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respond to the latest S.S. # outbreak

A follow up to students private information being published on the World Wide Web

LAUREN BENEDETTI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Monmouth University removed personal information, including social security numbers and names, from the World Wide Web on Wednesday, April 12, two days after a female undergraduate student reported seeing her information on Goggle's search engine.

Once the University's Information Technology staff became aware of the issue, they did a search to verify the report of the student. It was determined that this personal information was cached information on Google from the original release of the information that took place in October 2005.

According to Grey Dimmena, Vice President and General Counsel, Monmouth attempted to contact Google last week. However, Google never responded. It was then the University took it upon itself to remove the information "by fooling the system."

One female undergraduate student, who asked to remain anonymous, said there is plenty of blame to go around.

"I was very upset that my information was not taken off Google sooner," said the female undergraduate student. "It is very shocking that a multi-million dollar company like Google can't pull something like that off sooner. I mean really, what does it take? The information

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Senior class looks forward to Senior Week events

LAUREN BENEDETTI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

With only 27 days until graduation, seniors are counting down the final weeks of classes, which can only mean the beginning of Senior Week.

Senior Week, which kicks off on May 9, gives seniors an opportunity to participate in a variety of events the week before commencement at the PNC Arts Center.

"It is definitely important for every senior be involved with senior week," said Senior Class President William Schwenck. "These are the last couple of days as college students and it should be spent with the people that have grown up with in these past four years."

Senior Week tickets range anywhere from \$5 to \$42 for the week's events. According to Schwenck, "Students are getting

a deal with the ticket prices."

Schwenck said the Student Government Association (SGA) deserves a lot of credit for the ticket-price reductions.

"The Student Government Association also helped lower the cost of events by giving us a budget earlier in the year," said Schwenck.

Tickets for all events are now on sale, until Thursday, April 27 at the Office of the Student Activities on the second floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. After April 27, tickets will go on sale for all other students interested in the events, provided that they are of drinking age (for certain events) and tickets are available.

Senior Week events begin at Bar A in Belmar. Students will spend time with friends, at the all-you-can-eat barbeque, and have the opportunity to use the shuttle bus leaving the Student Center

University's Model UN class travels to the United Nations

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
NEWS EDITOR

From Tuesday, April 11 to Saturday, April 15, 18 students from the Model UN class participated in the National Model United Nations Tournament in New York City.

"The purpose of the Model UN class is to introduce students to how the United Nations works while providing a real life experience as to how countries bargain, negotiate, and resolve conflicts," according to the Monmouth University website.

"The class is different from most courses on campus in that students assume leadership roles in the class," said Professor Patten, Assistant Professor of Political Science.

The head delegates from Monmouth University were Farheen Haider and David Kratz.

Anthony Aulffo, a senior finance major, served as "a del-

egate for the economic commission for Africa."

Monmouth University represented Mauritania which, according to Professor Patten, "is a developing country of three million people in West Africa."

In order to prepare for the conference in New York City, Aulffo said that they did extensive research on Mauritania.

"Our class researched all different aspects and areas of Mauritania inside and out. Everything from the economics to political situations and in for structure, basically everything about them," said Aulffo. We got an insiders perspective from an outsiders view10."

Professor Patten added, "The Ambassador of Mauritania was so impressed by our delegation that he bestowed upon our students honorary Mauritanian citizenship."

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Model UN students discuss resolutions during a conference meeting at the United Nations in New York City.

parking lot.

A trip to New York City is planned on Wednesday, May 10 for students who will enjoy the sights and sounds of Broadway's hit show the Producers.

Seniors then will get a chance to relax and eat with fellow classmates on Thursday, May 11 at the

Red Fusion Bistro and Bar in Asbury Park.

On the morning of Friday, May 12, students can enjoy a two-hour lunch cruise around the "Big Apple."

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The Senior Class will have an opportunity to take part in a number of events some of which include a trip to Red Fusion, bar and bistro, and Yankee Stadium.

SAB: They do more than you realize

LYNSEY WHITE
STAFF WRITER

SAB: these three letters are seen on flyers and in *The Outlook*, promoting events. But what does the organization actually stand for? The Student Activities Board, otherwise known as SAB, is responsible for planning and running many of the events that take place on campus. “Each year, we try to bring a variety of acts throughout the academic school year in order to entertain different groups of people,” said president of Student Activities Board, Christine Schumann. Many of the events that they

er events coming up. During the make-your-own-soap event, students will be able to pick out different shapes, molds, and scents to create their own bar of soap. Musicians Tim Blaine and the band Sunday Driver will also be appearing. The SAB will also be sponsoring trips to a Broadway performance of *Rent*, a NJ Devils vs. NY Rangers hockey game, will be hosting Speaker Preacher Moss, and will screen *King Kong* on the Great Lawn. Throughout the years, the SAB is the organization that has been responsible for bringing bigger-named acts to perform at Monmouth. Over the past few

The organization also has three vice presidents. Currently Joe Bucher, Vice President of Finance, Jenn O’Donnell, Vice President of Marketing and Membership, and Jill Banholzer, Vice President of Major Events hold these positions. The VP of Major Events books the bigger acts for each semester, and tries to have one major act in both the fall and spring semesters. The VP of Finance handles the budgets of the entire organization, in addition to helping and monitoring the spending of our chairs as well. The VP of Marketing and Membership is responsible for helping the organization to gain new members and to help make the campus aware of

“I like that SAB has an executive board that is very open to new ideas and encourages people to give their opinions about performers or trips because it gives the student body freedom to help decide some of the events they would like to see here.”

CHRISTINE SCHUMANN
SAB President

have sponsored include various comedians, singers, awareness speakers, hypnotists, novelty events, and drive-in movies on the Great Lawn. All the events are listed on the SAB’s semester posters, and can be found on any of the bulletin boards throughout campus. This year, SAB has brought mind-reading duo the Evasons to campus, as well as singers Jason LeVasseur and Jeff Miller, the USA Breakdancers, and alcohol-awareness speaker Bernie McGrenahan who is a comedian, but also spoke about his experiences with alcohol abuse to students. SAB also sponsored a trip to Medieval Times, and “Decorate-A-Cake,” where students were given free cakes that they were able to decorate with different color icing and other assorted cake toppers. In the fall semester, comedian Dean Edwards from Saturday Night Live performed in Pollak Theater. The SAB also sponsored an overnight trip to Baltimore, a trip to see *Hairspray* on Broadway, and various other comedians, singers, and novelty events. “We will be helping with this year’s SpringFest and bringing Recycled Percussion, who have made all of their instruments out of things you would find in your garage and have a very high-impact and exciting show,” said Schumann. The SAB also has some small-

years, they have hosted shows such as “The I’m Rich Bee-yatch Tour” with comedians Charlie Murphy, Bill Burr, and Donnell Rawlings, comedians Dean Edwards and Jamie Kennedy, and the band Eve 6. They have also sponsored Winter Break trips to Walt Disney World and the Bahamas. There are seven other chair positions on SAB. The Novelty Chair is responsible for events such as, Stuff It teddy bears, Decorate-a-cake, Chocolate Factory, and recording booths. The Concerts Chair is responsible for finding and booking musical acts, and our Comedy Chair is responsible for booking comedians, or sponsoring a trip to a Comedy Club, such as the Laugh Lounge in NYC. The Festivals Chair handles the bigger budget events, such as the outdoor movies, QuadFest, which is an event on the Residential Quad that includes popcorn, cotton candy, and inflatables. The Awareness Chair aids the campus in becoming more knowledgeable about certain issues like alcohol abuse or practicing safe sex. The Diversity Chair handles acts that are different from what Monmouth is used to seeing, and brings acts that are less-known. Lastly, the Travel and Tour chair books events in which students are able to experience Broadway shows, overnight trips to bigger cities, and sporting events for discounted prices.

SAB and its events. “What I like most about SAB is that we are able to bring such a wide variety of acts to campus for students to enjoy. We have been trying to restructure the organization so that students have more input on the events that we bring to campus so that our events will serve more people,” said Schumann. “I like that SAB has an executive board that is very open to new ideas and encourages people to give their opinions about performers or trips because it gives the student body freedom to help decide some of the events they would like to see here.” The Student Activities Board meets on Thursdays at 4 p.m. in the Carol Affilitto conference room, and is open to anyone and everyone who wishes to join. “I want the students to know that they can feel free to stop by any of our meetings and voice their opinions on things they would like to see done at Monmouth,” said Schumann. “They can also write an email to sab@monmouth.edu.” “Most importantly,” she added, “I think they should know that we understand many students want the bigger-named acts like Dave Matthews Band, Yellowcard, or Chris Rock, but our budget is not large enough to bring these performers to campus. But the performers we do bring are just as good, if not better.

Seniors prepare for Senior Week

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“I have never been on a cruise and I look forward to spending my first cruise with my friends,” said Schwenck, who also believes the cruise will be “the hottest event.” It’s off to the ball game on Saturday, May 13 when the Yankees play the Oakland A’s at Yankee Stadium. Tickets are now sold out for the game. “Unfortunately we only got 50 tickets for the Yankee game, I wish we got more, but I’m still really excited to go,” said Lauren Povia, Senior Class Treasurer. “Graduation is only a month away and I’m trying to make the most of it and have a good time, the Yankee will be a good opportunity for me and my friends.” For the first time ever, Senior

Week will offer students an opportunity to invite family members to a Sunday brunch in the historic Wilson Hall on May 14. This event is only open to graduating seniors who can bring up to three guests. “We wanted to involve the family and try to have some events that do not have to do with drinking so we have added a family brunch, which is on mother’s day, but we feel that it will be a nice thing to come to in Wilson Hall and all families need to worry about is getting tickets,” said Schwenck. On Monday, May 15, students can spend six hours in Atlantic City and are invited to leave with the bus from the Student Center parking lot at 4 p.m. Senior Week concludes on Tuesday, May 16 as students are invited to spend one more night at the infamous Jack’s on Brighton Avenue in West Long Branch. Students are welcome to use the free shuttle bus

that will be available from the Student Center parking lot from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. “I can’t wait for the last night of Jack’s, it will be the best way to end Senior Week,” said Povia. “It will be like the last night at home.” Tyler Havens, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Greek Life, believes every student can find an activity to participate in. “I think the seniors have the chance to interact with friends in a multitude of different environments, plays, cruise, etc., and really enjoy their last hurrah here at Monmouth,” said Havens. “I think that the senior class officers have offered a diverse schedule for many to enjoy.” But don’t expect any surprises during Senior Week. “No surprises, just a great time with friends,” said Schwenck. “I hope not,” added a cheerful Havens.



MU IN THE KNOW: WEEK IN REVIEW

Bombing kills eight in Tel Aviv

NATALIE B. ANZAROUTH
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

At least eight people were killed, and 59 were wounded in a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv, Israel, *NYTimes.com* reported in the April 17 edition. The suicide bomber was reportedly undergoing a search by security outside a restaurant when he set off a bomb, which the newly-empowered Hamas called “a natural result to the continued Israeli crimes against our people.” The article reported that acting Prime Minister Ehud

Olmert is “weighing a response,” while Palestinian President Moahmous Abbas “condemned” the attack that occurred during Passover celebration. In the past, Hamas has reportedly been responsible for the most attacks against Israel in the span of five years. Islamic Jihad and Al Aksa Martyrs Brigades have “claimed responsibility.” This is the second attack against this restaurant since January.

New White House Chief of staff

NATALIE B. ANZAROUTH
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Joshua B. Bolten stepped in as the new White House Chief of staff on Monday, April 17, warning that this is a time when there will be “some changes and adjustments” in the White House staff, the *Washington post.com* reported in the April 17, edition. Bolten, who formerly served as director of the Office of Management and Budget, assumes the previous duties of former chief of staff Andrew H. Card Jr. According to the article, White House spokesman Scott McClellan notified White

House officials that decisions about remaining members of the staff would be determined within “a week to 10 days.” The article also reported that Bolten told the staff that “if you’re thinking about leaving sometime in the near future, now would be a good time to do it.” This comes at a time when some policymakers have expressed the need for employee alterations due to the dwindling support for President George W. Bush, with rising concerns for the November midterm elections.

Two Duke Lacrosse players charged with rape and kidnapping

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Two lacrosse players from Duke University were charged with kidnapping and raping an exotic dancer, stemming from an off-campus party last month. According to a report in the April 18, 2006 of the *Washington Post*, Colin H. Finnerty, 19, and Reade William Seligmann, 20, both sophomores were indicted by a grand jury in Durham, North Carolina.

The lawyer representing Seligmann maintains his belief in his client’s innocence. “My client is absolutely innocent,” he said. “We intend to show that sooner rather than later.” The accuser, who is black, claims that she was raped and sodomized by three white men in the bathroom of a university owned house on March 13th.

Retiring Exxon-Mobile Chief \$400 million retirement package

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Lee R. Raymond, who was the CEO of the world’s largest oil company, Exxon-Mobile, retired in December. According to a report in the April 15, edition of *The New York Times*, his retirement package included a \$400 million payout that he received in the last year he was with the company. That figure does not include the \$686 million he

received from 1993-2005. That works out to about \$144,573 a day. Though he retired in December of 2005, the details of his payout are just surfacing now, and were featured in a story on ABC’s *Good Morning America*. This could turn into a public relations nightmare amid rumors that gas prices will hit \$3.00 a gallon this summer.

SGA President’s Corner

Hello Monmouth University!

I am proud to announce that SGA raised \$1801 at our annual auction to benefit Michael’s Feat, a local charity helping seriously ill newborn babies. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to this cause. It was a great time for all.

Secondly, I am very pleased to share with everyone that SGA is working with Student Center Operations to keep the R.S. Student Center open 24 hours during finals week. This is something that many other schools provide for students during midterms and finals. Therefore, we decided that many of our students could benefit as well. The 24 hour computer labs are always full during that week to the point where sometimes you can’t even get a computer at 3a.m. (sounds weird, but it’s happened to me!).

The student center extends its hours until 2a.m. during this time period. So SGA is hiring Monmouth safety officers to watch the building from 2am until 7:30am when the building typically reopens.

We also will provide coffee and snacks on the first Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Wednesday night, May 3, is the annual late night breakfast in the dining hall (this is the night I look forward to all year... MMMMM French toast sticks). The following dates are the nights the student center will be open 24 hours:

- Tuesday, May 2
- Wednesday, May 3
- Thursday, May 4
- Sunday, May 7
- Monday, May 8
- Please note: The R.S. Student Center will close at its

normal hours on Friday & Saturday May 5&6

Congratulations to everyone who has been elected into office for next year’s SGA Senate. Best of luck, you will all do a fantastic job. Make it known to your peers that you are serving THEM and their needs. Comments and input will prove useful for finding outlets for change around campus.

SGA has re-written its constitution. Since all undergraduate students are members of the Student Government Association, we ask you to please check out the changes that we have made and vote “Yes” or “No” to the changes. Once the student body votes it can be put into action. Keep your eyes open for the dates to vote on WebAdvisor.

SGA’s Student Awards Ceremony is this Sunday, April 23 in Pollak Theatre at 4p.m. Congratulations to all students who have been selected for an academic award. If you have no RSVPed for this event, please contact the SGA Secretary Bette Fariello at 732-571-3484. Thank you.

