



# Monmouth Relay for Life Raises Money for the American Cancer Society

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Monmouth University hosted its Relay for Life, a race to raise money for the American Cancer Society on Friday, April 11. The “Biggest Party on Campus,” as it has been called took place on the Monmouth University’s Practice Field, and covered the entire night.

The relay is an overnight, inclusive party where participants camp out, listen to music, barbecue, dance, and take turns walking around a track to raise funds to fight cancer.

“The relay fights Cancer,” Kathleen Gelchion, Director of special event for the American Cancer Society (ACS) stated. “There are three main reasons we hold this relay; one, to celebrate the strong survivors, two, in honor of remembering those that we have lost, and three, to fight back for a cure.”

Mallory Rapisarda, a sophomore, Public Relations/Communication major, stated, “At our event, we celebrate the many survivors; we have a survivors dinner at 5 p.m., held in Boylan

Gym. All survivors are welcome to attend. At 7 p.m., our opening ceremony will begin; it will open the event, the relay. Fight for a cure! The ceremony will be led by the Relay Committee, and Coach Calahan, the MU football coach, will make a speech. Then the relay will begin! We will have activities, events and bands rocking music all night. A luminary ceremony will be held, later in the night, to remember those who we have lost to this sickness. I hope that everyone has a blast tonight! We at the committee have worked so very hard to insure that we all have fun here!”

On the stage of the relay first, beginning at 5 p.m. was the *American Hallow*, a group of 3 girls; 2 guitar playing singers along with a drummer. The performers played a few of their original songs to get the relay participants all ready to race.

“We are really excited to play for the crowd and get everyone pumped to relay for a great cause!” Stated Deanna Massey, a Rutgers University junior and one of the *American Hallow* performers.

Katie Field, an MU senior,

Chemistry major, one of the leaders of the Relay, stated, “We really hope that this is going to be a great event and many people will show up despite the weather conditions.” The night had suddenly changed to a rainy, cold and cloudy climate. But the race, of course, would still proceed.

“Kathleen and Mallory have worked very hard on this event along with the rest of the committee, and I believe that it will be a terrific night!” Vanessa Vernile, a sophomore, Finance major, stated.

“I came out to help support the cause tonight,” Charlie Hayle, a sophomore, Marketing major, announced. “A ton of people who were close to me have been affected by Cancer. So, I came out to help in any way that I can to fight for a cure to Cancer.”

“The PRSSA club is out here tonight, wearing our PRSSA shirts, to support this good cause.” Amanda Quinn, a senior, Communications Public Relations and Journalism major stated, under the PRSSA’s tent.

Shannon Monaco, a senior, Public Relations major, stated,



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The Desperate Mamas won First Place for Team Spirit during the Monmouth Relay for Life on April 11-12.

“This is a great event, and we, the PRSSA club, are glad to be a part of it. I hope that all of the survivors have a great time here tonight!”

The Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority had a tent set up at the race as well. “We are here to support a good cause.” Cori Buscemi, a senior, Public Relations and Journalism major and AST sister, stated

ed during the night.

Professor McAllister’s fundraising committee class was present at the relay. A member of the committee, Rich Barsa, a senior, Public Relations Communications major, stated, “We are the Ride Razors! We got real involved in

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# Renowned Journalist Speaks at Opening Ceremony of Global Understanding Convention

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Renowned journalist and activist Sarah Chayes spoke at the opening ceremony to the seventh annual Global Understanding Convention in Wilson Auditorium this passed Monday.

The ceremony opened with an address from President Paul G. Gaffney II on how the Global Understanding Convention came to be. In the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks in 2001, Monmouth University faculty, staff, and students came together with the goal of encouraging and promoting activities that would create awareness of global issues explained Gaffney.

This was followed by the

Monmouth University Chamber Choir’s rendition of “Choose Something Like a Star” by Robert Frost.

President Gaffney returned to the podium to present awards to recognize faculty, staff, and students who had helped to make this year’s convention possible.

Maya Ferguson, a former Monmouth University Trustee, spoke next and expressed the great joy that it brought her to see how the convention has grown with each passing year. “The world is a small place...” said Ferguson, and to live in it safely and happily, “we need to develop understanding.”

Sarah Chayes, activist, humanitarian, and former National Public Radio reporter, took the floor next and spoke about her time in

Afghanistan and the Arghand Cooperative, a group that produces skin care products from readily available natural materials indigenous to Afghanistan, which she helped to found.

“I started to feel that it was a little irresponsible for me to be making a living off of other peoples’ stories without any responsibility of how the story came out,” Chayes said.

With this in mind, and in the wake of the September 11 attacks, Chayes decided to go to Afghanistan because she felt that the country would be important in the direction history takes in the twenty-first century.

In 2002, Chayes ended her career at National Public Radio and moved to the village of Kandahar

in Afghanistan, which she described as “the moon with goats”, where she helped to maintain a dairy cooperative.

While on a trip back to the U.S. in 2004, Chayes visited a small soap company in New Hampshire. The factory where the soap was produce turned out to be one lady mixing oils in her kitchen. After reading the ingredients on the soap’s package, she realized that half of them grew naturally in Afghanistan and that she could do what the woman was doing.

In 2005, Chayes started the Arghand Cooperative in Kandahar. The Cooperative consisted of twelve members representing nine different Afghan tribes and produced a variety of skin care products from pomegranates as well

as other naturally occurring fruit in Afghanistan. Using pomegranates in this fashion was extremely productive because in their fruit form they are very heavy and thus very expensive to export as well as perishable whereas in the form of a bar of soap the product would weigh little and would not expire, explained Chayes.

Monmouth University Professor and journalist John Morano noted that Chayes’ method reflects that of a journalist in that she took what was available to her and made it in to something similarly to how a journalist takes the information they have gathered and makes it into a story.

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# Easy to Break, Hard to Put Back Together

*U.S. Ambassador Robin Raphel speaks about Iraqi reconstruction and progress at Wilson Hall*

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Ambassador Robin Raphel, a practice leader for the Global Affairs and Trade Consultancy Group at Cassidy & Associates spoke in Wilson Auditorium on April 8 for Global Understanding Week.

During her speech, she talked of updates in Iraq in four different tracks; security, political economics, reconstruction and diplomatic.

As far as security, she spoke of the surge in Baghdad last February. “The insurgents were using more sophisticated techniques,” Raphel said. “In 2006, the insurgents were hitting power and oil pipe lines, and we could not keep up with the repairs.”

The surge involved sending 30,000 more troops over to Iraq to try and stabilize the security issue. That would mean there is a grand total of 168,000 troops there now.

“After the surge, there was a clear change in policy,” said Raphel. “We were trying to turn it over to the Iraqi’s initially, but in early 2007 we realized that we needed a different approach.”

The new idea was to take ground, protect the locals, and increase the security and safety until the Iraqi troops could take over comfortably.

“The issue is time,” she said. “General Petraeus is trying to buy more time over there.”

There have been significant improvements since June 2007. The levels of violence were the high-

est then, and since there has been a dramatic decrease in civilian deaths and of US troops.

“A lot of the neighborhoods in Baghdad are livening up again,” she said. “People are starting to go out for ice cream, go to the markets and open their shops.”

The U.S. is trying to develop a

“They were recruited very quickly and are much less professional, where as the army is doing much better since many of them were already a part of the Iraqi army.

“They key to this has been expanded use of officers embedded in the Iraqi force,” she said. “It is very effective because our officers

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formula similar to the one used in Anbar a few years ago. They had a very difficult time over there and there were many troops lost. However, the Sunnis began to realize that Al-Qaeda were using them to come in and fight the U.S. soldiers, so they joined forces and helped develop their own militias.

“Literally overnight things calmed down and remained that way,” Raphel said. “The trouble with Iraq is that it is more ethnically mixed.”

U.S. troops are working on training the Iraqi’s to create their own militia and police system. About 16 billion dollars has gone towards this. So far, there are about 540,000 Iraqi’s in the security forces, which is above and beyond the hopes of obtaining 30,000.

“The police are having more trouble than the army,” she said.

live near or with them instead of just teaching them in a classroom setting.”

Politically, the surge was able to buy time for the Iraqis to better themselves. The government created 18 benchmarks including things like elections, national oil laws, etc and they have accomplished some of them.

“They now have legislation for amnesty, election, budget, etc,” Raphel said. “The implementation has been uneven, and the oil law is unfortunately way back on the drawing boards. There is also not a lot of political progress.”

The political instability can be attributed to the fact that there have been 4 different governments in the last 5 years. With this instability, it is much harder to make any progress because the government officials have very little experience.

“There are no institutions or political compromise and corruption is ramped,” Raphel said. “We are in such a hurry to hold an election, but we made the big mistake of forcing people to vote by ethnic identity (Independent, Sunni, Shiite) rather than by local government.”

Some helpful adjustments that have been made are that we are working more directly with local government such as municipal government. We want to move money from the center of the country to the rest of the country.

“It’s difficult to find experts who are actually go out there to work with them,” she said.

Another negative development is that there is an explosion of refugees. There was a hope that after the actual war was over that people would come back, but there are still about 2 million Iraqis in neighboring countries such as Jordan and Syria.

“This creates a huge strain on the neighboring countries,” she said. “It causes their real estate to go up and put strain on their health and education systems.”

The international community is slower to respond to these refugees that need shelter, food, health and education.

Economically, there is good news. “The economic policy professionals are very good. They know the steps to take to re-integrate Iraq into international economics.”

The Iraqis have established a new currency and their credit is building due to lively cross-border

trading. They have welcomed the foreign banks and have very liberal foreign investment laws.

“There is unfortunately an absence of an oil law,” she said. “There is very high unemployment, inflation and a huge burden on the budget. Many people ask, ‘Why don’t they produce enough oil for reproduction?’ and the answer is that the infrastructures are not stable due to insurgent attacks.

The expectations for the U.S. to fix the oil and electrical infrastructures ended up being disappointing. We spent 25 billion dollars trying to accelerate the reconstruction, but it was not enough to meet the expectations. There wasn’t the right capacity, people, or plans and the Iraqis didn’t have the capacity to absorb all of it.

“There was just frustration all around,” she said. “Now we have learned to consolidate our efforts and sure up what we have built and train the Iraqis to sustain it.”

On the diplomatic track, we are trying to be aggressive and involve the broader international communities into the economics and politics. We had started off on the wrong foot being ambivalent about getting them involved at the beginning.

“5 years later, there is more momentum in the international community. The U.N. is more engaged with embassies, negotiating etc.”

Iran hasn’t been very helpful,

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## Relay for Life Raises Money and Cancer Awareness

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the relay because of McAllister’s class. She got us pumped!”

“It’s great to see such a nice turn out for a great cause,” Dan Eckerd, a senior, Public Relations Communications major, stated, “I am glad to help to support this cause.”

As she walked for a cure, Java City’s Jen Cabral, stated, “This is the best thing that I have ever done!”

We are here on behalf of my 22 year old daughter, a cancer survivor of five years now! The Desperate Mommas were a great help. We raised \$18,360 for donations, and that’s just the start of it. We hope to raise a lot more tonight!” Donna Mancini, leader of the “Desperate Mommas” stated.

Sandy Brown, Outlook’s office Coordinator and a member of the Desperate Mommas, stated, “Everyone here tonight has been effected by cancer in some way; being a survivor, knowing one who has survived or having a loss. I lost my Mother to cancer, so I am here to fight for a cure!”

“My best friend of 15 years passed away two years ago from breast cancer. I am here today in memory of her.” Robert Scharf, a relay member, stated.

“Stay Strong Fighters” stated Linda Mussara, an Aramark employee and 9 year survivor of Cancer.

The MU Pep Band performed at the opening of the relay. Boy Scouts proudly presented the American flag, and Danielle Richards, a Monmouth student, sang the National Anthem to begin the event.

Kathleen Gelchion’s opening

speech had the audience yelling “Celebrate,” “Remember,” and “Fight!” She recognized Sharon Smith, Sheila McAllister and Mallory Rapisarda’s hard work, then she introduced President Gaffney, and he stated how much fun we are going to have! The ACS raised \$18.7 million for cancer survivors!

After Gaffney spoke, Roseanne Weber, the regional Vice President of ACS congratulated the all who attended the relay for being there to fight to find a cure for the Cancer illness. Mallory Rapisarda recognized all the leaders of every team with a certificate.

“We thank the members of each committee for all their hard work.” Mallory Rapisarda stated.

Kevin Callahan, an honorary cancer survivor spoke, in the opening ceremony. He thanked everyone who had shown up to walk for a cure. He announced how, “All the people who are fighting cancer want to win and refuse to loose.”

The football coach, of course, related his speech to a football tale of a “Hail Mary” play by Miles Austin, an NFL Dallas Cowboys player now, but a Monmouth football player graduate. “He won the game; they refuse to loose!” He also explained how all the helpers are doing wonders to help the victims of Cancer fight.

Honored survivor, wearing their medallions, walked the first lap, their care givers joined them for the second, and then everyone joined in to walk for a cure.

“I’m a 12 year Cancer survivor, and I beat it; I’m a fighter! I hope to become a Cancer re-

searcher, so I can help to find better treatments for Cancer victims,” stated Jonathon Goldstein, a freshman, Chemistry major, proudly.

