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## Obama Signs Loan Reform into Law

FRANK GOGOL  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

President Obama signed a new law designed to free up more money for higher education by eliminating the role of banks as middlemen in the college lending process, a measure he estimates will generate \$60-\$70 billion over the next decade.

The new law came as part

of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act that was signed into law on March 30.

The education portion of the bill mandates a shift in all lending from the bank-based Federal Family Education Loan program to the Direct Loan Program by July 1, 2010.

Savings created by the shift

will be used to protect and strengthen the Pell grant Program, a program designed to assist low-income student by providing them with grants that do not require repayment.

Currently, 860 Monmouth University students receive

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## School of Science Hosts Ninth Annual Student Research Conference

ANTHONY PANISSIDI  
STAFF WRITER

The Ninth Annual Student Research Conference on April 14, 2010 took place from two to four pm in the Versailles and Pompeii rooms of Wilson Hall, as its purpose was to highlight the results of applied research, independent study, and thesis projects in the departments of Biology, Chemistry/Medical Technology & Physics, Computer Science and Software Engineering, and Mathematics.

Of 11 participants, including three graduate students, Devon Hodge, a senior poised to graduate this coming May, emerged victorious by examining the growth and decline of coral. Working in close conjunction with Dr. Donald Dorfman, a Professor of Biology here at the University, Hodge won the Dean's Award of Excellence in Undergraduate Research by measuring "the growth rates of six different species of coral in

a controlled laboratory environment," in an attempt to bring attention to the declining presence of coral reefs around the world.

"I really wasn't expecting to win, but it's good to know that your research is appreciated and your hard work pays off," said a smiling Hodge.

Hodge also won a monetary award of \$500, which the generous members of the faculty and staff of the School of Science made possible by making donations specifically intended to support the research conference.

There were numerous other projects on display, such as Nicole Starinsky's which dealt with the effect of water contaminants on the behavior of larval fish.

Starinsky, a junior, spent three months researching this topic. "This project was applicable to my future because I'm very interested in animal behavior and I might possibly be applying to

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## Sigma Pi Repeats as Greek Week Champions

BRETT BODNER  
CLUB & GREEK EDITOR

After a week of competition in numerous athletic and academic events, it was the fraternity Sigma Pi who was named the overall 2010 Greek Week Champions.

This year's Greek Week was unlike any other Greek Week ever held before. With the addition of the co-ed fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi, the overall format on Greek Week had to change. Instead of having a men's winner and a women's winner, this year there was to be only one clear cut winner. This meant that on some events, fraternities and sororities will be going head to head with each other instead of the events being separated by gender. This was something that could have brought Greek life closer together because they were all doing events together and were not separated by gender. There were a few changes to the events this year as well. Football, soccer, and the talent show got cut and instead a kick-off block party, dodgeball, and

Wii bowling was added.

Greek Week is a week intended to expand on Greek life unity, while taking part in some friendly competition amongst one another. It also creates an opportunity for Greek organizations to show themselves off to the school and possibly increase student interest in joining Greek life.

The theme of this year's Greek Week was "Superheroes" and this was displayed in the t-shirt contests, in which every organization participated in. Throughout the week, the organizations wore their shirts around campus and to the events. The superhero shirts were all worn for quad games, which took place on the final day of Greek Week. Phi Kappa Psi won the t-shirt contest with a shirt with the batman logo on the front with the Greek letters inside of the bat symbol. On the back, was the old-fashioned "Pow!" in a speech bubble, with the saying "Holy Phi Psi Batman..It's Greek Week 2010!"

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## Professor Named Vice President of Information Management

GINA COLUMBUS  
EDITOR-AT-LARGE

Associate Professor of Management Dr. Edward Christensen was promoted to Vice President for Information Management last week, a new position the University recently created because of the rapid rate of growing technology and the need for information security.

Associate Vice President for Administrative Information Systems John Sonn said Christensen was elected by President Paul G. Gaffney II.

For more than a decade, Christensen explained, there were three separate technological groups that reported to three vice presidents, them being Vice President of Finance Bill Craig,

Provost Thomas Pearson, and Vice President of Administrative Services Patricia Swannack. The three groups were Network Computing Support, Administrative Information Systems, which WebAdvisor belongs to, and Instructional Technology Services, which deal with the educational aspect of the University's technology, such as E-campus, the Student Help Desk, and different software for classrooms.

The first two groups, Network Computing Support and Administrative Information Systems merged together, and when former Associate Vice President of Telecommunications and Network Operations David Bopp retired last semester, it led the

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Christensen was promoted to the new position Vice President of Information Management last week.

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### Politics

Two Students debate what the fate of Goldman-Sachs should be.



### Entertainment

The Backstreet Boys are coming to Monmouth in June. Find out the details.



# Habitat for Humanity and Home Depot Take Part in First Year Service Project

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The University partnered up with Habitat for Humanity and Home Depot for the First-Year Service Project this past weekend. In a far corner of Monmouth’s campus, students and faculty alike worked to build 17 frames for the last of Habitat for Humanity’s three newest houses in Asbury Park. The event started off with free bagels and T-shirts at 11 am Friday, with the actual construction lasting from noon until seven pm. The build continued on Saturday morning from 9 am until 4 pm.

One group assembled large pieces of lumber for the structure of the frame, while another would hammer panels onto the side.

Despite its name, the First Year Service Project was represented by

This is the second local Habitat for Humanity build for Team Depot, and their first with the University. Team Depot was able to donate \$700 worth of lumber for the event. They also donated sand and pants for luminaries at this week’s Relay for Life, to be held right here on-campus.

Sean Foran, a first year graduate student at Monmouth, worked with Team Depot and other organizations to help pull off the First Year Service Project. “It’s part of my job,” he said humbly. Indeed, Foran is a graduate assistant to Marilyn Ward, another First Year Service Project Committee Member and Coordinator of Service Learning and Community Programs at Monmouth. “Home Depot has a pretty specific process,” said Foran. “You need a four-page application with a timeline of events, a description, and a product list, for donating.”



PHOTO COURTESY of Jen Sime  
Students and faculty built 17 frames for Habitat for Humanity’s three newest houses.

different classes. “We’ve had a variety of students,” said Corey Inzana, Residential Life Hall Director and Committee Member of the First Year Service Project. “It’s not just freshmen – juniors, seniors, from athletes to faculty. We’ve got a nice range.”

The event attracted attention as everyone hammered away, including several journalists. Trudy Parton, wife of Lifetime Trustee Charlie Parton, stopped by to witness the build, commenting that “This is great - it’s giving back to the community.”

Lending a hand to the First-Year Service Project were Gabriel Conroy, Christina Lambert-Connell, and Kathryn Cosby of Team Depot, a community-based foundation started by Home Depot in 2002 whose main goal is to provide additional resources to non-profit organizations.

Foran is also the head organizer as well as designer of the new garden that will be built on May 1 near the new tennis courts.

Freshman Andrew Edelman is a graphic design major and Student Leader for the First Year Service Project. “I heard about it basically from the advertisements, and I had Susan as my freshman advisor,” he said, speaking of Susan Damaschke, Coordinator of the First Year Experience who was also present at the build.

This is only the second First Year Service Project to be held at the University. Last year, students helped make blankets for Project Linus.

The idea for next year’s service project is still undecided.

“It’s about having students come in and hit the ground running,” Ward said.

# Students Attend Northeast Conference in NYC on Teaching Foreign Languages

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Five University students and Professor Mirta Barrea-Marlys, Associate Professor of the Department of Foreign Language Studies, attended the 57th Annual Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (NECTFL) at the New York Marriott Marquis in New York City March 25 to March 27.

According to the NECTFL website, “2,100 world language professionals enjoyed three days of workshops, sessions, receptions, exhibit area visits, and collegial networking.”

Senior Andrea Lopez said, “This conference is beneficial to the students because it exposed students to a variety of professional practices, instructional strategies, and a variety of assessments. Not only will students benefit from the educational aspect of the conference but it is also an effective way to network and share ideas with teachers and colleagues from other states.”

The three-day conference provided workshops and sessions on innovative methodology and technology on the Teaching of World Languages.

Students gained a wide-variety of instructional strategies by acquiring

new information about assessment strategies, communicative activities, technological use in the classroom, and ways of integrating cultural aspects of the language.

“We could choose which presentation we wanted to go to. I went to a presentation on new, educational and fun ways to incorporate technology into the classroom. I felt that the presentation was interesting and helpful,” added junior Nicole Kennedy.

Barrea-Marlys said, “There were many text publishers, technology vendors, and travel abroad companies that the students were able to chat with and gain information in their areas of interest.”

The University students who attended the conference are currently enrolled in “Methods in the Teaching of World Languages,” which requires that they develop a Professional Development plan, as part of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) requirement for the course.

Lopez explained that like doctors who are required to demonstrate a level of study and continued education on a yearly basis, teachers do the same yet in a different way. Teachers are required to complete 100 hours of professional development every three years.

“Teachers may complete their

professional development hours by attending professional development workshops, conferences such as the NECTFL conference, instructional workshops in schools that directly relate to sharing instructional strategies and techniques, or as a cooperating teacher for student-teachers,” added Lopez.

Kennedy said, “This conference acted as a vision into the future. We were able to see firsthand what the teaching world is like and what to expect. We also learned new ideas to incorporate into our field work and classes. It was an authentic and meaningful learning experience.”

Barrea-Marlys and the foreign language students were especially grateful to Dean Stanton Green of the School of the Humanities and Dean Lynn Romeo of the School of Education for defraying the cost of the registration for the students. In addition, the Department of Foreign Language Studies, and its Chair, Dr. Alison Maginn, funded the transportation.

“The attendance of this conference by Monmouth students demonstrates the dedication to the Teaching of World Languages by the students and administrators. I have no doubt that in the near future these students will be among the best World Language Teachers in the area!” added Barrea-Marlys.

# Poet Nicole Cooley to be Visiting Writer

TARYN GOSCINKI  
STAFF WRITER

Award-winning author, Nicole Cooley will be visiting Monmouth University as a part of the “Visiting Writers Series” on Tuesday, April 27 at 4:30 pm, in Wilson Hall Auditorium. Cooley is an associate professor of English and Creative Writing at Queens College-City University of New York where she directs the new MFA program in Creative Writing and Literary Translation.

Cooley grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana and was able to attend The New Orleans Center for Creative Arts as a high school student where she studied creative writing half the day.

She said, “Growing up in New Orleans gives one a good sense of the bizarre and the odd. I am actually grateful for that. From Mardi Gras to the celebration of religious holidays to the spirit of the people of the city, New Orleans is a rich and wonderful place to grow up.”

Her first book of poetry, Resurrection, won the 1995 Walt Whitman Award and was published by

LSU Press in 1996. The Afflicted Girls, her second book of poetry about the Salem witch trials of 1692, appeared with LSU Press in April 2004; it was also chosen as one of the best poetry books of the year by Library Journal.

“I would really love to reach an audience beyond poetry as well as within it. A really fun thing about my book on Salem, The Afflicted Girls, is that I met and talked to and read to a range of people interested in the Salem witch trials, from descendants, historians, Wiccan people, literary scholars, and children,” said Cooley.

Her third book of poetry, Breach, is a collection of poems about Hurricane Katrina and the Gulf Coast. She was also the co-winner of a Kinereth Gensler Award for her fourth book of poems, Milk Dress, which will be published by Alice James Books in November. Cooley has also published a novel, Judy Garland, Ginger Love, with Regan Books/Harper Collins in 1998.

“I think nothing is too large or too small to write about, from the Salem

Witch trials to Hurricane Katrina to an afternoon with my young daughters,” Cooley said.

Over her career, Cooley has received a Discovery/The Nation Award, a National Endowment for the Arts Grant and the Emily Dickinson Award from the Poetry Society of America. Her poems have appeared in many magazines including, The Nation, Missouri Review and Mississippi Review and she has also published fiction in many journals like The Paris Review, Denver Quarterly and The Southwest Review. Cooley is a member of The Academy of American Poets and she is currently co-editing, with Pamela Stone, the “Mother” issue of Women’s Studies Quarterly.

When it comes to her writing style, Cooley says, “I never know what I will write before I begin writing. That to me is the pleasure in writing. Robert Frost wrote, “No surprise for the writer, no surprise for the reader.” I think that is true. My favorite thing that I have written is whatever is most recent, so that would be the poem I wrote yesterday.”

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# Student Employee Week Gives Away \$6,000 in Prizes to Students

**LAUREN BOYLE**  
STAFF WRITER

Student employees were honored last week during the 14th annual Student Employee Appreciation Week through a series of events and opportunities to win prizes. The actual Student Employee Appreciation Day was on Wednesday, April 14, and was celebrated with raffles, giveaways, free food and live entertainment from the University Pep Band and Caribbean flavor band, Verdict, at the Student Center.

The week, which thanked the over 1,000 student employees who work all over campus, was sponsored and organized by the Student Employment office, which is located on the lower level of the Student Center. Aimee Parks, Assistant Director of Human Resources for Student Employment and Nancy Gallo, Student Employment Assistant, had been planning the week of celebration since January.

Parks, who has been in charge of Student Employee Appreciation Day for 12 years, said she tries to adapt each year to make the event most effective. “I draw on the ideas of the students in my office on how to market it, because they’re more in touch with the mediums on campus that I can use than I am sometimes.”

The whole week, which is sponsored by the Student Employment Office, the Office of Human Re-

sources, and the National Student Employment Association, originated as only a single day event but has evolved into a week’s worth of activities.

“We’re still trying to grow and gain momentum,” Parks said. “The week is part of a national Student Employment Week so we get the week dictated to us by the National Student Employment Association. Some schools participate, and some don’t. I would say that Monmouth has one of the nicest programs in New Jersey.”

