen when he gets nervous; occasionally it happens when he shows any emotion, like excitement or misery. "For my 21st birthday we were all leaving work to go out to celebrate and I threw up before I even got drunk," he says with a smirk.

This problem used to bother him, especially because he didn't know what was wrong. After seeing a physician and being diagnosed with social anxiety, he tries to control it and keep it to a bare minimum. "It's very frustrating because I like to have a good time and make people laugh, I don't wana be the Debbie downer of the group," he jokes. "It's just when I'm in a new place I'm kinda a shy kid. I try, but if I don't know you, I'm probably not gonna start a conversation because I never know what to say."

"Some people find it easier and safer to interact through video role playing games rather than through direct face to face contact where the possibility of rejection is much greater," Dr. Cavaiola informs.

Daniel's game playing does keep him from going out with friends and socializing, but so does his body.

"It's not like I choose videos games over going out, but I definitely have not gone out because cial anxiety, which as a child was it was going somewhere new and I knew I'd get sick. So if I Daniel was always and still is can avoid it, I will cling to my games," he bashfully divulges.

This "gamer's" escape to his part of his life. "Now games are getting so crazy and different. They keep evolving and are nevplaying video games for the rest of my life," he declares.

As far as pursuing a career in gaming, such as being a tester or a producer, Daniel denies that for way to relieve stress. He loves man and talk to people everyday. his future. For him, it is simply

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Captivated by the Cullen Spell

BRIDGET KAVANAGH

It's so wrong that I love him. It violates laws of decency, maturity and reality. We are star-crossed in every conceivable interpretation and there are innumerable reasons that he and I can't be together. He is Edward Cullen, a jail-bait 17-year-old, an otherworldly vampire, a fictional character- and a poorly written one at that. And I can't get enough.

People in the English- (and the over 20 other languages it's published in) speaking world with any semblance of pop-culture knowledge have at least heard of Stephenie Meyer's ubiquitous Twilight saga, which has spawned three sequels and two major motion pictures since its initial publishing in 2005. Twilight, the premiere novel in the series, follows human protagonist Bella Swan through an epic misadventure rooted in her romantic entanglement with benevolent vampire Edward, whose painstaking vow to protect humanity steers him into drinking only biggame blood.

The saga has detonated in recent months, selling 22 million copies, according to Meyer's publisher, and achieving several commendations. Twilight was named USA Today's best-selling book of 2008, a New York Times Best-Seller and Editor's Choice, and a Publisher's Weekly Best Book of the Year. That the novel is omnipresent and infectious is indisputable; the jury is still out on whether or not it's merely gone viral or we're facing a plague.

Personally, I lean toward the latter. Meyer's writing is garbage. I've poked holes in her plotlines that leave the book riddled in Swiss-cheesy remains. She developed a universe governed by its own laws that she still can't seem to follow, and every time she writes herself into a corner, she invents a ridiculous loophole that (how conveniently!) solves the problem at hand. For example, Meyer notes that vampires have stone-like bodies with no fluids, yet Edward manages to impregnate Bella. Even if she (unfairly, as it contradicts Meyer's previous rules of undead physics) invented some obscure escape clause

of conception not to matter, Bella is still human, and that's just not how homo-sapiens work.

She continually makes Edward and Bella an exception that every

pliant rule will contort itself for, and despite the presence of monsters and several hundred pages of buildup towards epic battle, no one ever dies or faces significant loss. Bella wants Edward and best-friend/werewolf Jacob, both desperately in love with her, in her life and knows that she will have to choose one and devastate the other. Oh wait, no she won't, she'll just preposterously give birth to a daughter and Jacob will fall in love with the baby instead, and they can be one big, human/ vampire/werewolf hybrid family. This is not a hallmark of creativity; it's a cornerstone of lazy literature and bad planning.

Meyer abuses adjectives, nauseating the reader with purple prose marked by winding sentences and overindulgent

descriptions. She refers to Edward's 'velvet voice," "bronze-colored hair, windblown from running," and "liquid topaz/butterscotch/amber/ochre/ gold eyes" countless times in the story. We get it, he has yellow eyes.

She has the tendency to take words or phrases that, were they used sparingly, could be inspired and graceful expressions, and then she picks up the redundancy stick and beats the poor idiom into oblivion. Take the understated elegance in Meyer's overused "the hollow at the base of my throat." If she could have just mentioned it once, let the reader admire it momentarily, then left it alone, it would have been a simple and pretty phrase. But she has Edward constantly "resting his cold cheek against" it, or "laying his lips at" it throughout the novel, as if she doesn't trust readers to appreciate favorable word choice the first

on the vampire end for the biology time, and feels that she has to bludgeon them with it. It's in the same vein as a comedian pointing out his puns: if you have to explain a joke, then it's not very funny. Even beautifully crafted words can lose their

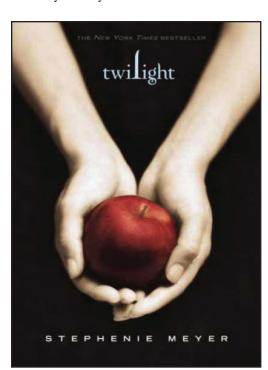


PHOTO COURTESY of www.examiner.com The Twilight series has turned into a vampire phenomenom.

potency when they're victimized by repetition.

Her characters are embarrassingly underdeveloped and constantly toe the line of realism, even for the fantasy genre. The most celebrated heroes in the history of literature have at least one tragic flaw, and yet Edward Cullen has none. He is consistently painted in various shades of perfection, regardless of the task or challenge he faces. Bella has been torn apart by feminists for having her happiness and sense of completion rest entirely in Edward's markedly incapable hands. She is a clumsy, selfless girl whose life had no meaning until it was repeatedly endangered by threats in a mythical microcosm. The characters Meyer writes are shallow, even for highschoolers. And that's just scratching the surface of the way her style and

But for reasons unbeknownst to me, I can't stay away. Despite the inconsistent story-telling and the writing that is, at times, almost physically painful to read, the teenage Nosferatu has me wrapped around his undead pinky, and I'm not alone. are finding themselves holed up in the literary closet, reveling in this guilty pleasure.

Ali Rosenfeld, a recent graduate from Rowan University with a BA in Writing Arts, is one of them. "I feel bad about myself. I've studied writing and I know it's all wrong. The story is ridiculous, as is the lack of character development. But just because I'm distracted by poor writing doesn't mean I don't enjoy it."

powerful, could fall for someone who is insecurity embodied, that's lovely. There's a beautiful escapism about it," Rosenfeld rationalizes.