Around 10 p.m. the luminary ceremony took place, and Professor McAllister gracefully spoke. Then everyone who had attended to relay, walked a lap of silence in remembrance of those who we have lost.

“That was a very touching moment of the night,” Sarah Clemency, a freshman, Theatre major, after the lap.

Music played throughout the night, but at 11 p.m., MU Review along with Water Watch held an Open Mic Night, in the center of the relay. The event was headed by Sara Werner, a senior, English, Writing Theatre major, and secretary of the MU Review along with Mary Grace Murphy, a junior, English major and the secretary of the MU chapter of Water Watch.

Miss Relay was also put on by MU men. “Miss Relay was hilarious!” Anna Clemency, stated.

Miss Relay raised \$966.44 to be donated to help the fight for a cure to cancer.

Around 1 a.m., a storm occurred which moved the relay into the Boylan Gymnasium. The night closed up on account of the rain at about 2:30 a.m. It was supposed to proceed until the morning, but it couldn’t. Awards were given out, thanks were announced and then everyone left.

“The night went very well!” Kathleen Gelchion, “Despite the rain, MU’s first Relay for Life was a true success!”

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# Global Understanding Week: World Water Challenge

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Monmouth University kicked off the Seventh annual Global Understanding Convention (GUC) on Monday, April 7, 2008 with the goal to emphasize individual responsibility and collective action. Monmouth's chapter of N.J. Community Water Watch helped spread the word about the world's water condition with their lecture and workshop on the first day of GUC.

Located at Magill Commons Club 109 at 1:00pm, Water Watch members presented their World Water Challenge to members of the university community. The room was set up with five different tables, each with a different number on the table.

When each person signed in, they were given a card of a different color and different number. The number designated where each person was to sit and the color represented one of five countries. Among the chosen countries were the United States, the United Kingdom, Asia, Africa, and Gambia, which is a small country in Africa that has the lowest amount of water usage per day.

"Right now one in six, more than one billion of us, don't have access to enough water," said Water Watch's secretary, Marygrace Murphy. "In less

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**MARYGRACE MURPHY**  
New Jersey Water Watch Secretary

than 20 years, by 2025, the World Health Organization estimates that two-thirds of the world's population will lack access to water."

During the presentation, each person was given a plastic cup and according to what country each person was, they were given a specific amount of water. For the United States, the entire cup was filled, while Gambia's cup barely had any water.

The United States uses 153 gallons of water per person a day. The United Kingdom uses 88 gallons, Asia uses 22 gallons, Africa used 12 gallons, and Gambia uses 1.3 gallons of water.

"[This is] the distribution of the world's water," Murphy said to the workshop participants. "It is already inequitable, but it belongs to all people and we can strive to find ways to ensure that everyone has access to safe, clean water. However, as water scarcity becomes a bigger issue, corporations are increasingly trying to take control over public water resources and systems, which is making the problem worse."

Murphy went on to describe instances of corporate greed in the water-bottle industry in

each country. According to her and Katie Feeney, the Monmouth Water Watch campus organizer, in Stanwood, Michigan in 2001, Nestlé received permission to pump 400 gallons of water per minute from a water source in a wildlife refugee. Since then, the people of Stanwood formed the Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation and have been dragged through the courts by Nestlé, who is now only allowed to pump 218 gallons of water per minute.

"[In Gambia], the average use of water by each person is five liters, or 1.3 gallons," said Murphy. "The World Health Organization says that the bare minimum required for human health is 50 liters, or 13.2 gallons of water, per day."

Following the lecture, Feeney led a discussion on what could be done to help conserve water and lessen the use of water bottles, which is one of the least regulated industries in the United States. The answers from the participants ranged from how a water bottle was convenient to how it was safer, when in fact, it is no safer than tap water.

"Part of this global balancing act of water involves educating our peers in America about where bottled water really comes from and the problems it creates in third world countries where there is not enough clean water for most to

live. Even here in NJ we could soon face the politicizing of water that we've begin to see out west and even on the east coast in states like Georgia," said Feeney. "Bottled water is almost always tap water that has been marketed down our throats as something that is better and safer for us, which is completely false. The more people who know that, the more water we can conserve by limiting our purchasing of bottled water which will in turn reduce the amount of plastics we find littering our beaches, rivers and streams."

"Globally, corporations promote water privatization under the guise of efficiency," said Ashley Chandler, a Water Watch media intern. "[N]one of these corporations pay the full costs of the public infrastructure they use, the environmental damage they cause of the health costs of the people they hurt."

"There is no substitute for public water," Chandler said. "Water is a human right, not a privilege, and big decisions about who has access to water and who doesn't shouldn't be driven by a bottom line dictated by corporate executives and shareholders unaccountable to the public."

# Anacon Hall Holds Women’s Rights Lecture

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Activist for the rights of Middle Eastern women, Zainab Al-Suwaij, spoke about the decrease in women's rights in Middle Eastern countries and current programs established to reverse this trend on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 in Anacon Hall.

The event was organized by the combined efforts of the SAB and Heather Kelly, Assistant Director for Student Activities for Multicultural and Diversity Initiatives. Kelly expressed her excitement for Al-Suwaij's lecture. "We really loved the topic she spoke about and contacted her as soon as possible so that more people could come out and hear her," she said.

Existing problems for women in the Middle East, according to Al-Suwaij, are the result of radical Islamic groups' oppressive treatment. "We see a young woman being lashed for getting raped and the beheading of women for being politically active," she said about the brutality women face in her homeland of Iraq.

Al-Suwaij discussed her involvement in politics and her fight to win back rights for Middle Eastern women, beginning when she was 18. She formed a women's political party in Iraq which lobbied for the adoption of various rights into legislature, despite discouragement from relatives and friends.

A few of Al-Suwaij's most significant accomplishments while in Iraq include protesting Saddam Hussein's regime and getting some voting legislation passed, which gave women some political freedom.

Coming from a religious Islamic family, Al-Suwaij admitted organizing protests and rallies for women's rights was not easy and went against some traditional family views. However, she told the audience she knew it was her duty to help Middle Eastern women escape political and social oppression, polygamy, and the use of violence as a form of discipline.

Al-Suwaij's rallies created so much controversy that she was forced into hiding and, eventually, moved to the United States, where she taught at Harvard and Yale. Soon after, she recalled, was the tragedy of September 11. "When 9-11 happened I felt that the terror I knew back home had somehow followed me here," Al-Suwaij said.

Al-Suwaij addressed the war in

## “Two Women” tell the tale of the Iranian Revolution

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For Global Understanding week the film "Two Women" was shown at Monmouth University. The film, which was written and directed by Tahmineh Milani, focuses on the lives of two women and how the Iranian revolution of 1979 has negatively affected the way women are viewed in the culture.

The film centers around the lives of Roya and Fereshteh; two Iranian architect students whose lives are dramatically controlled by the patriarchal society around them. While Roya is able to follow her ambitions and succeed despite the obstacles placed against her by her culture, Fereshteh is unfairly tortured by it.

The film depicts the unfair treatment of women after the Iranian revolution in 1979.

The divide between men and women in the middle eastern culture begins at a young age. Dr. Saliba Sarsar of Monmouth University helped lead the panel discussion after the movie. Sarsar said that while boys will enter education in science and mathematics, girls will, "help their mothers take care of the house and help watch their siblings."

Dr. Katherine Parkin of Monmouth University, also helped to lead the panel discussion on the movie.

Before the movie began Parkin said that it was important to pay attention for the, "revolution in the streets and the individual action" taking place in the movie. These are both important examples of the ways in which the

Iranian culture is still developing.

Sarsar pointed out that middle eastern cultures are highly "patriarchal" and men are very intent on, "keeping women in their place."

Indeed in the movie there are many times when the character, Fereshteh, is being verbally abused by a man that she knows. The men scream at her and expect her to listen because she is a woman.

"Two Women" raised a lot of questions from the audience about the middle eastern culture such as, will the divide between men and women ever come to an end.

The film and the panel discussion both positively contributed to Global Awareness week, and taught those at Monmouth the importance of learning about other people's cultures.

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## The Perils of Living On Campus

KRISTEN RENDA  
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Living on campus seems like a convenient perk to going to Monmouth, especially when you live in the apartments on the main side of campus. At least that's what I thought when I started my senior year living in the Garden Apartments. The dining hall is right next door, all of my classes were in Plangere which was right across the lawn, I had my own bedroom, and things seemed great. However things aren't as glamorous as they appear.

Throughout the semester we have had problems with the fire alarms going off randomly a few times in the night causing us to go outside in the cold at around three in the morning. Also, the walls are extremely thin and going to sleep is very difficult when raging parties are happening next door and

above you. Calling the police doesn't help because the noise will stop for about 10 minutes and then it will start right back up again. Many times throughout the year I have found myself getting in my car in the middle of the night to sleep at a friends house.

All of that I have dealt with, and said maybe it will get better (and it has), but last week an event occurred that threw me over the edge. My roommate and I found a mouse in our apartment and we went nuts. We couldn't figure out how it could've possibly gotten in the apartment or what to do. We wanted to call facilities, but it was after hours so we called the police station like we were told to do if it were an emergency.

I told the woman who answered that there was a mouse in our apartment and if they could come over and do something and she simply told me that they don't deal

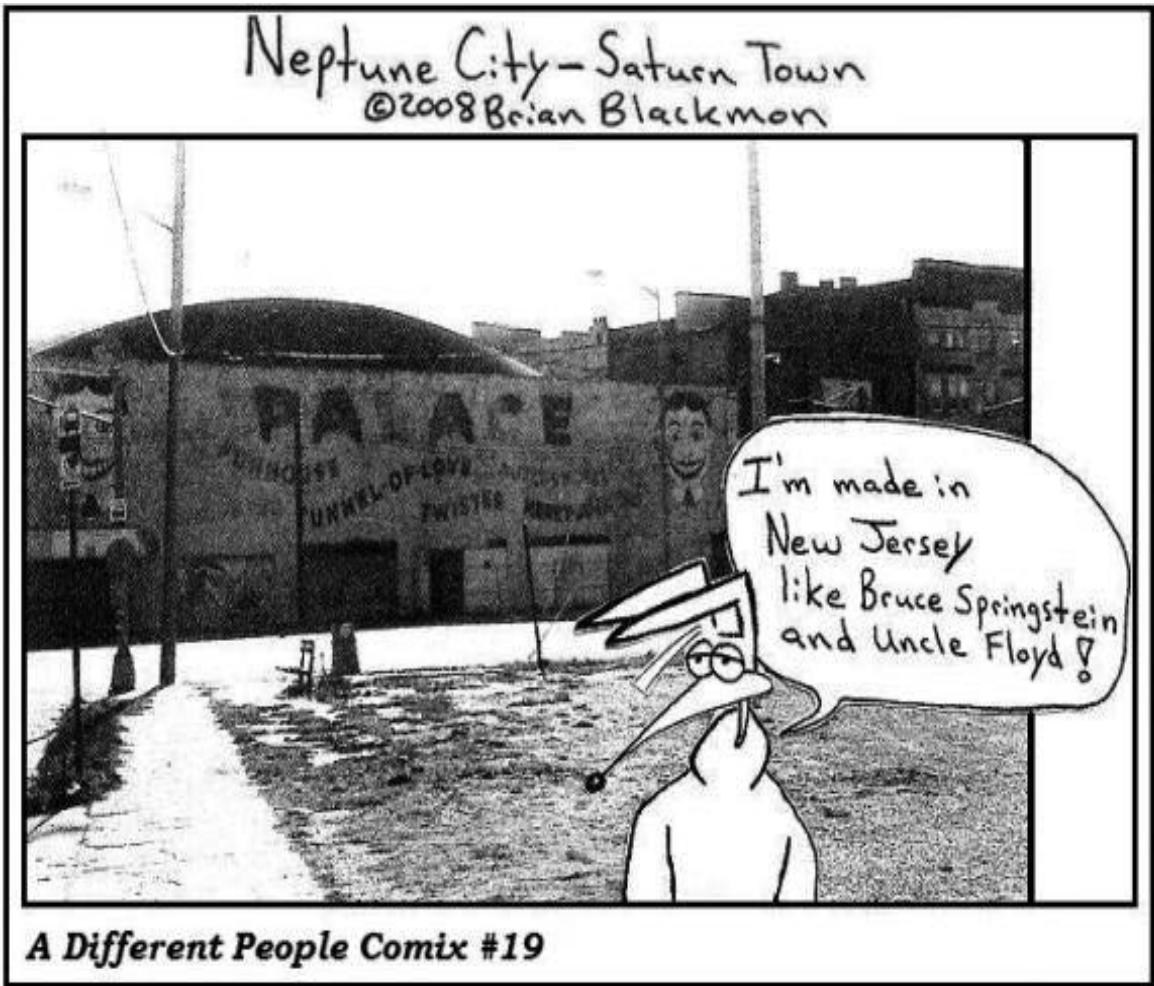
with situations like that. I'm sorry but what are we paying all of this money for to live on campus if facilities won't help us out when we need them to? I found that ridiculous so my roommate bought a trap and for the past week we've been trying to catch the rodent but have had no luck.