There was an array of different prizes that students received, simply by drawing a slip of paper with a item written on it from a box. The prizes were given out by workers at the Student Employee Appreciation table, located in the Student Center. Among the prizes were gift certificates for free pizzas, meals from Burger King, manicures, and car-washes. There were also prizes donated by Starbucks Coffee and a gift certificate for \$50 to The Grove at Shrewsbury. Several local restaurants including McLoone’s and Rooney’s Ocean Crab House, donated gift certificates, some even worth \$40 or \$50, as well as Amy’s Omelette House, which donated 500 \$5 gift certificates. “Every person who came to the table got at least one of those \$5 gift certificates, and then an additional prize,” said Parks. Students could also participate in a bean bag toss to win prizes from

Chick-fil-A.

Maria Ferrara, a sophomore, works as an Ambassador for the Undergraduate Admissions Office and as a Math tutor. After visiting the Student Employee Appreciation Day tables, Ferrara commented on how she was pleasantly surprised upon hearing about the event. “It’s a big thank you for all the people that work here,” Ferrara said.

Parks remarked that Student Employee Appreciation Day is a very important time for her and her colleagues. “This is like our Christmas,” she said. “It is supposed to be fun, relaxing, giving and thanking at the same time. It means a lot to us, so when a student reacts positively, it’s reaffirming for us and what we do every day.”

Those who are interested in working for a department on campus and being able to take part in next year’s Student Employee Appreciation Day are encouraged to inquire at the Student Employment Office.

“A lot of freshmen have never had a job before and don’t know where to start. Just come in, don’t be scared,” Parks advised. “The departments, for the most part, are flexible, the hours are flexible. The supervisors are very nice; they wouldn’t be supervisors if they didn’t want to be. This shouldn’t be an intimidating process.”

Student Pooja Mevawala, a sophomore, who works as a tutor in the Tutoring Center, said, “I think it’s a great opportunity and I like helping people. You get paid to do it but you feel good helping people.”

Along with the festivities of Student Employee Appreciation Day, there was the second annual Deck Your Door competition for departments on campus. Thirteen departments participated, decorating office doors to display their student employees in a creative way. The prize for best door is a pizza party for the department and bragging rights for the whole year, according to Parks, who said the competition is taken seriously by some. “It’s highly competitive; the departments get really into it. The supervisors are fierce competitors, it’s awesome... I am not a judge, we (Student Employment) are not judges, we have secret judges.”

The winner of the Deck Your Door competition was the Biology Department with their theme, “With all the fish in the sea...” For second place there was a tie be-



PHOTO COURTESY OF Aimee Parks

Above: Student workers with Caribbean flavor band, Verdict, who performed in front of the Student Center.

tween the Communication Department, whose theme was “We never want to take a siesta...” and the Office of Human Resources with the theme, “Best Student Worker in Any Language”. Third place went to the Student Employment Office, which had the theme “Fresh New Jobs”.

This clever and creative competition, Parks said, is “such a success. I think it’s a great way to thank students. And a lot of the departments did nice things; Software Engineering decorated a whole hallway. It’s exciting and we’re going to keep doing it.”

Though not taking place during the Student Employee Appreciation week, which ran from April 11 to April 17, there will also be the acknowledgement of the Student Employee of the Year that falls under the umbrella of appreciation and accolades that the week brings. The announcement of the winner and the two honorable mentions will take place at the Student Employee of the Year Reception on Wednesday, April 28.

Sixteen students were nominated by their supervisors and represent departments all over campus. The winner will go on to represent the University in the regional competition, and from there the national competition. Also announced at the reception will be the winner of the Supervisor of the Year award, which was nominated by the stu-

dent workers.

Out of the approximated 1,100 student employees on campus, around 175 attended the Student Employee Appreciation Day on Wednesday, which lasted from 11 am to four pm. Despite the 800 personal invitations sent out to students who work in numerous departments on campus, the turnout was the lowest in 12 years, according to Parks. The reason is unknown, but regardless of the prizes, free food and coupons to different restaurants, all given away to students who only had to show up at the tables, not many took advantage of the special event designed just for them.

Students who visited the tables often remembered what prize they won the year before, or how the event was different in subtle ways the previous year. Parks said students asked her why the prize drawing system, which last year consisted of students choosing a lollipop that had a corresponding prize, had changed. Whatever the students remember and take away from the appreciation week, it’s ultimately about the thanks from the University.

“People who do come, I think they are appreciative by and large and they remember,” said Parks. “I hope they remember, because I wouldn’t have a job without them, and I know that the supervisors thank them so much.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF Aimee Parks

Several prizes were given to students as appreciation for their work.

# Senior Wins Research Conference on Growth and Decline of Coral

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veterinary school,” she said.

Starinsky also expressed how gratifying completing her research was as she said, “Working on this research project from start to finish gave me a chance to achieve personal satisfaction, as well help me develop dedication and my work ethic.”

Dr. Michael Palladino, the Dean of the School of Science, emphasized the importance of the research conference in terms of what it means for the students and, on a much larger scale, the United States.

“This research experience is one of the most valuable experiences that a student can have as it can ultimately determine his or her career path. It’s a major factor in determining whether or not they get into the graduate school, medical school, or job of their first choice.”

Palladino went on to point out that “whether you’re talking about climate change, alternative energy, global food supply, or detection of and protection from infectious diseases, every major global problem has science behind it. If the U.S. does not aid in breeding scientists,

we will lose our competitive edge as a country.”

Professor John Tiedemann, the Assistant Dean in the School of Science, Technology and Engineering at the University, further elaborated on the purpose of the research conference.

“The goal is to give students an opportunity to present and highlight their independent studies, internships, and faculty-led research while sharing it not only with fellow students who also engaged in research, but also with younger students in order to inspire them by displaying the types of research in which they can get involved,” he said.

President Paul G. Gaffney II also weighed in as he too commented on the risk of the U.S. losing its scientific edge, calling the conference a “great way to grow scientists right here in the country.”

Gaffney went on to stress how vital it is to “get undergraduate students engaged in their research early so that they remain engaged” throughout their lives.

Dr. Jim McDonald of the Computer Science and Software Engineering Department, Dr. Karen Pesce of the Biology Department, Dr. Johnny Pang

of the Mathematics Department, and Dr. Azzam Elayan of the Chemistry Department were all appointed as judges and placed in charge of evaluating the student’s research.

They graded the students according to five areas which assessed the problem or question that the students were attempting to answer, how they went about seeking, selecting, and evaluating their information, how well they analyzed and synthesized this information, whether or not they properly documented all sources of information, and, last, but not least, how effective the students’ presentations were in communicating their findings.

“I think it’s nice for students to work on what they learn and apply it to real life. It’s meaningful for them to report on what they study and they like to tell people what they do,” said Dr. Pang when asked about his thoughts on the research conference.

Dr. James Mack, who is in his 37<sup>th</sup> year as a Professor of Biology at the University, also contributed his thoughts.

“I’m enthusiastic about the excellent research presentations I’ve seen today...This conference gives stu-



PHOTO COURTESY OF Anthony Panissidi

Senior Devon Hodge won a \$500 award for her winning research presentation on coral growth and decline.

dents a great opportunity to present their research and data,” he said.

Mack went on to say that the “School of Science encourages and supports collaborative research between students and faculty by providing the students with many opportunities, something that distinguishes

Monmouth from other institutions.”

The Ninth Annual Student Research Conference concluded with Tiedemann calling it “another highly successful event” and Palladino reinforcing what a “pivotal experience” it was for the University science majors who participated in it.



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Embracing Obama's Plan for Students

THE OUTLOOK STAFF

At the end of the last month, President Obama signed a new law that will change the way in which college students will get loan money.

The result of the new law is that the banks will no longer act as the middlemen in the college leading process, and the loans will be handled by the federal government.

Some Americans are greatly concerned about the federal government having too much control.

While this law appropriates more control to the federal government, it is something that should be embraced, especially by college students.

One of the provisions of the law is that college graduates will only have to pay up to 10 percent of their annual income as opposed to the current 15 percent cap.

With jobs being as scarce as they are and the economy not

doing well, this five percent decrease in debt repayment will be a tremendous help to college students. The money saved each month will help students live more comfortably while they search for jobs.

A second provision of the law says that students can have their loan debt forgiven after 20 years of punctual payments as opposed

lives five years earlier in life.

The last provision of the law says that graduates who work public service jobs can qualify debt forgiveness after 10 years.

This provision is a two-fold win for graduates and the country. Graduates benefit in that they can have lower monthly loan payments and, depending on their career paths, can have their debt forgiven after just 10 years, as opposed to the new 20 year law.

The country benefits in that more graduates will consider public service work, such as teaching, nursing, and military service, all of which help to strengthen our country.

Obama's new law holds a great deal of potential to help graduates. Moreover, it could strengthen the country. We should keep an open mind and embrace these changes because it will make a tremendous difference in the lives of everyone who attends this university.

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When people think of the Jersey Shore, they think of beautiful beachfronts and nice vacation spots for family or avid partiers. For the people that reside here on a yearly basis and for the people that have grown up here, we see the area much differently. No one ever wants to admit that there hometown and surrounding areas are being negatively affected. When I reached out to speak with a police officer in my hometown concerning recent underage drug activity for this piece, I was politely declined a comment. He said he

er just sits at home plotting all day about how they are going to get their next bag. With the drug so prevalent in the area, it no longer makes it expensive to get. First of all, it is everywhere. It is not just available in the little back houses in Asbury Park or Lakewood, it is where most people would least expect it. It is easily and readily available in many suburban areas as well. Maybe it is available if you take a walk upstairs and look in your teenager’s sock drawer. Along with the cheap prices heroin comes in these days, it also comes along with something that is significantly dangerous; the purity level of it. Over the past years,

documented ones. Not every addict seeks help. Maybe double that number and think that many people are behind closed doors smoking, snorting, and dangerously injecting heroin into their bodies. This state as a whole, as a society, is responsible for taking a course of action to save our youths generation. We are responsible to be a watchdog over our kids, sisters, brothers, and friends. If you have an inkling that something drug related might be going on, you are probably right. The first step is recognizing that something is or might be going on and taking action, not just looking the other way. Unfortunately, that is what



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When people think of the Jersey Shore, they think of beautiful beachfronts and nice vacation spots for family or avid partiers.

would get back to me, but I knew he wouldn’t in fear of a Monmouth University journalism student exposing his picture perfect township. With recent reports about the drug climate that is clearly present in Monmouth and Ocean Counties, it is hard to deny the obvious problem that has been around for years already. Unfortunately, the problem is seemingly getting worse. The problem is how easily available street drugs are and the clientele that keeps the “business” running. According to Michelle Miller, a certified drug and alcohol counselor for the Ocean County Health Department, she stated recently that most of the calls she receives are from kids’ ages 17-25 reaching out for help because they are addicted to opiates. Opiates are narcotics that derive from opium poppy seeds. It is the newest form of heroin and this is where most of the problems start for young drug abusers. More lives are being ruined and fatally affected as a result of youngsters and their drug abuse. It is time for parents, school advisors, and authorities to stop their state of denial and accept what is out there. It is too late to continue to be naïve about the drug epidemic that is eating away at the Shore’s youth.

I have seen it. In my quiet little neighborhood I have seen everyone from the little girl down the hall from my bedroom at my parent’s house, to the neighbor down the street affected by heroin. And guess what? Both of them are younger than the age of 20. One is a high school dropout and the oth-

heroin has become much more addictive. Michael Mohel is the Deputy Chief of the Ocean County’s Prosecutors Office. He has said in a recent report that heroin levels are now reaching up to 90 percent. This means that the dealers are no longer cutting the drug down from its original purity. Why? Because it makes people more addicted and they get richer. It is frightening to think that it could only take one, just one, overly potent bag to have an immediate overdose and/or death. Like I said, I have seen it. Only being out of high school for almost five years, there have

most everyone does. As mentioned earlier, most people do not want to confront conflict and they continue to stay in a state of denial thinking their son or daughter is a good kid, “they’re not wrapped up in that lifestyle”. We would all like to think that, but if you do you could potentially be setting you and your family up for disaster by ignoring the obvious. You may not feel the effects or the consequences now, but trust me when it hits you; you are going to feel it. As Ocean County Prosecutor Marlene Lynch Ford said, “Every parent should assume that their child is being exposed to a drug culture”, and they most certainly should. I plead with you to please not ignore this statement.

The Jersey Shore is now in a critical spot. It is evident that there is a problem, and it is also just as evident that we cannot stop this problem dead in its tracks, although, that would be the miracle that the area needs. With family time and the holidays coming up, take the opportunity to talk to your kids and loved ones about what is going on in around your communities. Please do not be so naïve to the fact that someone close to you or someone close to them is having a serious drug problem. It is spreading rapidly and it is causing turmoil within families and danger on the streets. Yes, even danger on your little, quiet, suburban, family oriented street. I know it doesn’t seem like a solution to the huge problem over our heads here at the Shore, but it is at least a start.

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been more overdose deaths in my graduating class alone than I care to mention.

A recent article in the Asbury Park Press has commented on the fact that the state of New Jersey has had the reputation of having the cheapest and purest heroin in the nation. With all of the problems that drugs in this state cause, this is not surprising. The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Addiction Services has substance abuse statistics that are screaming that this area is in a state of emergency. The statistics that are available show the number of treatment admissions statewide and in Monmouth and Ocean counties. Overall, the state has a number of 62,680 documented treatment admissions in the last year. These are only the

# No Boundaries

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Last year, the body of 5-year-old Shaniya Nicole Davis was found on the side of a North Carolina highway amongst deer carcasses and trash. Her mother had originally reported her missing, and a few days later, Shaniya was spotted on hotel video cameras being carried by a man. The man was later identified as 29-year-old Mario Andrette McNeill, and was arrested and charged with first-degree kidnap.

In reality, Antoinette Nicole Davis, Shaniya’s mother, had sold her daughter to McNeill for a profit. Antoinette was later accused of selling her daughter as a sex slave to McNeill. Antoinette Nicole Davis is now being charged with human trafficking of her own daughter.