Reviewers of Twilight seem to have the same problems straddling the line between distaste and adoration. Booklist wrote, "There are some flaws here- a plot that could have been tightened, an over reliance on adjectives and adverbs to bolster dialoguebut this dark romance seeps into the soul." Kirkus, too, wrote,"[Twilight] is far from perfect: Edward's poroverly Byronic and Bella's appeal is based on magic rather than her character. Nonetheless, the portrayal of dangerous lovers hits the spot." So is it the romance that's captured my rapt attention?

Robin Matthews, a professor of English and communication at William Patterson and Montclair State Universities, thinks so. "Like all fiction, it speaks to something inside of us that we don't get to indulge in reality," she says of the saga, her self-proclaimed dirty little secret. "Though we're talking about [young adult literature], which has limitations on how much sex and gore it can dole out, we're also dealing with a classic love story, which has been priate fairy tale.

popular for millennia." It's a plausible theory. Romance has always been a trump card, it's what sends women faithfully flocking to Sleepless in Seattle and keeps them up late at night, waist-deep in Nicholas Sparks pages.

Twilight's tremendous success as People who consider themselves to a series and subsequent movie deals be educated, well-read individuals have garnered comparisons between Meyer and the other unstoppable force in young adult literature, J.K. Rowling of Harry Potter fame. But the differences between the two are monumental. Rowling is undoubtedly a great talent, whereas Meyer extremely guilty when I read it," she is... well... let's just call her "new." told me, smiling slyly. "In fact, I feel In an interview with USA World, literary legend Stephen King concurs, "Both Rowling and Meyer, they're speaking directly to young people... The real difference is that J.K. Rowling is a terrific writer and Stephenie Meyer can't write worth a So what keeps us so agog? "The darn. She's not very good." So why idea that someone THAT great, that is it then, Stephen, that this hack of a writer is topping best-seller lists? He continued, "People are attracted by the stories... it's very clear that she is writing to a whole generation of girls." And once again we are flirting with the happily-ever-after motif that ladies can't get enough of.

I just finished rereading the series a few days ago, and I'm already itching for another hit of schoolboy bloodsucker. I've come to terms with the fact that I'll have to sheath my novel in a book cover in public, that I'll never get to list my favorite book trayal as a monstrous tragic hero is on my Facebook page, and that I'll shamefully hide behind a Groucho Marx disguise at the next movie's premiere. That Twilight is a badly written young adult novel is eclipsed by the presence of themes I will always fall in love with, no matter what they're dressed up as, and I'm not sorry for that.

When I think about what underscores my investigation into Twilight, an unapologetic love for romance. I'm reminded of Julia Roberts as a wide-eyed hooker in Pretty Woman, who, when asked what exactly it is that she wants, replied succinctly, "I want the fairy tale." And really, what girl doesn't? I just want the bloodlust of a monstrous, passionate, inappro-

"MAYBE IT'S FOR THE BEST, MAYBE IT'S NOT FOR ANYTHING"

FRANKIE MORALES STAFF WRITER

Nothing Gold Can Stay, 1999. Three years after launching itself, a small California-based record label re-released one of the most influential records of the pop-punk genre from a little known band from Coral Springs, Florida: New Found Glory. From there, many other bands followed those footsteps, being apart of this revolutionary new force in the music industry and become household...well more like bargain basement names. Enter 2009, that very same label that launched the careers of many bands is now once again rereleasing one of the albums that put them on the map. However, this time it's not in the literal sense, but rather in the metaphorical sense, because Drive-Thru Records is proving that Nothing Gold Can Stay.

In 1996, a brother and sister duo from New Jersey, Richard and Stefanie Reines, put together a label focused on new genres of music: poppunk, indie rock and post-hardcore. Soon, they put out the first album off the label from a band known as Cousin Oliver (yes, named after the Brady cousin) entitled (818) and soon the revolution began. Bands far and wide were discovered by the siblings and signed to deals including the likes of Allister, The Starting Line,

board Confessional. The label even made the New Jersey music scene one of the most sought after commodities in music by signing bands such as The Early November, Hidden in Plain View, Senses Fail and the dearly missed, Midtown.

With a roster like that, it's easy to see why Drive-Thru was the king of "The Scene." However, in 2009, Drive-Thru stopped bringing artists "to the second window, please," let alone, place their orders. As of this writing, Drive-Thru boasts 12 bands as their own, including Hellogoodbye, and two Ace Enders projects. Yet, a visit to the website shows no productivity on DTR's end since November of 2008, when they released their last album: Houston Calls' The End of an Error. Even a visit to one of that very same band's shows seems to indicate that things are not on the up and up with DTR.

"Our label won't give us CDs because they don't have any...so we burned some and added 6 bonus tracks...only a \$5 donation...please help a band who got screwed!" These are the words printed on a poster outside a Houston Calls merchandise table at a recent show. Now, it can be debated whether or not it's right for this band to be airing their "dirty laundry" and burning what-ever bridges they have structured with DTR, but this is quite the flabbergasting situation. A label that

once touted some of the CDs most heavily rotated on my intrastate car rides, being the antithesis of what labels have become, just became the hypocrite. Bands like New Found Glory left the label in the past only to return to it because of what it stood for in the face of the industry, yet this time proved to be different.

Houston Calls' anger is warranted as DTR failed to promote the album properly, leaving the New Jersey powerpop group without much room to get noticed. To tell the band that they just won't supply them with CDs is just further undercutting the livelihood of the band. Considering that Drive-Thru isn't a MAJOR label in terms of economic power and stature, Houston Calls must be a band trying to make ends meet by touring and selling their merchandise in hopes of finding new bands to tour for. A Collection of Short Stories is actually a very strong album, and showed great potential for the band and I started checking out the band because of their association with DTR, because they were admirable label.