Finally, SPRINGFEST is almost here! This year’s theme is “Under the Boardwalk.” It will be held out on the Great Lawn again (weather providing). Let’s all have fun in the sun relaxing before finals and commencement. This is a great tradition for Monmouth to continue!

Have a great week everyone! Seniors: Happy less than one month until graduation. Make sure you buy your senior week tickets!

Sincerely,

Alyson Goode
SGA President
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Students compete in Model United Nations conference

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Aulffo said that he believes that Monmouth did very well in the National Model United Nations conference.

“We all got a sense of what it’s like to be a UN delegate and the complications that went along with it,” he explained.

“The students came to experience the world through the eyes of a Mauritanian.”

PROFESSOR PATTEN
Assistant Professor

Professor Patten said that this experience was transforming for the students because “the students came to experience the world through the eyes of a Mauritanian.”

Aulffo said that he learned a lot participating in the conference.

“I learned how hard it is to make changes to a country where if you were to view it the solutions seem some what elementary,” he said.

“My favorite part of the conference was meeting people from all over the world and hearing about their lives and their different perspectives on the world,” Aulffo explained.

“The Model UN Experience is a life transforming event in that students not only gain knowledge of the United Nations itself, but also gain an understanding and an appreciation for cultures from around the globe,” concluded Professor Patten.



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ANTHONY AULFFO
Model UN student

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A letter to students

April 6, 2006

Dear Student:

On Sunday, April 30, 2006 from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM the Student Government Association and Student Activities Board will present the annual program **Springfest** on the Great Lawn. The Springfest Committee has spent a great deal of time planning the events and activities that make up this year end celebration. The day will be filled with live music, carnival food, festival games, giveaways and a beer garden for students 21 and older. Springfest 2006 will have everything you need and it should be a great way for us all to celebrate the end of another year at Monmouth University.

While your attendance at Springfest is a key part of what continues to make this event so popular, it is also important that you remember to practice **common sense** and **good decision making** before, during and after the festival. It would be unfortunate for any student, so close to final exams and Commencement, to make a poor decision that could impact his or her status as a member of the University community. I ask that you take a few moments to review the following guidelines that will be in effect for Springfest 2006.

1. If you plan to attend Springfest 2006, you should know that open-containers, squeeze bottles, bags, backpacks, and/or similar items **WILL NOT BE PERMITTED**. Any student that attempts to bring the above listed items to the event will be asked to leave the festival area.

2. Students living in any of the on-campus housing units **are not permitted** to host a social gathering **during** Springfest. Students that wish to hold a party **after** the festival must complete the Office of Residential Life's *Social Affairs/Policy Application* by **Wednesday, April 26, 2006**. The Office of Residential Life will review

all party applications and then contact the apartments that have been approved by Friday April 28, 2006.

3. Parking in the Great Lawn and Garden Apartment Lots will be **strictly enforced** on April 30th. If you plan to drive to campus for the festival and do not have a valid parking sticker for the Garden or Great Lawn parking lots, you **MUST** park in the Commuter parking lot by the Student Center. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE**. Students should enter the campus from the Larchwood Avenue entrance

For those students who live off campus, I would also remind you that the local communities have a zero tolerance for anyone that disrupts the quality of life in a given neighborhood. Should you decide to host a social gathering before, during or after Springfest, please make sure that it stays within the limits of common sense, respect for one's neighbors and all applicable laws and ordinances within your community.

I hope that you will take an active role in assisting the Student Government Association, the Student Activities Board, the Office of Residential Life, and Monmouth University in our effort to present Springfest 2006 in a **safe** and **positive** manner. If you are willing to abide by the guidelines listed both in the Student Handbook and this letter, I feel confident that Springfest 2006 will be a positive expression of the achievements and hard work that you have made both in and out of the classroom this year.

I look forward to your anticipated cooperation and I hope to see you at Springfest. Best wishes on your final exams!

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Nagy
Vice President for Student Services

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- Softball vs. Rutgers University
3:00 Pm, Softball Field
- Thursday, April 20
Baseball vs. St. Peter's
3:30 PM, Baseball Field
- Friday, April 21
Lacrosse vs. Wagner College
3:30 PM, Kessler Field
- WEEKEND MOVIE: CASANOVA
8:00 PM, Young Aud., Bey Hall
- Saturday, April 22
Community Day
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Lot 25 A (Behind Boylan Gym)
- Baseball vs. FDU
12:00 PM, Baseball Field
- WEEKEND MOVIE: CASANOVA
3:00 PM & 9:00 PM, Young Aud., Bey Hall
- Sunday, April 23
SGA Awards Ceremony
4:00 PM, Pollak Theatre
- Monday, April 24
Sam Spady Alcohol Awareness Speaker
8:00 PM, Anacon Hall
- Tuesday, April 25
Gong Show
10:00 PM, Pollak Theatre

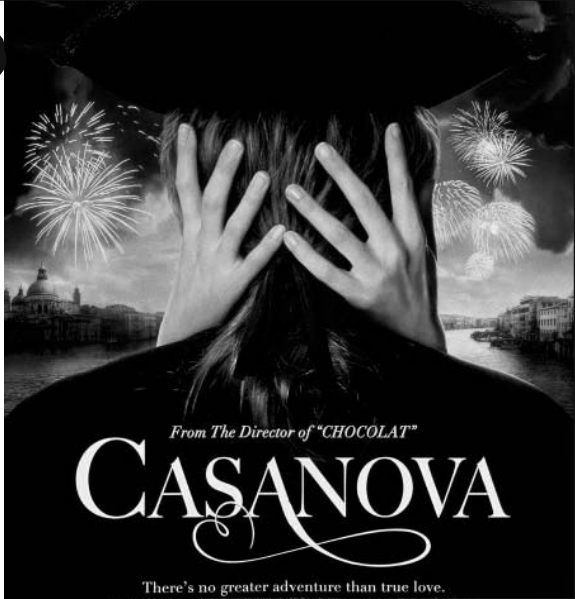
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- Wed., May 10 - The Producers (\$42)
- Thurs., May 11 - Red Fusion (\$10)
- Fri., May 12 - NYC Cruise (\$30)
- Sat., May 13 - NY Yankees (\$10)
- Sun., May 14 - Family Brunch (\$20)
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The customer is ALWAYS right

(A Server's Apology)

NICOLE DENARDO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When working in a business atmosphere, the creed, the golden rule, the Holy Grail, the Rosetta Stone, to running a successful business is the mantra “the customer is always right.” Even if you haven’t worked for or owned a restaurant, it’s possible that you have used those saving grace words to defend yourself from the injustices of being a restaurant customer.

The mantra is especially useful in the following situations: when reading the menu incorrectly, ordering the wrong item, having not eaten breakfast, being in a rush, and forgetting to tell someone that you don’t like your meal after you have already gobbled down the whole thing.

I have worked as a waitress at a popular family restaurant chain for four years, so I know the pain that all customers go through.

Let’s face it. It’s hard being a customer. The customer gets to sit and relax while a very underpaid, very underappreciated slave (excuse me, I mean employee) waits on their every beck and call.

There are many situations in which this get-out-of-jail-free card can be used to rescue the customer from being in such a horrible situation. There are many examples from my own experiences where I, the server, was there just to make the customers’ lives a living hell.

Servers, as you know, are the monsters in nightmares; the creatures that go bump in the night. We are ruthless, sick, twisted people. We want to ruin the customers’ days. We want to overcharge the customer. We want to make sure the customers starve (because we all know that if a customer has the money to eat out at a restaurant, their stomach must rumble like a Category 7 earthquake). To come clean, here is a report of some of my crimes:

The customers, a party of six people in their thirties, have been waiting a long time for their food. An overbearing five minutes. (How long does a steak take?) I apologized ten times and offered everyone free dessert, but I must have forgotten that I was in the presence of royalty, and I was but a lowly peasant. They left a penny on the table along with a laugh.

The customer is always right.

A mother was out with a group of four children. She couldn’t seem to control them. It was possible that if she touched one of her children, her Versace outfit and painted face may be tainted by a crayon, or worse, a smear from her child’s greasy hand. Her three-year-old son was throwing a tantrum. He was taking the sugar packets, salt, and pepper, and throwing it all over the table. The mother didn’t feel like dealing with it. In fact, she gave him the packets to be his babysitter. After all, I should have been there entertaining her kid, presenting a new dessert each time he yelped. Food was strewn across the table like the Staten Island garbage dump. She left it there.

The customer is always right.

I waited on a young woman in her twenties. It was a very busy lunch, and I didn’t know that having a whole hamburger on her plate meant she was done. She was angry, she had a hair and nail appointment and I was selfishly attending to others. She screamed at the other servers to come get me: “Where the hell is that girl?” “Who is your server?” one of my co-workers asked. “Ugh, I dunno! I don’t want to wait any longer for my check!” I finally gave her the check. She practically threw the money in my face.

The customer is always right.

I came over to take the order of a woman in her late 40s, at least I think. I couldn’t really make out her face, it was covered by a cell phone. She was talking about some very vital information. “Angelina Jolie is pregnant!” I tried to see if she was ready to order, but she didn’t respond. Twenty minutes had passed. She finally got off the phone. She scolded me for not coming over earlier. She had been waiting forty minutes to get her order taken. I should have used my psychic powers and realized she was ready to order.

The customer is always right.

Two young mothers came in with their babies. I must be blind, because I missed this tiny speck of dust on the table. One of the women yelled at me to clean it better. I guess that made her happy because she rewarded me with a present. She left her baby’s dirty diaper on the floor.

The customer is always right.

I apologize to the above and other customers who have done the same, on behalf of all servers. For torturing you, for making you wait, for always making mistakes, for always putting our hair in your food, for making your food cold, for telling the cooks to take a long time. After all, we are not human. We are devoid of feelings. We do not understand you. We do not have a life. We are robots. We are the devil. We are nameless.

I must confess, however, to my most infamous crime. One time a family came in to eat: a husband, a wife, and their two young boys. I allowed pickles to be put on the side of their plates, even though they never said they didn’t like pickles.

The mother and father looked at me as if I had poisoned them. Apparently afraid to get infected, the mother hurled the tiny green germs at me, the green slime hitting me square in the chest. I should have apologized. I guess I’m just stupid-Employee #198. It turned out okay though. They got their food for free.

The customer is always right.



Nicole DeNardo sleeping on her bed after a long and hard day at work.

PHOTO COURTESY of Nicole DeNardo

MY LIFE IS BORING... CAN I HAVE YOURS?

FRANK GULLACE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Britney Spears is pregnant again, Jessica Simpson is inspiring, Ashton Kutcher is a Kabbalah nut, Stephanie Tanner is a meth-addict, Nick Lachey creates pedophile-free Internet.

Does this sound like last week’s headlines of all of your favorite magazines? Is your coffee table littered with magazines such as *People*, *Star*, *The National Inquirer*, or *US Weekly*? Do you have your TiVo constantly taping E!, MTV, or VH1 so you will not miss a single moment of Nick and Jessica’s “painful divorce?” If this sounds like you, GET A LIFE.

In today’s society people have become so celebrity-obsessed that the line between their lives and Jessica Simpson’s has become very blurry. Men and women everywhere are feeling the embarrassment and pain of Jennifer Aniston and just know that b*tch Angelina Jolie is responsible for Brad deciding to break Jen’s heart.

What time does my son have baseball practice? Not important “Dancing with the Stars” is on and all I know is Jerry Rice better not two-step his way to the title, because Drew Lachey has better technique and he is just so dreamy.

What is the latest news with the United Arab Emirates trying to take over our ports and put us all in danger? Who knows? But I’ll tell you one thing: Lindsay Lohan really needs to get her weight under control, because I am really starting to worry about her.

The real question is WHY? Why do people care about the lives of total strangers so much that they spend every waking moment wondering how the Olsen twins are dealing with childhood fame as young adults?

According to a survey conducted by the Psychology department of the University of Leicester, “One in three people in Britain is suffering from Celebrity Worship Syndrome after becoming obsessed with their screen idol.”

In addition “one in four of the 700 respondents aged between 18 and 60 was so obsessed with their idol that it affected their daily life.”

Celebrity obsession could also be one of the reasons for the “reality TV boom” that has taken place over the past ten years. People today are hoping to catch their big break and therefore are willing to humiliate themselves on national television on shows such as “Fear Factor” or “The Bachelor.” (Nothing demonstrates reality like 30 beautiful women doing anything and everything they can to win the heart of one man they have never met).

This obsession with celebrities, especially in youths, may be more of a problem than most people think. According to BBCnews.com, “Young people who are obsessed with celebrities may have psychological problems ... they may be lonely, insecure or lacking in social skills. They may also have a poor relationship with their parents.”

BBCnews.com states that children who are dangerously obsessed with celebrities are called “intense-personal celebrity worshipers.” They actually believe they have a personal relationship with the celebrity, and this could affect their relationships with others. Studies have shown that one in ten children suffer from this syndrome. These children have problems in their personal life, so they use celebrities and their lives as an escape from their own.

Celebrity obsession is not only a problem with youth, however. A Monmouth University junior who only wanted to be referred to as Michele said that she feels that celebrity worship is definitely a problem.

When asked how often she reads tabloids such as *Star* or *People*, she said, “I read People.com more than I read CNN.com, which is daily.” When asked why she did this, she stated, “The world is obsessed with fame and celebrities. Everywhere you look, there is a celebrity somewhere, whether it is on television, in magazines, or on a package of cookies in the supermarket. I am just trying to keep up.”

Christine Capone, a former Lehigh University student and current Weichert Realtor employee, says that she is often distracted from her work because she constantly wants to check the Internet for the latest celebrity gossip. “Celebrities’s lives are just so interesting, and when you are stuck behind a desk all day, your mind begins to wander. Celebrities are a great outlet to escape the monotony of every day life.”

People everywhere are celebrity crazy. There is no set age, gender, or race. Celebrities are a main part of our lives, and are here to stay. With television, the Internet, and the recent trend of cell phone entertainment and iPods, the obsession with celebrities is bound to intensify.



Jessica SImpson out shopping in Hollywood.

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Sample of a page from Star Magazine.



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Angeline Jolie and her children, four-year-old son Maddox and baby girl Zahara.



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Lindsay Lohan relaxing and taking in the sun.



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Sample of a cover from US Weekly.



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Britney Spears and Kevin Federline at the checkout counter in the grocery store.

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Up and Coming

Editorial

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
NEWS EDITOR

It's hard to believe that another school year is coming to a close and that the final issue of *The Outlook* is just around the corner. For myself and Entertainment Editor Samantha Young that means it is time to set our sights on preparing for what we hope to be a great year for *The Outlook*. Sam and I will be assuming the roles of Co-Editor-in-Chief for the 2006-2007 school year. Both of us, who will be juniors next year, have been apart of *The Outlook* since our freshman years and are excited to be holding the position next year. We have seen the newspaper blossom over the past two years and hope for another successful year serving the university community.