This is just one of that approximant 700,000 to 4 million cases that occur each year, sex trafficking is the second largest criminal industry in the world. A case such as this is not even as cruel as many other cases seen throughout the world. Many women who are sold into human trafficking are usually enslaved for months on end, not paid, and beaten all for their owner to make a profit. Human sex trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery. It consists of a commercial sex act that is induced by force, fraud, or coercion. Sex trafficking has no boundaries as to who it hurts and their age. Although sex trafficking can involve anyone, it is manly targeted at women and children. Trafficking is estimated to be a \$7 billion dollar annual business.

Victims of human trafficking are bought and sold like cattle. They are subject to foul human rights violations such as rape, torture, forced abortion, starvation and even threats to their family. Nearly every country in the world is involved in the massive web of human trafficking, whether it is as a destination or transit of these “slaves”. Currently, Cambodia’s human trafficking ring generated \$500 million dollars in profit each year. No less than 55,000 women are sex slaves in Cambodia, 35% which are under the age of 18. Over 5,000 women have been trafficked from the Philippines, Russia and Eastern Europe, and are forced into prostitution in bars servicing U.S. Military in South Korea.

In the U.S., 50,000 women and children are trafficked into the United States from no less than 49 countries every year. Many cases of trafficking occur from Mexico to Florida, women and children are forced to have sex with as many as 130 clients per week in a trailer parks and held hostage. In Fresno, California, a gang by the name of Hmong, had kidnapped girls between the ages of 11 and 14 and forced them into prostitution. The girls would be beaten, and raped.

Women are lured into becoming victims of sex trafficking through being promised a good job in another country, being falsely proposed to which turns into bondage situations, being sold into the sex trade by parents, husbands, boyfriends or family members, and even being kidnapped by traffickers. These victims are conditioned into becoming sex slaves.

They are starved, confined, physically abused, raped, gang raped, and threatened to violence of not only themselves, but their families. Often time’s victims of human trafficking are forced to

use drugs, which make the victims unable to make decisions for them.

Human trafficking victims face an abundant amount of health risks, including physical and mental. Physically they can become addicted to drugs or alcohol, receive broken bones, concussions, and vaginal or anal tearing. They also usually have traumatic brain injuries and receive a loss of memory. Another obvious health risk is sexual transmitted disease such as HIV/AIDS, gonorrhea, syphilis, UTI’s and public lice. Women are often times sterilized, receive abortions and have miscarriages without any say.

It is obvious that being a sex slave would also cause psychological harm. Mind and body separation can occur along with disassociation, shame, grief, fear, and distrust. Victims are at extremely high risk for Post-traumatic Stress Disorder which involves anxiety, depression, and insomnia.

The people, who enslave these victims, are traffickers. Traffickers are members of highly sophisticated networks of organized crime. In the city of Dnipropetrovsk, in Ukrainian officials uncovered and detained a criminal group associated with trafficking of Ukrainian girls and women to the United Arab Emirates. A profit of \$2,000 was made on each girl that was forced into prostitution. People that become victims of trafficking also in turn sometimes become traffickers.

Human trafficking is a hard issue to stop. One of the biggest ways to fight trafficking is through raising awareness. Throughout this paper I have given you awareness, for those of you who knew something about sex trafficking and for those of you who knew nothing. Many people are not aware of the harmful, life altering effects of humans who are forced into sex trafficking. This is a start. No community is immune to the horrors of sex trafficking, and therefore, it is everyone problem.

Communities throughout the world must take a stand on sex trafficking and be able to provide enough resources in there law enforcement to priorities trafficking as a major issue. No neutralized or glamorization should be done to sex trafficking. Any form of paying for sex is a form of helping the sex trafficking ring.

Lena, an athletic student from Eastern Europe wanted so badly to visit the U.S. through a study-abroad program. But the sex trafficking industry had a different vision for her. She was shipped to the U.S. and exploited through the sex industry for a profit. The traffickers met her at the airport, gave her a bus ticket to Detroit, Michigan, and took her passport, and her freedom. “The traffickers had keys to our apartment. They controlled all of our movement and travel. They watched us and listened when we called our parents. They didn’t let us make friends or tell anyone anything about ourselves. We couldn’t keep any of the money we earned. We couldn’t ask anyone for help.” Lena was enslaved for about a year until she made a risky but life saving escape.

Trafficking victims are not always as lucky as Lena to make an escape and live through being a part of sex trafficking. Being aware that sex trafficking is a world wide problem is a start to stop little girls like Shaniya Nicole Davis and foreign women, like Lena, from trafficked fro sex and their lives forever changed.



# Sigma Pi Repeats as Greek Week Champions

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According to Tyler Havens, the Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life, believed that Greek Week 2010 was a very successful week.

“This year our fraternities and sororities showed an unbelievable amount of sportsmanship and cooperation for the week. Those are things that non-affiliated students will see and, hopefully, want to be a part of,” said Havens.

Greek Week kicked off on Sunday, with a guest speaker and a block party, which all organizations were able to attend and enjoy some free food and beverages.

### MONDAY

Monday night was the kickoff of the actual events, as it was a night of competition in basketball in Boylan Gym. This was a split event, as sororities competed against only other sororities and fraternities played other fraternities. The first basketball event was the free throw contest. For men, Theta Xi finished in first place and for the women, Delta Phi Epsilon captured first place.

Following the free throw competition, the three point contest took place. Each participant had five shots from five different points behind the three point line. When all was said and done, it was Sigma Pi defeating Tau Kappa Epsilon and Phi Kappa Psi for the men’s and Alpha Xi Delta won first place by beating out Phi Sigma Sigma and Zeta Tau Alpha. After the three point contest it was time for the three on three basketball games. For the men, it came down to Sigma Pi and Phi Kappa Psi. It was a very close game, but in the end Phi Kappa Psi pulled it out thanks to late basket. Tau Kappa Epsilon finished in third place. For the women, Delta Phi Epsilon took first place by defeating Alpha Xi Delta in the final game, while Lambda Theta Alpha won third place.

### TUESDAY

The Greek Week events continued on Tuesday night with

Academic Bowl, which was held in the cafeteria. The Academic Bowl was an event which challenged to the intelligence of the organizations. Five members of each organization took part in it and attempted to answer each question to the best of their abilities. In the end, it was Sigma Pi outsmarting all of the other organizations and they took first place. Theta Xi finished in second place and Sigma Tau Gamma won third place.

first place in dodgeball.  
**THURSDAY**

Day four brought about a few different events. The first was the fact that it was the last day of penny wars. When penny war came to a close, the over winners were the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Phi Kappa Psi raised \$166.89 towards the Boys and Girls Club of Monmouth County. Overall, Greek life was able to raise \$980 dollars all together for the Boys

MAC. Phi Kappa Psi was very successful in these events as they were able to grab first place in both events. Wii bowling was a combined event, while volleyball was separated according to genders. Phi Kappa Psi knocked off Sigma Pi to win volleyball, while in women’s volleyball, Zeta Tau Alpha grabbed first place when they defeated Phi Sigma Sigma. In the evening, the track events were held on the indoor track inside of the MAC. The track

zations of Greek life gathered at 9 am for a Long Branch beach cleanup. All organizations received 15 points except for Alpha Sigma Tau and Zeta Tau Alpha who picked up only 10 and Theta Xi received no points for the event because not enough members were in attendance. Following the clean up was the softball throw, football throw, and kickball. Sigma pi and Delta Phi Epsilon took first place in the softball throw, and Sigma Pi and Phi Sigma Sigma took first in the football throw. In kickball, Tau Kappa Epsilon defeated Phi Kappa Psi to win first place and Delta Phi Epsilon beat Lambda Theta Alpha.

### SUNDAY

On the final day of Greek Week, quad games were held in the residential quad. Quad games consisted of a pudding eating contest, tug o war, the egg toss, and the three legged race. Tau Kappa Epsilon took first place in egg toss and they defeated Sigma Pi in tug o war to win first place. Sigma Pi continued their dominance in Greek Week by winning the three legged race, pudding eating contest, and the hula hoop contest. In the women’s events Alpha Sigma Tau won tug o war, Delta Phi Epsilon won the pudding eating contest, and Alpha Xi delta took home first place in the hula hoop.

The final standings of the week were as follows: 1st Sigma Pi, 2nd Phi Kappa Psi, 3rd Delta Phi Epsilon, 4th Tau Kappa Epsilon, 5th Alpha Xi Delta, 6th Lambda Theta Alpha, 7th Phi Sigma Sigma, 8th Zeta Tau Alpha, 9th Alpha Sigma Tau, 10th Sigma Tau Gamma, 11th Alpha Kappa Psi, and 12th Theta Xi. Additionally, Lambda Theta Alpha was given the sportsmanship award by the Greek Senate Committee.

“To me the points and the winners aren’t important, what is important is that our fraternity and sorority raised \$980 for the Boys and Girls club of Monmouth County and we helped the City of Long Branch preserve one of its treasures through our beach cleanup. Additionally, what made the week a success is the display of sportsmanship of the majority of the chapters,” said Havens.



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Fraternities and sororities gather at Long Branch Beach for the community service project, beach cleanup, of Greek Week.

### WEDNESDAY

Wednesday was day number three of Greek Week and it featured one combined event and one separate event. Fraternities and sororities competed against each other in the bag toss and dodgeball was split by gender. In bag toss, Sigma Pi captured first place, while Tau Kappa Epsilon placed in second, and Delta Phi Epsilon finished in third. Sigma Pi and Alpha Sigma Tau took

and Girls Club. Later on that day, Greek Feud took place and it was another combined event with everybody competing against everybody. Theta Xi was able to pull out the victory and take first place in the event.

### FRIDAY

Friday brought about day number five of Greek Week and it was a day loaded with events. In the afternoon, Wii bowling and volleyball took place at the

events had winners in men’s and women’s. In the 60 meter sprint, Alpha Kappa Psi took first place in the men’s, while in the women’s Lambda Theta Alpha won and they also won first place in the 800 meter and the 2 by 400 meter. For the men, Phi Kappa Psi won the 800 and Sigma Pi captured first place in the 2 by 400.

### SATURDAY

Saturday morning all organi-

## Club and Greek Announcements

### PRESTIGE WORLDWIDE

Prestige Worldwide has set up a team and is participating in a Relay For Life to help raise funds for the American Cancer Society, scheduled for Friday, April 23 and 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Monmouth University. To join or donate to Prestige Worldwide, go to [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY10EA?pg=team&fr\\_id=20666&team\\_id=663305](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY10EA?pg=team&fr_id=20666&team_id=663305).

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is an overnight community celebration where individuals and teams camp out, barbecue, dance, and take turns walking around a track relay style to raise funds to fight cancer. At nightfall, participants will light hundreds of luminaria around the track in a moving ceremony to honor cancer survivors as well as friends and family members lost to the disease. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

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Several Monmouth University student organizations, such as the Chapter of the Public Relations Students Society of America (PRSSA), and two fund-raising classes being offered through the department of communication (undergraduate and graduate) are forming teams and spearheading comprehensive fund-raising campaigns. Dr. Sheila McAllister-Spooner, Assistant Professor of Public Relations and advisor to PRSSA said, “The Relay for Life offers a perfect opportunity to apply the concepts that they have learned in the classroom to practical situations.” “It’s a win-win situation,” McAllister-Spooner added. “The students learn the tricks of the trade as they raise money for a worthy cause such as the American Cancer Society.”

### PHI KAPPA PSI

Phi Kappa Psi will be holding a Sports Night in Boylan Gym on Saturday, May 1 at 8 pm. The event is for all of those who are interested in the organization and

are considering coming out for Fall semester. We urge all of those interested to please stop by.

Additionally, our meetings are open to all who are interested in coming out and seeing what we are about. We look forward to seeing you.

### TAU KAPPA EPSILON

Tau Kappa Epsilon would like to congratulate the following members for being nominated for Fraternity and Sorority Awards from 2009-2010, Andre Renaudo has been nominated for Fraternity Man of the Year. Thomas Fagan has been nominated for Outstanding Senior. Michael Geib has been nominated for Outstanding New Member. Award winners will be announced on Wednesday April 28th at the Blue and White Club in the MAC. Tau Kappa Epsilon also has a few events they will be doing and participating in over the next few weeks. They will be participating in Relay For Life on Friday April 23rd. They will also be doing a beach clean

up on Saturday April 24th.

On Tuesday April 27th, the will be hosting a fundraiser outside of the Student Center called Dunk-a-Teke. It will be a dunk tank and we will be selling throws to dunk the Teke. It will be \$2 for one throw and \$3 for 3 throws. The proceeds will be donated to St Jude Research Hospital, which is Tau Kappa Epsilon’s national philanthropy. On Friday April 30th, they will be bagging groceries at the Shop Rite in Eatontown also raising money for the St. Jude Research Hospital. The Kappa Kappa Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon is proud to announce that they will be donating over \$1000 to St Jude this year. TKE is busy these next few weeks, and welcomes anyone to join us in these events!

### GREEK SENATE

It’s hard to believe that another year is almost over. We want to thank the entire fraternity and sorority community for a great

year. This past week was one of the most enjoyable Greek Weeks we have experienced. We would like to congratulate the 2010-2011 executive board: Megan Tracey, Chris Mills, Caitlin Dwyer, Rosario Pucci, Andre Renaudo and Tina Onikoyi.

Also, April is advisor appreciation month, and we would like to give a shout out to our advisor, Tyler Havens, for all of the hard work and dedication he puts forth to help our community!

### OUTDOORS CLUB

The Outdoors Club will be going on their annual White Water Rafting Trip on May 1-2. There are still a few spots open and the trip costs \$85. If anyone is interested in going on the trip, please contact Professor Reynolds at [wreynold@monmouth.edu](mailto:wreynold@monmouth.edu) or Paul Mandala at [s0644483@monmouth.edu](mailto:s0644483@monmouth.edu). We are also having another Deal Lake cleanup this Saturday, April 24. Any student is welcome to come and participate. We look forward to seeing you there.