I still found it odd that facilities wouldn't do anything, so I sent an e-mail to residential life seeing if maybe they could do anything. Sure enough facilities was supposed to come to our apartment and lay out traps for us.

Hopefully within the next few days someone will help us out so I can stop sleeping elsewhere, but until then, this is a warning to all of those underclassmen looking to continue living on campus. I know the commuter parking lot is a dreadful thing to deal with, but it's better than having constant problems for an entire year.

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# The ‘Are We There Yet’ Story

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That July morning mom was like a rabid rottweiler as we were all scrambling to gather our belongings. She snarled at us from below the staircase to hurry us up. On the other hand, dad was composed as he smoked his Black & Mild cigarette outside in the driveway. He was taking his time as he organized everything we threw his way into the back of our 1993 Dodge Caravan, my grandpop slept on the lawn chair toiling on his tan.

My sisters and I seized every pound of clothing we owned, including our endless amounts of colored flip-flops (you never know what color you are going to wear, so you better be safe and just pack them all), favorite night-gown, the slippers with the rabbit head attached to the front, and at least 10 bathing suits along with the must have cover-up. In addition to the clothing, my youngest sister, Alaina tried to bring 20 board games and she would make sure we played them all.

My sisters and I would try to cram a room full of “necessary” items into our small sized duffel bags. We each made sure we packed in our respective carriers; they were embroidered with our names on the front in a Pepto-Bismol shade. Grandmom thought it was the best Christmas gift anyone could ever receive; even God himself could not fathom a more creative gift.

My mom was still yelling, “get down here, get ready to run along side of the car if you all aren’t down here in two minutes!” So Amelia, Alaina and I zipped up our bags and tossed them over the railing, hoping not to smack the grimace beast screaming from below. At that point we were about to embark on the car ride to our summer vacation.

As soon as the sliding door of our mini-van closed, I knew there was no turning back. We

waved bye to our house and set off on a week long adventure together, even our dog, Fluffy, and Alaina’s pet snake, Spot, were aboard the ship. I was always embarrassed to be seen in my parents’ mini-van. I remember hiding my face when we were stopped at a light or

We were only five minutes into the ride and I was suffocating. In the same car with my dad, mom, two sisters, a dog, a snake and my grandfather there was no chance for survival. My dad was singing Steely Dan lyrics (to this day I have no idea who was in the Steely

and mom praised her Marlboro Light 100’s. I was suffocating once again.

All of the sudden, Amelia screeched so deafening that I thought someone pulled the fire alarm. Fluffy was vomiting. Not only was our tranquil mutt throwing up, she was projectile vomiting. Amelia, sitting in the row behind me alongside Alaina and the two pets, was covered in a chunky brown mess. The stench was unforgettable. After hearing the shriek, my dad immediately stopped the van. With the force of the car’s halt, Alaina, who was laughing at the situation, was jolted into Amelia’s lap of the chunky brown mess. Mom tossed back one of the beach towels to the last row of seats and barked, “We can’t waste valuable sun time on the beach, clean yourself up.”

To my left, grandpop was sleeping. His neck stretched as far back as it could, to where his jaw was precisely propped open. Every now and then his neck would bob and he would snort, falling on me. I took it upon myself to tighten his seatbelt just enough to wake him up without him knowing who.

After the car’s temperature reached 100 degrees it soon became appropriate for my sisters and me to ask, “Are we there yet?” Although mom despised dad’s choice of music, she turned the knob ever so slightly to drown out our gripe.

As if the ride wasn’t already the trip out of a Chevy Chase film, Spot the snake went missing. Somehow Spot managed

to wrap around dad’s arm and force him to veer off the road. Our BMW of a van went 4-wheel-driving, without the 4-wheel choice. I submerged myself into the seat, rubbing my eyes, either hoping it was a dream, or thinking how good my chances were to hitchhike back home to western Jersey.

Only three of our drag-race wheels had hubcaps now, and the latch to our trunk broke. I cried for our grandmother’s embroidered bags that were now in the swampy marsh along the side of the road. Alaina made sure every piece of her board game was intact. Dad changed the one flat tire and assembled the donut wheel. Due to the broken fastener the luggage had to be piled in between our seats, leaving enough leg room for the snake.

I prayed for the ride to be complete. The signs for Ocean City could not have come at a better time. Between grandpop’s need for a diaper change, dad’s music taste, Fluffy’s stomach-bug, Amelia’s new outfit, Alaina’s snake, mom’s radical attitude, and everything in between I was ready for a vacation.

I could smell the salt water and the low-tide of the bay (maybe that was grandpop and not the low-tide), but sure enough I needed a vacation from the vacation already. We were finally there. The entire journey better be worth the seven-day family vacation we were about to embark on.

I forgot one thing... the car-ride back.

**As soon as the sliding door of our mini-van closed, I knew there was no turning back. We waved bye to our house and set off on a week long adventure together.**

passed by kids my age walking on the sidewalk, in fear of utter humiliation.

Our van was a bluish silver color and it had only two hubcaps, because the other two were stolen in Philadelphia by some hoodlum while my dad was working. There was duct tape on the right rearview mirror from the time we were playing softball in the backyard. The bat accidentally flew out of my hands and landed on the mirror. Even the ball collided into the windshield, leaving a tiny crack (I thought dad would never notice). Air-conditioning was out of the question. In addition to our immaculate vehicle there was a huge dent on the left sliding door from when my grandpop backed into it. Four years later he still swears that some crazy “young person” was speeding by, lost control of the wheel and smashed into the side.

“Kids these days just don’t have any guilt when they damage other people’s property,” he laments. Grandpop always seems to deposit blame on others to cover up for his old age. We let him think we believe him; no one ever had the heart to tell him he is too old to drive.

Dan band) making my sisters and I non-stop complainers. We would much rather be listening to the better “dad music” like The Doors, Tom Petty, The Steve Miller Band, or even Billy Joel, but no. Instead he made our ears bleed with the words of Steely Dan.

My mom, sitting in the passenger seat had her bathing suit on underneath her clothes, while her black curly hair was pinned back with the sunglasses upon her head. I would see her slap my dad’s leg when he would hit a large bump in the road on purpose or sing at the top of his lungs with the nasal flem sound attached to each note. There was one thing my parents had in common, smoke. Dad puffed his Black & Mild

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# Peace Demonstration to Bring the Troops Home

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On April 10, Thursday afternoon, a peace demonstration took place outside the Stafford

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student center that was both moving and dynamic. The warm weather mirrored the human spirit that pervaded the event, giving hope to what is becoming an increasingly bleak situation. There was quite a turnout.

The crowd included students, employees, speakers, and children alike, all understanding that true and lasting change comes down to the individual. Individuals brought together by a healthy disgust and anger over the war in Iraq, it became clear that strength certainly does

come in numbers.

The vertical cost of the war was made apparent through speakers like Sue Niederer, whose son, Lt. Seth J. Dvorin, died while defusing one of the

now infamous IEDs. Although the Lieutenant gave his life to save several of his fellow soldiers, the overall assertion at this demonstration seemed to be that he and his comrades should not have been in Iraq in the first place.

Following Ms. Niederer’s heart and gut wrenching speech were covers of classic anti-war songs from the Vietnam era. Tunes like “I Feel Like I’m Fixin’ To Die Rag” by Country Joe McDonald and Elvis Costello’s “(What’s So Funny ‘Bout) Peace, Love, and

Understanding” rang out with haunting relevance in the balmy April air.

The correlations between Iraq and Vietnam continued when Reverend Robert Moore took the podium.

“Five years too many. Out of Iraq now!” was his rallying cry and it really gave voice to the notion of the demonstration as a whole. He urged participants and passersby to speak up and oppose our current administration’s arrogant defiance of the people’s will, specifically Bush asking Congress for an additional \$102 Billion to continue the war.

The reverend also pointed out several of the lies, manipulations, and misinformation perpetrated by our president and his associates. Such as our current “withdrawal”, which, in actuality is just a removal of the 30,000 troops we added during the so called “surge”. His imploration that we remain vigilant and continue to scrutinize the actions of our government is a concept that this country needs to return to.

Councilman Jim Keady fol-

lowed with his speech, asserting that such questioning of authority is not only essential to our freedom, but an important aspect of patriotism. He continued by saying that we should strive to understand our enemies rather than attempt destroy them. Meeting

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ignorance and violence with the same will do nothing but compound the situation. Father Brian Butch of Holy Innocents Church was next, following a few readings of poems on the topics of war, peace, and the relationship between the two. Having spent a lot of time at the side of our returning servicemen, he gave alarming insight into the way our government is treating our veterans.

He also spoke of the inspir-

ing strength that they exhibited, despite the horrors that they’ve endured.

Thereafter, Steve Hildner, an assistant from Congressman Holt’s office, brought some interesting points about this university’s president to light. Spe-

cifically his ties to various war profiteers, amongst them, Lockheed-Martin, which is one of the largest.

Overall, the demonstration was beautiful and restored this writer’s faith in his generation. Courage, commitment, and understanding were all exhibited and are qualities that will bring about meaningful and sustainable peace. Hopefully, there won’t be a need for such a gathering next year.

# Love, Sex and Beyond

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On Tuesday, April 8, the Catholic Center hosted a Theology talk, led by Father Joseph Jakub, called “Love, Sex and Beyond”, in the Student Center’s Java City. Many of the active Catholic Center members attended the event along with some guests that were interested to hear about the subject. Coffee and desserts were on the Center that was their angle to get students to attend the event to listen and to discuss after.

This was the last Theology Java City Talk in a series that has lasted this school year. The previous discussions have ranged from evolution to exorcism.

Jen Masterangelo, a freshman, History and Political Science major, stated, “I love the Java Talks that the Catholic Center hosts; they are informative and interesting. Plus, I love the free coffee that I get. Free coffee is good.”

Father Joseph Jakub wrote his college thesis on the topics of love, sex and the beyond. He stated that the church has many thoughts on sex and everything related to love. The church knows what is good.

“God has to be the very center of every relationship,” stated Father Jakub. “Our culture is based on fulfilling your own needs, but that’s not the way a relationship should work. I a relationship you need to give yourself to your spouse to be involved in a healthy relationship

Jakub believes that it is good for males and females to be attracted to one another. Adam and Eve brought sin into the world. The church believes that God made man and woman different so that they could complete each other and make one another whole. The church believes that the true meaning of sex has been reduced by the media. Sex should only happen between two lovers expressing themselves; their giving a part of whom they are to one another. Relationships that are sexually active are painful when

they end, because you have “given yourself” to the other person in the broken relationship.

Mr. Jakub, a head leader of the Monmouth University Catholic Center, brought up the word “shame.” Women who perform in pornography are shamed. A thought was brought up at the talk that “Women use sex to earn love,” while “Men use love to get sex.” Everyone at the Theology talk seemed to agree on this point, and the point that pornography does not show love, it only shows sexual actions.

Gabby Furmato, a sophomore, Math and Education major, stated, at the talk, how the topics that Father Jakub was discussing related to the talks that were held at Focus, a retreat which few of the MU Catholic Center members attended in this past Winter Break, in January 2008.

Father brought up how being a Priest is a sacrifice. Priests are men, they have manly feelings, but they have donated their hearts to serve God. He stated, “Knowing and living what the Catholic Center believes makes us all happier in our lives. We take a while to learn right from wrong, but every time we fall, God helps us up.”

Father Jakub stated that “Human love is given by God.”

Anna Clemency, a junior, Music Industry major, stated, “Tonight was a very insightful event; Father Jakub was very honest and open with his answers to us all. The insight he provided to us showed us through church teachings how truly deep and exciting love can be in a lasting relationship.”

Sean, a senior, History and Political Science major, stated, “Tonight was very insightful and honest.”

“I think that the talk was very timely and effective in helping me and my fellow Catholic Center members understand the churches teachings,” Ashley Hoppee, a sophomore, History, Political Science and Education major stated, at the close of the event.

# Water Watch, Monmouth Review Host Open Mic Night

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In the middle of the Monmouth University Practice Field, on Friday, April 11, during the 2008 Relay for Life at Monmouth University, Water Watch and the MU Review hosted an Open Mic Night. The night was lead by Mary Grace Murphy, a junior English major, Sara Werner, a junior, English, Writing and Theatre major, Jen Ernst, a junior, English major and Chelsea Pallermo, a junior, English major.

“Tonight’s Open Mic Night is held in the honor of Earth Day, April 22 and in recognition of National Poetry Month, the month of April.” Mary Grace Murphy stated, “Sara Werner and I planned this event to give MU students a creative outlet for expressing their true feelings about destruction of our natural environment, which is horrible!”

Mary Grace Murphy and Sara Werner began the event with an opening speech to the audience, and President Gaffney made an announcement to recognize the racers for the Relay for Life, which was happening around the Open Mic. Gaffney was dress as a woman, from the Miss Relay event. The crowd was stunned, to say the least.

Bill Palmer, a freshman, Marine Biology major, approached the stage first to perform My Sixth String a song which he had written last week. Bill had the audience applauding to his hit!