In this past year, *The Outlook* has grown and improved much and we both think that the best is yet to come. Some changes that were made in just this past year include the implementation of a new masthead, a fashion page, and the return of the Club and Greek page to just name a few. In addition to that, we also had a graduate assistant who will be returning next year as well. He helped us in a number of ways from simply looking over stories to just being a mentor and giving helpful advice.

With the next year in mind, we have many plans. The first plan of action is to increase the amount of student participation. We encourage students from all majors to be a part of the organization. There is no requirement that you must be a journalism major or a communication major to be a part of the student newspaper. By having students from several different majors onboard, it increases the diversity of the newspaper as

well as the overall quality. More areas and topics will be covered that way, which will only benefit the paper.

We also hope for more student input as to what they think of the paper and if there should be any changes made. If you think of a story that should be covered, let us know. If there is something that you want to see on the pages of *The Outlook*, again, let us know. Be a part of that change, by joining. With the help of your feedback, that is the only way in which *The Outlook* can be the best it can be.

In order to increase the overall quality of the paper, we are looking to include more Monmouth related stories. In addition to the usual coverage of university events, we are looking for out of the box ideas but place a Monmouth spin on them. How does this affect the university? During the fall semester, for example, *The Outlook* had a column in the news section called "World According to MU." This column took a current event that was getting a lot of coverage in the media and took into consideration how it affected the Monmouth University community. It is things like this that will set our newspaper apart from others.

We also hope to get more input from clubs and other organizations around campus. On *The Outlook* website, you are able to fill out a form for event coverage. In addition to that, there is also the Club and Greek page. That is another way for people to know about your event. Our overall goal is to improve the quality of the newspaper in every way, shape, and form.

On Thursday, April 20 at 2:30 p.m. we will be holding a new members meeting in order to get ready for the upcoming year. We

are looking for staff writers, photographers, and those interested in graphic design and layout. If any of that pertains to you, come to the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend and lunch will be served. This meeting is meant to bring new faces in the office and show you what *The Outlook* is all about.

The Outlook offers great opportunities in addition to the experience you can gain. By submitting articles, you are able to gain clips for your portfolio when it comes time to go on interviews. If you want that dream job of working on a major newspaper or magazine, you must have articles to show your work and *The Outlook* is the place where you can do that. There is no requirement as to how many articles you must write throughout the semester. You can write every now and then if that is what you want to do. As long as you contribute something, that is all that matters. Besides that, you can receive credit for being apart of *The Outlook* after a semester. During our Monday meetings, we also serve food and it is a time where you can meet with the editors, learn layout, or simply become acquainted with the other people in the newsroom.

Well, we hope to see you at the meeting on Thursday. If not then, we will also be holding a meeting in the summer when the time comes to start the first issue of the school year. Be on the look out for e-mails.

Don't forget that you can make a difference at *The Outlook*, whether big or small, just by joining. If you want something changed, why not do something about it rather than talking about it?

Have a good end of the semester and a good summer. We'll see you next year.

AMUSED

By: LAUREN BENEDETTI

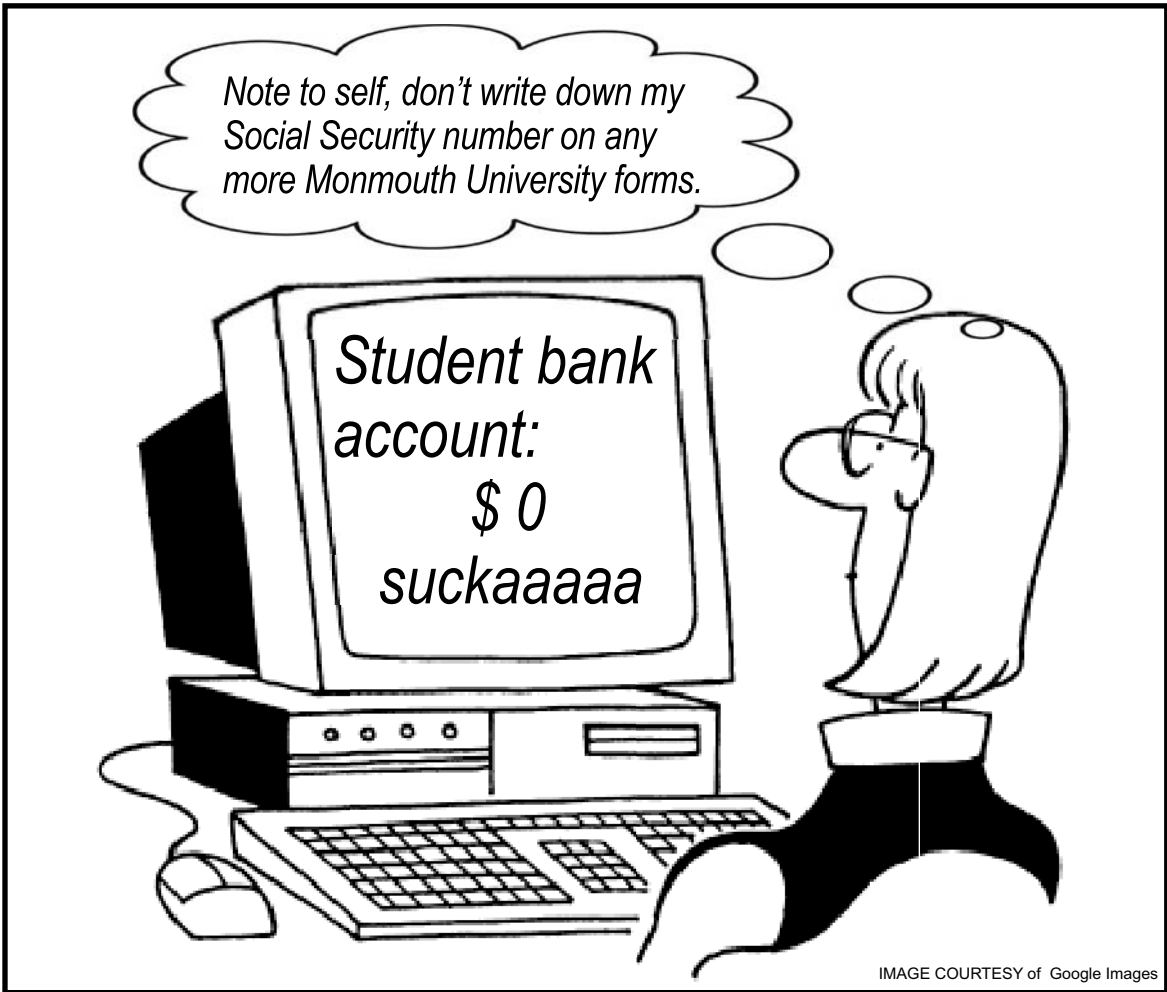
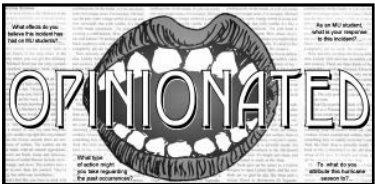


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BY SUZANNE GUARINO

This past week the NJ smoking ban went into effect. However, there are many opponents to this ban that have even taken the issue to court, determined to stop it.

Do you think the ban will last?



Abby senior

"It would be great if the ban against smoking lasted, but, I really don't think it will. There is so much opposition to it that I think the government will give in and get rid of it. I'm all for the ban though."



Chris junior

"If it works in N.Y.C., L.A., and Ireland, it will work anywhere. I bartend and I see a great difference in the air quality already. Also, smokers have told me they have been smoking less since the ban came into effect."



Andrea senior

"No, the smoking ban will not last because there will be fights going on outside of buildings. Also, some bars do not let you back in once you go outside."



Briana junior

"Yes, it will last. No one wants to go to the bar and get a puff of smoke in their face."



Andrew sophomore

"The smoking ban will hold. Just look at N.Y.C."



Foose senior

"Within 80 years America will be a Socialistic country. It's a sign of the times."

ERIN LUCAS
STAFF WRITER

Having it all

While watching a television show with one of my best friends a question was posed to us that got us thinking. What the main character of the show was pondering was if she had it all, and if she did, was it truly appreciated? When the show ended we soon realized another year is also coming to a close for us at Monmouth University. As we started from the beginning, our freshman year, and moved forward to today, we found ourselves questioning, do we really have it all?

According to the show, if one has a great job, great friends and family, and a great relationship, they in turn should feel fulfilled, for they have it all. Being too much of an optimistic person sometimes I knew immediately how much I appreciate everything I have. Yet, I couldn't help but wonder, how many of us have what we need, but don't realize it, and want more, instead of realizing how lucky we are.

To start, if you are going to college, there is a great chance that one day you will find a job that will make you successful, and if your lucky, happy as well. I know that sometimes waking up for class can be a drag and finals week sucks, but think about how lucky we are to have the choice to actually obtain an education and make full use of it. Sure, a lot of

us, including myself, don't have the career we want pinpointed, but the point we is we have the ability to explore, every day we are here offers us a new option. So when we find ourselves preparing to march in graduation, we can rest assure that soon enough, we will be making our mark in the world by choosing the career that will make us successful.

Without a doubt, friends are one of the greatest gifts life can throw your way. For some of us in the past twenty years, our friends have turned into our families. If you go away to college, there is always the safety net of your high school friends who have seen you through it all. They were the ones who stood by you in your awkward stage in middle school, the ones who know your family, and the ones who were there till the minute you got in the car and left home for the first time. I believe there is something really unique about the relationships you have with your friends from home. I say this because although I may not keep in touch with them everyday, I know if I needed something, they would be there for me.

There is a saying that you don't go to college to meet your groom, you go to meet your bridesmaids. I think about the friends I have kept from freshman year up until today. I consider myself lucky to be surrounded by such a unique

set of girls who provide me with really good friendships. What I notice most about the friendships I have in college is how every year they've changed. Freshman year was about partying and embracing the massive amount of independence we'd been handed. We were all still holding onto our boyfriends and friendships at home while trying to find a place with our new friends here. Sophomore year, we still didn't have much to be serious about and were all still together in the dorms. What sticks out was the most important thing that year was each other. We had a great time just going out and having a good time because none of us were in a serious relationship. Present, things have changed, but I still have an awesome sense of security with the friends I have. Although many of us are now in a relationship and we don't spend as much time together because of 21st birthdays, work, and school they will always come first to me.

If you haven't come to realize how truly important your family is, look forward to the day you do. How lucky are we to have numerous people who love us unconditionally, with no questions asked. Whether we have both a mother and father or just one, the time we get with them is irreplaceable. Having a brother or sister for some of us provides us with amazing best friends who are always around us. Either way, when you have family, you always have a place to call home.

Although we're young and have a lot to learn, many of us are involved in a serious relationship. I

don't think many of us can argue that it is a nice feeling to be cares about. Yet, this type of love seems the hardest for us to give, as well as receive, from others compared to our friends and families. Maybe because we know at anytime it could be taken away from us without permission. Yet, constantly fighting something becomes tiring for most of us; hopefully, because the more time you spend with someone, the more comfortable you become. And when someone is standing there, offering themselves to you, despite timing and/or the situation, it's up to you to realize how lucky you are to have someone who thinks you're wonderful, despite what you think.

So after going through all of these aspects in my life I see how much I have to appreciate. Of course there are days when we feel bad about things, but think about people who don't have any of this. We complain about school, but think about kids who are forced to wake up and work absurd hours. Yes, we might get mad at our friends but think about not having them to go to when you're happy. Obviously family parties can be tedious but imagine not ever having them. And as much as you may deny your feelings for someone think about great it is when you're actually honest with yourself and you realize just how happy that person makes you. A lot of people in our world don't get a chance to do or have any of this. So when you find yourself hating life, realize that while many of us don't have everything, most of the time, we have just enough.

A Breath of Fresh Air

SUZANNE GUARINO
CAMPUS EDITOR

Since April 15, 2006, indoor public places and workplaces across the state are smoke free. It's about time. Maybe I can finally enjoy my nights out.

First, on a personal note, sometimes I choose not to go out because I don't feel like reeking of smoke. I don't see the point in taking a shower, washing and doing my hair, washing my clothes, putting on perfume, etc. when as soon as I walk in the door, all of my efforts to feel and smell good are ruined. When I get home at 3 or 4 in the morning, I have to wash my hair thoroughly before I can sleep. I don't think it's too healthy to breathe in that smoky smell all night while I sleep. I have to shampoo my hair multiple times to get all of the smell out, if not, my hair still smells of smoke despite being washed. Smoke lingers on you and spreads to every room you occupy once you smell of it. I'm sick of smelling like butt. Cigarette butt that is. It's definitely not attractive.

According to the National Cancer Institute, "Of the chemicals identified in secondhand smoke, at least 60 are carcinogens (substances that cause cancer)". According to About.com, such chemicals include: formaldehyde (which is used to embalm dead bodies), carbon monoxide (a deadly chemical also found in car exhaust fumes), arsenic (rat poison), ammonia (toilet cleaner), hydrogen cyanide (gas chamber poison), lead, and acetone (nail polish remover). "The level of carbon monoxide in cigarette smoke contained in enclosed places is 4,000 times higher than that allowed in the clean air standard recommended by the EPA".

According to the National Cancer Society, "In the United States alone, each year second hand smoke is responsible for an estimated 35,000 to 40,000 deaths from heart disease in people who are not current smokers" and "about 3,000 lung cancer deaths in nonsmoking adults".

God forbid you won't be able to have a cigarette with your beer. If you have a problem with this ban, you need to take a serious look at your priorities.

I know many non-smokers who enjoy going to the bars frequently but always seem to have a cough or sore throat.

In a CNN article, researcher Dr. Mark Eisner said "After the law went into effect [in California], we observed a substantial reduction in the respiratory symptoms and eye, nose, and throat irritation symptoms of bartenders. Before the ban, bartenders were exposed to about 28 hours of smoke-filled rooms per week."

The people who are against this ban are strippers and business owners. I'm sorry but I'm on the side of the government and health organizations. The government is not doing anything to harm you by passing this law. It is doing you a favor. It is concerned about your health and wellbeing. Of course, business owners are fuming over this ban because they are concerned about their business. While they are worried about getting your money, the government is worried about public health (this includes your own personal health).

Through my research I have found that every legitimate economic study ever done has shown no negative impact, and in a few cases, studies have shown a positive impact. Only studies commissioned or supported by the tobacco industry have shown a negative impact. Tobacco companies love to claim

that it negatively affects business. If N.Y.C. can pull this one off, Jersey can too. Do you really think people are just going to stop going to restaurants, bowling alleys, and the clubs? I don't think so. There may be some rebellion at first, but for the long term I think everything will go just fine.

According to a Newsday article, "The opponents of the ban [...] already have filed a lawsuit against the state, alleging it will unfairly harm their businesses." What about the fact that secondhand smoke is unfairly harming my health? The

air we breathe is polluted enough, we don't need more smoke.

Let's face it; there are plenty of nonsmokers that go out. If smokers want their freedoms to smoke in public places then what do they want us nonsmokers to do? Not go out to the clubs or restaurants? Or go and just stop caring about how it affects our health and "just deal with it"? That's asking a lot. All we ask is if you are going to smoke, do it somewhere where it affects only you. If you want to kill yourself, fine; but do it outside. Oh, and make sure you're 25 feet away.