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## Post Holiday Blues? Take the Marijuana Self Quiz...

1. Is it hard to imagine your life without marijuana?
2. Has smoking pot stopped being fun?
3. Do you ever get high alone?
4. Do you flake on doing what is normally expected of you because of using weed (class, work, social or family obligations)?
5. Do you smoke first thing in the morning?
6. Has a relative, friend, or doctor expressed concern about your use of marijuana or suggested that you cut down?
7. Do you smoke marijuana to avoid dealing with problems or stress?
8. Have you promised yourself to slow down or stop smoking but find that you are only able to keep that promise for a few days or weeks at a time?
9. Do you sometimes deal marijuana on the side just to cover the cost of your habit?
10. Do you hang out only with people who get high, and who know where to score weed?
11. Have you started to lose interest in things that used to mean a lot- schoolwork, sports, hobbies, or friends who don't drink or use drugs?
12. When your stash is nearly empty, do you feel anxious or worried about how to get more?
13. Even after your friends say they've had enough pot, do you want to continue using?
14. After using marijuana, have you experienced severe anxiety or panic?
15. Do you use marijuana regularly before classes or before or during work?

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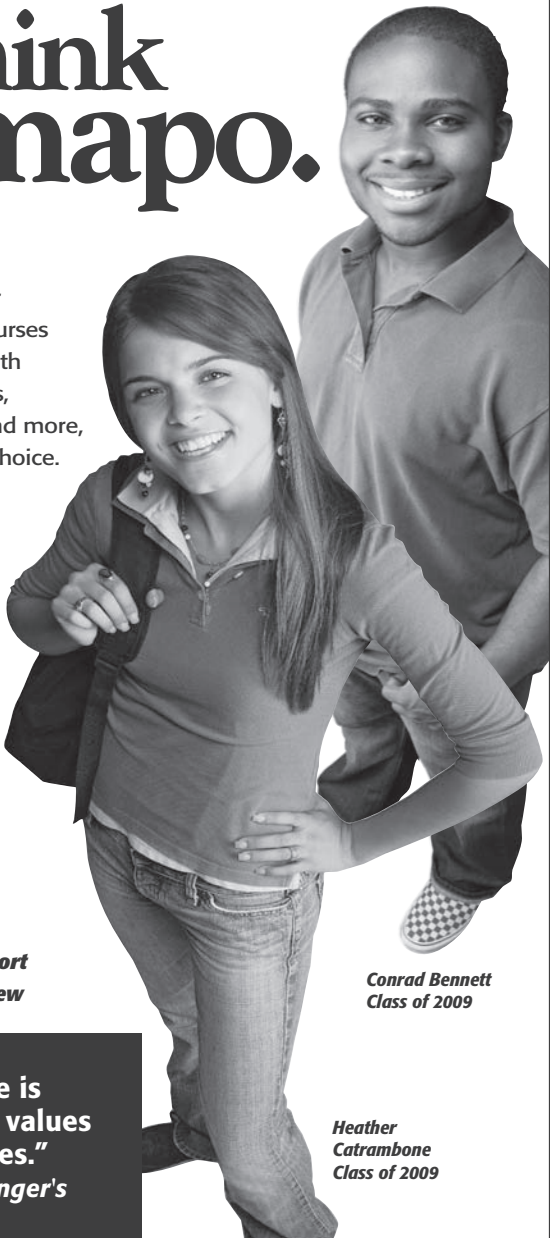
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Political Debate: Should Russia Freeze Foreign Adoption to the United States?

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

Side 1: Russia Goldman Sachs Should be Punished

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On Friday, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filed a civil lawsuit against Goldman Sachs for fraud. The investment bank allegedly created and promoted investments that would profit as the sub-prime mortgages from the housing market began to improve. This investment mortgage creation was termed ABACUS. It was destined to fail, and the people at Goldman were well aware of that fact. The investors, however, were the ones without knowledge of this condition. Why? Goldman chose to leave out imperative details about the investment. One specific stipulation that investors were not informed of was the involvement of a hedge fund investor firm, Paulson & Co. This firm made billions of dollars in betting that the housing market would crash, and

they organized the security packages that Goldman Sachs investors received in their portfolios. Goldman denies all allegations. This situation, once again, epitomizes the corruption that is occurring in our financial sector. Goldman was ultimately encouraging customers to buy into their investment plan only to bet against these customers in an attempt to gain more capital. Like a greedy child, they disregarded the risks of their plan, and they only focused on the rewards. Now the SEC is left as the disciplinarian in need of discovering what actually happened here. Our legal system must act effectively, and the cynicism that has developed should lead to more lawsuits involving banks. Perhaps one of the most significant penalties for Goldman Sachs will come as the loss of their valued reputation. Just last month Warren

Buffet had commented that Goldman Sachs was a “very, very strong, well-run business.” Now, more than ever, the customers want to know who is on the other side of their transactions with Goldman. When new customers consider investing with Goldman, the issues presented by this case of fraud will ring clear in their minds. Without a doubt, investors have lost their trust in Goldman Sachs. Before they lose their trust in financial investment firms entirely, the federal government must examine the companies. Goldman Sachs dropped 10% for the entire week- the most significant change since March of 2009. This was a clear depiction of the investors’ loss of trust in the company. The impacts of the fraudulent charges were felt when even international financial companies experienced substantial sell-offs following the news. These unrests in the stock market need to be

stopped. In order to allow the market to continue to progress, the financial companies, such as Goldman Sachs, must maintain trustworthy and respectable reputations. They have an obligation to do so. For a company with a net income in the billions, the “worst-case” scenario hardly seems effective. It has been estimated that if the SEC lawsuit follows through, Goldman could lose about \$706.5 million from their net income. This is equivalent to about \$1.20 per share. We have to keep in mind that this is a company with revenue above forty billion. Recently, in 2008, they won a \$5 billion investment from Warren Buffet. This hardly seems effective; the penalties for Goldman’s actions must be

significant enough to put an end to this corruption. In response to this financial chaos, President Obama commented that he would veto any bill allowing oversights of these financial companies, “We can’t allow history to repeat itself.” Financial industry reforms will be sweeping the Senate floor, and new limitations will be placed on major banks. Anti-Wall Street attitudes will be consuming Capitol Hill, but this will only be for the best. Without addressing these issues of fraud, we are allowing the abuse of the financial investors’ trust. In the end, we are both continuing to enable the untrustworthy activities as well as inhibiting our own progress on Wall Street.

Side 2: Goldman Sachs Should Not be Punished

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Last week the media headlines raved about Securities and Exchange Commission filing a law suit against the Goldman Sachs. The SEC is accusing the investment giant for causing number of investors to lose billions of dollars in housing market crash by not disclosing the vital information for the transactions. When selling the securities, Goldman concealed the fact that one of the world’s largest hedge funds, Paulson and Co, was already betting that their value would fall. After hearing this news many Goldman Sachs haters probably started dreaming of the world free of the Goldman Empire, but their parade may have come too early. First of all this is just a civil law suit against the investment firm, neither is anyone going to jail and nor is the bank handed over to the Federal Reserve. The best case scenario for the SEC is getting couple hundred million dol-

lars. However, there is no guarantee that the Goldman Sachs loses; the bank declared that it would fight for its reputation. Even if the case reaches the court and is not settled at some time before then, Goldman will do its best to win it, and God knows it will not be hard for them to have best attorneys in the world. Considering the fact that the whole case solely targets the actions of the Goldman’s London based Vice President, Fabrice Tourre, SEC does not have the edge for winning this law suit. Also, Washington is full of former Goldman employees who basically make decisions for the United States economy, and like it has happened many times before, no one will allow the Goldman to go down. Furthermore, bearing in mind the low public approval of the current administration, this whole law suit may very well be a charade arranged by the government to show that the big bad Goldman Sachs, who took all the bailout money is going to get

more than a slap on the wrist. Some newspapers already voiced their ideas about Obama will use this state of affairs for his own benefit. For those out there who believe that this law suit will radically change the US economy forever, and the hated Goldman Sachs will finally get its dues, it has to be said that nothing will change. Even if the SEC wins, most that can come out of this law suit will be couple hundred million dollars, and Tourre losing his job. No one will try to sink Goldman, because it after all is the backbone of not only the US but the World economy; the week has not even passed after the first allegations were voiced and the prices of stocks and gold went downward. Cases like this have been brought against Goldman before, but only party that comes out winning after these debacles is always Goldman Sachs.

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assistance in the form of Pell Grants. “Any increases [in Pell Grants] will have a positive impact on students, said Kristen Isaksen, the Associate Director of Financial Aid. It is currently too early in the awarding cycle to determine how man additional students will now be eligible for Pell Grants due to the changes in the law, explained Isaksen. Additional aid opportunities may be available to students who have now become eligible for the Pell Grant she said. The new law also says that graduates will have to pay no more than 10 percent, of their annual income toward the repayment of their college loans as opposed to the cap of 15 percent that is in place currently. The current laws state that after 25 years of loan payments, a graduate’s loan balance will be forgiven. The new law reduces the number of years before debt forgiveness to 20 years. Additionally, graduates who enter public service jobs, such as teaching, nursing, and military service will be able to qualify for debt forgiveness after ten years. These changes will go into ef-

fect after July 1, 2011. The average college graduate leaves college with \$23,000 of debt according to Obama. Sixty-nine percent of Monmouth students take out loans while in college and have an average of \$26,500 in debt, according to Claire Alasio, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management and Director of Financial Aid, \$3,500 more than the average college graduate in the United States. Two billion dollars of the money generated will be allocated for the improvement of community colleges. The law ensures that at least 0.5 percent of the total funds appropriated will be received by each state. The new law, in part, has to do with a generation-gap in politics today, according to Dr. Joseph Patten, an Associate Professor of Political Science. The 2008 Presidential election saw the largest showing of young voters in history and most of them voted for Obama, he explained. “In some respects, this is a pay-back for young voters,” he said. “... [W]ith this legislation we’re putting that money to use achieving a goal I set for America: by the end of this decade, we will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world,” said Obama.

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# Backstreet's Back at the MAC

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It is the middle of June and school has been out for a while. Some people may be bored and wondering, "Where can I see a good concert?" The answer is probably closer than many people think. On June 13 one of the 90's most recognizable boy bands is on tour, and they are coming here to the MAC at Monmouth University.

Ladies, please hold your screams and cries until the end of the announcement: the Backstreet Boys are coming to perform here at Monmouth for one night only.

AEG Live and Concerts East are proud to announce that the Backstreet Boys are going to be performing at Monmouth for a one night show. Monmouth University is a stop on their "This Is Us" tour that is hitting arenas, theatres, casinos, and schools.

Opening acts for this show will be announced shortly, but as of now the information is not available. This performance will be a full 90 to 120 minute show, much like the OAR concert from the fall (which was hosted by AEG Live and Concerts East as well).

This show is open to the general public, and most likely will draw a very large crowd. For anticipating fans, tickets will probably be sold very quickly, so ordering them

soon is a must.

Ticket prices are \$46.50 plus some surcharges, and can be ordered now on Ticketmaster or at the MAC and Pollak box offices. The price may seem to some a little high up there, but to the diehard Backstreet Boys fans out there, money is never an issue.

To many, if not all of us from the 90's, we know what an impact that bands such as the Backstreet Boys had on us. They were the icons of the 90's, gods if you will. People worshipped the ground that they walked on.

Girls wanted to marry them, guys wanted to be them. Some of their popular songs, such as Quit Playing Games With My Heart, Everybody, As Long As You Love Me, and Show Me the Meaning of Being Lonely pretty much were the theme songs to so many people's lives.

Alyssa Ringel, a freshman here at Monmouth University, is just one of the many BSB fans and had this to say about the concert: "It's so exciting that they're coming here of all places. I grew up listening to them and would love to see them in person. I already bought my ticket and can't wait!"

I am sure that she is not the only person who shares the same feeling for the Backstreet Boys. Many people will be flocking to the MAC to see this legendary boy band per-



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The Backstreet Boys will be performing in the MAC in June.

form and to relive the years of boy band glory.

Being more of an \*NSYNC fan myself, I will be passing on this

concert. To all that are going, it is sure to be a good show. Backstreet is officially back, and this time it's here at Monmouth University.

For more information about this concert, or other concerts here at Monmouth, go to [www.monmouth.edu/macatmonmouth/schedule](http://www.monmouth.edu/macatmonmouth/schedule).

## 75-Year-Olds Dig R. A. Salvatore's Dragon Speak, Even After all These Years

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Faerun, a continent based in the Dungeons & Dragons universe has been the setting of R. A. Salvatore's book series "The Forgotten Realms" since 1988. Fans have since lived vicariously through the mystical characters Salvatore has created, and used them in their own Dungeons & Dragons campaigns. Salvatore's fiction has also inspired a series of video games known as "Baldur's Gate," set in Faerun and featuring characters from the novel.

Landing on the New York Times best-sellers list twenty-two times, the longevity of Robert Anthony Salvatore's career is perpetuated by his growing and

loyal fanbase. "A lot of people reading my books now weren't even born when I started writing them," Salvatore told me matter-of-factly with a Massachusetts accent only a native could wear. With a chuckle he added, "That's scary."

The appeal of Salvatore's fantastical creation has no boundaries concerning gender or age. At book signings Salvatore has seen fans from ages 12 to 75 all with equal enthusiasm.

This incredible figure in the fantasy world, however, never had any intention of writing until a chance encounter with a snow storm and J. R. R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings." Christmas of 1977 when Salvatore was a freshman in college his sister purchased the book set for him,

but Salvatore tossed it aside saying "I wanted money."