Nick Ortenzio, Mary Grace Murphy’s boyfriend, took the stage next. He performed a cover.

Diana Stango, a Psychology and Counseling Graduate student read some of her self written Haikus, the following her, Veronica Rajadnya read her own poetry. Veronica began her reading with a happy poem, and then bummed the crowd out with a sad reading.

The audience was graced with the vocal styling of Michael Dante Summonte, a senior, Music Industry major. Michael played a tune

that he himself had written and named it, there, on the stage, The Turning Tide.

“Michael is very talented; his song was moving.” Veronica Rajadnya stated as Michael played, “That song was sick!”

Sara Werner stated, “The performance that Michael gave was very audience centered, he spoke to the crowd throughout his playing. Awesome!”

Girls from the Alpha Sigma Tau (AST) Sorority, Kate and the Upspies performed Elton John’s Tiny Dancer, and the audience all sang along with girls. Following the song, the girls crazily sand Felies Navi Dad.

The trumpet was played by Matthew Monkan, a sophomore, Software Engineering major.

finished on stage.

“It’s anchor time! Michael Dante Summonte was awesome, so he will perform again!” Mary Grace Murphy announced, “Give it up for Michael!”

Girl by the Beatles was then performed by Michael. “I hope that you’ve all heard of the Beatles” he announced before he began to play!

Some poetry was read by Chad Esposito, junior, Psychology major. “It’s really different to have the Open Mic Night out here, but it’s great to see people’s talents at the Relay,” Chad stated, after his performance.

A Looney Tunes Song was played by Bill Palmer, and then Veronica Rajadnya took the stage once again to read a poem about a Professor.

## “Katie and Michael captured the sound of the Beatles like no other at 2 a.m.”

RICKY CORPORN  
Student

Water Watch’s Earth Day clean up was announced by Mary Grace Murphy. The event is happening next Saturday, April 19th, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., at the Park in Middletown. “Come out and help!” Mary announced, in the middle of the Open Mic Night.

Vertical Horizon’s Gray Sky in the Morning was next performed by Max Omictin, a senior Biology major.

MU students, Chelsea Palemo and Sean Turner, performed a Beatles cover, Black Bird. Chelsea and Sean were successful in getting the audience into the hit and singing along.

“Black Bird is my favorite Beatles hit!” Bill Palmer stated, as it was being performed.

The 2 performers, Chelsea Palemo and Sean Turner, continued to please the audience by playing tunes, and they received a huge round of applause after they were

“Veronica caused a storm as she read!” Sara Werner stated; it began to pour outside the Open Mic’s tent.

Christina Pisanello, senior, Biology major, read a poem, and then the night moved into the Boylan gymnasium along with the Relay for Life walkers.

The Open Mic Night continued in the gym. Katie North, a junior, Communications major, sang and played Beatles I Wanna Hold Your Hand, along with Michael Dante Summonte.

“Katie and Michael captured the sound of the Beatles like no other at 2 a.m.” Ricky Corpron, junior, English Education major, jokingly stated.

The night wrapped up around 2:30 a.m., along with the Relay for Life ending. “Tonight was a success,” Sara Werner stated at the close of the event, “Rain or shine, we’re always full of life!”

# Easy to Break

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Iran hasn’t been very helpful, and Syria has been very lax with monitoring orders so the Al-Qaeda have been crossing the borders.

“We had very unrealistic assumptions on decisions to go to war. We thought that the economy would be easily fixed and that the neighbors would be please about the removal of Saddam,” she said. “It was ideologically driven, not logically, by people who believe in democracy. There was insufficient planning and little attention paid to what was going to happen after the war was won. Our decision to become occupiers was a big mistake, many people resented it.”

Also, Iran has become an issue since the invasion of Iraq. They were please that Saddam has been removed, but now that we are close in proximity they have established an intelligence network and they got nervous when the security in Iraq deteriorated. However, by 2007 they settled down since they were less afraid of things

spinning out of control.

“It’s hard to predict what they will do next,” she said. “There’s also a whole other context of issues with them. We want to make them a positive force.”

Unfortunately, the withdrawal of troops is not feasible right now. “The Iraqi timetable of stability will take longer, so we can’t withdraw too soon. It would be irresponsible.” She said. “We need to maintain a strong presence in the area so they keep taking us seriously.”

Patience is definitely a virtue in this case. Long-term, the U.S. is optimistic as the Iraqis are capable, smart, tough and determined people.

“We need to be patient,” said Raphel. “We owe it to the Iraqi troops, the U.S. soldiers and their families, and the civilians of Iraq.”

Raphel now provides counsel to multinational corporations, foreign countries and other organizations to advocate their U.S. based interests in Washington and U.S. corporations to meet business challenges abroad. She has many years of experience in the State Department, the Depart

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# THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

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Traveling on the weekends is really exciting, but with the semester coming to a close so quickly, I'm really trying to appreciate every second in London. There are still so many things to do and so many places to see right here in this city.

I am trying to spend all my time soaking up London to the fullest, because who knows when I'll get to come back. This town has become like a second home to me and it's going to be very hard to leave in a few short weeks.

My parents came to visit for all of last week and we had an amazing time together. It was fun being a tour guide and showing them all the sights.

We took a day trip to Stonehenge and Bath, saw the West End production of Chicago, had afternoon tea, shopped at Harrods, walked across Abbey Road, and my mom conquered her fear of heights as we rode on the London Eye.

The first few days were beautiful out and my parents and I really enjoyed strolling around London's gorgeous



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A look back at just one of the many trips Monmouth Study Abroad students have taken. The beautiful scenery that can be seen while Pony Trekking through Whales.

Royal Parks. They got to experience a rare occurrence of snowfall in London, which was pretty exciting.

We also went to Plat-

form 9 3/4 at the King's Cross train station. All you Harry Potter fans will know what I'm talking about!

My parent's week long visit went by so quickly, but we had a really amazing time. I wish they could have stayed longer because there were still so many more things to see!

I've been able to experience so many great things here that I probably would have never done if I hadn't studied abroad. I spent a weekend exploring Stockholm, Sweden, ate delicious waffles and chocolate in Belgium, went pony-trekking in Wales, celebrated St. Patrick's Day in Ireland, and spent Spring Break on a week

of music and simply living life to the fullest.

I will miss every little thing about this city and this school. I think I will even miss the random hail storms that I always get caught in!

This weekend coming up will be my last weekend traveling in Europe while I'm here. I am

long journey through Italy.

My favorite part of all though has just been living here in London. It has been such an adventure finding my way around this city, meeting new people, listening to new types

going on the school weekend trip to Edinburgh, Scotland.

The rest of my time will be spent enjoying every second in London. I cannot tell you enough how this has been the best time of my life.

I seriously suggest that everyone look into studying abroad. London was the perfect fit for me, but there are so many other places to study as well.

This has been a once in a lifetime experience for me and I will have wonderful memories of it for the rest of my life.



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The impressive aerial view of the Swiss Alps that passengers aboard a flight from Venice to London were able to view through their plane windows.



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A snapshot of the famous Guinness logo located outside of the Guinness Factory in Dublin, Ireland.

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# Everyone Can Love NYC, Even on a Student's Budget

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The time has come to put away the winter jackets, prepare for warmer weather and finally start getting outside to enjoy spring. However, it may still be a little too cold to go to the beach, so we must utilize other options to take in those breaths of fresh air. A great idea that can be a weekend or a simple day trip is something very close to Monmouth – New York City. It is easy and cheap to travel there, and there are hundreds of things you can do.

You are probably thinking, “New York City is way too expensive for me.” However, there are actually lots of things that you can take advantage of that fit perfectly

sunny spring days we’ve been having. Also, if you just want to go play in a park, there are obviously many to choose from.

If you are a history or art fanatic, there are plenty of free museums to visit. For example, New York Unearthed is a museum dedicated to New York’s archeological heritage. If you’re into the arts, the Beaux Art Museum is also free. If it’s a really nice day out, you can check out the outdoor museum called the Socrates Sculpture Park in Long Island City. Of course, there are the big museums such as the Museum of Modern Art that everyone should see, and



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The Museum of Modern Art, more commonly known as MOMA, is a great place for anyone to check out whether you’re into art, history or both.

lots of cruises around NYC that can be great for even warmer weather. Also even if you’re in NYC, don’t think that just because you left Monmouth that you can’t still enjoy the beach. There are plenty of nice beaches around the area if you are tired of all of the hustle and bustle of the city streets. There’s Coney Island, Great Kills Park in Staten Island, Rockaway Beach in Queens, the Gateway National Recreation Area in Brooklyn, and many more.

If you’d like more information on fun things to do for a weekend or day trip in NYC, you can visit [Nycvisit.com](http://Nycvisit.com). There are lots of suggestions, tips, deals and tricks for getting around the city and what to do so you can plan your day ahead of time. Also, check out [Hopstop.com](http://Hopstop.com) to help you find your way around if you haven’t visited the city a lot. Enjoy the weather, it will be a nice break from classes and finals.



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The Central Park Summerstage is a great, fun way to see live bands when the weather gets nicer out. Bryant Park is another place to check out for live concerts and free shows outside during warm weather months.

certain days and pay-what-you-wish museums along with the ones listed above. Another example is the Sony Wonder Technology Lab.

Some more outdoor activities to enjoy that are free or very cheap include the many performances at the Central Park Summerstage. Also, if you are into blues, rock and R&B you can see live performances at the BB King Blues Club & Grill right in Times Square. Bryant Park also has a lot of free concerts and live shows once the weather gets nice.

Of course, it is a good idea to save some money to enjoy the other wonders of NYC – especially the Broadway shows. Not all of the tickets are as outrageously priced as one may think. If you keep your eyes peeled and check online there are lots of great deals on Broadway tickets.

If you’re feeling very ambitious in saving your pennies, there are



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The BB King Blues Club & Grill features many live bands throughout the year that you can check out.

into a student’s budget, and by this I mean absolutely free.

NYC sponsors many free walking tours of the city. Even if you’ve been to the city many times, there is so much to see there may have been things you missed or that you don’t know all of the information about. For example, the Alliance for Downtown New York leads a free 90 minute walking tour. Also, The Central Park Conservancy Tours have themed walks such as, “Waterways and Vistas” that would be perfect for the nice,

these only suggest a donation, but it is not required.

If you’re looking for free adventures, you should keep an eye out for special days. The Bronx Zoo, for example, has pay-what-you-wish Wednesdays and is a great attraction for the little kid still living inside that ever-growing and maturing college student.

If you’re into World War II and Holocaust history, the Jewish Museum is free from 10am until 5:45pm on Saturdays. There are many other free on



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# Concerns on the Border

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Over the past several years, illegal immigration has been a hot topic for politicians and Americans everywhere in the United States. This issue has caused so much controversy, that as this article is being written, a 700 mile fence is being constructed between the border of four American states and six Mexican states, to stop the flow of illegal immigrants from Mexico.

This topic has gotten a lot of attention from the media, on television, radio, and even in newspapers. However, we must be aware that illegal immigration is not the only thing occurring along the border between the US and Mexico. There are more impacting, eye opening concerns that directly affect both Mexico and the United States: environmental concerns.

As part of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Understanding Convention at Monmouth, the film “Borderline Cases” was presented at the Wilson Hall auditorium at 6:00 p.m. It was hosted by Professor Julia Riordan-Goncalves, from the Department of Foreign Language Studies.

“Borderline Cases” is a film that presents the environmental concerns of many Mexicans living along the Texas-Northern Mexico border, because of US and Canadian owned “maquiladoras,” or assembly plants. US-owned companies must dispose of waste and toxic chemicals on American territory, but some companies leave their waste in Mexico, out in the open. The residents of this region are exposed to many hazardous chemicals and waste water that are released by the assembly plants, which cause several health problems. The film, produced in 1997, effectively shows that not only are the environmental issues an important matter for Mexicans, but also for Americans.

In Northern Mexico, some main cities share a border with several American cities. Not only do these cities share the border, but they also share the negative effects of

the dangerous chemicals discarded by the “maquiladoras.” For example, Matamoros, one of the cities in Mexico, borders Brownsville, Texas. In 1997, there were 94 US or Canadian owned assembly plants, between two to five miles of border in both cities. Matamoros was once lined with palm trees, but after exposure to the toxic chemicals, many parts of the city are now barren. The chemicals also put in jeopardy the health of employees that work in the “maquiladoras.” Many pregnant female employees and their children suffer the effects. Several children in Matamoros were born with birth defects, such as retardation and malformations, because of the chemicals. In Brownsville, Texas the fous smells from the “maquiladoras” traveled miles into the city, making the atmosphere uncomfortable for the residents.

Another example is Ciudad Juarez, in Mexico, which is home to 300 “maquiladoras”, of which very few have waste water treatment plants. The dirty water from the assembly plants travels into a channel, which then leads to a river. On the other side of the border, the residents of El Paso, Texas experience bad air quality. However, compared to Ciudad Juarez, El Paso government officials better implement regulations to deal with the problem. New industry is limited, many cars have filters to contribute less air pollution, and car inspections are mandatory at least once a year to make sure cars are working properly. This is not the case in Ciudad Juarez, where the problem still persists and people suffer from respiratory diseases and skin illnesses.