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Two sides of the same coin

Political discourse from the students of Monmouth University



President Bush's Tax Cuts have been a constant source of controversy...

KEVIN NORTH
STAFF WRITER

President Bush's economic team is currently trying to push legislation through congress that would make the tax cuts he made in 2001 and 2003 permanent. Some say that this will continue the current upward trend that our economy has been experiencing, but this may be a short sighted view. Evidence exists that extending these tax cuts would end up costing the government trillions of dollars over the next decade.

Bush's plan for extending the tax cuts has one fatal flaw. There is no financial offset to cover the amount of money being spent on the cuts. This means that the government would have to resort to deficit spending to pay cover the cost. This will unquestionably result in an increase in the national debt, which has already risen by several trillion dollars under the mismanagement of George W. Bush's administration.

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, CBPP, "because these tax cuts have not been paid for, they also are generating substantial increases in the national debt. The additional debt now being

tions. The Clinton administration managed to have a record breaking economy while balancing the budget. If that is possible, it should be the nation's goal. Increasing the national debt is not the answer.

While the current cuts will increase the national debt by \$1.3 trillion by 2016, the cost of continuing them will likely be much greater. By extending the cuts the government's debt will increase at a much more rapid rate. The CBPP predicts that the debt will increase a total of \$2.8 trillion by 2016 as a result of deficit spending alone. When interest costs are also considered this number increases to just about \$3.3 trillion. By the CPBB's predictions, the cost of covering these tax cuts would be roughly \$492 billion per year by 2016 and continue to rise.

Bush's tax cut plans have been ill conceived and short sighted since they first were enacted, starting in 2001. They have raided funding that could have been used on social welfare programs, education or health care. Taking money out of federal programs with no plan to return it means that those programs, including education, are bound to suffer and show decreased results.

The money being spent funding tax cuts could even have been used to defray the cost of the in-

SEAN QUINN
STAFF WRITER

Chief Justice John Marshall said, "That the power to tax involves the power to destroy; that the power to destroy may defeat and render useless the power to create..." The wise justice knew, as do conservatives, that taxes stifle growth and when there is no growth, the economy stagnates and everyone suffers.

The Bush tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 are a vital way to help our economy grow and should be made permanent. These cuts have helped to put us into an economic boom that is nearly unparalleled in American history. Unemploy-

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Tax cuts like this have been done other times in our history and each time they have succeeded. Kennedy had a similar system of cuts that boosted the economy, as did Reagan.

SEAN QUINN

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KEVIN NORTH

built up will persist even if the tax cuts are allowed to expire on schedule. As a consequence, the interest payments that must be made each year on this added debt will continue indefinitely, even if the tax cuts end. The increased interest costs caused by the tax cuts already enacted will total \$1.3 trillion from 2001 through 2016."

The Bush Administration has been focusing on how much these tax cuts have aided America during an economic rough patch. They claim these tax cuts have reinvigorated the economy. What they call reinvigorating I call digging us into a hole. By increasing the deficit, the Bush administration will just be passing his debts onto future genera-

tion of Iraq. The current administration is worrying about tax cuts in the face of a nearly \$300 billion war and that seems foolhardy. Trying to fund both at the same time will do nothing but dig America even further into the red and further increase the national debt.

Luckily the far right of GOP has been running itself aground repeatedly over the last year or so, with a multitude of public scandals, meaning that they may not be in power much longer. Once a more rational voices take power in congress and the executive branch these types of foolish policies will likely be done away with and America can begin repairing the damage that the Bush administration has caused.

Tax cuts like this have been done other times in our history and each time they have succeeded. Kennedy had a similar system of cuts that boosted the economy, as did Reagan. Some economists now say these cuts were responsible for the property of the 80's AND 90's.

History is on the side of wide spread tax cuts; whenever they are tried, people of all socioeconomic classes get to keep more of their money at the end of the year and prosper. I quite frankly don't understand how some on the left don't get this very basic and very effective policy in our economic history. (I would normally make a pithy and clever joke here about the intelligence of those on the left, but I promised my editor that I would "play well with liberals")

The key to any economic growth is always going to be jobs, when there are more people working, the nation prospers, and the cuts are a large factor in job creation. Imagine that you are a small business owner and you find out that taxes in your area have gone up. Since you want to keep your profits up you have a difficult choice to cut back on expenses. You can either cut back on the quality of your merchandise, which the customers will notice and then busi-

ness is up since the money you had to pay in taxes is now free to be used for growth and expansion. You use this new found capital to expand and hire more employees, thus giving new people good jobs.

This scenario has been happening all over the nation over the past few years and more people, including more minorities are opening up their own business today than ever before, thanks in great part to these cuts and deregulation.

Opponents of the tax cuts love to point out that this is a cut for the rich, yet ignore other parts of the plan like the increase of the child tax credit and marriage credit. More than that, and as I have written before, those who are considered "rich" by opponents of the plan are what we thinking folks call "the middle class".



One of the serious problems in planning the fight against American doctrine, is that the Americans do not read their manuals, nor do they feel any obligation to follow their doctrine...

Soviet Junior Lt's Notebook

"I think people should be free to engage in any sexual practices they choose; they should draw the line at goats though."

Elton John

"In my house I'm the boss, my wife is just the decision maker."

Woody Allen

"There are three stages of man: He believes in Santa Claus; he doesn't believe in Santa Claus; he is Santa Claus."

Bob Philips

"Is he just doing a bad Elvis pout, or was he born that way?"

Freddie Mercury on Billy Idol

"A woman went to a plastic surgeon and asked him to make her like Bo Derek. He gave her a labotomy."

Joan Rivers

"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."

Dan Quayle

"I'm not going to have some reporters pawing through our papers We are the president."

Hillary Clinton

"People demand freedom of speech to make up for the freedom of thought which they avoid."

Soren Aabye Kierkegaard

"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

Martin Luther King Jr.

"Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake."

Napoleon Bonaparte

"The difference between 'involvement' and 'commitment' is like an eggs-and-ham breakfast: the chicken was 'involved' - the pig was 'committed'."

Unknown

"If you are going through hell, keep going."

Sir Winston Churchill

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Stand Up and Improv

SUZANNE GUARINO
CAMPUS EDITOR

Did you know that you can enjoy a night of improv comedy every Thursday night for only ten dollars with your student ID card? Senior Communication major Mike Sgroi and members of Café Theater host Improv Nite at Café Theater in Toms River every Thursday night at 7 p.m.

I find that taking a break towards the end of the week to relax and watch some improv comedy with my friends is quite a de-

stressor especially at this time of year where the pressure is on. Not only do you get to laugh (a lot), your ten dollars include delicious pizza, soda, and dessert.

I enjoy going to Café Theater for this improv show over going to the one in Red Bank because, well, they give you food. Also, it's a lot nicer inside Café Theater and the atmosphere is right. The main reason, however, is that I like to support my peers when they are doing something productive and positive with their time. I feel this way because I know

a lot of people my age who just sit around all day and do nothing with their lives. Then, their nights are spent getting wasted and high. I like to see young people working towards something good in their lives; especially when it has to do with putting smiles on people's faces.

If you want to support a fellow student and relax and enjoy improv comedy, check out the Café Theater at 884A Fischer Blvd. in Toms River every Thursday. There are autographs after the show. For more information call

1-888-456-SHOW (7469) or contact Mike Sgroi through e-mail at e82ndst@yahoo.com.

If you don't want to travel to Toms River to support Mike, check him out this Thursday night while he does stand up at the Internet Café in Red Bank. Stand-up comedy night is hosted by Bobby Gonzo and takes place this Thursday, April 20th at 8 p.m. The Internet Café is located at 1 W. Front St. in Red Bank. It's only three dollars to get in. Your Thursday nights are about to be full of laughter.

Washington University sees covert acts of kindness

KAVITA KUMAR
KRTARCHIVES

First, giant signs appeared on Washington University’s campus, each with a cryptic message or question, such as “Wake up” or “What will you change?” or “Can you feel it?”

The next week, boxes filled with toys beach balls, soccer balls, Frisbees materialized in various locations. Some of the signs were changed to read: “Play nicely” and “Pass it on.”

Then last week, two horse-drawn carriages showed up unannounced outside residence halls to give students free rides to class. There was no explanation, just signs on each carriage that read, “It’s your turn.”

Among the signs that week: “Where are you going?” and “Get back on your horse” and “Cowboy up.”

Some apathetic college students haven’t noticed all of these strange signs and happenings

address, the secret do-gooders will send those notes along to the recipients through campus mail. The letters encourage the recipients to spread the love by writing similar notes to others.

It should be noted that it’s rare for students to receive letters in their campus mailboxes. So the “Your Turn” folks use e-mail to remind e-mail-addicted students to check their mailboxes.

Jill Carnaghi, assistant vice chancellor of students, said she received the “nicest anonymous letter” thanking her for her work.

“I’ve carried it around for days,” she said, adding that she has written down a list of people she plans to write notes to in return.

Carnaghi also disclosed that she knows the identity of some of the people involved in the “Your Turn” campaign but has promised to keep their anonymity.

“I think they really are sincere about just focusing on the con-

“I think they really are sincere about just focusing on the content and not who are the individuals involved in it, or what are their affiliations, and is there an ulterior motive,” she said.

JILL CARNAGHI
Assistant Vice Chancellor of students

around campus and don’t really care. But many Washington U. students have been murmuring to each other, wondering about the identity of the anonymous benefactors behind the “Your Turn” campaign who are trying to jump-start a chain reaction of kindness.

“I think it’s a really cool idea,” said Lauren Jaffe, a freshman from Columbus, Ohio, as she sat outside the library on a warm, breezy day.

“It reminds me of that movie . . .” said Lisa Podlecki of Longmont, Colo., as she looked to Jaffe for help. Her eyes lit up, and she blurted out, “Pay It Forward!”

At first, Jaffe said she thought students must be behind it. But she wasn’t so sure when the carriages arrived, figuring instead that it must be somebody with lots of money.

But Podlecki pointed out that the whole enterprise seems very “college-y” with its idealistic aspirations.

“I think it’s cool they aren’t taking any recognition for it,” Jaffe said.

“Yeah, if you do it for recognition, it’s not random and kind,” Podlecki said.

“It just makes it more . . . nice,” Jaffe agreed.

Another part of the “Your Turn” campaign is to get students, faculty and staff to write anonymous notes to the people who have made a difference in their lives. When people send those notes to a certain e-mail

tent and not who are the individuals involved in it, or what are their affiliations, and is there an ulterior motive,” she said.

Alina del Castillo, a junior from Rockville, Md., who took one of the carriage rides last week, said she hoped students would find out by the end of the year who was behind the kindness, so they could repay the favor.

“It does make me want to be nicer to people around me,” she said, as she paused while doing a Sudoku puzzle on the quad.

Andrew Walzer, a senior from Memphis, Tenn., said he has noticed that something different has been going on around campus. But he wasn’t ready to attribute it to pure kindness.

Was this some way the school is trying to get money from students? he wondered.

“But if it’s all in the spirit of kindness . . .” he trailed off, then that would be cool, he said, grinning.

When reached by the Post-Dispatch, the people behind “Your Turn” agreed to speak on the condition of anonymity. They are, indeed, students. But they wouldn’t say whether more surprises were planned.

Asked why they were so determined to remain incognito, a spokesperson responded, “The whole motive is that you don’t always need something in return. To do something just because it’s a nice thing to do is the most gracious gift of all.”




PHOTO BY Suzanne Guarino

Helena D. Lewis performs at Java City

SUZANNE GUARINO
CAMPUS EDITOR

Def Poet Helena D. Lewis took the stage at the Java City Café on Tuesday, April 4th at 7 p.m. Helena D. Lewis appears on Russell Simmon’s Def Poetry Jam on HBO. She brought an air of creative energy into Java City with her passion for the art. Ms. Lewis showcased her slam poetry, told her stories, provided some humor and gave away lots of goodies to those who participated in the show. She had her logo t-shirts, her poetry booklets, and CDs & DVDs of her performances. Free desserts were provided to the audience. After the show she talked to the audience and signed autographs.

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An Insider’s look into the Samuel Beckett Festival



PHOTO COURTESY OF Kelly Gahm
Jessica Henig, Alicia Ahlum, Angela Swercheck, & Kelly Gahm (left to right) performed in the production of *The Quad* by Samuel Beckett.

KELLY GAHM
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As the *Samuel Beckett Festival* came and went in the month of March, so did the many festivities in Red Bank and at Monmouth University. While a handful of literature professors had their students read Beckett’s *Waiting For Godot*, they also had them attend the performance of the Beckett work at Red Bank’s *Two River Theatre*. The *Two River Theatre* also housed another set of Beckett’s short plays. Kelly Gahm, Erica Osterlo, Alicia Ahlum, Jessica Henig, and Angela Swercheck, all Monmouth University students, had the chance to per-

form in Samuel Beckett’s short play, entitled *The Quad*. Pure motion, abstract paths and music, and bold colors made the piece enchanting, as well as questionable in regard to the abstract routes each performer took. A chance to take a brief look at *The Quad* and get a short history of the play can be found online at: <http://www.medienkunstnetz.de/works/quadrat/video/1/>. Talk backs after each set of plays offered deeper insight into the mind of Samuel Beckett, and his purposeful intentions in his works. All of the girls that participated in *The Quad* found the experience to be very rewarding and very different from their usual performance routines.

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Spring 2006 Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE)

The Writing Proficiency Examination will be offered next on **Thursday, May 4 2006, from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and Friday, May 5, 2006, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Check-in for the May 4th exam will begin at 8:45 a.m.
Check-in for the May 5th exam will begin at 4:15 p.m.

Check-in for both exams will be held in the lobby of Pollak Theatre.

Eligibility Requirements for the Exam

In general, you are eligible to take the May 2006 WPE if and only if you meet all three of the following conditions:

1. **you are a current student at the time of the exam** (that is, you have a start date that falls before the date of the exam),
2. **you have previously completed EN 101 and EN 102 or their equivalents** (such as transfer equivalencies or Credit by Examination), **and**
3. **you have not previously attempted the WPE.**

Requirements for Attempting the Exam

The mandatory **reading set** for the WPE will be available at the University Bookstore for a minimal fee, beginning Wednesday, April 19, 2006. Before the exam, students must purchase and read the reading set, and must bring it to the examination.

In order to be admitted to the WPE, students must present a **Monmouth University Student Identification Card**. If you do not have an ID, you may obtain one at the ID Center, located in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center.

Resources for Preparing for the Exam

To prepare for the examination, students should pick up and read the Writing Proficiency Requirement **Preparation Manual**, available for no charge at the Writing Office (Wilson Annex Room 510) or online at <http://bluehawk.monmouth.edu/~eng/wpr.pdf>.

The Writing Office will offer **three information sessions** about the WPE at which the format and expectations of the exam are explained and at which you can ask questions in person. The sessions will be held on Thursday, April 20, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, April 26, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.; and Monday, May 1, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, room 202B.

Additional information is available from the WPE Information Line at 732-263-5491 and from the Writing Office in Wilson Annex Room 510. All students should consult the Monmouth University Undergraduate Catalog for the Writing Proficiency Requirement policy.