Trapped in his mother's house by a blizzard a few weeks later, Salvatore devoured the four books dictating the stories of Frodo and Bilbo Baggins. Salvatore said, "That turned me onto the fantasy genre- escapist fiction, if you will. I read everything out there. There wasn't that much back in the late '70s and early '80s. When I ran out of books to read I wrote one."

Even after discovering his love for "escapist fiction" Salvatore did not immediately endeavor into a life as an author. "I didn't write to get published," Salvatore admits. "I wrote to satisfy my own creative need, 'cause I didn't have anything left to read."

Today, Salvatore has sold over 10 million copies of his books. He published the first novel in series "Star Wars: The New Jedi Order" which spawned multiple writers for the series and a new line of "Star Wars" stories. The bestseller admits luck in his career, but his tenacity is his greatest asset.

But, it's the fans that make Salvatore's workhorse attitude worthwhile. Michael Karkoska, a 20-year-old from Hunterdon County, New Jersey had no idea Salvatore's fan base stretched as far as it did until I told him. "I didn't know his books appealed to 75-year-olds," Karkoska laughed.

This fan has collected every book of Salvatore's featuring the character Drizzt Do'Urden, a Dark Elf who aspires to redeem his race acting courageously and making friends where others in his race might have made enemies. Karkoska heard about the books through a friend who had noticed Karkoska playing the video game "Baldur's Gate: Dark Alliance" which allows its players to play as Drizzt once they have defeated the game campaign.

Karkoska has always considered himself an avid reader, but

the creatures created by Salvatore enchanted him, pushing him to read as fast as he could to get to the next book in the series. This is the kind of reaction from his readers Salvatore salivates over. "What I really like are the letters that come from kids [in] high school [and] college. The letters that say 'I hadn't read until' or 'I hated reading until.' That's, really, why I still write."

And write and write and write he does. Salvatore's personal works now include 53 novels, six novels he has overseen the development on, several short stories, one comic book called "Spooks" and various other works for television he can sign his name to. With this copious amount of experience Salvatore commented on his maturity as a writer, "I think when I started writing, I was in my twenties, and like most people in my twenties I thought I knew everything. And I thought my job as a writer was to tell the readers the answers to everything.

"And then the older you get the more you realize you don't know anything about anything. So, I've really come to see my job as a writer to present situations with the character to get the readers to ask their own questions and then get their own answers. It's just a little shift in perspective."

Turning up the heat with the drama of his writing has paid off for Salvatore because readers like Karkoska notice the author's increased effort. "It was cool watching how his writing progressed. He's written so many books, and comparing his first to his last it's easy to see how much everything has changed. Each book kept getting better and better, 'cause his writing kept getting better and better."

Now in his 50's, Salvatore is at work non-stop and this includes helping his son, Geno, with his own trilogy based in the world of Faerun. The series is called "The Stone of Tymora" is written for young adult readers and

the first two books are already in stores.

Geno Salvatore, lacking the teddy bear quality and thick accent his famous dad possesses, has tried to deny the possibility of a writing career as far back as he could remember. "I never really considered it (writing) an option. I don't want to spend my adult life known as R. A. Salvatore's son. That's a very large shadow to step out from."

With a father that is known for his pacing and fight scenes, Geno took a tip from good ol' dad. R. A. Salvatore joked about working with his son on fight scenes, "I think at the beginning he was intimidated by writing action scenes 'cause that's what I'm most known for. But, as we went on he started kicking me out of the room so he could write the action scenes himself."

With father and son on the horizon of the fantasy literature the Salvatore name will continue to inspire Dungeons & Dragons players far into the future. The Salvatores will continue to inspire their fans' loyalty through character-driven innovation.

Salvatore has inspired countless readers to become writers themselves. Salvatore was wary when I asked him for the advice he would give to aspiring writers. The Massachusetts native said bluntly, "If you can quit, quit. 'Cause if you can quit you're not a writer. If you don't have these stories demanding to get out you're not a writer." For a writer, Salvatore explained, the stories are always nagging him and he writes to release them.

R. A. Salvatore's talent is magnified by his loyal readers. Karkoska offers a final thought as to why Salvatore's work appeals to so many different people. "Even though they're written for fantasy nerds, the reason I like them is the characters. And that's a topic anyone can relate to."



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Robert Anthony Salvatore has been on The New York Times best-seller list 22 times.



# New Breed of Superheroes Protect Movie Theatres

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Superhero movies today are a dime a dozen, so how do filmmakers make their heroes stand out? Make them gritty, profane, and darkly comedic. That is what Matthew Vaughn does in “Kick-Ass,” based on the comic book by Mark Millar and John Romita, Jr. Vaughn, who co-wrote the script with Jane Goldman, transfers the story, action, and characters from Millar and Romita’s work wonderfully to the screen. It’s like watching the comic book verbatim for most of the film.

Vaughn and Goldman never lose the reality of the story. Everything is believable from organized crime as the central villain to how the news and social networking sites make Kick-Ass a sensation. Yet like any adaptation, changes are bound to happen. In the comic, the story is free to evolve, but one major change in the film doesn’t hold that momentum. Without spoiling anything, the ending leads to a sequel but feels forced than natural. Another alteration throws away a unique and unexpected twist for a familiar motivation why one character becomes a hero. These affect the story more than help.

“Kick-Ass” is about a nerdy teen named Dave Lizewski (Aaron Johnson), who is “nothing special.” He’s not an athlete, smart, or has luck with the ladies (instead fantasizing about his English

teacher), but he is a comic book fan. He lives in New York City with his widower dad (Garret M. Brown). He realizes that unlike in comic books, there are no heroes avenging death and life just goes on. Dave spends most of his time with his friends Marty and Todd (Clark Duke and Evan Peters).

One day he asks his friends why nobody has become a superhero. They think the idea is ridiculous, but Dave doesn’t. He decides to become a superhero, finding a costume and picking Kick-Ass as his name. While his first attempt at heroism fails, Dave receives a second chance to be a crime fighter and becomes a sensation. Meanwhile, the mob is being attacked by a costumed individual, and the head of this crime family, Frank D’Amico (Mark Strong playing another tough nose villain) is mad about this. His son, Chris D’Amico (Christopher Mintz-Plasse), wants to learn the family business but continues to be shooed away. That is until he comes up with a way to stop Kick-Ass and this Batman-type character.

Eventually, Kick-Ass’s popularity grows, and he begins to meet other heroes like Big Daddy (Nicholas Cage), Hit-Girl (Chloe Moretz), and Red Mist (Plasse), finding a renewed sense of living. This even leads to an awkward relationship between Dave and a girl from school, Katie (Lyndsy Fonseca). However, Dave/Kick-Ass discovers later on that heroism has a dark side as well.

Vaughn’s signature is all over “Kick-Ass” and helps to make it the ultimate independent superhero movie. Vaughn understands that he’s presenting heroes who are bound to be criticized but doesn’t fear backlash. Considering the fact that he financed this film independently, he’s all about taking risks. This includes presenting some demented and goofy humor like when Dave as Kick-Ass plays hero for the first time. These scenes show that Vaughn understand the odd humor and shows such through Dave’s dorky personality.

However, this story doesn’t work with only dark humor, and Vaughn adds enough action-packed sequences to balance the movie. The best example comes when Hit-Girl appears for the first time.

When it comes to violence, Vaughn doesn’t shy away from bloods and guts. At one point, a hit man for Frank says, “F—k this s—t! I’m getting the bazooka!” That’s the best way to describe the violence in the film as it continuously tries to top itself until it is as loud as a bazooka.

Finally, Vaughn makes viewers feel the pain of Kick-Ass and other heroes to show what it could be like to be a hero. Every time a punch is thrown or the characters are in a dangerous setting, it’s hard not to feel this energy. Some scenes become cringe worthy while others are flat-out painful. Following this, Vaughn is able to

get his actors to become different characters whenever they put on a costume. It is like watching a larger group of performers act than advertised.

The star of the movie is definitely Moretz as Mindy Macready/Hit-Girl, playing one of the deadliest heroes to grace the silver screen. She is great as Mindy, whether it is going for target practice or working with knives while being quizzed on them by her father. However, it is when Moretz becomes Hit-Girl that the bad guys should begin to pray. As this brutal heroine, Moretz is intense, fierce, crazy, unrelenting, and speaks in a menacing voice such as when she, by herself, takes out a group of drug dealers in one scene and mobsters in another. Moretz even makes the character better than Hit-Girl’s comic persona where she was as tough.

Many might criticize the character for her use of curse words and controversial attitude, but aren’t some film characters memorable because of their controversies? Regardless, Moretz is still a young star and after playing this tough character, she has shown audiences and studios a fraction of her talent.

Johnson as Dave captures the spirit of a comic book fan boy from his dorkiness to his superhero knowledge/aspirations. His portrayal of a nerd feels real and how he takes to his costume allows the character to come full circle. Johnson adds awkward-

ness to the character that fits it just right, but doesn’t stop Dave from being more. When Dave gets beaten up by the mob and his face is cut, bruised, and bloody, he shows that even this comic book nerd can be tough.

Cage as Damon Macready/Big Daddy is better than one might think. He has fun with this character, both in hero and secret identities, and develops him with his own perspective.

One way Cage does this is by bringing campiness to the role. Modeling Bid Daddy on Adam West’s Batman, he talks in an odd ball fashion but is fierce in combat. He’s a tough guy, but Cage adds some silliness to him.

Mintz-Plasse as Chris D’Amico/Red Mist wasn’t able to do as much as expected. This performance was where he could show moviegoers he could be brutal. However, this only happens toward the very end, making it too little too late. This isn’t to say that he’s bad, since he does a fine job. It is just that Chris/Red Mist is there to help drive the story to a sequel than to help fully develop the character.

“Kick-Ass” is a good comic book film and a variant against other cinematic superheroes, although it’s not great as the source material. Moviegoers will either love it or hate it. However, when it comes down to the wire, Vaughn and company set out to tell a different story, and despite one problem, they achieved their goal.

# Funeral Leaves Audiences Crying With Excitement

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Led by an all-star ensemble cast, *Death at a Funeral* is a hilarious ride of enjoyment as this trip to the funeral takes many surprising and outlandish turns that will keep audiences laughing.

*Death at a Funeral* is centered around Aaron (Chris Rock), a hard working, young man who is constantly trying to find his place in the world. Along with his wife Michelle (Regina Hall), Aaron is trying to make a life for himself and move out of the family home, until his father dies.

As Aaron is the eldest child, it is up to him to organize his father’s funeral, and get the family together for a truly chaotic evening. As the plot begins to unfold, the funeral quickly becomes a three ring circus as sex, drugs, murder, and lies overtake the funeral, and dark family secrets emerge. It is now up to Aaron to regain civility, and get the funeral back on track before anything else could go ridiculously wrong.

As *Death at a Funeral* is a remake of a 2007 British film with the same name, the film borrows elements from its predecessor to succeed. Through using several of the same jokes, the remake takes the jokes much further than the original, to the point where some of the events in the picture almost seem unbelievable.

However, it is this believability and outlandishness that makes every scene entertaining and transitions perfectly to the next.

With an all-star cast consisting of well-known actors and comedic legends such as Danny Glover, Regina Hall, Martin Lawrence, James Marsden, Tracy Morgan, Chris Rock, Zoë Saldana, and Luke Wilson, the film provides audiences with non-stop laughs in what is one of the funniest films of the year. In fact, the cast works so well off one another that it’s hard to not find something to enjoy and laugh at through the course of the

picture. Led by Chris Rock, the acting in the film is over the top, but definitely rewarding to watch as the outrageous interactions between the cast transitions into comedic genius.

Chris Rock’s portrayal of Aaron is entertaining as he constantly juggles responsibility and how

nia Pay-Per-View on top of the casket. While the scenes with Lawrence are entertaining, they seem familiar as Lawrence plays a similar role as he does in films like *Blue Streak* and *Big Mama’s House*. This repetition of character makes his performance appear dated as audiences have seen this



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*Death at a Funeral*, starring Martin Lawrence and Chris Rock premiered April 16.

he deals with crisis after crisis. Throughout the course of the film, you see his character transform from a stern individual to an almost chaotic psychopath as nothing goes according to plan on the day of his father’s funeral. While his performance is enjoyable and helps to keep the plot moving, he is not the center of attention for most of the film.

Comedic giants Martin Lawrence and Tracy Morgan add much needed humor to the film, and provide the picture with some hilarious memorable moments. Lawrence plays Aaron’s younger brother Ryan, a highly successful writer who’s favored by the family.

Through his interactions with the rest of the cast, Lawrence manages to create tension between his character and Aaron, in what turns into a Wrestlemai-

character in many of Lawrence’s previous film.

Tracy Morgan on the other hand, is like a firecracker ready to explode. As Norman, a close friend of the family, Morgan delivers hilarious line after line with perfect comedic timing, similar to that found in *Cop Out*. Though most of his humor can be found in over the top and ridiculous rants, it never gets old as he interacts with the rest of the cast.

While the rants delivered are funny, Morgan also draws laughs from the outrageous physical comedy in the scenes with Danny Glover (Uncle Russell). One particular scene involved Morgan getting completely covered by fecal matter, and throwing it around a bathroom as he reacts to the situation. His performance, while it was truly entertaining, demonstrates that Morgan is a true co-

medic force that could become the next big name in the comedy genre.

Last, but certainly not least, the performance of James Marsden (*X-Men*, *27 Dresses*) stole the show. Marsden plays Oscar, an uptight young man, who accidentally takes acid thinking it was Valium. His portrayal of an individual at the mercy of hallucinations was truly hilarious as his crazy antics such as screaming in the middle of the funeral service, and running naked on the roof, never gets old.

The scenes with Marsden were easily the best in the film, as *Death at a Funeral* shifts gears to focus on what this extremely high individual is going to do next.