DTR faced every type of adversity in the world of music. After establishing a deal with Geffen Records, the unique circumstances allowed Geffen to purge DTR for its talent. Soon bands like The Starting Line and New Found Glory were being pulled and putting out albums for

Geffen. Yet, both of these bands, as ception of a few bands has suffered well as others, found themselves at the mercy of manipulation and mistrust from major labels and left for greener pastures: Starting Line at Virgin before disbanding, and New bands still managing to put together Found Glory, returning to DTR for a a tour schedule. The value meal that

bit before signing with Epitaph. Despite this, DTR kept moving forward, and continued to find the newest artists and cultivated those who were already getting quite the attention, even putting out their highest Billboard release, Hellogoodbye's Zombies! Aliens! Vampires! Dinosaurs!. Yet, in early 2008 another difficulty occurred, one that affected everyone: the economy. With gas prices at the point they were, bands stopped touring, many people got destruction. laid off and restructuring took place left and right to keep Drive-Thru independent and profitable. The last words spoken in a letter to its fans as the Bamboozle Festival just befrom the Reines themselves was that come a culture clash of people yellthis was nothing more than a transition period.

So is DTR just stuck in transition now? If so, it's hard to say when if they will ever come out of it. Bands are already suffering because of it and so might be the lasting memories of what is left of "The Scene" this label was instrumental in creating. Those that were once the future of the label have already left it because of these growing problems, such as Halifax. Now, the label, with the notable ex-

from being a shell of it's former self, trying to find bands that fit the mold of it's alumni; while at the same time, refusing to give support to the few was a trip to Drive-Thru is now an over-priced unfulfilling combination that leaves a dissatisfied taste in at least this listener's mouth. I guess al I can do is ask myself, whatever happened to Drive-Thru Records? guess there is only one answer:

Labels. Music has been given an umbrella term, and not for the better. Labels have ruled over bands and destroyed them one by one, be it for money, the touring, or the personal

Labels have splintered fans into cross sections that ultimately hate each other and cause such things ing on message boards on how the others should stay out of their way with their music. Labels have given identity to bands and record companies, allowing DTR to be THE pop-punk breeding ground, to make these bands THE scene. However. on this day, it seems that a label in the form of a poster at a Houston Call show has become the declaration for the end of the scene. And that, my friends, is just a concept that leaves me utterly floored.

THE OUTIOOK

STUDENT EMPLOYEEAPPRECIATION WEEK

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What Did You Learn From Global Understandings Last Week?

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Drew sophomore "We need to shrink our carbon footprints."



Max freshman "We need to Go Green."



George freshman "We need to stop Global Warming."



Macey freshman "High schools need to focus more on sex ed. to reduce AIDS ... "



Joe freshman "We need to recycle more."



Kim sophomore "We need to preserve energy."



Gianna sophomore "Global Warming is a huge issue."



Kathryn freshman "I learned about the importance of cultural diversity."



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Alyssa freshman "I learned about racism in the classroom."

Wednesday, April 15
Club & Department Photos • Wilson
Student Employee Appreciation Day • 11:00 – 4:00 pm• Student Center Spring Career Day • 12:30-4PM • Anacon Verdict Concert •2:30 – 4:30 pm • Student Center Patio Baseball vs. St. Peter's • 3:30PM • Baseball Field Film: Rain Man • 7-9:30PM • Wilson 104 Afikoman Hunt • Sundown • Magill Club Dining Room

Spoken Word: Carlos Robson • 8pm • Underground
Volunteer Recognition Event • 3:00-4:00PM • Carol Afflitto Conference Room (3rd floor, RSSC) Educational Forum on Sustainable Landscaping Practices • 2:30-4:00PM • Location TBA Passport Apps & Renewals AND Photos taken on-sight • 9:00AM to 1:00PM • Outside Wilson Aud.

Thursday, April 16

Spring Party • 7:30PM • Catholic Centre

Friday, April 17

Education Spring Symposium • 8AM -2:30PM • Anacon Baseball vs. Wagner • 3:30PM • Baseball Field Student Employee of the Year Reception • 3PM • Magill Club Dining Room Relay for Life • 7PM • Kessler Movie: Bedtime Stories • 7PM & 11PM • Underground

Spring Gershwin Concert • 8PM • Pollak 4th Annual Masquerade Ball • 9PM-1AM • Anacon French Feast (From Fauré to Gershwin's An American in Paris) • 8PM • Pollak Theatre

Saturday, April 18

Soup Kitchen Service Trip • 9:30AM-1PM • Meet at CC Paintball Trip • Leaves RSSC @ 11AM Baseball vs. Wagner • 12PM • Baseball Field Softball vs. Fairleigh Dickinson • IPM • Softball Field Movie: Paul Burt: Mall Cop • 7PM & 11PM • Underground Bodies Exhibit Trip • Bus Leaves RSSC @ 10am Spring Gershwin Concert • 8PM • Pollak

Sunday, April 19

Softball vs. Sacred Heart • 12PM • Softball Field Lacrosse vs. Quinnipiac • 1PM • Kessler Baseball vs. Wagner • 1PM • Baseball Field MP3 Hunt • 1PM • Residential Life Athlete Auction • TBA • Pollak

Monday, April 20

Marijuana Man • 1-4PM • RSSC & Magill Arabic Music Tradition & Crossroad: Workshop with Simon Shaheen • 2PM • Wilson Aud. Concert: Simon Shaheen • 8PM • Pollak • \$28

Tuesday, April 21 The Gong Show • Pollak

Wednesday, April 22 Airbrush Artist • RSSC

Baseball vs. Seton Hall • 3:30PM • Baseball Field Poet: Adam Zagajewski • 4:30 PM • Wilson Hall Roackband Faceoff • Anacon

Film Screening: Slumdog Millionaire •7:30PM • Pollak Theatre Earth Day Celebration • all day • Student Center Patio