Government officials in Mexico have tried to relieve the environmental concerns in their cities, but in some cases, they are not successful. It is important to mention that environmental laws in Mexico are fairly new; the country started issuing laws in 1980. The problem is that even though there are laws, they are not enforced and are not stringent enough. On the bright

side, Mexican officials have made agreements and treaties with the United States, through NAFTA North American Free Trade Agreement) to help control and solve environmental issues in both countries. Several waste water treatment plants have been installed near “maquiladoras” in Matamoros and other cities. Also, many assembly plants have acquired scrubbers and stacks to reduce air pollution, and cars have been undergoing inspections and tune-ups every year. Although some progress has been made, the environmental and health concerns still persist. Fortunately, the Mexican government and the United States government keep co-operating to find a solution.

The “Borderline Cases” film provoked positive reactions to Monmouth students. When asked what he thought about the film, freshman Linwood Pitt said, “I didn’t know pollution from factories was affecting so many families. [The movie] gave different perspectives from employees and town people...” He also added that the film was very informative. The film received positive feedback from several students and overall, it was a success. The filmmakers achieved their goal: to raise awareness about the negative environmental and health effects of assembly plants in Mexico and the United States. Thanks to Professor Riordan-Goncalves for showing this film and helping us become aware of what is happening in our neighboring country, which affects us too.

As we have seen, there are other concerns regarding the border between Mexico and the United States. Illegal immigration is an issue, but we must also work together to help find solutions to the “maquiladoras” and the discarding of their hazardous chemicals. A border is not only an invisible line that divides the two countries, but something that compels them to share a common goal: to propose resolutions that benefit both sides of the border.

# Holocaust Awareness Video Presented during Global Understanding Convention

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Among the many seminars and presentations for last week’s Global Understanding Convention (GUC), the Holocaust Awareness video presented by Anne Fish, a Social Work graduate student on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 in Magill Common Club 108, fit the theme of individual responsibility and collective actions well.

The video presentation was held at 3:00 p.m. and was attended by students, professors, and Fish was told by a guest from Bangladesh that she should branch out on an international level because people in Bangladesh barely know about the Holocaust.

“A lot of people don’t know a lot about the Holocaust and this is an age when people don’t believe that it happened, so that is one of our motivations,” said Fish. “Some of our other motivations were the swastika incident on campus last year and the fact that the population of Holocaust survivors is ageing out. Most of the survivors are in their 80s and we need to learn their stories.” Fish worked on this project with Jodi Touboul for their Human rights and Social Justice class with Dr. Capshaw for a qualitative research project. This was the third time that the video had been shown and was nominated by their classmates to be shown at the end of the year.

“I was careful about who I choose,” Fish said. “I didn’t want to interview reluctant people because that would make them uncomfortable or upset.”

The video showed a couple that had survived the Holocaust together as newlyweds and a woman who lost her entire family.

“The video was extremely informative and eye opening because I have never personally met a Holocaust survivor,” said Melissa Roach, a sophomore communication major. “It makes you appreciate the good things in life and you fully realize

the suffering that Jewish people went through.”

The first to be interviewed on the video was the couple that had survived as newlyweds. They had only been married a few weeks and after being separated for a while, the wife hired a man to find her new husband.

“I didn’t realize that the couple survived together and it was interesting because they survived as newlyweds,” said Fish. “They touched upon it lightly and I knew that they were the kind of people that others could fall in love with. It made it very real and very human and easy to empathize.”

“The couple was really endearing because, one, they survived together, and two, they were extremely cute,” said Roach. “The woman was able to finish her husband’s sentences and he didn’t even mind. What made the story more personal was their interaction and their display of affection.”

The second woman to be interviewed had her entire family sent to Auschwitz after she had been arrested, then sent away under a different name by the recommendation of her uncle. A SS officer who decided to let her go after talking with his wife about her is one of the reasons she survived the Holocaust.

“I interviewed her for a social service and at first she appeared needy, but when she had the chance to be the teacher, she became different,” said Fish. “She addressed 60 teachers from Ocean County area who have Holocaust studies so they could teach it more efficiently.”

“I was interested in the story about the woman who lost her entire family because it made me empathize with her,” Roach said. “It was saddening and made me want to cry along with her because it seemed to be still fresh in her mind. It’s not like you can ever get over something as traumatic as what she went through.”

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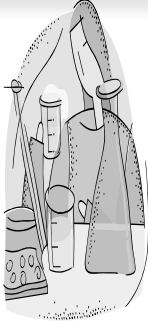
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Idol Gives Back

New Kids on the Block Reunited

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The rich and famous came together this week on *American Idol* for *Idol Gives Back*, where the show raises money for causes all over the world. The top 12 contestant of *American Idol* took calls up on the stage at the studio. The show also broadcasted from the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles, where all the celebrity performances took place.

In the beginning of the show, host Ryan Seacrest announced that *American Idol* had raised over 15 million dollars just from their sponsors alone, including News Corporation, Ford, Coca-Cola, iTunes, ExxonMobil, AT&T, Allstate, and M.A.C. Aids Fund. He continued to update America on the rising total all throughout the special two-hour episode.

*Idol Gives Back* included performances by Miley Cyrus, Annie Lennox, Carrie Underwood, Gloria Estefan, and Mariah Carey. Fergie performed with John Legend, and right after with Heart. The top eight *Idols* also performed “Seasons of

Whittaker, Reese Witherspoon, Alicia Keys, Miley and Billy Ray Cyrus, and Brad Pitt all took part in these reports. Daughtry also visited Africa and performed their song “What About Now” for the poverty-stricken.

Amidst all the sadness in these reports, *Idol* did not fail to deliver some comic relief. Jimmy Kimmell performed a comedy routine on Simon Cowell, and Robin Williams did a bit, acting as “the latest Russian Idol.”

Other celebrities that appeared either on stage or in videos asking America to donate included Julianne Moore, Adam Sandler, David and Victoria Beckham, Keifer Sutherland, Whoopi Goldberg, Ellen DeGeneres, Sarah Silverman, Keith Urban, Dane Cook, Vanessa Hudgens, Ashley Tisdale, Rob Schneider, Tyra Banks, David Spade. Ben Stiller also appeared after the close of the show, doing a quick skit arriving to an empty theatre for *Idol Gives Back*.

Gordon Brown, the Prime Minister of Britain, also appeared in a video. He pledged that his nation will give 200 million dollars to the cause, which is equivalent to 20 million nets that will prevent malaria from spreading in Africa.

*Idol Gives Back* raised over 60 million dollars from donations from both America and Canada. That total continues to rise, as the lines remain open, according to Seacrest. If you would like to donate, you can call 1-877-IDOL-AID, or 1-877-436-5243, or go to AmericanIdol.com for more information on other ways to donate.



Simon Cowell spends time with children in Africa.

Love” from RENT, and closed the show with “Shout to the Lord.”

Many of the celebrities traveled through America and Africa to report on conditions that many people are unfortunate to live in. Bono, the Manning brothers, Annie Lennox, Celine Dion, Simon Cowell, Forest

TAYLOR CORVINO  
ASSISTANT ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Nearly 14 years after the release of their last album, *Face the Music*, Bostonian boy band New Kids on the Block is reunited. Now grown men, these ex-teen heartthrobs, hope to reach out to their aged fans of the late 80’s and 90’s. The new album, which is still untitled, is set to drop this summer, followed by an international tour in the fall.

New Kids on the Block is comprised of five members: Jordan Knight, Jonathan Knight, Joey McIntyre, Donnie Wahlberg, and Danny Wood. At the height of their career, the quintet sold over 70 million albums worldwide, as well as countless concert tickets, t-shirts and lunchboxes to their adoring fe-

the members ventured into solo careers. Jordan Knight was one of the first to release his own solo album in 1999 and his single “Give it to You” reached #10 on the Billboard Hot 100 list.

Jordan’s brother Jonathan chose to leave the music industry all together and started a career in real estate, far from the watchful eyes of the media.

Joey McIntyre also tried the reins at a solo career. McIntyre released his album in 1999 as well, entitled *Stay the Same* where he too landed a spot at #10 on Billboard’s Hot 100 for his single “Stay the Same.” In 2001 he attempted to release his second solo album, *Meet Joe Mac*, which did not gain much media attention. McIntyre gave acting a try and starred in a season on the televi-

redemption — but not for us,” Wahlberg explained. “I want it to be redemption for the fans. I want them to feel entertained, to feel treated to something special. And I want them to be so satisfied by what they get that they’ll realize they weren’t crazy all those years ago — that they put their heart into the right place back then and that it was worth the wait to come back again.”

The group plans on kicking off an international tour in the fall following the release of their highly anticipated album. The guys will be performing their new songs as well as their old hits that got them on the charts.

“Our old songs aren’t necessarily standards — they were pretty sweet — but it’s going to be fun in a live show. People come to hear



Then and Now: New Kids on the Block members, Joey McIntyre, Jonathan Knight, Donnie Wahlberg, Jordan Knight, and Danny Wood are excited to reunite.

male fans around the world.

The group broke up in the mid-nineties after much success. “We were just fried. What happened to us in the span of a couple years was mind-blowing, and no one really knew what it was. We were learning as it went. A lot of groups today know the mold and plan accordingly. We didn’t start out with the idea that in two years we’d be playing stadiums. So by the end of our touring obligations in like 1992, we just want to go home,” explained band member Joey McIntyre.

Performing was in their blood and it was not long before some of

sion show *Boston Public* as well as the Broadway Musical *Wicked*.

Donny Wahlberg chose a different path and veered away from the music. Wahlberg started a movie career. Some of Wahlberg’s work includes roles in *The Sixth Sense*, *Band of Brothers*, as well as *Saw 2* and *Saw 3*.

Lastly, Danny Wood started his own record label based in his home town of Boston. Wood preferred to stay out of the spot light for awhile and work behind the scenes.

After years of refusing a reunion, all five guys agreed to give it another shot. “No, I want this to be

that music, so we’re going to sing it with basically the same sound,” said Wahlberg.

The band is getting a head start and headlining Z100’s annual Zootopia concert on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Izod Center, which is already sold out.

A lot is riding on the backs of the members of New Kids on the Block and everyone is eagerly waiting to see if their comeback will be a success. There is no doubt about it that their fans are excited and want take a nostalgic trip down memory lane with their favorite boy band. Be on the look out for the release of their new album this summer.

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# Soarin', Flyin', to Utah for the High School Musical 3 Auditions

## Monmouth Senior Tries Out for a Role in High School Musical 3

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This story is for anyone who has a dream and is willing to do whatever it takes to accomplish it. It's a story of travel, excitement, passion and most importantly a dream within reach.

Inspiration and opportunity can come from anywhere. They can come when you least expect it and in order to benefit from it you must be ready to pay the price. Opportunity came knocking on my door in the form of an audition. The email stated, "Congratulations, your audition will be on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 2:30pm in Studio 600." Probably anyone's reaction to getting an email with the first word being congratulations at the top would be elated and maybe even overly ecstatic to the point of unconsciousness. Then when they come to they might debate taking the opportunity or letting it wither away. Well, in this case my initial reaction, with no self doubt was, "How

am I going to get to Utah on such short notice?"

I have a life long dream to work for Disney, in any way or form. So when I found out there was auditions for the theatrical movie, *High School Musical 3* I submitted my Resume and Headshot at that same moment. A few weeks after submitting my information I received an email stating my opportunity was finally within my reach. After I got the ok from the "rents" to take this journey on my own to reach the pinnacle of my dreams, I began to look for flights and hotel accommodations for the day before my audition.

The audition notice didn't say much except, "Be prepared to dance, you must look like you are in High School, no photos and/or cell phones and portions of the audition may be filmed." I kept looking at this email over and over and I couldn't believe that this opportunity to be in a movie was actually happening to me.

A few days later it was time for me to take flight to Salt Lake City, Utah.

My parents were very encouraging, "Morris, we believe in you and we are so proud of you and no matter what happens we want you to realize that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity. So just put your heart out on that dance floor, we love you, call us!" After the heartfelt words were shared I was off to the airport. In the car on the way to Delta Air all I could think was, "Wait a minute, I hope I get on the right airplane!"

After my worst fear of gong on Delta 654 instead of Delta 782 disappeared, I began to think of what the choreographers might be looking for. As I sat on the airplane I listened to the songs from the first two movies (*High School Musical 1 & 2*) to get the vibe and rhythm of the music style, even though I have seen the movies a million times.

After 4 hours of cramped seats, screaming babies and all the peanuts I could ever ask for, I landed in Utah. I went to my hotel next, checked in and fell asleep right away on one of the two queen size beds, you've got

to love upgrades!

I woke up the next morning and opened the shades to the bright sun blazing in my eyes after hitting the peaks of the snow covered mountains and said, "Good morning Utah." Quickly, after my momentary memory lapse, I realized it was the morning of my audition. My heart began to race and I got a strange queasy feeling in my stomach. So I got dressed in my outfit to impress the judges and to make myself look a little younger than I currently am (I am currently 22 years old) and dashed to my cell phone which was on the brown wood desk on the other end of the room. I then created the predictable text saying, "I'm going for my audition, and I'll call you when it's over."