Alarm Bells Are Ringing

WESLEY CHIN
STAFF WRITER

In a marble notebook somewhere in the tour bus of New Jersey natives Saves the Day, front man Chris Conley must have wrinkled pages of the band's darkest and visually stimulating lyrics to date. *Sound the Alarm* is the latest addition to the band's musical résumé since their 2003 release *In Reverie* off former major label DreamWorks Records. How does the album hold up?

Here's an analogy to help effectively illustrate: If *Stay What You Are* was the band's shaky start of their musical romance, and *In Reverie* was the chipper, "yay I'm in love" celebration of the relationship, *Sound the Alarm* would definitely be the bitter, confused, and overall angry-as-hell breakup letter that ended a five-year relationship with mainstream attention.

As many loyal fans know, the band has always remained to their roots while striving to new horizons. This couldn't be more evident, releasing *Sound the Alarm* on Vagrant Records and bringing in producer Steve Evetts, famed

for his work with the band's *Can't Slow Down* and *Through Being Cool*. All this, in addition to the brand new self built Electric Ladybug Studio, this record represents what the band has shown in preceding recordings: A desire to redefine their sound, without forgetting where they came from.

Lyrically, Conley could not delve deeper into his own soul and inner thinking any darker than the words of this album. But who could blame him? After minimal record sales off a major label debut, the band's cut from DreamWorks, and the departure of long-standing member Eben D'Amico, life was less than what Conley imagined it to be. In an interview in Rolling Stone, he describes, "A chamber got opened up inside me, a vault of seething despair. And there were all these voices. It was swallowing me, I had so many fears. Like, I should just call it quits, and the whole world would be way better off without me."

Evidence of this is found in songs such as "Don't Know Why," one of the only slower paced songs on the entire album: "There must be something wrong with me /

I get so tired, I can't sleep / The voices in my head are haunting my dreams / No matter how I try / to kill the thoughts inside / I cannot, I cannot hide." "Bones" is a detailed anthem, most likely alluding to the singer's disdain for the mainstream music industry: "Then they'll drive me out / to the wasteland / to leave me for the wolves / to eat my face ... they'll laugh about it tomorrow / when my body's rotten and hollow / and the lights are finished on time / nothing left except for my bones."

Instrumentally, Saves the Day could not impress listeners any better. The guitar work on this album is rather revolutionary to fans used to previous albums. Intricate chord formation and progressions from Conley and guitarist Dave Soloway are complemented well by the loud, driving styling of drummer Pete Parada. To fill the vacant bass position, the band brought in Manny Carrero, known for his work in Glassjaw. Conley commented on Vagrant Records' website, "Within two seconds of hearing him, I knew he was the right person. He's just incredible. For the first time in a long

while we felt like a band." Though bringing a distinctly different and bold sound to the new album, live performances prove that Carrero has done his homework, and plays Saves the Day classics as if he had written them from the beginning.

Starting off the album is "Head for the Hills," fast paced and aggressive, which appropriately starts and outlines the rest of the album. Another notable song is the album's title track, "Sound the Alarm," one of the most powerful anthems on the album, showcasing Conley's singing ability, as well as his ability on guitar through a ripping solo.

This album shows the extensive range and flexibility of Saves the Day. Those who were rather disheartened by a dulling of vocal strength in Conley on *In Reverie* will be pleasantly surprised at his performance on *Sound the Alarm*.

Saves the Day is currently on tour with Circa Survive and Moneen, and will be playing this year's Bamboozle festival at the Meadowlands.

Recommended tracks: The End, Sound the Alarm, Diseased

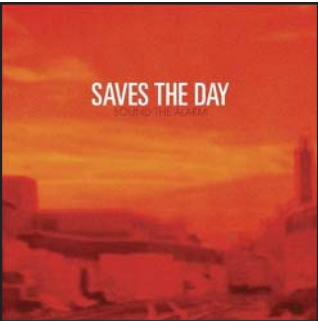


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Sound the Alarm
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1. Head For The Hills
2. The End
3. Shattered
4. Eulogy
5. Dying Day
6. 34
7. Say You'll Never Leave
8. Diseased
9. Don't Know Why
10. Sound The Alarm
11. Bones
12. Delusional
13. Hell Is Here

Box Office Weekend



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1. Scary Movie 4

\$41.0 million



2. Ice Age 2

\$20.0 million



3. The Benchwarmers

\$10.0 million



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Rascal Flatts
Me and My Gang
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1. Stand
2. What Hurts The Most
3. Backwards
4. I Feel Bad
5. My Wish
6. Pieces
7. Yes I Do
8. To Make Her Love Me
9. Words I Couldn't Say
10. Me and My Gang
11. Cool Thing
12. Ellsworth
13. He Ain't The Leavin' Kind

Country Group Doesn't Fall Flatt

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
NEWS EDITOR

The country music trio, Rascal Flatts, has delivered another hit album with its latest release *Me and My Gang*.

The group is made up of lead singer Gary Levox, Joe Don Rooney, and Jay DeMarcus. Riding off of the success of their two most recent albums *Melt* and *Feels Like Today*, this album offers the perfect mix of ballads and fun, up-tempo country songs that sets them apart from the other country acts on the music scene today.

Though a majority of the album does consist of slow songs, there are two songs that break that up. The third track on the album "Backwards" pokes fun at what it would be like if you sang a typical country song in reverse. The title track "Me and My Gang" is the most rock sounding song on the album. It is just a fun song to listen to that will easily catch you at first

listen. It sounds like the band's anthem that encourages people to listen and get caught up in the energy that the song produces.

I foresee this group taking country music into a whole new direction with the success of this album. Each song is not just a song but tells a story.

Me and My Gang also features ballads that simply take you away and almost puts you in the exact place in which they are singing about. The track "Cool Thing" does just that. The song is about two people who meet while on

vacation, and they end up falling in love. "Cool Thing" is easily the best song on the album lyrically. You can't help but escape in the story that the song is telling.

"Stand" is the opening track on the album and is an inspirational song about being able to regain from a tough time and keep on going no matter what. The chorus of this song is very powerful and provokes a strong message.

"What Hurts the Most" is Rascal Flatts' current single off of this newly released album. It is about losing a loved one and regretting the fact that words were left unsaid. It features an incredible vocal arrangement that showcases the amazing voice of lead singer Gary Levox. Not only that, but the musical arrangement truly makes the song. The blend of violins, guitar, and percussion makes the song more powerful and makes you feel the emotions that the track is meant to bring.

"Yes I Do" is one of my favor-

ite songs on the album. When first listening to the song, the opening instrumental section had a tropical rhythm to it making me believe it was going to be a happy love song. However, the song instead was about looking back on lost love and longing for that love again. The chorus is the catchiest part of the song and reflects Rascal Flatts' signature sound.

Other tracks on the album like "I Feel Bad" and "Pieces" dabble with the subject of lost love also but take it in a different direction.

Me and My Gang is Rascal Flatts' best work to date. It is not a typical country album, but the country roots are still present. I foresee this group taking country music into a whole new direction with the success of this album. Each song is not just a song but tells a story.

For those who are not country music fans or simply don't admit it, *Me and My Gang* is worth giving a listen to.

Why Aren't They On TV?

BILL STECH
STAFF WRITER

Some people watch too much TV. Then there are those of us who made sure we scheduled our classes around the ABC Family afternoon comedy block so we could catch *Boy Meets World* and *Full House* everyday. But what about the shows from our youth that are not being treated royally in syndication, even though *Family Matters* is? Here are some of those shows that we miss oh so dearly, and never get to enjoy between classes.

Kevin Arnold, Paul Pfeifer, Winnie Cooper, and of course Wayne. Yes, *The Wonder Years* was one of the greatest shows of the late 80s

and early 90s. It encapsulated the turmoil of the 1960s through the eyes of a high school student. I remember every Sunday watching it with my parents. It was a show we all could enjoy, even though as a seven year old I didn't get most of the music and drug references. That is only one reason why it should be on TV again! Please, if it will not be syndicated, let *The Wonder Years* be released on DVD.

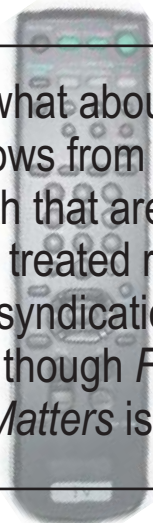
Another late 80s Sunday night favorite was everyone's favorite smart aleck alien *Alf*. Who cares how he got here or knew English, but he loved to eat cats, and would occasionally lip-synch with a cucumber. Alf has had

some TV movies appear occasionally in the last ten years, but it has largely been forgotten by the executives that be.

Remember the episode of *Saved by the Bell* with Zach Attack? Well there was an entire Saturday morning show based on that concept. *California Dreams* had every 90s stereotype. There was the heartthrob Jake in the leather jacket who dated California ditzy blonde Tiffany, and of course the stereotypical African-American drummer. Not on TV anymore? That's a crime.

There were some great shows for kids that many of us miss. Early Nickelodeon had some strange programming, like the classic Ca-

But what about the shows from our youth that are not being treated royally in syndication, even though *Family Matters* is?



nadian-bred *You Can't Do That On Television*. There were so many classic skits, like the kids coming out of their lockers to say random jokes, the "introduction to the opposites," and the drunk bus driver who would always crash.

What about *Where in the World is Carmen San Diego*? Not only were you entertained, you learned something.

I didn't watch it, but I heard the Disney Afternoon was quite entertaining. *Duck Tales*, *Goof Troop*, *Tailspin*, it was all good. The best, I hear, had to be *Chip n Dale's Rescue Rangers*.

It's not really from our youth, but I personally miss those black and white cartoons from the 1930s. For no particular reason, there would be a cow dancing with some really happy music playing in the background.

How can we find that on TV? It's very frustrating. Please write your congressman.



BAM! A Visit To Emeril's

BRIANA MULCAHY
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Does the name Doc Gibbs sound familiar? How about the words kick it up a notch? Ok, what about BAM? Well if none of these words ring a bell then you are definitely not familiar with the show *Emeril Live*. Last week I was fortunate enough to go to a taping of the show and it was definitely a cool experience.

I went with my mother and we drove into New York City to the Chelsea Market Place. I have never seen so many food places in my life. When we got to where the show tapes, the assistants of Emeril took us up to the V.I.P. room, and we really felt important. We sat there for a while and they gave us food and drinks until they were ready for us to come into the studio.

We finally went into the studio and my mom and I were not sure where we were sitting, thinking we would sit in the audience we started to walk that way. The lady in charge of the seating said "you two, right this way." She lead us to our seats at the tables right by where Emeril cooks, we were so excited. We sat down right next to "Doc" Gibbs and the Emeril Live Band, they were so talented!

The show started and Emeril jogged out to the center of the stu-

dio, he talked about what he was going to cook then they went to a quick commercial. He had to put on his apron and did it while standing right next to me! He smiled at me and said, "Enjoy the show." I was in shock. Not that he is a major celebrity, but I am a pretty big fan.

The whole show was about turkey. Turkey chili, turkey stew, everything turkey. Everything he made was passed to us and we got to try it. It was a little weird sharing food with people we didn't know, but the food was so good, we got used to it real fast.

Although it is called *Emeril Live*, it was not on that day. It is taped in front of a live audience and our episode won't be aired until sometime in July.

If you are a fan of the show, or even just a fan of cooking, this is such a cool experience. If you are not lucky enough to get tickets to the show, because it is a lottery, just take a trip to Chelsea Market Place anyway. There is such a variety of foods and sweets that everyone can enjoy. But don't take my word for it. Summer is coming, take a car, take a train, go to the Market Place and have a great experience.

A NOT SO SCARY SPOOF

KRISTEN RENDA
STAFF WRITER

Like the three previous *Scary Movie* films, *Scary Movie 4* is a very funny movie - as long as you saw the films they were spoofing.

The two main films you should see in order to understand most of the jokes were *The Grudge* and *War of the Worlds*. Anna Faris does an excellent job portraying Sarah Michelle Gellar's character in *The Grudge*. Even the set looked like an exact replica of the one used in the actual film. However, I doubt it was the same one considering *The Grudge* was filmed entirely in Tokyo.

In the film, Cindy (Faris) nurses an old woman who lives in a home haunted by a small Japanese boy, and tries to figure out who killed him. Meanwhile, next door lives Tom (Craig Bierko), who portrays Tom Cruise's character in *War of the Worlds*.

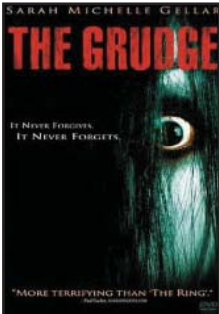
Tom is a divorced father who has to

take care of his two kids for a little while. While he is taking care of them, aliens start attacking the town and they all have to try to survive. During all of this, he and Cindy realize they like each other and want to be together, but can't since they have to escape all of the aliens.

The other two movies they spoof are *The Village* and *Saw 2*. These two movies are not as heavily spoofed as the previous two. While Cindy escapes her town, she finds her friend Brenda (Regina Hall), and the two of them stumble upon a small town in the woods, which is "the village." They are there for a short while before ending up in a cell like in *Saw 2*.

There are a few surprises in this that made it even funnier, including a cameo appearance by an actor in one of the spoofed films.

If you have time, go see the movie in theatres. If not, it wait until video.



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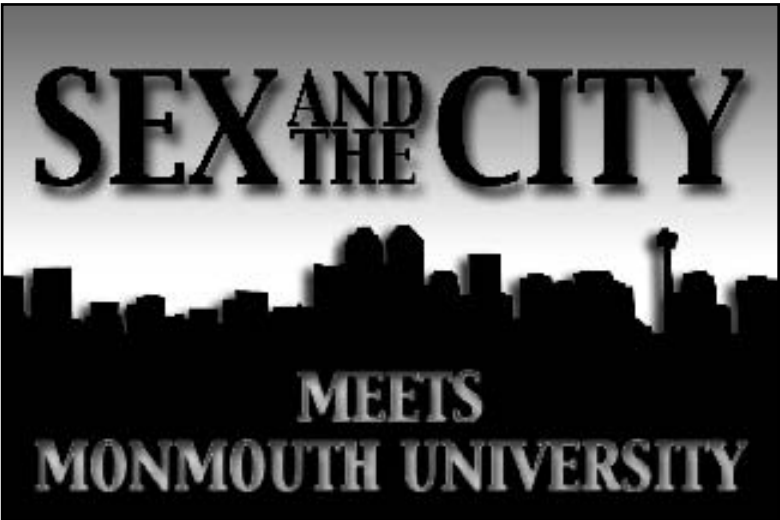
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REBECCA HEYDON
COLUMNIST

Change. There are thousands of books written, offering people advice on how to deal with different types and degrees of change in their life. Why? Because psychologists claim that humans are creatures of habit and anything that upsets “normalcy” takes extra effort to deal with. And yet, change is the most common measure of success. Any C.E.O., millionaire, married couple, mother, father, or even poor person has had to encounter a change and it can be clearly seen what the change and the outcome was.