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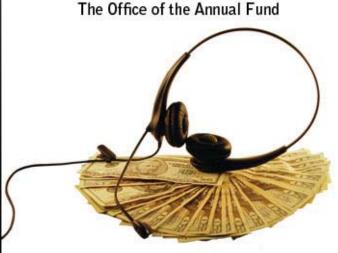
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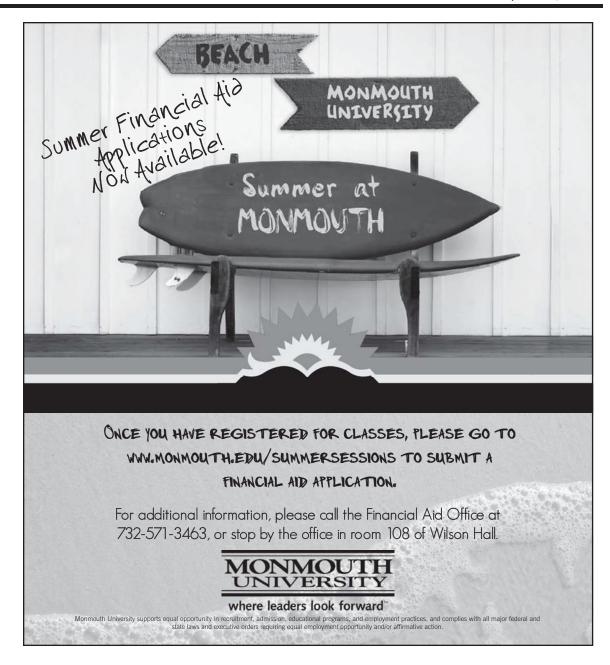
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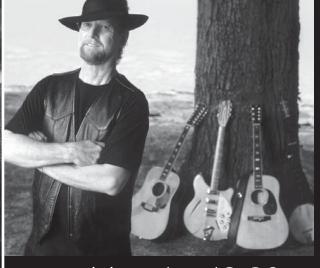
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Delta Phi Epsilon Hosts 'You Think You Know Me'

PAIGE SODANO SENIOR EDITOR

Delta Phi Epsilon hosted its annual "So You Think You Know Me?" event to raise money for the Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders in Pollak Theatre last Monday,

Contestants for the event were comprised of members from many of the sororities and fraternities.

Some of the organizations that were involved included Phi Sigma Sigma, Zeta Tau Alpha, Sigma Pi, and Tau Kappa Epsi-

The event was hosted by Delta Phi Epsilon member Shannon Halton and Theta Xi member Gary Fiore.

The judges for the night were Delta Phi Epsilon members Chelsey DiVincenzo and Rachael Lathi.

The groups of contestants, which included two friends, each that had to answer questions about each other and see if they knew their friends well

Participants had to take turns leaving the stage so the judges could ask questions about his/ her partner, without the other hearing.

Some of the questions asked included, "What is your friend's favorite dance move?," "What is the first thing your friend does when he/she looks in the also provided the questions that event raised close to \$1,000. mirror?," and "What is your friend's favorite trait about the opposite sex?".

There was then a third round, which included the finalists for the night.

Christine Mruz, Vice President to just do that," said Mruz. Programming for the sororwith help from the fundraising chair. Mruz and the chair raises money for. This year the



PHOTO COURTESY of Jessalyn Ali

Judges Shannon Halton and Gary Fiore host Delta Phi Epsilon's annual event to raise money for anorexia nervosa.

were asked.

Prizes included \$40 for first place, and \$20 for second place, which were donated by Delta Phi Epsilon.

"Who doesn't need more Delta Phi Epsilon member cash, so it made the most sense

Anorexia Nervosa and Assoity helped organize the event ciated Disorders is one of the philanthropies that the sorority

"I think the turnout was ok, it could have been better. I think there were a couple of reasons that affected our turnout, being that the week before was Greek Week and it was on a Monday night, when most Greek fundraisers are Wednesday nights," Mruz said.

The winners for the night were Sigma Tau Gamma in first place, and Phi Sigma Kappa in second.

RELAY FOR LIFE IS ALMOST HERE

WEST LONG BRANCH, NJ: Monmouth University's Relay for Life 2009 is almost here. The event which has been in the works since the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, is taking place this Friday April 17th. The event will be taking place at Kessler Field starting at 5pm and the event will go into Saturday morning. All are welcomed to attend the 80's themed bash to help celebrate, remember and fight back against cancer. For up to date information check out the relay for life website at relayforlife.org/monmouthuniversity Relay for Life is a twenty four hour event where communities come together to celebrate, remember and fight back against cancer. Monmouth University's event this year promises to be a big success and fun for all attending the event. There is still time to register your team to join in with all the fun that will be taking place at Relay for Life.

The Pep Band would like to thank all of the people who helped support us this year! Thanks to Student Government Association, Athletics & Cliff Rowley, Dr. McNeil, Rich Carragher, Karen Edson, Keith Olenik & Maureen Worth, President Gaffney, Dr. & Mrs. Janet Fell, Student Employment, Residential Life & Ray Gonzalez & Open Mic Night, Student Activities & Mary Anne Nagy, Amy Bellina, Tyler Havens & Noreen Spinapont, Ann Marie Sirianni, Music & Theatre & Prof. Gilette, Dr. Tripold, Prof. Eschelbach, Prof. Rotella & Dr. Burke, Alumni Affairs & Jennifer Harris, Mr. Gary Barnett, Mr. & Mrs. Fraterrigo, the 2009 Senior Class & Amanda Klaus, Alumnus Darren Lambeth, Lucille Flynn, Rachel's Mom & Grandmother & Uncle, Nick Petrillo, Mr. & Mrs. Titmas, Political Science Club & Prof. Patten, Lynn Stipick, Bob Cole, Jon Cascone, Purchasing, Kieyn P., The Kohm Family, Mrs. Menker, Chick-Fil-A, Broadway Pizza & Gab, the Copy Center, the Cheerleaders, Dance Team & SHADOW! This Friday, April 17, is the Relay for Life! Contact Heather Marte for more information on joining our group; everyone is welcome to participate! Also, please let Aimee know if you intend to participate in our Six Flags trip - it's sure to be a blast! We are always excited with the opportunity to recruit new members; if you or anyone else is interested in joining, please stop by at any of our rehearsals or performances! Good luck with the last few weeks of the semester!

SENIOR CLASS

SENIORS: Senior Week Tickets are now on sale! Graduating seniors can purchase their tickets at the Office of Student Activities on the second floor of the Student Center from now until April 27th. Other seniors may begin purchasing tickets after April 16th. Also, don't forget to order your Senior Class '09 T-Shirt! Information and order forms are available at the Office of Student Activities along with Senior Week ticket sales. For more information, please contact the Office of Student Activities at 732-571-3586, or e-mail us at seniorclassofficers@monmouth.edu. The 2009 Senior Class Officers would also like to thank everyone that came out to and participated in our Klassroom Karaoke fundraiser on March 23rd. We raised \$757.00 to put towards our senior class gift, a new Hawk costume for Shadow!

SIGMA TAU GAMMA

Sigma Tau Gamma would like to congratulate the newest initiated members to our Fraternity. These fine young men, Raymond Slamb, Raymond Lahaye, Justin Blake, Jesse Rosero, and Scott Leyden were initiated in the Wilson Chapel on Saturday March 28th. Be sure to congratulate them if you see them walking around campus and ask them how joining Sigma Tau Gamma has changed their lives. Be sure to keep an eye out for all brothers to see what we will be involved in next!