However, once Oscar’s high begins to deteriorate, other characters begin to accidentally take the faux Valium, in what turns into the same cheap laughs all over again. This forces the picture to stray away from the plot, which is my only gripe with the film.

The comedy found in the *Death at a Funeral* is what you would expect from any R rated picture, raunchy, crude, over the top and hilarious. As most of the entertaining and funny dialogue can be found in the film’s trailer, such as the line by Lawrence’s character “she may be in 12th grade, but that ass is in grad school,” the picture resorts to the use of slapstick humor for cheap, yet enjoyable laughs.

Again, the scene with Morgan covered in feces is a prime example of this, but other scenes with a naked Marsden trying to get off the roof, or even when a gang hogties a dwarf, are extremely hilarious and keep the film fresh, fun, and enjoyable.

Aside from the acting and comedy that make the film work, the production of *Death at a Funeral* is admirable. Director Neil LaBute manages to capture the sheer chaos of a family torn apart by distance as they come together for a tragic family occasion. LaBute

also re-imagines the film, and adds more depth to the remake, making it more humorous and entertaining than its predecessor.

With the screenplay written by Dean Craig, the humor translates wonderfully to the film as the dialogue works perfectly for each actor and makes every scene unique. With that said, Victoria Thomas, casting director of the movie, did a spectacular job of casting the roles for the film.

The ensemble cast appears to have a natural chemistry which makes the picture work, and serves to provide non-stop laughs throughout the film.

While the film is basically a comedy, it does have core values which it promotes to audiences. First, family is important no matter what the situation.

The film tells audiences that family is our backbone and our very source of comfort, for it is important to rely of them for support. The picture also preaches that we always have to remain positive in hopes that everything will get better when we feel down.

Again, *Death at a Funeral* is rated R for language, drug content, sexual humor and nudity. The film, while it does have an R rating, would be appropriate for anyone around ages 15 and up.

Issues covered in the film are at times a bit over exaggerated, but should be taken with a sense of humor.

At 90 minutes, *Death at a Funeral* moves right along, and is an enjoyable comedy that is for anyone with a good sense of humor, and a desire to have fun at the movies.

*Death at a Funeral* is a sheer blast of fun that’s entertaining from start to finish. With a spectacular ensemble cast, the humor seems to jump off the screen in what is one of the funniest comedies of the year.

Even though the film is about one extremely sad family, audiences can’t help but enjoy their pain, and laugh at their expense.



# Behind the Scenes of Roasting Alice

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**A** teenage Alice, with a bright blue dress and striking fishnet stockings, wanders back into Wonderland on the Wood's theatre stage to celebrate her 5821st unbirthday in the form of a roast – all the while her cat, Dinah, dangles in a box suspended from the ceiling. The world-premiere of *Roasting Alice*, wonderful for its imaginative use of loud colors, sharp wit, and choice of songs ranging from a sweet lullaby to scathing rap, immediately captured a special place in my heart.

The one-act *Roasting Alice* holds the place as Monmouth University's first original production. Written and directed by Professor Nicole Ricciardi – with music and lyrics by George Wurzbach – the idea for *Roasting Alice* came to her on a trip to Chinatown. "I was writing a show about Alice in Wonderland that I have been writing for about the past couple years," she said. "And so she [Alice] was already kind of brewing in my head and I walked past this place in Chinatown that had the Chinese lanterns in the window and I said on the phone with him [Dr. Tripold] 'can I do something about Alice in Wonderland,' and he said, 'great!'" Those lanterns were then incorporated in the production, hanging centre stage, beside assorted lampshades.

Professor Ricciardi said that, at first, she intended *Roasting Alice* to be a musical revue, which does not always have a through-line or a cohesive narrative, with each actor having his or her own number. Then the idea evolved that the musical should take the form of a celebrity roast. "I knew that I wanted some sort of build of craziness that would explode in this big one moment, that Alice couldn't take it anymore," said Professor Ricciardi, "so then it was about us rearranging the numbers so that there was this build in insanity, for lack of a better word."

Post-modernism suffused every aspect of the musical. Professor Ricciardi put it bluntly, "Is it going to be Victorian, are we going to be English? And I thought, 'God!' So, now, the show is Alice 10 years later... she's American and she's modern." *Roasting Alice* retains a connection to the original Alice in Wonderland story with a consistent set of characters, but mixing in modern themes such as the White Rabbit going on tour with Taylor Swift and references to iPods allowed it to grow and take on a life of its own. Prof. Ricciardi even bought Alice's pretty blue dress from the corporate super-store

Target, after spotting it in a magazine.

Casting was done via a set of vocal auditions with another set of callbacks. "It's like a two-part audition process that happens in one night," said Dr. Sheri Anderson, the stage manager for *Roasting Alice*, who worked on Broadway's *Phantom of the Opera*, and works as a theatre professor at Monmouth University. She said that students wanting to audition could list their preferred character on the audition sheet but that, "In the end they are going to cast the people that are the best for the big picture... but you [the actor] don't know that big picture. The only one that really does is the director."

The casting selections played to the actor's strengths. "You may want to be the Cheshire Cat," said Prof. Anderson, "but the Cheshire Cat's songs are not in your range.... If you can't sing the range of your songs, chances are they are not going to reorchestrate it for one person, they are going to cast you for the part that is in your vocal range." The acting strengths of certain veteran actors such as Kate Borsuk and Vincent Anthony were already known before hand, which made the audition process much easier.

The measure of creative liberty allotted to the actors and actresses was enormous. The individual personalities of each actor and actress heavily influenced the development of their characters. The graceful Rosanna Tinari, who played the Dodo Bird, said, "We could work with the director and then with us [sic] too, so like she could say, 'well, what do you want to put into the character?'"

Some liberties were taken during each subsequent performance. "I can explore a little bit," said Ms. Tinari. "Different nights I would do different faces... depending on the night before, if I got a laugh somewhere, I would try to do more with that part." This helped keep the performances fresh for the actors and actresses.

Alice's unrequited love, the timid White Knight, played by the suave Cody Ross Pitts stated succinctly, "Everyone's character wasn't just a character, it was an extension of their own personality, just twisted with just mounds and mounds of madness." Mr. Pitts added his own style and personality to the performance. "I've never played a character. I've only played extensions of myself," he said. "I don't know what that says for me, having seen the White Knight dance. I felt like if I just made an ass out of myself, so to speak, that would be something the White Knight would do."

Characters evolved over time as the actors and actresses became more comfortable with their roles and

began to explore the different possibilities. "A lot of the interactions we did between each other, everything that was kind of like going on in the background – that was us," said the vibrant Michele Cox, who took on the persona of the White Queen.

These little complex details, that constantly occurred in the background created a strong sense of depth. "I had a dog and the Cheshire Cat was sitting next to me and we kind of made up this whole thing where she would steal the dog or try to like bite its head off," said Ms. Cox. "And I push her out of the chair at one point.... I pulled the chair out from under her, and she like growls at me or screams at me."

No matter where you looked on stage, you could find something interesting going on. The Mad Hatter, otherwise known as the dashing Vincent Anthony, added, "That's kind of why I wish we did a little bit more than three shows, because of the fact that there was the one story, but there were character relations that spanned the entire show. Why are the Caterpillar and the Cheshire Cat fighting or why does everyone give their stuff to the White Knight... Humpty Dumpty and I had like a romance for a second and no one ever noticed that, but it was always funny to me. It was kind of weird though."

One day for rehearsal the famous Broadway actor Norbet Leo Butz, who performed in musicals such as *Rent* and *Wicked*, came to the theatre to give advice and help coach the actors. "When Norbet came," said Mr. Anthony, "we sort of all started to see things in a slightly different way, because he had fresh eyes. He saw it in a completely different light and then it opened up this whole new world." His visit was a truly amazing experience for the cast members – one of the most memorable, I would imagine – and took this cast and this performance to the next level.

Professor Ricciardi's main concern in creating *Roasting Alice* was to make this applicable to the students performing the musical. "My goal for the whole show really was to get the best of those 16 people in front of the audience, whatever that means," she said, "I gave them a lot of freedom. I hope they felt that freedom." The possibility exists that *Roasting Alice* will find its way into theatre stages beyond the Monmouth campus. It would be incredible to see it someday on a Broadway stage. She revealed, "We're wondering now what it's going to be next. We're wondering if there's going to be a life for it somewhere. I know a lot of people in New York want to see it. And maybe it's a two act show."



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**The individual personalities of each actor and actress heavily influenced the development of their characters. Each actor brought something unique to the stage in the new and original screen play.**



# CLASS OF 2010 SENIOR WEEK

## TUESDAY, MAY 11

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## TUESDAY, MAY 18

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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

### NYC: \$10

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

## SATURDAY, MAY 15

### SENIOR RECEPTION: FREE

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

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

### CAP & GOWN PICKUP

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

## THURSDAY, MAY 13

### Atlantic City: \$15

Spend 7 hours in AC! This includes your transportation to and from Atlantic City. The two buses will be leaving at 4:45pm from the Student Center and will be in AC for 7 hours, departing from AC at 1:45am. Credit will be given to students pending designated casino.  
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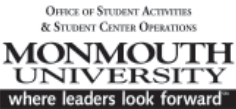
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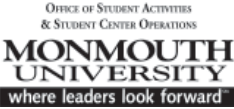
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Softball vs. Rutgers • 4:30 pm • Softball Field  
Event TBD • 10pm • Pollak  
Plant a Tree/ Concert • 2:30pm • Student Center  
S'MORES! • Dinner • Magill Commons

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Plastic Musik • 3:30pm • Quad (Rain Site Anacon)  
Housing Selection- Group #1  
Earth Day Campus Cleanup • TBA  
Zumba • 6 -7 pm • MAC (2nd Floor, inside of track)

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Lacrosse NEC Championships • 9am • Kessler  
Housing Selection #2  
Lunasa and Martin Hayes & Dennis Cahill • 8pm • Pollak \$30/\$38  
Relay for Life (3 pm Campsite Setup, • 7pm • Opening Ceremony) • 4pm-8am • Practice Field & Boylan  
Movie: Invictus • 7 & 11 pm • Oakwood

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Housing Selection Group #3  
The Honors School Spring Research Conference • 9am-4pm • Magill 107 108 109  
Blue/White Football Game & BBQ • Game 12 pm Kessler • BBQ after game on practice field -Cost \$15  
Please RSVP by 4/21to [csiciliano@monmouth.edu](mailto:csiciliano@monmouth.edu)  
Movie: Book of Eli • 7 & 11 pm • Oakwood

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Lacrosse NEC Championships • 9 am • Kessler  
Student Awards Ceremony • 3pm • Pollak  
Annual Student Show 4/25-5/7 • 800 & Ice House Galleries • Opening Reception • 1-4pm

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 27

Visiting Writer: Nicole Cooley • 4:30 pm • Wilson Auditorium

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Baseball vs. Rutgers • 3:30pm • Baseball Field  
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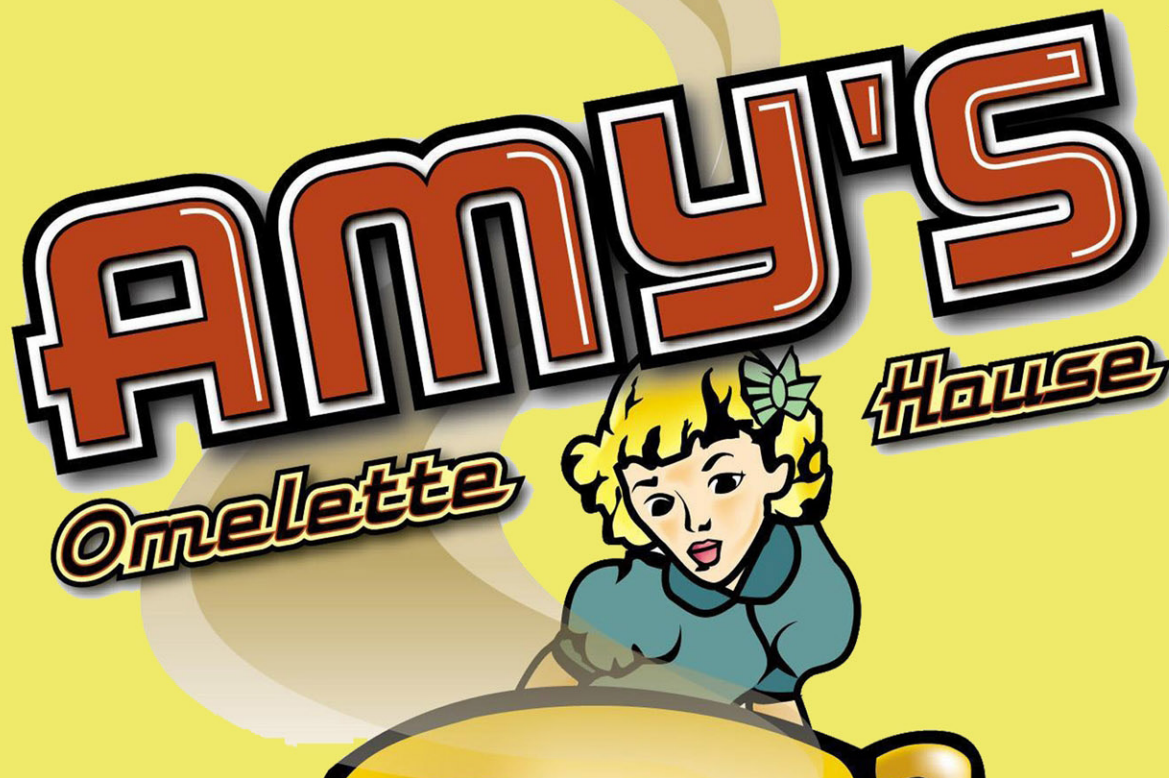


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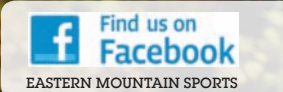
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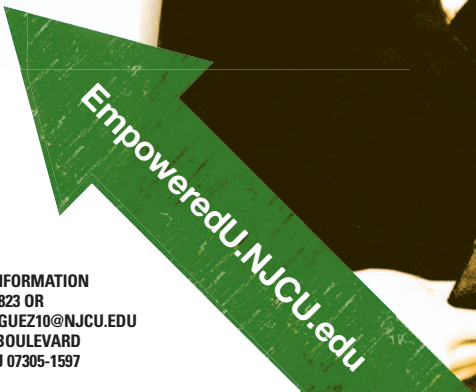

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# Death of the Polish President Concerns Faculty and Students

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STAFF WRITER

The Polish President, along with his wife and 97 other passengers, including top Polish military officials, died tragically in a plane crash on April 10. President Kaczynski, 60, was traveling to Russia with a Polish delegation for the 70th anniversary of the Russian massacre of Polish prisoners at war in a forest in Katyn. Approximately

This tragic event shook Poles across the world. Poland's most important government officials died tragically, leaving Poland in a sticky situation. Polish students at the University felt the sorrow and shock when they first received the news from families calling from Poland. Ciara Bednarczyk, sophomore, received an early morning phone call from her grandmother in Poland informing her about the tragedy.