If you went to your high school reunion or even ran into someone you knew freshman year, and they were still working at the same job, at the same point in their relationship with their significant other, doing exactly the same thing with no future plans, what would you think? Would you think that they were already successful in life? Or that they were going to be a success soon? Most people would say no, and probably because that person would have no plans for change in their future.

Okay, what about the man who has been working at the same place, doing the same job for five years? He goes to work and does the same thing, then he comes home to his wife and does the same thing, everyday. He is very content with his life and does not wish to change anything. Is he successful? Isn't the point of life to be happy? Isn't that what we're all after? However, most of us would not deem this man successful. Why? Many people would argue that although he is content, nothing has changed, and what kind of life can that be? Does his lack of success have to do with the lack of excitement? Because we, as humans, are so afraid of change that it insinuates excitement in life? And if nothing has changed, then nothing exciting has happened?

Think about it. What is one of the first things you ask your friends when you speak to them, even if you speak to them ten times a day? Does “What’s new?” sound familiar? My best friend and I always make a point of first asking how each other are doing/feeling, but then we always get into what’s going on, what has changed, or what’s new. If nothing has changed, both of us usu-

ally feel that it has been a boring day, perhaps a much needed boring day, but still a boring one.

Now go back to the man who does the same thing day in and day out. What if I told you that that same man has taught himself how to speak four different languages and how to play three different instruments in these last five years? Does this make him more successful in your eyes? Even though he hasn't really done anything truly exciting? Most likely.

Why is that? Perhaps it isn't necessarily the excitement of change, as much as the growth. You can either grow by learning something new, or grow by overcoming a fear ignited by the change. Is that why the man was deemed unsuccessful at first? Not because life wasn't exciting, but because

if nothing had changed, he hadn't grown or learned anything new? Is that why people have a midlife crisis? Because they feel as if nothing in their life has changed or will change?

Additionally, it should probably be pointed out, that this change and success does not simply have to do with careers and

knowledge. There are two girls who live near me that I used to work with when I was in high school. They are a couple of years older than me and still work at the same place. Yes, their responsibilities have increased a bit, but they are basically doing the same thing that they did when I was there, four years ago. At first glance, they might not be deemed successful. However, both girls got engaged last year and will be married by the end of this year → change and success. Although they have not been overly successful in their careers, most people would declare them very successful in their personal lives.


Is this another reason why people suffer from boredom later in life and why your young years are deemed the best of your life? Right now, most of us are not married. Thus, we are not only seeking jobs and growing in that respect, but we are directly or indirectly seeking a partner and constantly growing in our personal relationships. We are always learning, always growing, and always changing, thus success can be found much more easily. As you get older and settle down with a partner and a job, life stops changing as much, does that really make success harder to find? Or do you just have to look for different achievements?

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Study Abroad Australia:

From Sydney to the blue mountains and the Australian Grand Canyon; Overseas Correspondent Emily Smith shares her Australian adventures

EMILY SMITH
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDANT

Each morning I wake up and cannot believe how fast my time in Australia is going! For a couple of weeks we stayed around the university and toured around the city. Sydney offers so many things, like the zoo, the aquarium, and a ton of other attractions. I never thought a city could be so clean and fun. Now that we have settled in the Sydney area, the girls and I have started to travel and see this amazing country!

My first trip was to the Blue Mountains with three other Monmouth girls. From a distance the mountains actually have a blue tint. They are known for the Three Sisters, which is a beautiful rock formation with three points. Aboriginal Australians have a story behind them about three sisters who fell in love with three brothers. By law they were not allowed to marry, and there was a big battle over the whole situation. Apparently the three rocks stand there as a reminder for future generations. The tallest sister is 3024.93 feet according the Blue Mountains website. We hiked down these huge rocks the first day. The stairs were rather steep and slippery; those who were afraid of heights were quite taken back when they saw what they were getting themselves into. I thought it added to the adventure. That took us about two hours and then we returned to the mountain town of Katoomba that we were staying in and had a night out in the mountains. On our second day we did a hike of the

Australian Grand Canyon. It was probably the most gorgeous sight I have seen so far in Australia. There were many caves and waterfalls, and plenty exotic plants and trees. After about three hours, mostly uphill, we reached the top. The lengthy, exhausting hike was absolutely worth it

was to Melbourne with everyone from Monmouth. Our advisors, Jarrod, Tim, and Wally took us.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: The Study Abroad Group gets native with the Aboriginals in Melbourne. The girls enjoy the atmosphere of Bells Beach. A student gets risky in the air.

once we all saw the view of the Blue Mountains. This was a really fun weekend trip and I am glad we spontaneously went. For only \$130 Australian, which is about \$90 American, we met a lot of great people and were able to see an amazing part of Australia.

The second trip that we went on

Our flight was incredibly early on a Saturday morning, but anything after the twenty four hours of flying from New York is a piece of cake. After only about fifty minutes we landed. Everyone was unprepared for the weather, as it was about ten to twenty degrees colder than Sydney. The advisors

rented cars for us and on the first part of the trip we traveled through the state of Victoria and saw some of the attractions like Bells Beach, the Great Ocean Road, and the Twelve Apostles rocks. Running along side the beach, the Great Ocean Road is approximately two hundred and fifty miles long and very curvy. Unlike the Jersey shore, there are no houses on the beach; it is rather secluded, adding to its beauty. Also, I saw my first

heard race cars immediately I associated it with Nascar and had no interest. However, the advisors talked me into going and I am very happy that I did. While Nascar is just a circle, this is a much more complex track, and it is international with drivers from all over the world. Fifty two laps have to be completed and most cars do not make it that far due to crashing and malfunctions with their cars. Once the race was over we were allowed onto the track and some of the girls found pieces of the cars. Right from the race we went out in Melbourne. We called it an early night though, we were tired from all of the traveling. Our last day is Melbourne we decided to shop and see some of Melbourne's attractions. Melbourne's reputation of having great shopping is true! So far, I would have to say Melbourne was my favorite weekend.

In just one week we embark on our Mid-semester break trips! All of the Monmouth girls and I are heading up to the North East Coast of Australia, in the state of Queensland. If these last two trips are any indication of the fun we are going to have for the next two weeks then I cannot wait! I have plans to travel to New Zealand, and a few of us are going to make the trek out to Perth, Western Australia. My decision to come to Australia is probably one of the best that I have ever made in my life. I had fears of being homesick and was definitely nervous. On the other hand, since I have been here I am not sure I will be able to leave such a magnificent place.

Study Abroad London:

Overseas Correspondant Bob Danhardt takes us on his vacation to Greece

BOB DANHARDT
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDANT

Spent: £14 + €110 ≈ \$157.20 (This is inclusive of travel in London and Greece, souvenirs, hostel, food)

To Plio: Boat. I put this word because I think it is an essential thing to use at some point during your stay in Greece.

Fact: 4/5 of Greece is mountains.

The city of Athens when mentioned aloud today is most often thought about in conjunction with the summer Olympics that were held there in 2004. Although this is an understandable thing to do and a reason for the face of Athens looking as it does today, it only paints a partial picture. It is the reasons behind why this place was chosen that makes it truly magnificent.

The city of Athens is a very ancient city. Many of the lectures that we hear in our world history classes begin with the civilizations from Greece. Many movies have been made to recreate the it as it once was and the numerous stories that went along with it. Just the mention of the name Athens, or Greece for that matter, is bound to get anyone's imagination going full speed. Though seeing it in real life may be different than you thought (as is the case with most everywhere you'll go that is unfamiliar), it is not a disappointment.

The city of Athens itself is huge. However, the attractions that people come to see are within a much smaller area, forming an almost triangle-shaped area. The sites and feel of Athens can be done in a day. Although there is a lot to see, if you set off early in the morning and go all day, it is possible. I was lucky enough to be close to the one attraction that almost anyone would know by the site of it, the Acropolis. I stayed at a hostel that was only a two minute walk from the entrance. However, the even better thing about that was this hostel had a rooftop from which you could clearly see the Acropolis at any time of the day. It was a no lose situation.

The other sites I saw included both the Roman and Ancient Agora's, the Roman Stadium (the place where the first modern Olympics were held in 1896), and Lycabettus Hill. It is the last attraction that I actually found to be one of the best. Lycabettus is the largest hill in hill Athens. On top of it sits a little church called St. George's. From the top of the hill you can see the whole city of Athens. It is so high up that it makes the Acropolis look like it just rises above the level of the ground. I can guarantee that it is the best place to watch the sun set in all of Athens.

Now I am a major fan of seeing the things that you always hear and read about and though Athens

is no slouch in this department, there is one thing that I think you also need to do to make any trip to Greece complete; visit an island. Greece has tons of islands all at varying distances. My last day there I went to the island of Aegina. It was one of the most beautiful places I had ever seen. When I got to the island I rented a motor scooter and cruised it for hours. I recommend this if you are looking to see the most you can within a day. It was through this experience that reaffirmed the fact of how lucky I am to be here.

(Weekend of March 31- April 2, 2006)

Spent: £16.5 + CHF 700 ≈ \$567 (This price is inclusive of train travel, souvenirs, hostel, food, extreme sports)

Alpenhorn: The actual name for the Ricola horn!

Fact: Although Switzerland is a very independent country, it does not have its own language. Most use a type of Swiss-German. However, French, Italian and most second most popular, English are also languages that are used.

Interlaken Switzerland... I'm sure few of you have heard of it and even fewer know what it is known for. Interlaken is an appropriately named town that is nestled in the Swiss Alps between two lakes. However, it is neither its picturesque views nor quaint

relaxing atmosphere that draws people to it. No, Interlaken is the extreme sports adventurer's utopia. It is considered the extreme capital of the world and with good reason. It offers everything from white water rafting to sky diving and I'm certain a number of sports many have never even heard of (ie. Zorbing- strap you inside this barrel type thing and roll you down a mountain!).

It was for this reason that I wanted to come here. I originally wanted to go hang gliding, but they don't officially begin offering that until May. So, I instead decided to go paragliding. Paragliding is when the strap you to a chair-like seat, the pilot and a parachute and then you literally run off the side of a mountain. This is exactly what we did! The views from up in the air (approximately 3000 ft. above the ground) were amazing. The thing to keep in mind this whole time is that we were in the Swiss Alps! The town below was a lush green and the lakes were as if they were dyed blue. The thermals (wind patterns) running through the mountains are what kept you up in the air.

The ride could last all day if the conditions are right, but of course this is a paid thing and like any attraction it has a time limit. The great part is that you descend all the way to the ground that you were looking down on. If you are lucky

you're pilot will do some tricks before you reach the ground (the most g-force I have ever felt!).

This was the only thing we had planned to do when we first got to Interlaken (in addition to seeing the town of course), but once we got there that is not how it stayed! The afternoon we arrived we also signed up for something called canyon jumping. This is when they basically attach you to a rope, you jump off a canyon and free fall until the rope catches you. We were all really pumped (and nervous!) for this. Unfortunately, there were not enough people signed up to do this with us...chickens. So, that got cancelled.

To fill our time that would have otherwise been the biggest butterfly we would have ever got in our lives, we decided to take the money we had been refunded and rent fun cars and motor scooters and tour the Alps for a couple of hours. It was a really cool experience. We drove all over the place. The mountains here are the biggest I have ever seen and the weird thing is no matter how high you drove up them it never seemed as if you were getting any closer to the top!

Interlaken is just a beautiful quiet little place that hiding a huge secret! If you're ever looking for an adventure it is the place to go! Be careful though, these big adventures do come at hefty prices.

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Today's Birthday (Apr. 19th)

The more responsibility you accept this year, the stronger you become. As that happens, the job gets easier. It's like working out with weights.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

♈

Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is a 6

Stand up straight and accept a challenge. It's OK if you won't get paid much at first. You'll gain enough in fringe benefits.

♉

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 7

Go to a person who has too much, and it won't be long before you find a way to reach your goals. There is one.

♊

Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 7

You're getting to the point in the discussion where money must be considered. You'd better figure out how much you have, and how much you're willing to give. Do it before the meeting.

♋

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 8

The controversy rages, and you could be caught in the middle. Hold out until tomorrow, and the problem will solve itself.

♌

Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - Today is a 8

Hurry and do an important household job before conditions change. Your career will take up a lot more of your time after tomorrow.

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Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 7

Others begin to realize how much work you've done. Accept their appreciation. You've earned it.

♎

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 6

Thinking about the topic counts as mental preparation. Get your friends to help; don't try to do it all by yourself.

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Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is an 8

If you have experience, draw on it now and get much more for your efforts. If you don't have much experience, consult somebody who does.

♐

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 7

Invest in finishing a project you've had hanging around for too long. It'll cost you a few bucks, but you'll make that much back, and more.

♑

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is an 7

An obstacle you've been struggling with for weeks is beginning to fade. The next phase is easier, and a lot more fun.

♒

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 7

No more procrastination. Do what you promised. Don't worry _ you will be well rewarded for your efforts.

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Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is an 7

Consult people who have more experience. They'll put you on the right path. Learn from their mistakes and save yourself a lot of time.

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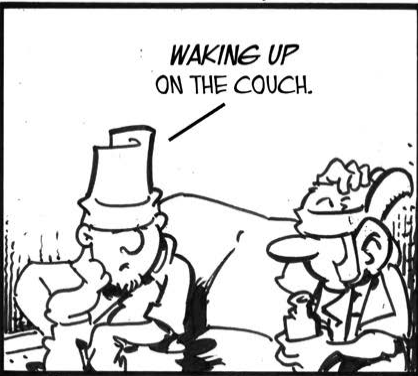
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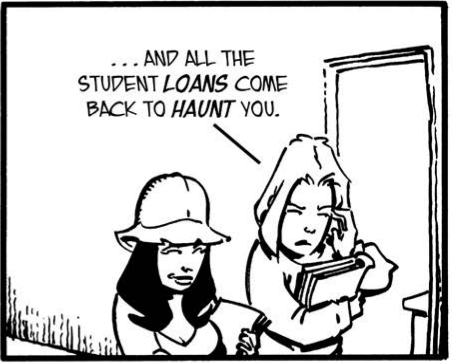
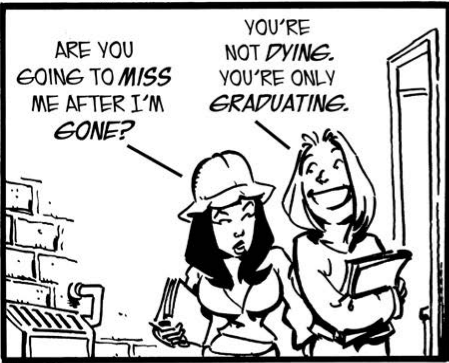
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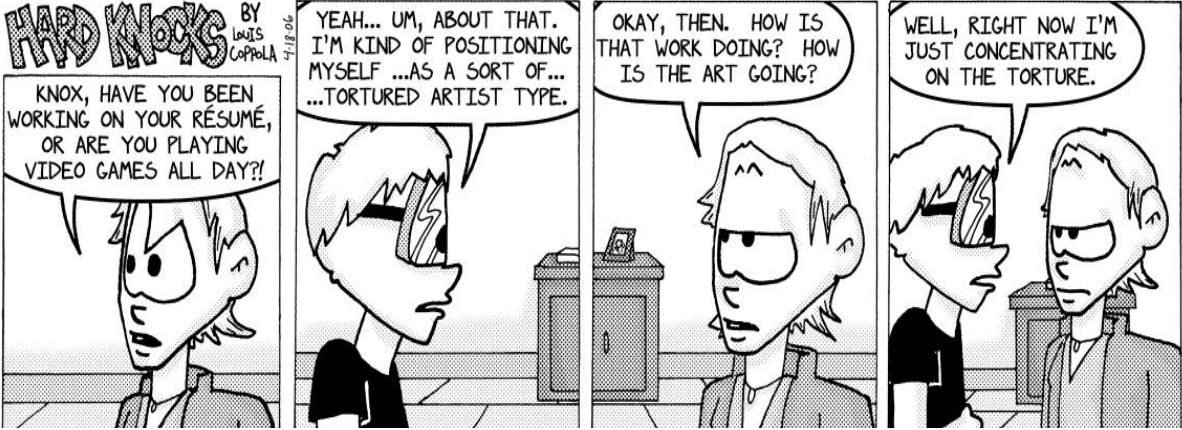
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“What are your plans for the summer?”