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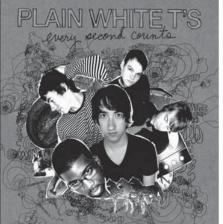
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Horoscopes

TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19)

Educational projects and revised workplace skills are now a top priority.

Company this week demand improved job performance or com-Key officials may this week demand improved job performance or completed assignments. Don't hesitate to increase your workload. By early May a new career path will be made available: stay alert. Thursday through Saturday accents complex romantic discussions and rekindled feelings of attraction. Ask potential lovers for reliable promises: this is an excellent time to move key relationships forward.

Financial and business messages may be misleading this week. Official communications or legal agreements will now be derailed by rare social politics or workplace conflict. Stay dedicated to short-term tasks, however: facts, figures and calculations may require careful scrutiny. Tuesday through Friday listen closely to friends and relatives for new romantic information or surprising admissions. Rare flirtations or unexpected invitations may be a key theme: remain diplomatic.

Gemini • (May 21 - June 21)

Long-term romantic commitments will now increase. Over the next few weeks many Geminis will bring added emotional and financial security into their lives. Renewed family obligations, housing agreements or complex social promises are all accented. If so, expect fast discussions and bold statements of affection. After Wednesday ask key officials for special permissions or new assignments. At present, your skills are underutilized.

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22)

Key officials will this week rely heavily on your ability to resolve interpersonal disputes. Workplace arguments may soon escalate. Remain determined to find harmony. In the coming weeks your emotional guidance will be greatly appreciated on the work scene. Wednesday through Friday someone close may reveal an unusual family triangle or home dispute. Family history or long forgotten romantic alliances may be a key issues.

6 Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22)

Home expectations, outdated relationships and old romantic memories demand clarity. For some Leos, especially those born between 1955 and 1969, a rekindled love affair will this week captivate extra time. Unproductive patterns now need to be resolved. If so, expect dramatic confrontations and escalating tensions over the next six weeks. Thursday through Sunday highlights new incomes sources and fast career breakthroughs: watch for last minute proposals.

Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22)

After a brief phase of miscommunications, loved ones are willing to adopt controversial ideas. Home expansion and social planning are a strong concern this week. After Monday thoroughly discuss financial commitments. New daily guidelines may soon be needed: stay focused. Later this week a past romantic partner may reappear. Planetary alignments suggest that reclaimed love will work to your benefit for the next nine weeks. Pace yourself and expect sudden reversals.

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

Business relations now improve. Some Librans will this week be asked to take on a complicated project or a new job description. If so, expect the coming weeks to bring fast workplace changes and new financial resources. Before mid-May quick decisions may be necessary: stay balanced. After Thursday a complicated friendships may trigger group disapproval or gossip. Key issues may include family changes or hidden information. Remain detached: passions will be high.

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
For many Scorpios several weeks of social isolation will now fade. Ask
rese for added consideration or concrete decisions. Areas affected loved ones for added consideration or concrete decisions. Areas affected are housing contracts, family expansion or emotional agreements in the home. Don't be shy. New choices will work in your favor. Thursday through Saturday business associates or work partners may expect unrealistic results. Long-term estimates, legal documents and financial calculations will prove unreliable: avoid written promises.

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Workplace negotiations will this week work to your advantage. For many Sagittarians financial speculation will soon be replaced with new contracts and timed agreement. In the coming weeks expect key officials to outline fresh business strategies and revised daily expectations. New rules will be complex but workable. Stay focused. After Friday family relations will steadily improve: expect trusted friends or relatives to leave outdated ideas and unproductive habits in the past.

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
An old friend or lover may this week trigger intense memories. Past relationships will now reveal unexpected feelings and offer unique life lessons. Discuss all observations with loved ones: emotional suggestions and romantic speculation from close friends will prove helpful. Later this week study financial documents for forgotten details or missed payments. Debts or neglected duties will now tend to escalate: make sure others understand your limits, ideals and expectations.

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Close colleagues may this week reveal private information. Marital relations, family disputes or living arrangement are all highlighted. Listen to all revelations but avoid becoming emotionally involved. Workplace alliances may need extra time to properly develop: remain distant. Thursday through Saturday accents minor social confusion and misleading invitations. Friends and lovers will be particularly sensitive to last minute change: expect fast reversals and sudden outbursts.

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

Home discussions will now help move key relationships forward. In the coming weeks some Pisceans will gently expand their family or social obligations. If so, watch for relations with older family members to be a prime concern. Remain open and wait for agreement. After Wednesday a complex business or financial proposals will work strongly in your favor. Areas affected include new technologies, public relations and communications.

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"Neptune City-Saturn Town"by Brian Blackmon



a Different People comix #39.

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A Word on **Sports**

The Final Round of the Masters Brings Excitement to Easter Dinner with the Family

ERIC WALSH SPORTS EDITOR

BRIAN GLICOS

Both entered the day at four under par. Both spent the day being hawked by more people than the rest of the field had combined. One unusual factor that separated Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson was that neither entered, nor left Augusta Sunday at the top of the leader board. Instead it was an unlikely Argentine named Cabrera who was fitted for his first green jacket.

Both Woods and Mickelson were set to tee off around 1:35 PM for the final round of the Masters. "Lefty" (Phil Mickelson) stepped up to the tee first, and gazed down the fairway well after the ball had landed. Tiger lingered behind, almost as if he were the champion coming in to a boxing match after the contender. It seemed as if Phil was waiting to be approached by his adversary, and when that time came, an awkward handshake ensued. Similar to when Eric Mangini and Bill Belichek met he started the first playoff hole in at midfield for the first time after a the woods, literally. His first shot game, the two golf titans solemnly on the 18th, the first playoff hole,

one stroke better at nine. Neither making the three man playoff that gathered for the victory.

Although their scores would be a success for most, for Mickelson and especially Woods, they were a complete and total letdown. Missed putts, banking shots off trees and further from the green is not what we are used to seeing from these superstars of a seldom-followed

After Tiger and Lefty finally succumbed to the final 18 at Augusta, the real show took place. Babyfaced Chad Campbell went into the clubhouse in a comfortable spot at -12, but Kenny Perry went into the final two holes with a two-shot lead, just needing to par and or even par and bogey the final two holes to become the oldest Masters Champion ever at age 48.