I walked out of my hotel room and the studio happened to be conveniently located a block away. When I walked through the double glass doors, the lyrics to a popular song popped into my head, "I knew everything I want I can do and that this was my time to shine and my place to find all that I have inside and my time to show what I must have always known that nothing is impossible and dreams come true." (Raven "This is my time") I was determined to meet new people and get the part in the movie.

I walked in, got my number, 874, and signed the audition and release papers. There were many other male dancers in the room because the audition days were split up between males and females. With all the competition, talent and passion in this one space it felt like the roof was literally going to blow off in the room.

We were then told to stretch and hang out in the area until we were all called in. I heard the new music blaring from the other room behind the closed doors while others auditioned. You could tell that I was getting pumped up and so were the other 50 people in the vicinity just by looking at the smiles on our faces. While in the small allotted waiting room space I felt like a little orange fish in a huge pond of piranhas but literally we were all sharks fighting for the same movie contract, it was a little daunting.

I began to slither around the area to try and find out more information on the audition process and what the other dancers' backgrounds were compared to mine. One guy I met, named Mike told me he had been dancing since age 3 and even tried out for the hit Fox show, *So You Think You Can Dance*. He told me, "I heard that the song we were going to be learning the choreography to today will be in the third film, how crazy?" Right after I heard my new friend's exciting words there was a dead silence in the other room. All of a sudden the doors burst open and 50 other dancers jetted into our neighborhood. The room was filled with sweat and dancers, not a fun time for my eyes and nose.

Finally, it was our time. The rest of us piled into the room where we all went to meet the director/choreographer of the movie, Kenny Ortega and the other choreographers who worked on the first two movies: Chucky Klapow and Bonnie Story. Kenny hap-

pened to be a really down to earth, cool guy but no one would ever think he is a choreographer by looking at his appearance. He wore black jeans and a t-shirt, had almost no hair and



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*High School Musical 3: Senior Year* hits theatres this fall.

did not have the physique of a dancer, but in my mind that all didn't matter because he was a legend in the dance and film world.

We were taught the choreography without the music and then the director said "play back" and the new song we were all anticipating to hear came on the speakers. The song was called "It Will Never End" and it had the cast singing, "For all these years we've stood together, friends forever now we are going to move on. The future is our divide, but our friendship, it will never end. Let's hold hands one more time. Enjoy the night, enjoy the memory, for it will never end." The words alone got the dancers excited and dancing their hearts out.

After we all danced we were called back in to dance in groups of five. This was the best part of the audition process but knowing only 18 male dancers would be chosen quickly changed my mindset to being focused and ready to perform.

I was so overjoyed to dance in front of the judges; it was such a euphoric feeling. After getting the entire dance from beginning to end and only having a few seconds before the numbers were pinned to our clothes for a callback. I stood there and my body was like a corpse totally frozen in its place. My group waited and waited while the judges conversed with each other and sadly my number was not called.

As I was walking out with my head held high, the casting director called me over. He told me, "You have drive and passion and you should really study dance because we all saw something in you today, but you've got to bring your technique up and you can become a great dancer."

That was the moment that made the whole trip worth it. "Happy are Those Who Dream Dreams and Are Ready to Pay the Price to Make Them Come True." I never doubted myself and I gave 150 percent that day and in the end I didn't lose because I gained an unforgettable experience and an inspiring audition. To hear those words come out of the casting director's mouth was something I never expected to happen, but when it did I knew that the choice I made was a right one.

Now people ask me, "Were you upset that you didn't make it?" I just say to them, "Trying out for *High School Musical 3* was one of the most unsurpassed experiences I have ever gone through. Since I decided to get on the plane and go to Utah, I got to live out one of my dreams and I will use this event to inspire me in whatever else I do in my life."

## This Season on Idol

VERONIQUE BLOSTEIN  
STAFF WRITER

Last week on *Idol* featured inspirational songs in honor of *Idol Gives Back*. Michael Johns opened the show with his rendition of "Dream On." He seemed to have improved even more. The judges didn't agree 100 percent. Judge Randy Jackson said he heard some pitch problems, and judge Simon Cowell said he preferred Johns' more r&b/blues sound from the week before.

Syesha Mercado took a leap by performing "I Believe," which was season three winner Fantasia's *Idol* single. While she did a good job, it was tough for the judges to not compare her to Fantasia. "What it lacked was that big, big wave of emotion," said Cowell.

Jason Castro performed the Israel Kamakawiwo'ole arrangement of "Over the Rainbow." He played on the yucelele, and while it was a good performance, his vocals did not seem strong enough to win. However, Jackson said, "That was the hottest tonight right there!" and Cowell referred to it as "fantastic."

Kristy Lee Cook's performance of "Anyway," really didn't seem to sparkle (in my eyes). It wasn't very exciting and was quite boring for the most part. Judge Paula Abdul, on the other hand, said, "I think you outdid yourself," and Cowell said she looked like a star.

(Why does it seem like the judges and I aren't on the same page this week?!) David Cook sang next, and this time, didn't live up to the bar he set several weeks ago. He started off

weird, and the whole performance was a bit awkward. Jackson said, "I'm not sure this was one of your strongest weeks." Cowell called it his "weakest performance," but approved of the writing of the words "give back" on Cook's palm, which he displayed in front of the camera at the end of his performance.

Carly Smithson started off the performance very well (giving me chills). However, there was a point where her pitch fell off, and she did not recover at any point throughout the rest of the song. She said she

be merely "pleasant" – nothing more, nothing less.

Because *Idol Gives Back* was scheduled to air Wednesday night (and because we all remember what the producers did regarding the results last year when they faked out Jordin Sparks, the season's winner, making her think she was going home, but announced they were not sending anyone home on a charity night), the results show aired on Thursday.

Sparks and Chris Brown performed their duet, "No Air," and host Ryan Seacrest presented Sparks with gifts from *Idol* to commemorate the sales of her album and singles. Also, throughout the show, celebrity clips continued to play, asking America to keep donating to *Idol Gives Back*.

As for the results, Mercado, Johns, and Smithson appeared in the bottom three. What happened next shocked America. Seacrest announced that Johns had received the lowest number of votes. Then, just when he began to make note of how last year no one was sent home during the week of *Idol Gives Back*, giving Johns a glimmer of hope that he'd be staying, he shot him down, telling him that he would be leaving *Idol* that night.

If the producers of *Idol* had no intention of keeping Johns, then why did they even bother to mention what happened last year? They could have just simply sent him home the way that they send every other contestant home. They did not have to be mean and tease him like that. Johns' face after looked pissed off, and I don't blame him. What *Idol* did was wrong, and they owe a HUGE apology.)

Seven contestants are left. Tune into *The Outlook* next week for the latest *Idol* review, and watch *Idol* (if you're not pissed off enough like my mother) this week to see what happens to the top seven.



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In a cruel results show, Michael Johns is sent home, after being teased whether or not he'd leave the show that night.

looked at Simon, which threw her off. (I don't know if I necessarily agree, but who knows.) Jackson called it "disconnected," and Abdul even said she "didn't feel engaged."


David Archuleta performed "Angels," and played on the piano while he sang. His vocals were great and he gave a solid performance. "That was your hottest moment," praised Jackson. Cowell commended Archuleta on having the best choice of song throughout the whole night.

Finally, Brooke White ended the show with "You've Got a Friend." While it was an improvement from the week before, she lacked a connection to the song and to the audience. Abdul considered it to be "the perfect way to close the evening," while Cowell believed it to





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# Opening Ceremony

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Chayes went on to speak about some of the difficulties of running such an operation in a war-torn country like Afghanistan.

“One of the biggest issues is trust. Nobody trusts anybody,” she said. The atmosphere of mistrust has caused the cooperative to adopt a non-nepotism rule that prevents the friends and family of members from working in the operation in order to avoid unfair majorities from forming. Trust is also a major road-block for the Afghan people because they do not trust their government, for which Chayes admires them, but lamented that, “no one will vote in the next election. They felt it was rigged. It made Florida [in the 2000 U.S. Presidential election] look like a case of free and fair.”

Another difficulty for the Afghan people, as well as the Arghand Cooperative, is the absence of electricity. Electricity is provided a hydroelectric dam where the turbine is broken. “We get approximately six hours of power every three days and because we need electricity to make the soap, we have to watch the equipment in shifts so that

when the power comes on someone is there run the machines,” said Chayes.

Chayes related her experiences in Afghanistan to the convention and said, “Despite the cultural differences, I’ve been struck by the similarities between the Afghans in Kandahar and people living the United States.” She explained that both Afghans and Americans are dual citizens; the Afghans to tribe and country and the Americans to state and country. She stressed the importance of finding these similarities and said that they are “the ticket out of a thirty-year long nightmare.”

The floor was then open to the audience to ask Chayes questions. When asked what were the biggest concerns of the Afghan people about their country she cited the cleanliness of streets, properties and borders, and food and drug laws as a few, again drawing parallels to some of the things Americans are concerned about.

At the close of the ceremony, President Gaffney returned to the podium to thank all the people who had attended. In his closing comment he said, “There are two kinds of people in the world; spectators and players. You’ve just heard from a player. This young woman can do anything.”

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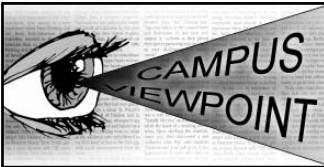
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THURSDAY, APRIL 17

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Leadership Workshop - • 2:00 PM • Carol Afflitto Conf. Room  
Late Night Lounge • 10:00 PM • The Underground

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Education Symposium • 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM • Anacon Hall  
Baseball vs. Quinnipiac • 3:00 PM • Baseball Field  
Lacrosse vs. Wagner • 4:00 PM • Kessler Field  
Glass Etching Program • 8:00 PM • The Underground

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Baseball vs. Quinnipiac • 12:00 PM • Baseball Field  
Maximum Velocity EXTREME Festival • 1:30 - 5:30 PM • Bey Hall Lawn  
An Evening with Groucho • 8:00 PM • Pollak Theatre

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Baseball vs. Quinnipiac • 12:00 PM • Baseball Field  
Lacrosse vs. Mount St. Mary's • 1:00 PM • Kessler Field

MONDAY, APRIL 21

Film Viewing: Strike • 2:30 PM • Wilson Auditorium  
Student Loan Workshop • 6:00 PM & 7:30 PM • Wilson Auditorium

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

ShadowNation Barbeque • Student Center  
Black Light Volleyball • 7:30 - 10:30 PM • Great Lawn

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

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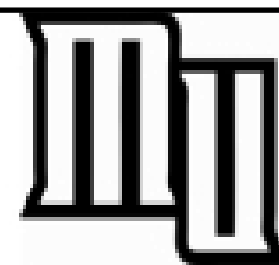
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## CLASS of 2008 SENIOR WEEK



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### Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

#### **BAR A - \$13**

Spend time with friends, relax, and enjoy!!! All you can eat barbeque from 9:00 pm – 12:00 am. Shuttles to Bar A leave from the Student Center parking lot starting at 8pm. There will be 3 shuttles running from 8:00 pm – 1:30am (last shuttle home). Shuttles hold 15 passengers each, so plan your return time from Bar A accordingly.

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#### **MEDIEVAL TIMES - \$45**

Step back in time for an afternoon of lunch and jousting fit for a king. Bus leaves at 10:45am from the Student Center parking lot. **Due to limited tickets**, no guests will be allowed. (Under 21 allowed).

#### **OCEAN PLACE - \$20**

Join the senior class for a barbeque dinner and bonfire on the beach (weather permitting--there is an indoor rain location for bbq) from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Two 15 passenger shuttles to Ocean Place leave the Student Center starting at 6:30pm and run through 10:30pm. **Due to limited number of tickets**, no guests are allowed.

### Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

#### **CASINO NIGHT - \$20**

Spend 6 hours in Atlantic City!! This includes an \$18 coin token to the Tropicana. The two busses will leave for Atlantic City at 2:00 pm from the Student Center parking lot.

### Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

#### **SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE - \$25**

Spend an exciting day at Six Flags!! The bus will leave Student Center for Six Flags at 10:30 am and will be leaving Six Flags at 6:00 pm. Limited tickets, so get them early! (Under 21 allowed)

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#### **SENIOR RECEPTION**

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#### **Semi-Formal-Free**

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### Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

#### **NYC TRIP - \$12**

Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of New York City. The bus will leave for NYC at 11:45 am from the Student Center parking lot and will be leaving NYC to return at 8:00pm. (Under 21 allowed).

### Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **JACKS**

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Alpha Sigma Tau

Alpha Sigma Tau is having a table inside the student center next week for Safe Rides and Designated Drivers. Please stop by our table to spread the awareness on campus. Next Wednesday, April 16, 2008 please come to our fundraising event at Applebee's. Enjoy delicious appetizers, food, and dessert. Just grab a flyer from one of the lovely ladies of Alpha Sigma Tau to support us going to our National Convention in June. GREEK WEEK IS HERE!!!Insiders: Alpha Sigs go EXTREME! Thanks for all of your support during Relay for Life, I wouldn't be getting through this without you all tau love, Matey, Gia, Luckystar, Euphoria, Serenity, and Summer Rock the DockSide! Congrats Minerva, Eclipse, Cascata, Aria, Stiletto, and Sapphire Welcome to AST! I love you ALL! <3 Serenity Chanel- you're ridiculous! <3 G-Big Gia! Lets go DJ stalking again soon <3 Luckystar PS Littles you rock my socks! Hey MR. DJ! Gia Don't Vom! Adventures with Little to meet the fam...wow your pants are dirty! Summer- my wifey making me dinner- Relay was awesome- I love my sisters <3 Euphoria Yo fix my ruffles! Secret "Geheiminez! I love love love love you so much. DJs are mad sexy. Alpha Upsilon I adore you lades <3 Gia Little, you are the bomb! Thanks Radiance! <3 Summer

Delta Phi Epsilon

DPhiE would like to congratulate Alpha Rho into our Sisterhood. We are all very proud to have you girls!  
Also, DPhiE thanks everyone for coming and supporting our first annual "You Think You Know Me." We successfully raised \$1,300 for our philanthropy, anorexia nervosa.

Sigma Tau Gamma

Whats up Monmouth? We would like to congratulate ETA pack as well as all new members of the greek community. We have been busy fulfilling our community service goals by renovating an elderly woman's home. Also we are collecting kids books for our philanthropy in conjunction with the communications class project. Also, we look forward to competing in this year's greek week.

From the Soil Up

JAMIE KINARD  
STAFF WRITER

All this talk of rain gardens sounds great, but how do we pull together such a concept? Rain gardens do not just pop out of the ground. Building this project requires a lot of planning from several groups of people. The Urban East Institute kicked the whole idea off. A part of the Institute is Professor John Tiedemann, who was instrumental in the project. His interns have been working on the details of the project. They worked out the logistics of the garden, as well as deciding where the garden will be placed. In addition, the Institute got the flowers donated to us from various sources, and they sorted out where to place the plants based on each plants' growth factors. Such planning amounts to a large amount of time. Planning for the garden

started back in January, and has been building up since. The Institute has created a plan and time frame that is as flexible as it is strong. We have been able to follow the plan effectively as to be on time with everything, but should a problem arise then the plan allows for extra time. This type of planning is useful in a project that can speed up or slow down at any time.  
So where does Water Watch come in? We are involved in getting the news out to the community, getting people involved, offering tours, and actually building the garden itself. We have been working together to get the news out to local newspapers, including Atlanticville, to have them publish articles about the garden for the surrounding towns to read. Also, we have gone to various schools and set up programs to educate students about the poor water quality in our state. We also are

preparing to offer tours to our own and surrounding neighborhoods to show people how easy it is to help the environment.  
The biggest anticipation, however, is waiting until we can actually build the garden. We will most likely build it within the next two weeks. We are currently working with facilities management to ensure that the garden does not violate any state laws and can be built safely and properly. This is important, because the state may limit where the garden should be built. Also, there could be sewer or electric lines that are near your digging site and hitting them while digging could endanger not only our safety but they safety of others.  
Planning is the most important part of this project, and creating a strong and flexible plan has allowed us to be prepared to build at just the right time.

SIFE Receives Recognition at Regional Competition

BOB DANHARDT  
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The Monmouth University SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) team returned to West Long Branch as winners after participating in the New York SIFE USA Regional Competition on April 4th, 2008. The event was one of 16 SIFE USA Regional Competitions being held across the United States in March and April.  
After presenting a report of their year-long community outreach projects to a panel of business leaders, the MU SIFE team was named 2nd Runner-Up in their league as well as the recognition of Rookie of the Year. "It's a great honor to be such a new team and bring back not one, but TWO trophies" says Alex Abragamov, SIFE Vice President. The Monmouth University SIFE team was certainly a "new-kid on the block" being founded less than 6 months ago, especially considering a number of the teams they were competing have been in existence for over ten years.  
SIFE is an international non-profit organization active on more than 1,400 university campuses in 48 countries. SIFE teams create economic opportunities in their communities by organizing outreach projects that focuses on: market economics, success skills, entrepreneurship, personal financial skills, and business ethics. During this academic year, the MU SIFE team organized 16 projects that were held at Monmouth University, in the Long Branch Community, and internationally in places such as Hungary and Nigeria.  
For the competition the SIFE team decided on showcasing four projects. It started with their S.N.O.W. portfolio. This acronym stands for Students Need Opportunities Worldwide. This is the umbrella name for our project that showcases our initiatives in schools worldwide. The projects within this portfolio look at all the aspects of a student's needs. For students to become the forces of change in the world they must first have a base on which to build upon to be the leaders of tomorrow. The areas of coverage include financial education, ethical decision making, entrepreneurial mind sets, as well as a number of others. However, the project we chose to

focus on in particular was Victory Boxes.  
Victory Boxes has become the headline project for the S.N.O.W. prerogative. It all started with a mother sending small gifts to her step-son over Iraq and grew into a national non-profit initiative. Our team decided to jump on board with project and take the level of giving to a new high. Students involved in this project learn how to not only create a business plan, but more importantly to see that plan through. We showed students the most efficient ways to advertise for support, create their own budgets, fundraise, write donation letters, deal with customer service issues, phone skills, operational management, and professional appearance. What separates this project from the others is that these students must carry out every one of these things on their own to further the progress of the project and once the war ends the partnerships that are created will just simply move to a different place of giving.  
The second project that the team focused on was the future fair that recently took place this past April 1st. The idea of this program is to give university students the opportunity to be one step further in achieving their occupational goals. Serving as a preparation for the Monmouth University career fair, the program emphasized resume writing, interviewing skills, meal etiquette, and what not to wear. This project in particular was chosen because of it connection with many of the other active SIFE projects.  
Despite the first projects being ones that SIFE is proud to display, it is the last two that we presented at the competition that proved to be the most exciting, the first of which is the project entitled "Going Nuts". Going Nuts is a multi-faced project based in Nigeria that incorporates all aspects of the SIFE criteria (market economics, success skills, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and business ethics). The project is currently in its first phase which is laying the groundwork to achieving its overall objective; alleviate the suffering of the people of Nigeria. Monmouth University SIFE is working to partner with a company that produces a vitamin-rich product called Plumpynut. It is a mixture of certain ingredients that creates a food that nourishes people relatively cheaply and provides them decent mix of nutrients. The overall

purpose of this program would be to understand how we could create systems that would allow others to create this product for themselves, either through a franchising option or a small regional based operation out of the Xavier Memorial College, the premier institution in the country. The goal of the project is to allay the threat of starvation in their communities and villages.  
The last project we presented was one that was featured in an the March 26th edition of the Outlook; "Ethics Around the World". This program is about bringing an ethical view of the world to those areas that may not necessarily think in such a way. The program is built on 20 principles that build an ethical ideology. It emphasizes that through utilizing these principles one can be successful in both their professional and personal life by looking at the many examples around the world. The format is adaptable to any audience of any age group. This project thus far has been implemented in Hungary; however, future areas of expansion include Nigeria, the Marshall Islands, China, and the New Jersey hospital system.  
The Monmouth University SIFE team has a lot for which to be proud. In a relatively short period time they were able to not only create a team, but also establish projects that will prove to create significant differences in the lives of the people they touch. As Bob Danhardt, President of SIFE said, "The win at the regional competition is hopefully just the beginning for the MU SIFE team. This group of people (SIFE team) has done amazing things so far. The absolute feeling of accomplishment that you get from this organization is like no other and I could not be more proud to be a part of it."  
So what is left for the SIFE team this semester? Well, there are a couple of projects that will be taking place before the years end. The remaining meetings for SIFE will be about planning these events as well as creating a strategic plan for even greater success next year. So, if you are interested in becoming involved with SIFE our meetings are held every Wednesday in Bey Hall Room 229 or you can email us at SIFE@monmouth.edu. Hope to see you there!

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*Many other volunteer opportunities are available. Search “**Volunteer Directory**” on the MU website for a complete listing.*

Questions? E-mail [volunteer@monmouth.edu](mailto:volunteer@monmouth.edu) or stop by the Office of Service Learning and Community Programs, Room 301c in the RSSC.

# Baseball Has Near Perfect Month

*Hawks victorious in 15 consecutive games before Wagner loss on Saturday*

ERIC WALSH  
SPORTS EDITOR

On March 15, after the 11-7 loss to Duquesne in the Navy Baseball Round Robin Tournament, the Monmouth University baseball team was 2-8 and searching for answers that would remedy their poor start to the season. The very next day the team defeated Maine 7-4 in a 12 inning thriller of a game and started what would end up being a 15-game winning streak, which spanned from March 16 to April 12.

During the 15-game winning streak the Blue and White defeated in-state rivals Rutgers, Princ-

eton, and NJIT, and improved to 18-9 overall, with a stellar NEC record of 7-1. That one conference defeat came on April 12, a 4-3 loss at Wagner, which snapped the team's 15-game unbeaten run. The Hawks opened the week with a solid 7-3 come-from-behind victory at Princeton on April 8. The team scored six runs in

the seventh and eighth innings to earn the victory. Nick Vallillo registered his second win of the year as he came in to relieve starting pitcher Brett Connor, who lasted 4.1 innings. The win over the Tigers improved the streak to 12 games, with Lafayette coming to West Long Branch before a four game series with NEC foe Wagner in Staten Island, New York.

On April 9, the Blue and White set out to tie a program record for consecutive victories as only Lafayette could stand in their way. In their bid to win their 13th game in a row, Monmouth got off to a strong start and never looked back, winning 5-1 and tying the

program record for consecutive wins with 13.

The home team was able to manufacture a run in the bottom of the first inning, when a throwing error and a fielding error enabled Ryan Terry to score the first run of the contest. Even though the Leopards tied the game in the top of the sixth inning, MU appeared to be

in complete control, scoring three runs in the home half of the sixth inning to regain the lead and secure the victory. The win went to starting pitcher Kyle Breese, who recorded his third win of the year. The right hander allowed one run on five hits in six solid innings of work. Relief pitchers Tim Dexter, Tim Ballard, and Justin Esposito logged three scoreless innings of work to secure the 5-1 triumph.

The Hawks returned to action on Friday, April 11, with the first game of their four game series in Staten Island against Wagner. Monmouth sent out their ace Brad Brach in game one and the big right hander did not disappoint. The starter worked nine innings, allowing just seven hits (all singles), while walking only one batter. He tied a career high with 11 strikeouts, improving his 2008 record to 3-1 with the 5-0 MU win.

Monmouth was led offensively by freshman sensation Nick Pulsonetti, who fell just a single shy of hitting for the cycle. The Monmouth outfielder went 3-4 in the game, with a double, a triple, and a home run, recording 2 RBI in the process.

Pulsonetti, in his first year as a Hawk, has made an immediate impact to the team's success. He leads the team in RBI (29), home runs (6), and batting average (.382). The freshman also leads the team in slugging percentage (.750).

Against Wagner, the Blue and White recorded 13 hits to pace the five run effort. The win put the 2008 baseball team in the school record books for most consecutive victories with 14.

The next day Monmouth and Wagner faced off again, with two 7-inning games scheduled for Saturday.

In game one of the doubleheader, the contest was a true pitchers duel, with both teams struggling to put runs on the board. Ryan Buch

and Justin Esposito combined to pitch a two-hit shut out, out doing Seahawk starting pitcher Joe Testa who pitched a complete game four-hitter, allowing an unearned run in the third inning.

In the win, the Hawks' 15th in a row, Pulsonetti drove in the game's only run. Kyle Higgins went 3-4, recording three of the four hits that Testa allowed.

In game two, Wagner used its two home runs to power past MU 4-3. The loss was Monmouth's first since March 15, breaking the 15-game winning streak.

Wagner got on the scoreboard first in bottom of the first frame, going up 1-0 on a run-scoring double off of MU starter Matt Marc-Aurele. In the third inning the Seahawks extended their lead to 3-0 with a two-run home run to left center field.

In the top of the fourth Monmouth tied the score at 3-3. The three-run inning was started by Pulsonetti, who crushed a pitch over the left field wall to out the Blue and White on the board. Chris Collazo and Ryan Terry both scored later in the inning to tie the game.

In the bottom of the fourth, Wagner went up 4-3 in what proved to be the game-winning solo home run. Marc-Aurele was given the loss, his second of the year, giving up four runs on seven hits in three innings of work. Kyle Morrison picked up the win for Wagner, giving up three runs on six hits.

On Sunday, the teams faced off in the fourth and final game of their weekend series. With another extraordinary combined effort from Monmouth pitchers, the team blanked the Seahawks 6-0 to improve their record to 18-9 overall, and 7-1 in the Northeast Conference.

MU pitchers Brett Brach and Tim Ballard combined to shut out Wagner. Brach worked 5 innings, allowing just six hits, to record the win, his second of the year. Ballard came in to relieve Brach,

working 4 innings, allowing just one hit in the ninth inning. The senior has now run his scoreless innings streak to 16, erasing 12 of the 13 batters he faced against the Seahawks. Ballard earned his first career save in the effort.

Brett Holland led the nine-hit offensive attack for the Blue and White, going 3-4 with two RBI and two runs scored. Higgins went 2-4, with an RBI and one run scored.