BY: SUZANNE GUARINO



Will
senior

“If I pass: getting a job and planning my wedding. If I fail: taking summer classes and a beating.”



Erin
senior

“I’m graduating but I’m starting graduate school.”



Lindsay
freshman

“I’m going to a wedding in Jamaica (ya’ mon) and a cruise to a few islands!”



Stacie
junior

“Turning 21, bar hopping, and working at the writing center.”



Ennis
senior

“Going on tour spreading my love of metal. Kill the Brain!!!”



Marlene
freshman

“I’m taking two summer classes and hopefully getting a job!”



Melissa
junior

“I’m taking summer classes and then hopefully road-tripping to different ball parks throughout the country.”



Jacqueline
sophomore

“I plan on doing absolutely nothing but laying on the beach, planning trips with my best friends, going to Florida & Cali and working occasionally.”



Ashley
freshman

“Summer classes, beach, working, etc.”



Nick
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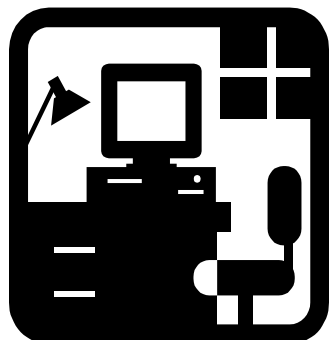
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Social Security outbreak

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would never have been on the Web if not for the school. On the other hand, the question I now ask is, why did Google republish it?”

According to Dimenna, Google is responsible for putting the cached information back on their site despite the university’s request to remove students’ information back in October 2005. As an additional security precaution, the University had also removed the server in question from the Internet back in October 2005.

Google, who was contacted for further comment, failed to respond to Dimenna’s comments by press time. However, Google did e-mail *The Outlook* last Thursday when the information was first discovered.

“If the information was removed from the school’s Web site then it should no longer appear in Google search results, our results are only a reflection of the Web itself,” said Nathan Tyler, a member of Google’s Public Relations Department. “If the Webmaster at your school asks us to remove this information we would do so - we also have an automated tool they can use to remove the information themselves.”

Dimenna says Google’s claims are “not true.” According to Dimenna, Tyler and Google failed to mention that if you ask for something to be removed from Google and then you proceed to remove the server containing that information from the Internet, a common action from a security point of view, after six months the information is going to reappear on the Internet.

“This is a Google system function that makes absolutely no sense and seems to make it impossible to keep information off the Internet permanently if you want to take a server off line,” said Dimenna. “We have since then taken steps with our system which prevent their crawls from accessing certain parts of our system.”

The female undergraduate student was responsible for bringing the error to the schools attention

on Sunday, April 9 after conducting a routine Google search of her name. Last week she expressed her anger and disappointment towards the school and is still worried about how this might affect her in the near future.

“I am still considering changing my social security number. What kind of a life would I have always being paranoid that I could be the victim of identity theft,” said the female student. “No one cares about my security more than me, and I can no longer depend on Monmouth or any corporation to do that for me.”

Students who have been affected by this computer error received a letter in the mail this week from the University advising them about the situation. It was the same list of students from the fall semester when the school originally published 677 student’s personal information on the Web.

“I feel that someone should have actually contacted me on the phone rather than sending me a letter in the mail,” said one male business management student, who also wished to remain anonymous. “It’s kind of a big a deal when you think about it. A phone call would have been a little bit more personal.”

The student said he plans on holding the school responsible for any financial burdens that may occur in the near future.

“It’s interesting how they can pester thousands of alumni for donations but can’t call a few hundred students concerning their well being,” said the male undergraduate student. “If some schmuck ruins my credit because Monmouth University published my private information on the Internet, they can bet my lawyer will be knocking on the door of Wilson Hall.”

The female undergraduate, who was the only student to contact the school directly about the problem, feels Monmouth is not taking this issue as seriously as they should be.

“The school did leave me a message explaining that the information was taken off. It was the standard message that any person in administration would leave some-

one in this predicament,” said the female student. “I don’t feel that they truly understand how devastating this has been for me. Someone in my family was a victim of identity theft, and was left with unwarranted bad credit. My family and I are taking this very seriously.”

Dimenna said the school is taking this situation seriously. In fact, Dimenna said he believes it is unlikely something like this will happen again.

“I feel very confident that as a result of this experience and the lessons we have learned from it, as well as the other steps that we have taken in terms of adjusting our system to limit Google’s access to it, that the likelihood of an inappropriate release of information in the future is substantially diminished,” said Dimenna.

Notwithstanding, Dimenna said it’s hard to guarantee everyone that something like this would never happen again.

“There are no guarantees in life,” said Dimenna. “I do believe that as a result of these experiences that the chances of that happening (again) are very small and that having gone through this experience, our system is likely safer than the systems of other universities that have not had this happen. I do know that we have a very dedicated Information Systems staff who were very upset that this happened and who are doing all they can to make sure it does not happen again.”

Dimenna said everyone, especially students, should use this experience to become more aware about information they themselves publish on the Internet.

“In this day and age everyone should be sensitive to issues of privacy, especially connected with the Internet,” said Dimenna. “Frankly, I am amazed at the amount of private information that students post on sites such as Facebook.com for millions of unknown individuals to read. I think it is good to take prudent steps to address matters within your control. Knowing what I know, if I were a student, I would not be concerned about my information being released on the Internet by the University.”

How the S.S. number outbreak happened: (Monmouth University’s explanation)

“The technical staff was able to determine the following: Google has a system whereby they “crawl” Web sites frequently looking for new pages and removed pages in order to keep their system up to date. Their system is looking for one of two possible messages: either a particular page is a new page and is thus added to their system or a page is not found in which case the old page that is not found is removed from their system. If the server is inaccessible they take no action either way because they get no message back. Once something being removed, if after six months there is no message from a crawl notifying Google that the page was not found, the information is automatically reposted to the Internet by Google. Since the University had removed the server from the Internet, the Google crawl received no message for six months and returned the cache containing the information to the Internet.

In order to resolve the problem, the staff made changes to the campus system’s firewall to allow access to the web server that once held the social security numbers and turned the server on again, without the social security information present, allowing Google to have its crawl send back a message that the pages in question were removed and thus would be permanently deleted from Google’s cache.”

----- Grey Dimenna

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ANDREA TIBALDO
FASHION EDITOR

2 Get a Pedicure



One of the first things you must do before wearing those new open-toed sandals is get a pedicure. Not many people find feet attractive as it is, so don't let your pale, calous-ridden tootsie's scare them away. The first pedicure of the season should be professionally done and then if you'd like to save some cash here and there throughout the summer do your own pedicure on occasion. Light colors are better in the summer on your toes so stay away from deep red and browns. Light colors will make you appear tanner, as well. An average pedicure will run you about \$18-\$25 not including a tip.

3 Tone Up



If you're completely against the idea of pumping iron but want to tone your muscles for that sexy two-piece then look no further. Yoga and Pilates are great workouts that strengthen not only your body, but also your mind. With either of these workouts you can increase your flexibility and exercise different tendons and ligaments of your body, all while in a zen state of mind. Most venues allow you to 'drop-in' for a class which could only cost \$15-\$20. Aside from your body, you'll tone down your stress levels and detoxify your body from the previous night's festivities.

4 Purchase the Right Shades

Sunglasses are known more for being more of a stylish accessory rather than a source of protection from harmful ultraviolet radiation rays. Of course you should look chic and sun it's important to realize that The FDA actually recommends sunglasses that block 99-rays. Today's trend of oversized sunglasses are actually perfect for protecting your eyes because the more coverage of your eye the less likely you're damaging your eyes.



5 Wax

Being silky smooth in your bathing suit is a must if you don't want to feel uncomfortable when catching some rays. Waxing is a good way to rid yourself of the annoyance of shaving every other day. Just like advised with the pedicures, it's better to get your first waxing of summer done professionally and then tidy up on your own afterwards. Hair removal kits can be purchased at any local pharmacy and come in the form of depilatories creams, gels or wax. Try Sally Hansen's Lavender Spa Wax Hair Removal Kit for \$5.99 at Walgreens.



8 Get Sunscreen

Over the past few years it's become evident that sunscreen and sunblock are essential to our health when we're outside. If you plan on swimming then waterproof sunscreen will last up to eighty minutes. It's best to put on your lotion before you go into the sun to let it soak in. Having a base tan does not relinquish you from your duty of lathering up since a base tan is only equivalent to an SPF of two or three. If your skin is light use 8-12 SPF; if it's medium use 4-8 SPF and if it's dark it's recommended to use 2-4 SPF.



7 Buy Swimwear

A good bathing suit will make your beach experience flawless. If you feel comfortable in what you're wearing it will show. If you're at all self conscious about the suit then don't buy it because your uneasiness will show. If you have a large chest then try a halter top that will give you support. If you're short and want to elongate your legs to look slimmer then try a bottom that has a high cut or even better, ties at the sides.



10 Summerize Your Accessories

For the warm weather when less is more, let your accessories do the talking. Metallics and cool colors are very 'in' this season. Shell necklaces and earrings are also a hit. large, long necklaces are still in style from the winter, but go for lighter weights. Large pendants of jade or other stone on beaded necklaces will be the 'bling' of the summer and highlight a plunging neckline. Bags are still oversized and in fun, outrageous colors.

9 Highlight your summer

The epitome of summer involves a bronzed, why not be one yourself? Highlights usually summertime, both naturally. If you're getting your a creamy looking highlight thinking you're a natural those highlights you should sunbathing. If you're not up apply leave-in conditioner you don't protect your new will fade faster and could color.





SENIOR WEEK 2006

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD APRIL 4TH-27TH AT THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE STUDENT CENTER. ONLY GRADUATING SENIORS MAY BUY TICKETS THROUGH APRIL 17TH. TICKETS FOR SENIOR WEEK ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. TICKET PURCHASERS MUST SHOW PROPER ID. ALL TICKET PURCHASERS AND THEIR GUESTS MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED). ONE GUEST PER STUDENT ID (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED). ONLY GRADUATING SENIORS MAY STAY IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS DURING SENIOR WEEK.

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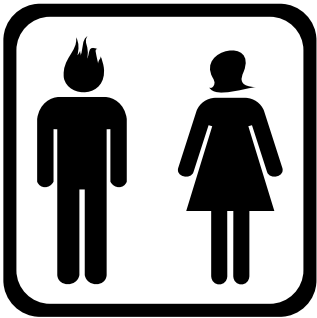


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Golf ready to right ship with NEC Tournament looming

PETE MULROY
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After a tough weekend of golf, the Monmouth University men's golf team traveled to Center Valley, Pennsylvania to compete in the Lafayette Invitational to try and right the wrongs of the previous outing. The rain shortened event saw the Hawks finish in ninth place out of the 20-team field. Coach Dennis Shea noted that the team needed to play much better in order to be competitive. "We haven't played as well as we had hoped so we're going to need to focus a little bit more," said Shea.

The focus worked for sophomore Anthony Campanile and Dave Marshall as Campanile, after an unusual opening round of 85 last week followed by a solid round of 75, fired a four over par 76. Marshall tied Campanile for the weekend low score for the Hawks as

"The most important shot in golf is your next one. One bad shot doesn't make or break you. You have to move onto the next shot, forget about the last one, and go from there. If you can do that, then you'll be alright."

DENNIS SHEA
Head Golf Coach

well. Ryan Beck was the second leading scorer for the Hawks posting a round of 80 while Greg Campanile was third with a round of 81. Rounding out the 6-man team were Andy Beittel and Chanse Reiger both with rounds of 83.

As a team, the Hawks posted a score of 315, which is four strokes higher than last Sunday's total of 311. While scores in the eighty's will usually put a smile on any

Sunday hackers face, Division I golf is a whole different ballgame. "We can't have three players shooting in the 80's," said Shea. "They all need to shoot in the 70's and when that happens, we'll be very competitive.

Being that the winning school, Siena, posted a total of 300, the Hawks will need to improve on many areas of their game, including this past weekend's setback.

"The flat stick (putter) just wasn't working to our advantage this weekend. We had a lot of three-putt greens and when you're trying to win a golf tournament, you can't have three putts on any holes. Putting is where you win or lose tournaments," Shea remarked.

In the game of golf you can't think about the past. The only thing you should be concerned about is the task at hand. This

idea seemed to be another problem for the Hawks this past weekend. While putting was a problem this past weekend for Monmouth, it was not the only thing keeping them down. The mental aspect of golf seemed to be a bit of problem, a problem that was immediately noticed by Coach Shea.

"The most important shot in golf is your next one," said Shea. "One bad shot doesn't make or break you. You have to move onto the next shot, forget about the last one, and go from there. If you can do that, then you'll be alright."

While the first two events of the spring haven't been all that great for the Hawks, there are still two events remaining before the NEC Tournament. Knowing this team and its coach, two weeks is more than enough time to get a talented group of golfers back on the right track.



PHOTO BY Jim Reme

Chanse Regier is a freshman the Hawks are counting on for the future. His valuable experience will help him and the team down the line, but for now, his sights are focused on the Northeast Conference Tournament.

Surf Report Card

JARED RADKE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The surf is looking to be small but clean for the early part of this week, and therefore worth it if you're willing. That is, of course, unless this past weekend drained everyone out... 'twas nice. The mid-40's water temperatures are looking all the more bearable with the fine weather the Monmouth University area has been experiencing, and is looking forward to enjoying for the remainder of the week.

Though the waves won't be in the shortboard category this week, the sunny days will still be there to bring out the best looking scenery the beach has to offer. It is easy to see why many choose to enroll here at Monmouth after spending time at any of the local beaches that showcase New Jersey's beautiful shoreline.

So, wave measurements in accordance with body parts below the chin will be the standard, but there will be plenty of opportunities to have fun in knee to waist-high glory due to the recent cooperation of the wind. The winds will be helping us out by temporarily blowing northwest for the middle of the week, making Wednesday the decent day to look forward to. The winds will turn South by the weekend, blowing the waves away with them, so we can expect a flat weekend unless a big ship capsizes.