But instead, the smooth-swinging righty bogeyed the final two par fours, while Cabrera finished the last six holes with three birdies and three pars to join the Perry-Campbell pair in a sudden death playoff.

Just as if it appeared that Cabrera had all the momentum with his heroic finish at the 18th to save par, clasped hands and quickly released. went into the high trees to the right

"...I'm 6 feet 3 inches tall and I had no choice but to follow the leaders because I couldn't get a clear look at what Woods and Mickelson were doing."

SPECTATOR

What they did not know was they of the fairway, where both Campwould be in one another's grasp for the rest of the afternoon, but the top three on the leader board would remain untouchable.

On the front nine, Mickelson rolled. He shot a thirty, and came around the back nine chasing Angel Cabrera, Kenny Perry and Chad proclaimed this event and the practhirty-three on the front nine, and came within a few putts of being in the running for another green jacket. Woods and Mickelson did not exchange words for the rest of the afternoon, but both displayed similar letdowns. For those watching, or in attendance at Augusta, it was quite clear who the spotlight was on. Cabrera, Perry and Campbell had a total of approximately twenty-five people following the leaders through the course. The crowd around Woods and Mickelson was said to be dozens deep. A fan that was in attendance was quoted saying, "I was following Tiger and Lefty all day, now I'm 6 feet 3 inches tall and I had no choice but to follow the leaders because I couldn't get a clear look at what Woods and Mickelson were doing."

Unfortunately, many people did not tune in to what is usually the most exciting part of the masters. The end. Tiger fell at a respectable eight under par, and Mickelson was

bell and Perry's tee shots landed safely. What happened next is hard to believe, even for those who were watching. Even Cabrera himself couldn't find where his second shot went. Angel took a 4-iron out of his bag and tried what he thought was his best chance to save par. He at-Campbell. Tiger, on the other hand, tempted to split the trees that were directly in front of him. But the tices preceding it as the worst golf 39-year-old from Cordoba, Argenhe has played in recent memory. tina, misjudged the shot, hitting the Even as a self-proclaimed failed at- tree just to the left of center, sending tempt, Woods managed to shoot a his ball ricocheting at a 90-degree angle softly into the fairway, setting up a perfect path for an approach shot at the flag.

Both Campbell and Perry failed to take advantage of their perfect drives, with each hitting terrible approach shots, with Perry saving for par and Campbell dropping out of the three-man playoff with a bogey.

Cabrera calmly parred the next hole with a fairway shot, a shot to the green and two putts, allowing for the tailoring of his first green jacket. Cabrera became the first Argentine to win golf's most prestigious honor. His only two wins on the PGA Tour were two major victories. One at the 2007 U.S. Open, and of course his triumph at Augusta on Sunday.

I read somewhere that Cabrera's victory may have been written in the stars, an Angel, winning with a miraculous save, on Easter Sunday of all days. It's almost too good to be true. But not for Cabrera, one of golf's greatest underdog stories.

Baseball Improves to 17-14, Takes Over First **Place in NEC Standings**

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The Hawks started off their busy week with a 5-4 loss at Lafayette on Wednesday afternoon. The Hawks, who were winners of three straight heading into the contest, looked like they would extend the streak, as they held a 4-0 lead in the sixth inning. The Leopards battled back in the bottom of the sixth, putting up two runs as Matt Hall and Jeff Butler had RBI at bats.

selves, with either walks, or hitting by Erik Pollag. The seventh inning batters with pitches. Farleigh Dickinson would go on to add a safety onto what looked like a football score in the sixth inning, to increase the lead to 19.

In an interesting side note, the Blue and Whites, reserve middle infielder Anthony Lawrence, pitched the last two innings and was successful in his outing, as he was the only Monmouth pitcher to not allow a run in the contest. The Hawks would tally on two runs in

was the last of the evening and the Hawks finally ended the battle scoring two runs, and ultimately stifling the Knights offense in the bottom half of the inning for the 8-6 vic-

On Friday afternoon the baseball team looked too inexplicably: take three out of four in the FDU series, after losing 26-10 in the first matchup, and that is exactly what they did. Monmouth was led to both of their victories thanks to fantastic starting pitching from juniors Brett Brach and Ryan Buch. The two victories improved Monmouth to an impressive 6-2 in the NEC and 17-14 on the year.

The first game looked like it could go either way up until the sixth inning of the play, when Monmouth broke things open with an outstanding eight run inning. MU had as many hits in the inning as runs. Paul Bottigliero set the tone for the inning with a solo shot to lead off the frame. As the Hawks batted around Bottigliero, would get another chance to do even more damage, and came through with a single that netted two RBI's for the away team. The eight runs gave them an 11-3 edge and that would prove to be the final score.

Buch got the win in game one pitching six strong innings, allowing three runs on five hits, and five walks. He frustrated batters all day with his 11 strike outs. Nick Mc-Namara closed out the game with a scoreless seventh inning for the

In the second matchup it was all about Brett Brach who pitched eight scoreless innings allowing only three hits and one walk in the contest to give Monmouth the 8-0 win and the daily sweep. Brach improved his record to 4-0 on the year, and would later be named NEC pitcher of the week. He has accumulated a team low 1.42 era throughout the year. This is the first NEC pitcher of the week award for the junior pitcher. In his last 23 innings of work Brach, has allowed just three runs, to go along with his



Brett Brach tossed eight scoreless innings in MU's 8-0 win over FDU earning NEC Pitcher of the Week honors.

vu as Hall and Butler collected another pair of RBI's as they tied the game with some late game heroics. The Haws were unable to put another run on the scoreboard, after the sixth inning, and it came back to hurt them in the bottom of the ninth. The Leopards were able to take advantage of a leadoff-walk as with two outs a surprise bunt scored the game winner.

Catcher, Cal Costanzo was the offensive leader for the Blue and White, going a perfect 3-3 at the plate. Freshman Jonathan Shippee, got to show off his skills in his first career start. Shippee, had a nice first showing going five strong innings, allowing two runs on six hits. Shippee accumulated four strikeouts, and showed great control as he did not allow a walk, in the outing.