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In Krakow, Poland, the funeral during which thousands of Polish civilians had a chance to say goodbye to the president.

20,000 Polish soldiers and civilians were executed in Katyn by the Soviets during World War II. For 70 years, Russia, formerly the Soviet Union, has denied that the massacre ever occurred. President Lech Kaczynski was the first president in Poland to really push for the truth and make sure that Russia finally acknowledges what occurred. The event that was to take place on that tragic Saturday was planned to recognize that the massacre did in fact take place. Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin was to attend and speak at the event. If it did occur, it could have been a milestone in the easing of the prolonged tension between Russia and Poland. As Dr. McKittrick of the History Department at the University said, "the refusal of the Soviets to acknowledge the massacre has always been a source of tension." President Kaczynski, his wife and the Polish delegation, boarded a plane in Poland on that Saturday morning for the last time. Upon arrival in Smolensk, Russia, the plane crashed due to bad weather conditions and human error while landing. The airplane hit trees that were surrounding the Smolensk Airport and immediately burst into flames,

"The plane crash that claimed the lives of President Kaczynski and other high ranking cabinet officials could not have been at a more symbolic spot. Only a few miles away from Katyn, a forest where thousands of Polish officers had been killed by the Soviet's secret police," Bednarczyk said. Conrad Sawicki, freshman, received an early morning phone call from his mother, believes that the situation in Poland could go very wrong. "The filling of so many vacant offices is without a doubt a good opportunity for corrupt officials to move in. It's going to be interesting watching the next few months play out in these already tense times," Sawicki said. Even the burial place of the President and his wife created dispute in Poland. The president's family chose Wawel Castle in Krakow for his burial site, which created a controversy. Many Poles believe that the President should not be buried among Poland's most respected kings and generals in the castle. A day after the plane crash, conspiracy theories started to emerge. Some Poles, and other countries' citizens, question the circumstances surrounding the plane crash. They



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Marta and Jaroslaw, children of President Lech Kaczynski, at Warsaw airport waiting for Kaczynski's body to be delivered from Russia.

according to authorities. There were no survivors. "It's a tragic outcome when two countries so long staring at each other with anger finally after 70 years have a chance to resolve it, but this tragic event occurs instead," said President Gaffney.

are suspicious of the coincidence that the plane, full of Polish dignitaries, crashes while traveling to Russia in order to honor the memory of the Katyn Massacre. "This just shows us how big the tension is between the two countries," commented Dr. McKirtick.

# University Creates New Position for Information Management

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University to create a position for information management duties. With Christensen as the Vice President, he now oversees all three of these groups instead of there being three different vice presidents. Christensen said he administers from making sure the library system does not fail, to the Internet connection, to WebAdvisor, to Time and Attendance, to Payroll. Christensen also has two new Associate Vice Presidents by his side: Director of the Instructional Technology Service Department Wendy Savoth and Sonn. Sonn said his duties will remain the same. "I'll continue to oversee the Administrative Information Systems and Network Operations and Telecommunications areas." Also, Sonn said he has had the pleasure of working with Christensen on prior projects. "In 2001, we both participated in the Advising Implementation Task Force, which addressed advising and registration issues. One of the results of this committee was the implementation of WebAdvisor and web-based registration. I have also worked with him for the two times he was the Interim Associate Vice President for Instructional Technology Services. These experiences displayed the collaboration, communication, and customer service that he is known for," Sonn stated. Christensen said the group will

curity is about making sure information that one wants to keep confidential, does not get out. He said one solution is a username and password, but "that is not enough." After being retired from the Navy for almost 25 years, Christensen gave an anecdote how he received news twice that his information stored on a Navy database may have been leaked. "What do you do?" he asked. "It is the same thing if you lock the doors and your house still gets robbed. How do you keep it from happening? Information security looks at all of these issues." Sonn stated: "Information security relates to the protection of information and systems from unauthorized use. This has become increasingly complex over the years, with regulations for social security numbers, credit card numbers, and other personal data. I remember when I was in college; grades would be posted outside the professor's door with the students' social security numbers. Now, we need to limit who has access to it, and which programs and reports display this data." Currently, Christensen is waiting on a report from a consultant on where some of the technology issues lie within the University. "There are not any major issues here that I am aware of," Christensen stated. When asked about plans to fix wireless issues on campus several

Two ideas Christensen has thought of planning out is customer support, and the development and integration of portal. For example, combining the different systems of E-campus and WebAdvisor so students would not have to jump into different web sites and log in with a username and password more than once. Christensen reflected on a time years ago, when the University did not have online registration and WebAdvisor did not exist. Students were lined up outside from Bey Hall to the parking lot waiting to register. "I thought we were selling Springsteen tickets," Christensen said. As for the direction the University is going in with growing technology, Christensen said, "We are trying to do things simpler and more effectively, and to meet the demands of the students, faculty and staff, so we can provide the learning environment we want them to have." Sonn said the University has come a long way with the progress and value of technology. "Under the leadership of Bill Craig, Vice President for Finance, we learned to tie technology with business goals. With the creation of the Vice President of Information Management position, it signals that technology is indeed strategic and important for the direction of the University. We now have a dedicated seat on the President's Cabinet, and a stronger fo-



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Christensen, whose office can be found in the library, is the new Vice President of Information Management.

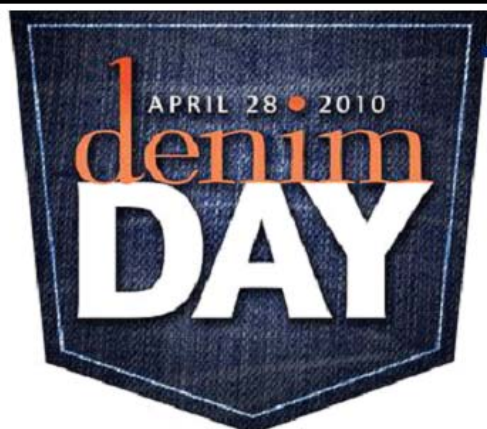
be talking about "how should we be organized with technology and what does the University want to do with it. What does the future look like from a technology perspective?" According to Christensen, his challenge is "to get us working as a single cohesive group. Students are a big part of this. I come here with some experience with that since I have been a faculty member and have been teaching. But what I know now, will not be valid six months from now." Gaffney said in a letter of Christensen's promotion that the retirement of David Bopp gave the University the opportunity to address the issue of information management while limiting additional costs. "The costs were in relation to the position; when Dave Bopp retired, his salary became available, and helped to fund the Vice President of Information Management," Sonn said. Information security was also brought up in Gaffney's letter about Christensen's promotion. Christensen said information se-

students were having, Christensen said he was not aware of any, but he is sure he will soon hear of them. Christensen also said students can "really do a lot to help us." He described the importance of anti-virus software. "Every time you connect to the network, it goes through fast, and when something bad happens it moves through just as fast. It is like a double-edged sword," he said. He also mentioned a hypothetical situation: if the network slows down because everyone is on YouTube, "do I increase the bandwidth so everyone can watch the same video? That is a lot of bandwidth, and the numbers are not cheap." On his second day on the new job, Christensen said he was not overly surprised about anything he came across so far. "I have learned there are concerns and issues that I have not thought about, and to begin prioritizing them and have an open mind, and try to listen to people. I have learned to be a vice president and what that means. I am not a fan of assuming things," Christensen said.

cus. This will be the first time that all three Information Systems areas (Administrative Information Systems, Instructional Technology Services, and Network Operations and Telecommunications) will be under one division since 1998," Sonn said. Christensen also mentioned Information Management wants to inform the University community of things that may be possible for the future, such as virtual labs. "What we do most often here is supporting someone else," Christensen said. "How we do these things, what we do here is like escalators and elevators. Nobody pays much attention until something does not work." Christensen moved to his new office in the basement of the Guggenheim Library on Thursday. He will be teaching his graduate class in Electronic Commerce for the remainder of the semester. Christensen said he still has the option to teach. "Teaching is very grounding for me. I want to be solidly able to do that. I want to do everything well," Christensen said.



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# A Word On Sports

## Big Ben Could Be in Big Trouble: The Pittsburgh QB Is Accused of Sexual Assault for Second Time

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SPORTS EDITOR

The Pittsburgh Steelers have won two Super Bowls since they drafted quarterback Ben Roethlisberger with the 11th overall pick in the 2004 draft. “Big Ben,” as many know him as, was the third quarterback taken in the draft; Eli Manning was selected by the San Diego Chargers with the no.1 pick while Philip Rivers was selected by the New York Giants three picks later. But this QB from a small division 1 school has done nothing but win football games especially in when it matters most.

However, this star quarterback has been under immense publicity after being accused of rape for the second time in a year. The first incident occurred in Nevada in July 2009; an employee of Harrah’s casino accused the Steel City star of sexually assaulting her. Roethlisberger’s accuser offered to drop the suit if he acknowledged the rape and apologizes while donating \$100,000 to the

he wants to do. He needs to realize that “NO MEANS NO.”

Skimming the pages of history, there have been many marquee athletes accused of sexual misconduct. The most recent and widely covered of them all was the allegations brought against Lakers’ star Kobe Bryant in the summer of 2003. While staying in an Eagle, Colorado hotel, Bryant was accused of raping 19-year-old hotel employee Katelyn Faber in his room. Bryant admitted to the sexual encounter, but said that he did not force himself on her.

Bryant’s public image was badly tarnished as a result of this case. His endorsements were dropped, his jersey sales were down, and his relationship with his wife had been focused by the national and international media. While the case was eventually dropped because of Faber’s unwillingness to testify in court, the accuser sued Bryant civilly, and an agreement was settled out of the public eye. It has taken Bryant several years and multiple apologies to put this incident behind him. I know that I still have not forgotten it and still hold it against him even on the court. So how long, if ever, will it take Ben to put two sexual assault

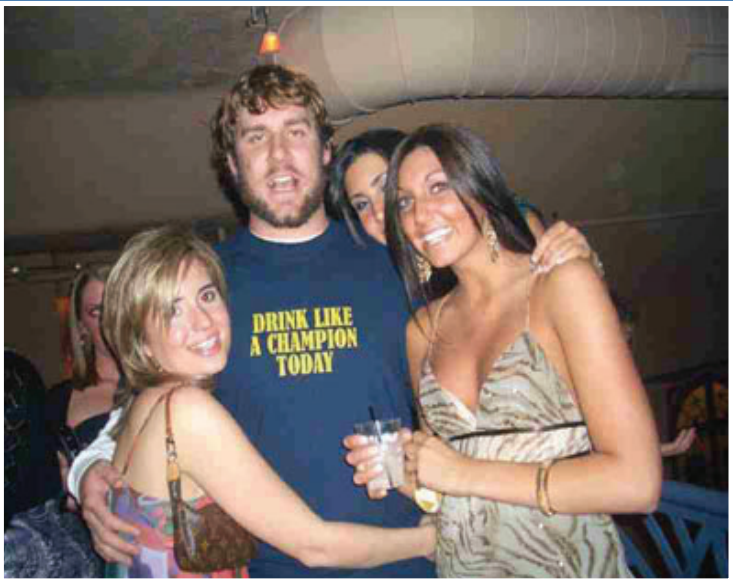


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Ben Roethlisberger caught partying with several women. Situations like this are what “Big Ben” needs to avoid.

Committee to Aid Abused Women. Roethlisberger rejected the offer and the charges were later dropped. Recently the Ohio native has been in the news for another setback, one that is all too similar.

In March “Big Ben” was celebrating his 28th birthday at a nightclub in Georgia and the events that occurred that night resulted in this Steelers’ QB dealing with another sexual assault accusation. The accuser is a 20-year-old college student and she has said that Roethlisberger forced himself on her while the two were in a bathroom at the nightclub.

Additionally, witnesses said that one of Roethlisberger’s friends was standing guard at the bathroom door to stop anyone from entering. His accuser pressed charges but recently dropped all charges and her lawyers were quoted as saying that their client wasn’t willing to risk public humility by going through the court process.

This is twice in one year that “Big Ben” has been accused of sexual assault and two things are pretty evident. The first is Roethlisberger has an alcohol problem; in both events he was intoxicated and belligerent according to the reports. Secondly, he needs to learn that just because he is a star athlete in the NFL does not mean he is allowed to do whatever

charges in the rearview mirror?

Of course there is a way to overcome these two incidents. The first is to finally come forward and make a statement. Not one of those fake Tiger Woods “I’m sorry” statements, but instead a genuine apology. And the sooner the better. As time ticks on, the more people think maybe he doesn’t know what to do. They question, “Did he actually do it?” With multiple charges now under his for the same felony, it will be difficult to gain the complete trust of his friends, fans and teammates. I think a punishment must be made that deeply effects Ben. It needs to make him stop and think the next time he is in this sort of situation. That also goes for any crimes that athletes commit. They cannot go unpunished. This will only lead to more run-ins with the law.