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The Neptune Shoreline early morning is perfect for a spot to catch some waves before the surf seasons kicks into full gear.

A Hawk destined to fly

Miles Austin helps Hawks football and himself move up to the next level

LAUREN BENEDETTI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

With a little less than three weeks until the NFL draft, Miles Austin, who eats and sleeps training, managed to answer a few questions for *The Outlook* to tell us what it's like to be a prospective pro football player.

Finishing his college career as Monmouth's leader in every receiving category, with 150 receptions, 2,867 yards and 33 touchdowns, wide receiver, Miles Austin and Hawk's fans hope to see the football sensation make the cut at the 2006 NFL draft.

At the end of February Austin traveled to the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, for a seven-day invitational combine, where he and approximately 330 other players who are eligible for the 2006 NFL draft showcased their talents in hopes of impressing coaches prior to April's draft, which this year will

be held April 29-30 in New York.

When asked about the scouting combine, Austin described what it was like competing against the nation's top college football players.

"It was great, as soon as I got there I felt as if I belonged," said Austin, "there were a few ridiculous athletes there like Reggie Bush, Vince Young, and Vernon Davis but besides that, I felt accepted and just as good as the rest."

Austin hopes he made the impact he needed to on NFL scouts, general managers and head coaches. If he did Austin will become Monmouth University's first player to be selected in the draft.

"I try not to put too much 'feeling' in it because it is a decision that I can't make. It is 100% out of my hands what team I go to," said Austin, "when and 'if' I get picked. All I can do is hope for the best and keep working out."

Austin, who stands at 6 foot 4 inches and 220 pounds, has been

living at home in Garfield and working out at the DeFranco Training Facility in Hawthorne for the last few months in preparation for the possibility of being picked anywhere from the third round on.

"It is hard to tell exactly where he will be drafted. I do know that there is a great deal of interest by several teams," said football head coach Kevin Callahan.

Being in the spotlight came early on for Austin, who was a three-sport athlete in high school. "Any team in the NFL will be just fine for me," he said when asked what team he hopes to play for.

Miles who recently participated in "Pro Day" made quite the impression on scouts who came out to the Jersey Shore to see what one of Monmouth star athlete's was made of.

"Miles' Pro Day was a success even though many teams were not represented," said Callahan, "one of the reasons for this was that Miles' performance at the NFL Pre-Draft Combine was so impressive that

many teams felt that they already had all of the information that they needed on Miles."

According to the Asbury Park Press, Hadley Engelhard, Austin's agent and president of Atlanta-based Enter Sports Management said, "opportunity is knocking for his client.

He's going to be put on a stage where he can put Monmouth and himself on the map. We're expecting him to do great things as he is."

Callahan feels that Miles playing time at Monmouth opens the door for some potential top quality high school football recruits to come to West Long Branch.

"Having Miles as a member of the Monmouth football program has set a benchmark for the expected level of performance by all of our players," said Callahan, "In recruiting, prospective players will look at our program and know that there are NFL quality players playing at Monmouth."

"Having a teammate like Miles

is great, it gives you a sense of security when a big game is on the line because at any point he can take the game over," said teammate Brendan Kennedy, also a graduating wide receiver, "I see Miles in the upcoming years playing for an NFL team and having very prosperous career."

As the semester comes to an end Austin prepares to graduate in May and with hopes of making the cut will start training alongside professionals after he finds out where his future will take him.

When asked what his fondest memory of playing for Monmouth was, Austin replied, "winning two championships and just spending time with the guys."

He hopes to continue to have the opportunity to win more championships and keep the sense of athletic camaraderie in his life by furthering his career in the National Football League. With an impressive college playing career and a world of athleticism, who would think otherwise?



Steven Holloway has been a consistent force for the ever-improving men's soccer team. Last year he led the Hawks with six goals and added four assists.

PHOTO BY Jim Reme



The Hawk File:

Steven Holloway

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Forward Steven Holloway comes from far away – Hamilton, New Zealand to be exact.

But coming to America had been in his plans for a while.

“When I graduated high school in New Zealand, I was looking to come to an American college to play soccer,” says Holloway. “My family knew the old assistant coach Scott Granville (also from New Zealand) and he told me a lot of great things about the school and the soccer program, and that it would be a great place to spend my four years, so I went with it.”

Robert McCourt, head coach of the Monmouth University men's soccer team is happy Holloway made the 20-hour plane ride to play for his team.

“He's a player that's a real consistent performer for us and I think he's one of our most talented guys,” he says, adding, “He's adjusted to life in America very well.”

Holloway is no stranger to success on the soccer field. While in high school, he was on the New

Zealand Under-18 National team, and when he came to Monmouth as a freshman, he started every game of the season and earned All-NEC honors.

After sitting out most of his sophomore year with tendonitis in his knee, Holloway rebounded nicely with a solid 2005 season. This fall, McCourt knows he can count on Holloway to be one of his senior leaders.

“He works really hard in training. He's got a very professional approach and very good mentality about the game.”

Holloway will be a senior in the fall and his coach believes that he is good enough to play soccer at a professional level after college. Holloway is still not sure whether or not he will head back to his native New Zealand, or stay in America, though he believes there are more opportunities here.

There may be a problem if he does decide to stay as he is trying vigorously to get a green card.

“Unless someone wants to marry me?!” he says jokingly.

Just the Facts

Name: Steven Holloway

Hometown: Hamilton, New Zealand

Major: Communication

Favorite Teammate: Kyle Frankoski. “He has such a professional attitude toward soccer and school. He is always full of enthusiasm at trainings, and has been a great role model for my years here at Monmouth.”

Most memorable moment at Monmouth?

“Winning the Northeast Conference last season. It was such a huge turn around for the program, and it was very satisfying achieving the goals that we set for ourselves in preseason.”

Biggest rival? “Probably FDU. Even though they didn't make the NEC finals last season, I see them as our toughest opponents, and know they're always going to give us a really tough game.”

Did you know?: In 2003, as a freshman, he led the team in shots on goal with 46.

Next Week: Football Player Mike Castellano

Lacrosse secures spot in NEC Tournament with sixth straight win

Raveia becomes sixth player in history to net 100 goals

PRESS RELEASE

Junior Carolyn Raveia scored three goals and became just the sixth player in school history to net 100 goals as the Monmouth

University lacrosse team defeated Central Connecticut State, 17-2 in Northeast Conference lacrosse action on Thursday afternoon

The win is the sixth straight for Monmouth, and secures a berth

in the NEC tournament for the ninth straight season. Monmouth secures their hold on first place in the conference and are the first team to secure a spot in the Northeast Conference tournament. The

Hawks improve to 8-6 overall and 6-0 in the conference, while the Blue Devils drop to 2-9 and 2-4 in the NEC. Monmouth secures their hold on first place in the conference.

The Blue and White controlled the whole game as it held a 12-2 advantage at the intermission and shutout the Blue Devils in the second half. The Hawks scored the first two goals with Megan Nutter and Erica Evangelisti hitting the back of the net, but CCSU answered back with a goal at 24:51 by Danielle Adams to cut the lead to 2-1.

Nutter started the onslaught as Monmouth scored the next nine goals as Raveia notched her 100th goal at the 6:26 mark of the first half. The Blue Devils got one more

goal with 0:45 left in the first half, but Monmouth scored the final six goals and stifled CCSU with stellar defense in the second stanza.

Junior Katie Degen led the way as she totaled five points on the day netting two goals and dishing out three assists. Nutter and Evangelisti both had four points as Nutter led all scorers with four goals, while Evangelisti netted three goals and one assist. Raveia ended the day with three goals to bring her overall total to 102 and ranks her sixth all-time.

Freshman Monica Johnson was stellar in goal again as she faced six shots, denying four of them in 44:50 minutes of play. Sophomore Becca Ozl teamed with Johnson to shutout the Blue Devils in the second half.



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Jeanette Stott has continued her all-league caliber play all season long. She currently leads the NEC in assists with 29 and points per game at 4.64.

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Streaking Hawks sweep past Mount St. Mary's en route to an 9-0 NEC record

Monmouth in first place with a 17-11 overall record

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While the Hawks ten game win streak came to an end at Columbia the week before, the Hawks didn't let that extra inning loss get them off track. They got right back to business this week, in another NEC series, earning another NEC series sweep.

However, first came a thrilling 4-3 extra inning victory over inner-state rival Rider, which gave the Hawks all the momentum possible going into the NEC series against the Mount, back on April 11th.

Usually, it's the Hawks who jump out fast on the scoreboard, but in this game it would be the Broncs who broke the scoreless tie in the top of the first on an RBI groundout. It would stay 1-0 until the top of the sixth, when Matt Marc-Aurele came in relief of Hawk starter Joe Cummings, and walked the second batter he faced, who then proceeded to steal second and score on a single.

With the Hawks trailing 3-1 in the bottom of the seventh, the Hawks managed to tie the game when Kyle Messineo hit into a fielder's choice, scoring a run, and Chris Collazo scored the tying run on an error by the Rider defense.

With Broncs on the corners in the top of the eighth, the Broncs grounded out into the inning ending double play to end the threat. Then in the top of the ninth, with Broncs on second and third and nobody out, Hawk closer Kevin Schneider struck out three straight batters to end the inning.

The game continued on into the bottom on the eleventh, when with two outs, Hawk freshman Rick Niederhaus connected on the first pitch, a blast over the centerfield fence to win the game in thrilling walk-off style for the Hawks 4-3. There was no better time for

Niederhaus to hit his first career home run, winning the game for the Blue and White and putting an end to a near three hour marathon. Niederhaus went 3-5 on the afternoon, with two runs, and finished a triple shy of the cycle.

Schneider ended up earning the win, after pitching three scoreless, no-hit innings out of the bullpen, striking out six batters. Monmouth's five pitchers combined for 17 strikeouts on the day.

The Hawks then kicked off the holiday weekend by resuming conference play with the Mount St. Mary's Mountaineers. Monmouth

Hawks their four runs in the first, and their four runs for the entire game.

Hawk starter Matt Marc-Aurele pitched his third complete game of the season, pitching all seven innings, only allowing five hits, no runs, and striking out seven. He improved his record to 4-1 on the season.

In the second game, Monmouth jumped on Mount 3-0 in the first on a Sullivan RBI hit to short, and a Weres double driving in two runs. A fourth run would be added on in the bottom of the second, on a Nick Massari RBI double. The

Hawks would tack on three more, to win the game by an 8-0 final score.

Brad Brach pitched nearly identical to Marc-Aurele, earning his third complete game of the season, going all seven, allowing five hits, no runs, and striking out nine batters. He improved his record to 4-1 as well.

To complete the sweep, the Hawks returned to the MU Baseball Field on Saturday afternoon and defeated the Mountaineers 7-0. This time, neither team was able to score until the fourth, when the Hawks broke the scoreless tie on a Massari single to center.

After the Mount failed to cash in on an opportunity with runners on second and third with two out in the top of the fifth, Monmouth made them pay and put the game out of reach by scoring five runs in the fifth. With the bases loaded, and already two runs home in the inning for the Hawks, John Dennis hit a backbreaking two out single to left plating two more runs.

Massari went 4-5 on the day with three RBI; Weres went 3-5, along with Dennis who went 3-4 with two RBI. They were part of an offensive explosion for the Blue and White, who got 18 hits as a team off Mount pitching in the third game of the series. Pitcher Joe Cummings pitched all nine innings allowing nine hits, no runs,



PHOTO COURTESY OF MU Athletics

Marc Weres has returned to his old self with a strong campaign. He is hitting .324 with seven doubles and three home runs and is fourth on the team with 22 runs batted in.

and striking out four.

The three straight complete game shutout victories marked the Hawks first three-game shutout sweep of an NEC opponent since joining the league in 1987. It also marked the third straight weekend that Marc-Aurele, Brach, and Cummings pitched complete-game NEC victories, a feat Monmouth has accomplished now in eight of their nine NEC games.

Brach was named as the NEC pitcher of the week, as he went 1-0 with 12 strikeouts and a 0.00 ERA in two appearances. He starts this

week tied for the league lead in strikeouts. Also, Niederhaus was honored for the second time in three weeks as the NEC rookie of the week. The freshman DH hit .467 on the week with 3 RBI, a double, and a game winning walk off homer.

The Hawks have now won 14 of their last 15 games and improve their season record to 17-11 and 9-0 in the NEC. They resume conference play with a weekend NEC series with the Fairleigh Dickinson Knights on Saturday and Sunday at the MU Baseball Field.

Freshman Alvarez stepping up in center

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Nichole Alvarez has stepped in a freshman and had an impact for the Hawks right away. She leads the team in batting average, runs scored, hits, triples, stolen bases and is second in runs batted in.

As a centerfielder, you're job is to command the outfield. You have to let everyone know where they're supposed to be before every pitch. Every ball is yours out there unless you decide otherwise. You have to be the most knowledgeable of all the outfielders because you run the show. All these obligations sound like a major responsibility for whoever the centerfielder is, but when you have a freshman holding the reigns of the outfield, you know you have a special player. And for the Monmouth Hawks that special player is Brick, New Jersey's own Nichole Alvarez.

Nichole has done tremendous things for the Hawks but none is greater than her accomplishment this week. Deemed by the Northeast Conference, Nichole was named NEC Rookie of the Week.

"Obviously the staff and program are happy she earned this well-deserved recognition", said Coach Carol Sullivan of her cen-

terfielder's achievement.

She is the last Hawk to receive the award since Kara O' Dell achieved the feat last March.

Alvarez currently leads the team in batting average hitting at a .345 clip, she is also first in stolen bases with 11 in 11 attempts, and is second on the team with a .500 slugging percentage. Not only has Nichole's offense shined but her defense is an effective part of her game as well. Due to her exceptional speed Nichole has tremendous range in the outfield and can cover a lot of ground. Nichole currently has a .964 fielding percentage and because of her rocket arm she's gained two assists.

As a freshmen though, Coach Sullivan knows Nichole has to stay disciplined and continue to work hard with her teammates over the next three years to get better.

"Like all her teammates, she'll be even more successful if she remains open to learning and dedicates the necessary mental and physical effort to training", said

Sullivan about her freshman NEC Rookie of the Week.

While Alvarez has earned Rookie of the Week many other Hawks are continuously improving as well. Junior Heather Gordon's batting average has jumped up .071 points to .315 which has led her slugging percentage to go back a more familiar .602.

"When balls start flying off her bat they way they have been this past week, our team gets excited and there's defiantly a confidence trickle-down effect", reported Sullivan.

Alvarez's and catcher Lisa DiLeo's week were also highlighted by their first collegiate homeruns notching a combined 10 total HR's on the week for the Blue and White. It's the first time in Monmouth Softball history that a team has nine different players with homeruns under their belts in the same season which speaks volumes for the progression of power within the team.

"That's a huge step forward for our program" replied Sullivan.

Upcoming Home Games:

Softball

4/19 vs. Rutgers @ 3:00 pm

Baseball

4/20 vs. St. Peter's @ 3:30 pm

4/22 Fairleigh Dickinson (DH) @ 12:00 pm

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**Kevin Schneider and the Hawks have taken the
NEC by storm with a 9-0 record in league play.
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