The Hawks have now shut out their opponent in six of the eight conference games they have played thus far this season.

The team returns to league play starting on Friday with a four game series at home against Quinnipiac. The first pitch is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 18.



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Sports Information

Nick Pulsonetti came up just a single short of the cyle against Wagner in game one of the four game series. The freshman leads the team in batting average, RBI, home runs, and slugging percentage.

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earned runs while facing thirty one batters throughout the contest. Dara Palms had a solid performance in her one inning of work for the Hawks retiring all three batters she faced.

The home team was able to manufacture a run in the bottom of the first inning, when a throwing error and a fielding error enabled Ryan Terry to score the first run of the contest. Even though the Leopards tied the game in the top of the sixth inning, MU appeared to be

game came down to the bottom half of the seventh inning as Monmouth loaded the bases down 4-2 but were only able to muster one run and therefore fell 4-3 in the nightcap. The blue and white

Monmouth had a shaky start form starting pitcher Dara Palms coming off her solid performance in the seventh inning of the first game, she only retired one batter in the first inning before being pulled, giving up four hits and three earned runs. Melissa Mehner then came in to pick up the pieces and had a solid day going 6.2 innings and only allowing one earned run in the contest.

The team had little time to dwell on their losses as they were set to take on Long Island University on Sunday afternoon in another double dip. Long Island the defending NEC champions drops the Hawks to 12-19-1 overall and 4-6 in the conference. They improve to 22-14 and an impressive 11-1 in the NEC.

The first contest saw the Hawks fall after taking an early one nothing lead only to give it up in the second for good and eventually lose 6-2. Kristine Sawlsville improved on her Saturday outing but still took the loss in a complete game. She allowed six runs on twelve hits while facing thirty five hitters in the game.

The Hawks sent Melissa Mehner to the circle in the nightcap and she had another positive outing for Monmouth allowing only two

earned runs off nine hits in seven innings of work.

Unfortunately for Monmouth, Long Island pitcher Jenny Giles also goes all seven innings allowing only four hits and one earned run. The Hawks committed two costly errors in the game and will have to play perfect ball if they hope to defeat the top team in their conference later on this season.

## Softball Upcoming Schedule

4/16  
Rutgers  
3:00 & 5:00

4/19 at  
Robert Morris  
1:00 & 3:00

4/20 at  
St Francis (Pa.)  
12:00 & 2:00

# Rough Weekend at Home has Blue and White Looking Forward to Rutgers

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STAFF WRITER

The Softball team had a tough weekend dropping all four games they competed in against Wagner and Long Island respectively. The Hawks will get a chance to get the taste of defeat out of their mouths on Wednesday against Rutgers at home.

In Saturday's doubleheader the blue and white squared off against Wagner. Wagner broke the first game wide open in the fifth inning as they put together a six-run effort in the top half of the fifth. The Seahawks were the better birds in this game as they came through with a total team effort. Seven players had multiple hit games and each of the three pitchers, tossed at least two innings in the contest.

Leadoff hitter Nichole Alvarez once again did a great job of setting the table for the Hawks reaching base on all four plate appearances with three hits and a walk during the game. She also scored two of Monmouth's seven runs.

Pitcher Kristine Sawlsville who has been brilliant of late had a shaky outing against Wagner. She went six innings in the contest allowing fifteen hits and eleven

earned runs while facing thirty one batters throughout the contest. Dara Palms had a solid performance in her one inning of work for the Hawks retiring all three batters she faced.



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Nichole Alvarez reached base in all four plate appearances against Wagner in the first game of their doubleheader on Saturday.

In the second game the Seahawks prevailed over the Hawks in a closely fought contest. The

were led offensively by catcher Jessica Nicola who had an impressive four for four performance.

# A Word on Sports

## There's Nothing Amateur About This Junior

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE  
STAFF WRITER

I am, admittedly, an avid golf fan, and so naturally, Masters week is one of my favorite times of the year. For me, it's the official beginning of spring, and by far the most prestigious tournament of the year. Throughout the CBS broadcast on Saturday, Jim Nantz, and Co. talked about Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, and the leaders of the tournament, but disappointingly, there was no mention of Drew Weaver.

And why should there be? Weaver shot a 76 and an 80, missed the cut by eight shots, and finished in a tie for 89th overall. But despite all that, perhaps CBS could have mentioned Drew Weaver.

You see, Weaver is a junior at Virginia Tech, and it was one year ago today that a gunman opened fire on the Virginia Tech campus, killing 32 people. And although his performance at Augusta National may not have been enough to turn heads, it was good enough for Weaver to dedicate to his fallen classmates, who's lives were taken much too early.

Weaver was in rare company during this year's Masters. One of only three amateurs to make the field, the High

Point, North Carolina native won the 2007 British Amateur Championship in July, and stamped his ticket to Augusta, Georgia. However, just a few months earlier, he was sitting in his morning class in the building right next to Norris Hall, where most of the victims were attacked, when he heard gunshots.

After rushing out of his classroom building, he looked left and saw a fleet of police cars and SWAT team personal. Just after an officer told him to take cover, six more shots rang out, and he ran for his life to the library, and stayed there, terrified, for the next three hours. The most surreal part of all this for Weaver was that he had classes in that very building. "So", he said, "I would have been right in the middle of the shootings if they were a day later."

There are times when great triumph can emerge over great tragedy, and this concept is exemplified perfectly by Drew Weaver. Three months after the shootings on his campus, Weaver traveled to Angus, Scotland, and became the first American to win the British Amateur Championship since 1979.

His mother, Cathy, summed up his victory this way: "I think the shootings caused Drew to reach deep down in-

side and just pull it out. I just tend to think that what he's doing was a constructive response to a tragedy."

Along with the prestige that title brings, it also carries an automatic invitation to this year's Masters, British Open, and U.S. Open, the three biggest golf tournaments in the world. Much the same way he dedicated his win in Scotland, and his efforts in Augusta, Georgia, Weaver will be doing the same at Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego, California, and Royal Birkdale in Southport, England.

And while most players will be playing the game for themselves, Weaver will be playing for his school and his slain classmates.

As we remember and memorialize the one year anniversary of the massacre that occurred on the Virginia Tech campus, we should all keep in mind that nothing will make the pain go away. Nothing can bring back those who were killed, and the victims' families may never get the closure they deserve. But, perhaps they can at least take solace in people like Drew Weaver, who, simply by playing a game, attempts to ease the pain that comes with the memories of that day.

# Track Teams Earn Post Season Bids

PRESS RELEASE

The women's track and field team had a strong showing among some impressive talent at the UVA Invite, with Cailin Lynam taking fourth in the 1500m, crossing the tape in 4:37.70. Monmouth's 4x400 relay team also took home a fourth place finish (3:50.06).

Michelle Losey was fifth in the 400m dash, crossing the line in 56.40, Crystal Stein took eighth (57.80). Lynam was also sixth in the 800m with a time of 2:18.59. Latasha Leake's high jump of 5' 1" placed the sixth in the event. Tiffany Hahn took home eighth place in the javelin, tossing a mark of 123' 08".

At the Bucknell Bison Outdoor Classic, Monmouth's Kelly Dantley finished fifth in the heptathlon. Dantley took first in the shot put (36' 1/4"), fifth in the high jump(5' 1") and sixth in the 800m dash (2:41.53). Ashley Huffman took fourth in the 100m hurdles, crossing the line in 15.96. She was also fifth in the shot put (29' 9 1/2"), fifth in the 200m dash,

Monmouth Lindsey Rutter was seventh in the 3000m steeplechase at the New Jersey Invite. At the Lynchburg Collegiate Track Classic, Heleen Riggs placed fifth in the 400m hurdles (1:13.63) while also earning a fifth place finish in the pole vault. Shannon Rogers took second in the high jump with Kate Treddenick finishing sixth in the hammer throw.

Monmouth's men's track & field team competed at three separate events over the weekend, with the Hawks earning a NCAA Regional bid at the Lou Onesty/Milton Abrahamson Invitational held on the campus of the University of Virginia.

Bryan Fill picked up an NCAA Regional invite with his winning javelin toss of 222' 08". Matt

Mizerek was seventh in the javelin with a throw of 180' 07". Ed Skowronski was second in the hammer throw with his mark of 196' 09". Christian Keller was third (173' 07") and former Monmouth Hawk Ryan Connell was fourth (172' 07"). Keller was also third overall, the second collegian, in the discus throw (168'), while Shawn Sabo was fifth in the event with his distance of 159' 10". Monmouth alum Jon Kalnus won the shot put, with Keller earning a bid to the IC4A's with his fourth place effort (54' 3 3/4"). Tom Ciccoli and Vincent Elardo placed seventh and eighth, respectively, in the event.

The men's 4x100 relay team was fourth overall, crossing the line with an IC4A qualifying time of 42.36. The 4x400m relay team finished third on the day with their time of 3:20.45.

Pete Forgach's time of 4:00.29 was seventh in the 1500m, with Chris Vuono taking eighth in the 400m with his time of 49.47. Forgach also had a seventh place mark in the 5000, registering a time of 15:56.28. Derrik Keich finished seventh in the 400m hurdles, coming in at the 55.49.

At the Bison Outdoor Classic, held at Bucknell University, Zachary Krupka took 12th in the decathlon, highlighted by his third place finish in the 400m and a fifth place finish in the 100m. Matt Caporaso finished third in the 10,000m, crossing the line in 34:02.42, with Dustin Coleman coming in seventh.

Randy Hadzor finished seventh in the 3000m Steeplechase at the NJ Invite, held at the College of New Jersey. Andy Giaccone took fifth at the 5000m, while Anthony Appezzato collected a sixth place finish in the triple jump. Jeremy Gordet was third in the shot put with Appezzato placed seventh in the discus.

# Softball Hall of Famer to Speak on Campus

PRESS RELEASE

The Monmouth softball team, in conjunction with the university's History and Anthropology Department, will welcome former All-American Girls Professional Baseball League star Ernestine 'Teeny' Petras to speak on campus on April 23. The event will be from 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm in the Young Auditorium, located in room 113 in Bey Hall.

Petras was a gold glove shortstop in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, which was made famous by the 1992 film "A League of Their Own", for ten years. The league was initially formed by Major League Baseball owners during World War II when the possibility of the game being shut down due to the war effort and players entering military service was a concern.

"The importance and legacy of what women like Ernestine Petras did for women in sport and soci-

ety can not be overstated," said Monmouth head softball coach Carol Sullivan. "Her pioneering spirit is as admirable as any play she made at shortstop while on the field. Our team is excited to meet this Hall of Famer and we look forward to welcoming her to Monmouth."

Petras was a shortstop and played with various teams throughout her

and again in 1951 and completed a record 42 double plays in 1948 for the Chicks.

Petras will be discussing her role in opening the door to professional sports for women in the United States at the event. Monmouth University students and faculty are invited to this event, and the members of the Monmouth University softball team will assist in welcoming Petras.

"What they did helped to open doors for women in not only sports, but in all aspects of life," said Monmouth University History and Anthropology Professor Susan Douglass. "Those women truly are pioneers and they foreshadowed a larger movement for women in life."

Her appearance at Monmouth University is part of the teacher training workshop series organized by Professor Douglass. Contact Professor Douglass if you have any questions concerning this event at sdougla@monmouth.edu or by phone at 732-263-5509.

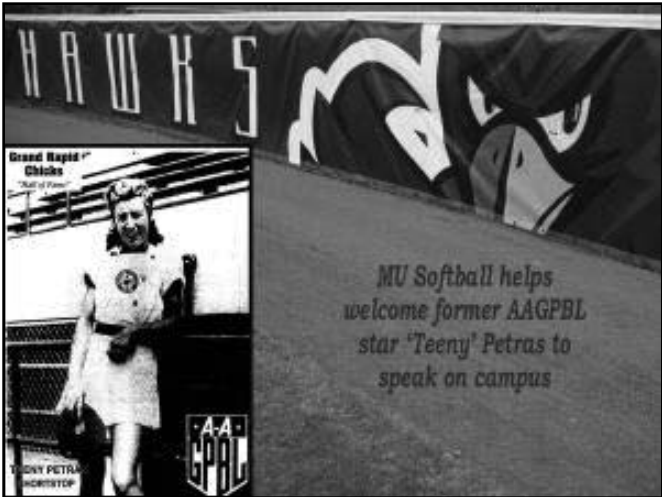


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Ernestine Petras, a Hall of Fame softball star in the AAGPBL, will be welcomed by the softball team on April 23 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in Young Auditorium.

career including the Grand Rapids Chicks. She was the league's best defensive shortstop from 1945-47,

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# Double Trouble

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Wagner	0	0	0

A photograph of two Monmouth University baseball pitchers in action on the mound. The pitcher on the left is wearing a blue jersey with "HAWKS 18" and is in the middle of a pitching motion. The pitcher on the right is wearing a blue jersey with "HAWKS 19" and is also in the middle of a pitching motion. The background shows a blurred crowd of spectators in the stands.

Monmouth pitchers Ryan Buch and Justin Esposito combined to shutout Wagner in Monmouth's 1-0 victory on Saturday in game 1 of the doubleheader in Staten Island.

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