After a tough loss, the Hawks looked to regroup in a NEC double header at Farleigh Dickinson University. In a game that no one saw coming for the conference powerhouse Monmouth, they fell in an embarrassing 26-10 loss. To the teams credit after giving up a program high 26 runs, they came back in the night cap to pull out a gutsy 8-6 victory. The split put the Hawks at 4-2 in conference play, and 15-14

Nick Vallillo, got the start for Monmouth and had a rough outing. He allowed six earned runs and nine overall, on seven hits and three walks. After scoring four runs in the fourth, FDU batted around in the second to score six runs to give themselves a 10-0 advantage. Monmouth showed some fight in the top of the fifth scoring seven runs to give them a chance, cutting the deficit to a slim three. However, what happened in the home half of the fifth put the game out of reach.

The Knights scored a whopping 14 runs, to give the home team a 24-7 advantage. The fifth saw only seven hits and one unearned run. Monmouth just kept hurting them-

In the eighth inning, it was déjà the top of the eighth and ninth hoping that if anything, it could build the team some momentum heading into the second contest of the day.

In that second game, Monmouth struck first with Ryan Terry doubling up the middle with one out, and then Rick Niederhaus connecting on an RBI single. In the second the Knights came back with a run of their own to knot the game back at one. Terry and Niederhaus would strike again in the third, as they both tallied an RBI in the inning. However, FDU once again had an answer as Matt Maher knocked a ball into the gap for a game tying two run triple. The 20 strikeouts.



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Cal Costanzo went a perfect 3-for-3 at the dish in a 5-4 loss against the Leopards.

see-saw ride would continue as the Hawks would score two runs again, only to see their two run lead wiped away yet again as the Knights tied the game at five.

In the sixth the same story unfolded as the Hawks scored a run to give them a 6-5 lead only to see inning, thanks to a solo home run at 3:30 p.m.

Ryan Buch, the winner of the first Friday contest against the Knights was awarded the NEC pitcher of the week the previous week, giving the Blue and White, back to back winners. If this dynamic duo can stay hot, so will the Hawks, who return to action later this afternoon as they it erased in the bottom half of the host New Jersey's own Saint Peters

Track and Field Highlights at Three Separate Meets

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For the second week in a row the MU men's and women's track and field teams competed spilt squad, but just like the previous weekend of competition, that didn't seem to slow them down. MU rounded out the weekend with several athletes placing in numerous events at Bucknell University, Rider University, and the University of Virginia.

At Bucknell, the women had quite a few noteworthy performances. The pentathlon featured two Hawks that placed among the top eight qualifiers. Mary Wilks claimed a remarkable second place finish with a total

relay teams snagged a top five finish for Monmouth. The 4x100 of Losey, Brittany Gibbs, Illiana Blackshear, and Dotday, who finished in 48.95, was third overall and the 4x400 found Blackshear, Colleen Ritecki, Laura Embrey, Aracelis Lantigua, a fourth place slot.

Christine Altland excelled in the 10k where recorded the third fastest time in school history, finishing in 37:08.30 giving her seventh, which also qualifies her for the ECAC Championships.

Two other athletes, Cailin Lynam and Rachel Ferdinand, also had solid performances in Lewisburg, Pa. In the 1500m, Lynam took seventh of 4,336 points, which was also the overall but was fifth among col-

Both of the 4x100 and the 4x400 fourth in the hammer with her throw of 131' 2", while freshman Monica Kloc was eighth with a mark of 111' 10". Kloc also performed well in the shot put where she earned third with a throw of 30' 4".

The 800m crown was claimed by Hawk Danica Krivanos, who finished in a time of 2:20.40. Lindsey Pederson took third in the 5000m with a time of 19:15.70. She was also a member of MU's second place 4x400 relay team along with Maggie Kearns, Demaris Segarra and Jennifer Oprysko. The quartet finished with a time of 4:30.75.

Jenn Tarsan, who recorded a jump of 15' 5 1/2" earned a sixth place finish in the long jump, while teammate Jen Swan placed eighth with her mark of 14' 6".

Tarsan was also fourth in the high jump, clearing 4' 11 1/2". Swan's distance of 33' 3" in the triple jump was good enough for fourth and Ashley Cuvilly placed fifth with a distance of 33' 1/2"

The Blue and White had four athletes place in the 100m, with Esteem Winder leading the way with her fourth place time of 12.99. Cuvilly, who was just steps behind her with a time of 13.01 was fifth and Sarah Simmons finished just .03 seconds after her giving her sixth Brianne Edwards rounded out the top eight with her time of 13.08. Cuvilly, Winder and Edwards also went five-six-seven in the 200m.

At the third destination for the Hawks, UVA, Larry Lundy continued his dominating streak and won the hammer with his NCAA Regional qualifying mark of 186' 11". Chris Keller, who has also had a notable season so far, took second with a mark of 179' 2", while Vincent Elardo took eighth with his toss of 150' 2". Symmone Fisher was eighth with her throw of 150' 2".

Monmouth will continue their season as a full squad at the Greyhound Invitational hosted on the campus of Moravian College next



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Sports Information Mary Wilks finished second in the pentathlon at the Bison Outdoor

fifth best total in school history and Lindsey Walsh took fifth with 4,004 points, for the sixth spot in school

Classic at Bucknell University over the weekend.

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history. Michelle Losey earned fifth in the 200m with a time of 25.17, while Ajda Dotday, who crossed the line in 25.76, was ninth. Losey also took second in the 400m with a time of 54.90, with Crystal Stein finishing in 57.15, cementing her in eighth.

legiate competition with a time of 4:45.68 and Ferdinand was sixth in the javelin with her throw of 120'

Back in New Jersey, facing a large amount of rain fall, several other Hawks represented the Blue and White in impressive fashion at the Rider Invitational. Valerie Carney won the javelin, tossing the implement 122' 1". Kate Treddenick took

Megan Brennan

CHARLES KRUZITS

From the moment junior Megan Brennan stepped on the field, success seemed to just follow her entering college for the first time. very fast to the college game.

Brennan said that she was privileged to be a member of the 2007 Monmouth lacrosse team that went on to win the NEC Championship and advance to the NCAA Tournament, but unfortunately lost to Le Moyne by a score of 19-12. In her freshman year, the 5'8" midfielder scored 29 goals, increasing her total to 38 goals a year later.

Consistency and hard work are the stepping stones that have led Brennan to a successful lacrosse season thus far. She also likes to stay consistent regarding her pregame ritual. Before every game Brennan likes to eat a bag of peanut M&Ms to give her a little en-

the Hawks are led by two seniors (Monica Johnson and Erin Marley). However, on the offensive side. Brennan is the leader. The offensive side is young and unproven, however, due to Brennan's stellar play and active lead-

to her for advice.