I think that “Big Ben” has done this twice because both times he has had the charges dropped, playing into that notion that star athletes can get away with “murder” so to speak; instead of getting a slap on the wrist he needs a severe penalty to learn his lesson. This might come soon enough from his boss. The commissioner of the NFL, Roger Goodell, is expected to announce soon whether the face of the Pittsburgh Steelers organization will face a suspension.



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Nick Meyers pitched seven strong innings for the Blue and White in their only win on the road against the Seahawks. The left-hander gave up just one run on two hits to register his third win in four starts this season.

## Baseball Hits Wall After Explosive Wins in Five of Last Six

### Hawks Drop Three of Four Games at Wagner

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It seemed the Hawks were on the right track heading into an NEC four-game series against Wagner, after winning five out of their last six contests including a 27-4 blowout against Princeton and a 7-6 comeback win over Rider, but they were unable to carry this momentum with them to Staten Island, NY and dropped three out of the four games to the Seahawks setting them at 13-17 overall and 7-9 in league play.

Junior second baseman, Ryan Terry, completely owned Princeton on Tuesday as he finished with a career-best 5-for-6 with six RBIs, behind his first career grand slam.

While Terry was getting it done at the plate, fellow teammate Andy McDonnell was producing on the mound. McDonnell, who earned his first start of the season for the Hawks, registered his first career win, working 5.0 innings, while allowing four earned runs on eight hits with a career-best tying four strikeouts.

On the ensuing day, Terry came up big yet again when he hammered his fifth homer of the season to tie the score at 6-6 in the seventh. Bobby Dombrowski then hit an RBI double to cap off their rally and seal the win over Rider.

Jonathan Shippee made his first start of the season and behind 3.0 innings he allowed two earned runs on five hits, with three walks. Matt Goitz surrendered a pair of runs in a single inning of work and Joe Loiodice worked a scoreless fifth for the Hawks.

Neil Harm (3-0) picked up the win for Monmouth behind 2.0 shutout frames, while Nick McNamara pitched a scoreless eighth and Dan Smith notched his second save of the year, working a scoreless ninth.

These two wins carried them into the weekend with high spirits as they prepared for the in-conference matchup against the Wagner, and although they took game one, they dropped the final three. In game one at Richmond County Bank Ballpark, the

Hawks were led by the superb pitching of senior Nick Meyers who allowed just one run on two hits with four strikeouts on 7.0 innings of work, while freshman Dan Smith allowed two unearned runs in the final two frames to seal the 5-3 victory.

After Wagner took a 1-0 lead in the opening frame, Monmouth tied it up in the same inning after Danny Avella connected with a lead-off double and after advancing to third on a fielding error he scored on Josh Boyd’s fielder’s choice groundout.

MU took the lead in the fourth after designated hitter Nick Pulsonetti blasted a solo home run over the left field fence, his second of the season.

Terry added to the lead when, after hitting a two-out triple down the leftfield line, was brought home on an RBI single by Jamie Rosenkranz to make it 3-1.

Two more runs were scored in the seventh off of the bat of Mike Casale who connected on a two-out, two-run double to left center.

The Seahawks managed to plate two more runs in the bottom of the ninth, but their rally was stalled by Smith who struck out Gaby Ramirez to end the game.

Unfortunately, The Blue and White’s three game win streak was brought to an end on Saturday when they lost both games in the doubleheader.

Boyd gave the Hawks a 1-0 lead in the top of the first after he hit a lead-off single and advanced to third on a stolen base that was paired with a throwing error, he then crossed home on Jamie Rosenkranz’s groundout.

Despite the home team answering with a score of their own in the bottom of the second, MU came right back in the third when Mike Casale delivered a two-run single to right, giving the Hawks a 3-1 advantage.

In the fifth, Wagner cut the deficit to a single run and then took a 5-3 lead in the following inning after Monmouth starter Pat Light, gave up three hits and a hit-by-pitch. After Light left the game with the bases loaded, Neil Harm took the mound, which led

to two more runs and the Wagner win.

With this loss, Light fell to 1-4 on the season after giving up two earned runs in 5.2 innings of work.

In game two, it seemed to be familiar script as MU jumped out to take a 1-0 lead in the first, but they were unable to hold off their opponent as they rallied in the second to claim a 4-1 advantage.

In the fourth, Monmouth trimmed down the lead after Rosenkranz doubled to lead off the inning and after advancing to third on a single, crossed home on Bobby Dombrowski’s sac fly.

That would be the closest the Hawks would come to regaining the lead as they gave up another run in the fourth to make it 5-2, which would also be the final tally.

Pitching just 1.2 innings, starter Chris Perret fell to 0-2 on the year after surrendering four runs on a pair of hits, while Goitz gave up one run on two hits in the remaining 4.1 frames.

In the final matchup, Monmouth was yet again able to get on the board in the first after Boyd bombed a leadoff home run, his second of the season to claim a 1-0 edge.

The Blue and White added three more runs in the third to make it 4-0 after Anthony Lawrence and Ryan Terry each singled and then were sent home on a Rosenkranz double. Rosenkranz then crossed the plate on a sac fly off of the bat of Casale.

Wagner then put together a dominating seven run scoring spree that was capped off in the seventh.

MU attempted a comeback in that same inning after pinch-hitter, Owen Stewart’s single drove in Rosenkranz to make it 7-5, but that would be the closest they would get.

Smith (1-3) allowed seven runs on 11 hits on 5.0 innings, while Neil Harm and Nick McNamara collectively worked 3.0 shutout frames for the Hawks.

The Blue and White continue their 2010 campaign on Friday at 3 pm when they open up an in-conference series at Long Island University.



# Lacrosse Rides Four-Game Winning Streak Into NEC Playoffs

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The Hawks played the last two games of the regular season against two conference teams from New York. On Friday they traveled to Brooklyn to face Long Island University, while on Sunday they made a similar trip but this time to Staten Island to face Wagner University. With a win the Hawks would lock-up the third seed in the NEC playoffs and would face the loser of the Sacred Heart and Quinnipiac game which decided the regular season conference championship.

MU started out scoring goals in bunches and LIU couldn't do a thing about it. Senior Brittney McLaughlin helped the Hawks to four unanswered goals to start the game with a goal and an assist. LIU finally got on the board at the 3:52 mark from a goal by Jenna Schauder to cut the deficit to three. Junior attacker Molly O'Brien scored with a little over a minute left in the first half to regain the four goal lead. But, with help from junior midfielder Carissa Franzi, who netted three goals in a row, the Blue and White lead was raised to 8-1. However, the second half wasn't quite the same scoring barrage as the first half.

Franzi accounted for three of the Hawks four goals in the second half. Junior attacker Rachel

Feirstein dished out two assists in the second half while senior midfielder Ali Pollock scored a goal. Junior goalkeeper Kirby Mundorf put on quite the performance stopping 12 of the 17 shots she faced in the crease while collecting five groundballs. But, against Wagner the Hawks were down late and

going to be a walk in the park as the Hawks were up 6-2. Seniors Shawn Evans and Ali Pollock accounted for four of the six goals. The Seahawks, however, erased their four goal deficit with four unanswered goals to end the first half.

WU outscored MU five to three in the first 25 minutes of the second half and the Hawks were facing a two goal deficit. Feirstein netted two goals along with a goal from Evans to take a one goal lead at 12-11. With a little over a minute left Wagner won the draw and managed to drive the net and attempt to tie the score but goalkeeper Kirby Mundorf had other plans as she stoned the shot to preserve the 12-11 win.

The Hawks are now advancing into the NEC playoffs and are seeded third. They are set to face Quinnipiac University who beat the Hawks earlier this season by a score of 8-7.

The playoffs will be held at Sacred Heart University who won the tournament and were undefeated in conference play. The match versus Quinnipiac will be on Friday but the time has yet to be determined. The Hawks are the underdogs but not by much; the two losses to SHU and QU were by a combined four goals.

Hopefully this time around the Hawks will have the upper hand against these two opponents and win the NEC.



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Carissa Franzi hit three consecutive goals in the first half of the contest against Long Island, finishing with four total scores in the 10-5 win.

were facing a possible third conference loss.

In the early minutes of the first half MU made it look like it was

# 2010 MU Softball Blog

The First Ever Weekly Blog By the Women of the Hawks Softball Team

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Editor's note: The 2010

Hi fans, Colleen here to give you my perspective of this past week with the Monmouth softball team. After a great weekend at home versus Long Island and Wagner, we headed into this week feeling pretty confident. On Wednesday, we faced off against Lehigh. Every time we play Lehigh, the games are competitive; however, this year we had extra incentive to win. Lehigh beat Coach Jami at Regionals her sophomore year at Texas A&M. I am happy to report that we made Coach Jami proud and won both games.

Due to the weather this week, all of us had some intimate, one-on-one time with our lovely tarp. Nothing makes the day more exciting than tarping, untarping and then re-tarping. This about sums up how our time was spent outside of games this week.

On Friday, we had a special opportunity to participate in a build for Habitat for Humanity. Monmouth was sponsoring a build for two houses in Asbury Park. Our responsibility was the walls of the house.

After we got Coach Louie into "build mode" with a large fry from McDonalds, the hammers and nails started flying, literally flying. I can't count the number of nails I saw flying towards my teammates faces, most of which came from Lauren Sulick's ham-



Colleen Kelly, a sophomore 2B/SS for the softball team, lends her perspective of last week's softball action.

merin' hands. Luckily, everyone survived and no one was blinded by a rogue nail.

On Saturday we played Quinnipiac. The first game was a high-scoring, intense battle, which we came out on the losing side. The second game was a bitter fight for runs. It went into extra innings and the Bobcats edged us out for the win.

We woke up Sunday determined to get two "W's". We won the first game against Sacred Heart in extra innings, but we just couldn't pull out a win in the second game.

This week, we have a busy schedule with two mid-week doubleheaders and conference road games on Saturday and Sunday.

# Despite Unseasonal Conditions, Medalists Are Aplenty

Track and Field Finds Unmatched Success at Larry Ellis and Greyhound Invites

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Despite cold and rainy conditions, the men's and women's track and field teams achieved a season-high number of medalist winners when they participated in the Larry Ellis Invitational and the Greyhound Invitational this past weekend.

At the Princeton hosted Larry Ellis Invitational, which took place Friday night, five members of the women's team posted their best times this season. NEC Rookie of the Week Emily MacEwen finished the 800 meter in 2:16.30, setting a new freshman record in that event. Cailin Lynam posted a 4:40 in the 1500 meter and finishing right behind her was Laura Embry in 4:41. In the 5000 meter, Christina Altland finished in 17:54 while Juliet Smith finished in 18:10.

At the first day of the Greyhound Invitational in Bethlehem, PA, the women took spots two

and Allyson Cardullo nabbed the second and third place spots with respective throws of 134' 6" and 127' 6". Wilks then finished the high jump in a first place tie with fellow Hawk Rachel Watkins. In the discus, Toritto finished second (123' 3") and Fisher placed third (123' 8").

In the men's shot put, the Hawks swept the top four spots with Elardo finishing in first (55' 3.75"). Victor Rizzotto placed third overall in javelin (197') 10" while Marion Easley's throw of 196' 10" placed him fourth. Sabo garnered a first place win in the discus with a toss of 159' 2".

The women's 4x100 meter relay took crossed the line in 48.72 and came away with the gold medal. The men's 4x100 team placed fourth. In the 1500 meter run, Ben Hutterer finished third with a time of 4:05.12. Placing third and fourth in the women's 100 meter hurdles, with the same time of



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Mary Kate Walsh had an impressive showing in the long jump at the Greyhound Invitational, finishing sixth overall.

through four in the shot put when, respectively, Kelly Dantley posted a season-high toss of 10' 8.75", Symmone Fisher finished with a throw of 39' 7", and Sandra Jean-Romain posted a mark of 39' 3". In the men's hammer throw, Larry Lundy finished third overall with a throw of 185' 2". In the same event, Vincent Elardo's mark of 183' 1" placed him fourth overall and Shawn Sabo's throw of 166' 11" placed him fifth overall.

The second day of the competition began with Fisher breaking the school record in the hammer throw, posting a 181' 9" and a medalist win. Coming in second was Dantley, who finished with a mark of 173' 7". Jessica Toritto's throw of 151' 4" placed her fourth overall in the event.

Mary Kate Walsh had an impressive showing when she finished sixth overall in the long jump, posting a mark of 17' 4", and then took the medal in the triple jump (37' 8.75"). Brittany Gibbs finished third overall in the triple jump with a leap of 37' 1". In the javelin, Mary Wilks and

15.51, was Watkins and Lindsey Walsh. In the 110 meter hurdles, Terrell Gissendanner finished in 14.60. Crystal Stein finished third in the women's 400 meter dash (57.97) while Chris Rutherford also placed third in the men's 400 meter dash (48.99).

Nicole Wojciechowski won the 3000 meter steeplechase with a time of 11:54.34. In the 100 meter dash, Lachelle Wallace placed first after crossing the line in 12.61 and L. Walsh finished third in the 400 meter hurdles (1:04.31). On the men's side, Billy Dowd placed second in the 3000 meter steeplechase (10:02.27) and Pat Egan finished fifth in the 800 (1:55.60). Gissendanner posted a time of 56.39 in the 400 meter hurdles, garnering him fourth place, and in the 5000 meter run, Sean Hartnett finished seventh (15:46.89).

The Hawks return to action this Saturday when the squad will split between the Lehigh Games in Bethlehem, PA, and the Penn Relays in Philadelphia. Both will start around 10 am.





**Rachel Fernstein's goal with 1:32 left against Wagner broke the 11-11 tie and was enough to beat the Seahawks.**

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