For those who are in attendance during a Hawks game it is a usual scene to observe Brennan dash by her opponents, her speed resemwherever she went. Many suffer bling that of an Olympic sprintfrom a transitional period when er. Brennan said, "Speed in any sport is very important, but I like However, Brennan believes that to think that my best attribute on opportunities.

This current season didn't start off as well as many would have liked, and Brennan believes this was because of inexperience and trying to rely on individual talent. However, when Brennan was a freshman herself, she and her teammates were placed into a great situation with many upperclassmen. As the season has progressed, this same format in the current season has allowed the team to improve and win games.

Brennan isn't just an exceptional lacrosse player, she is also a great singer. Well, in her opinion that is. Her singing ability isn't as recognized amongst her peers; she admits her roommates tend to disagree. Many athletes rise to the On the defensive side this year occasion by listening to an Ipod and Brennan's music of choice is country. However, the idea of playing in the game gets Brennan more excited than the music that blasts through the headphones of her Ipod. Whether it's having a dance off during an away trip or

ership many younger players look relaxing with a McFlurry, Brennan is not hard to please.

As of late the Hawks have taken a turn for the best and find themselves in the hunt for the playoffs. Currently the Blue and White are in third place in the NEC and are hoping to advance into the NEC playoffs. Megan is amongst the top players in the NEC, and she with the help of her great team- the field is having good vision and finds herself in the top 10 of many mates, she was able to acclimate an ability to keep the ball and see statistics. She stands eighth in goals per game with a 2.36 average and 33 total goals. Also, she is tenth in points per game with a 3.14 average and 44 total points. Since her freshman season Brennan has found herself in the NEC playoffs, on a team to be reckoned with, and isn't about to let that change. "We're (upperclassmen) trying to have that rub off on some of the younger girls now to keep our winning tradition alive," said Brennan.

> The Hawks have three games left with two against conference opponents. Quinnipiac University and Long Island University are left on the schedule as well as Lehigh University. Sure Brennan has a year to go before graduation, but she does not accept defeat and isn't about to change. She wants to succeed every year, no exceptions.

> This season is almost over and how Monmouth will finish no one will know, but with Brennan leading the Hawks their chances for success are much better.

Lacrosse Looks Forward After 0-2 Weekend

CHARLES KRUZITS

faced off against interstate rival Rutgers University, Wednesday, April 8, at Kessler field. Coming into the contest, MU appeared to be the favorite as the squad was on a two game winning streak and also had reigning rookie of the year Rachel Feirstein back after missing two goals. SHU junior goalkeeper the previous two games due to injury. Also, after her record breaking performance, junior Ali Pollock earned Windmill Top Dog of

soaring high as of late, Monmouth started off the game against the Hawks coming at the 2:53 mark. Scarlet Knights showing their opponents this wasn't going to be a from sophomore Rachel Feirstein break in their schedule like the opponent believed it could be. Led by senior goalkeeper Monica Johnson, the Hawks didn't allow the Scarlet the Pioneers in the second stanza. Knights to register a goal throughout the first 17 minutes of the game. coming from Molly O'Brien, Perry However, the Blue and White didn't have such a tough time scoring early on. MU took a 2-0 lead on their opponent with a goal apiece from juniors Megan Brennan and Shawn Evans.

Hawks to a 6-7overall record and a 5-1 conference record.

The Hawks faced off against The women's lacrosse team conference opponent Sacred Heart on April 11, for a muggy Saturday afternoon game on Kessler Field. Much of the first half was a defensive stalemate with each goalie saving shot, after shot. Johnson registered four saves in the first half while allowing only allowing Chelsea Wagner had a dominant first and second half stopping the Hawks from coming away with a conference victory. The Hawks were finding it very difficult regis-So with the Blue and White tering a goal against the opponent, with the first goal of the half for the The lone goal in the first half was on a free position shot.

The Blue and White didn't find it as difficult to register goals on The Hawks registered three goals Dewitt, and Carissa Franzi.

The weather was muggy but the play was not affected by it. The entire game was a tough fought meeting and both teams played hard. The last goal in regulation came



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Megan Brennan leads the Hawks on the offensive side of the field with 33 goals and 11 assists, ranking her first and second on the team respectively in those two categories.

Their Big East opponent scored with 4:34 seconds when SHU tied their first goal at the 11:55 mark that was then answered by three more unassisted goals to take a 4-2 lead. The second half also proved to be a dominant performance by the Scarlet Knights while they Hawks 7-3. The Hawks fell to the Scarlet Knights by a score of 11-5. MU's five goals against Rutgers was the lowest scoring output since 2006 when the Hawks only scored two goals against the third ranked Georgetown Hoyas, also of the Big East Conference.

The Scarlet Knights outplayed the Hawks in every statistic; MU was outshot 28-14 and was bested in draws 12-6, while forcing the Monmouth into 19 turnovers. Also, MU committed six penalties compared to Rutgers' three. Senior goalie Monica Johnson did her best to keep the game close while saving nine shots and allowing 11 goals.

On the offensive side the Hawks were led by Brennan. The midfielder registered two goals and an assist. The Scarlet Knights were led by junior midfielder Brooke Cantwell Walsh. Both Cantwell and Walsh to the Scarlet Knights sends the p.m. in Bethlehem, Pa.

the game at 4-4. The Hawks and SHU did not score a goal through the last minutes of the second half, sending the game into overtime.

This game was a great testament to how hard the Hawks have been outscored and outperformed the playing; however, 22 seconds into the third overtime SHU received a goal from Mary Montesarchio which was her second in the game.

These past two games were very uncharacteristic of the recent efforts from the squad. The Hawks only scored a combined nine goals over the past two games, while in the past 10 games the Blue and White have scored at least nine goals a contest.

With three games left in the season the team finds itself clawing for victories and the fourth place spot in the NEC.

Out of their remaining three games, two of them are against conference opponents, playing second place Quinnipiac and seventh place Long Island.

The top four seeds make the playoffs, and as of now the Hawks are in. However, if they have a bad and sophomore midfielder Marlena end to the season they will miss the playoffs. The Hawks take on Leboth registered hat-tricks. The loss high on Wednesday, April 15, at 7



Highlighted by Larry Lundy's first place hammer throw of 186' 11" at the UVA Invite, the track and field team successfully competed at three separate meets on the east coast.