



Student Employee of the Year Named at Annual Ceremony

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Nineteen Monmouth University student employees were recognized for their extraordinary work and contributions to the school at a special ceremony in the Magill Commons Club this passed Friday.

This past week Monmouth honored its student employees with its twelfth annual Student Appreciation Week. Each year this week-long event is organized to with several goals such as raising awareness of student employment and its important role in the higher education experience, to recognize students who perform outstanding work while attending college, and to thank the employers for firing students and making the program such a success.

A select group of student employees is honored each year for their efforts and for going above and beyond the expectations of their employers.

This year, out of eleven hundred student employees, nineteen were nominated for the Student Employee of the Year Award. The students represented both gradu-

ate and undergraduate classes and nineteen on and off-campus departments and organizations.

"These nineteen students have a combined fifty years of part and full-time work," said Aimee Parks, the Assistant Director of Placement and Student Employment, of the group's efforts.

Mr. Timothy Purnell, Principal of the Frank Antonides School in West Long Branch, was a special guest speaker at the ceremony. Purnell likened the students to Alexander the Great, noting, that like Alexander, these students had achieved great successes through hard work at such a young age and "would surely go on to become key players in their respective fields."

Of the nineteen students nominated, three were awarded honorable mentions and one was named Student Employee of the Year. Each nominee was evaluated based upon six essay questions that considered qualities such as work ethic and dedication.

One judge, whom wished to remain anonymous, had come to a five-way tie explained Parks, whom herself had "come to a nineteen way tie." In spite of the



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(from left to right) Honorable mention recipient, Alex Karpodini, Student Employee of the Year Nina Jones, and Honorable Mention and Community Service Award winner Nicole Nicholas at the annual reception.

difficulty at hand, however, the judges were able to select the winner.

Provost, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of History Thomas S. Pearson presided over the distribution of the awards.

The third honorable mention was Jarred Weiss, a senior computer science major from Spring-

field, NJ, from Athletics Communication office for his work in various areas of the Monmouth Athletic department. Weiss was described as "invaluable, trusted, and able to do things some of the full-time employees could not," by Pearson.

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Honors Students Present Findings at Third Annual Honors School Research Conference

Senior Honors Thesis papers presented in Young Auditorium

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Students of Monmouth University's Honors School presented their research and findings at the third Honors School Annual Research Conference in Young Auditorium this past Saturday.

A Senior Honors Thesis is a research paper written independently by a senior in the Honors School. It differs from conventional research papers in its preparation, scope and presentation and helps a student to develop analytical, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. The purpose of the conference is to have

the students present their research and defend it in front of a faculty committee comprised of teaching staff from varying departments.

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The conference opened with a few words from Dr. Brian Garvey, the Dean of the Honors School, who provided a brief history of the Honors School.

ell, the current Honors School Faculty Director. Three years ago, in 2005, the Honors Program became the Honors School, he explained.

Special guest-speaker Dr. Richard Veit, an Associate Professor of History and Anthropology, followed Garvey. He spoke briefly about the archeologist Heinrich Schliemann.

Schliemann grew up in a poor German family and did not have many opportunities, especially to be educated, explained Veit. In adulthood, however, Schliemann went on to be well-educated by teaching himself. He taught himself several languages and became a world-famous archeologist by discovering the remains of a city that some believe to be the fabled

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Core Curriculum Proposal Passed

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As of April 14, through an electronic vote done by the faculty, the proposal suggesting reform in the general education requirements passed with 57% of the faculty supporting the change. Forty-one percent of the faculty opposed the plan while 2% were unaccounted for, according to Provost Thomas Pearson.

The plan to propose a change to the core curriculum was through the General Education Taskforce.

The new core curriculum, which will consist of 42-48 credits, will not become effective until fall of 2010. Until then, all students will remain under the present curriculum of 51 credits.

The changes to the general education requirements, according to Dr. Richard Veit, Associate Professor in History and Anthropology and chair of the Faculty Council, include: a three credit freshman seminar course; three credits of literature; nine credits of history and social science; a Technological Literacy requirement, which will replace IT 100; a public speaking requirement will replace Critical Discourse; and students will have the option of taking any two 100 level science courses such as biology, chemistry or physics to fulfill the former SC 100 requirement.

Dr. Veit noted that the new courses are still in the developmental stages. He states, "The reforms were put forward in an attempt to better prepare our students, allow students to more easily complete double majors and minors, and graduate in a timely manner."

According to Provost Pearson, the last time changes were made to the core curriculum was in 1993.

Look for a follow-up on next week's front page about the reasons for this reform and reactions from the campus community.

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MU Celebrates Student Employee Appreciation Week

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As one approached the Student Employment Appreciation table in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center's lobby last Wednesday, April 16, you couldn't help but notice the mounds of raffle prizes, free giveaways and refreshments occupy two long tables set up across from the information booth.

Last week Sunday through Saturday marked the beginning of Monmouth University's Twelfth Annual Student Employee Appreciation Week.

Last Wednesday Student Employee Appreciation Day was celebrated inside the Student Center. It was sponsored by the Office of Placement & Student Employment, the Life Career and Advising Center (LCAC) and the National Student Employment Association. There were events scheduled to occur all day in the student center including visits from the Vitamin Shoppe, Chick-fil-A, live performances by the Monmouth University Pep Band and *Verdict*, and Avanti Salon & Spa. However, these were not the only activities students could participate in that day.

Upon arriving at the table, each student employee was required to present their invitation card to check in. Then, there was an array of goodies to choose from—Fluff & Fold laundry service gift certificates, Chick-fil-A paraphernalia, Manhattan Steakhouse silver key chains, free Whopper sandwich cards courtesy of Burger King, Lord & Taylor coupons good for 20% off and an assortment of other coupons.

After digging through the basket of freebies, one could move down the table to the lollipop box. By sticking your hand inside the whole in the top

of the box and pulling out a lollipop you had to turn it over to check the color of the bottom of the stick. Each color corresponded with different groups of prizes.

When I tried, I pulled out a lollipop with a red bottom. I got to choose between various prizes such as a Monmouth University History Book, a stuffed cat, gift certificates to Nelly's, the Blue Swan Diner or a free Friday's appetizer. I chose the TGI Friday's appetizer. There was

Center. At 2:30 p.m., the Monmouth University Pep Band played on the patio of the Student Center, just minutes before *Verdict* played some relaxing reggae tunes. Also in attendance to *Verdict's* performance was the cow from Chick-fil-A and MU's own Shadow the Hawk

Natalie Rambone, sophomore and University Ambassador says that she likes working on campus because of its convenience. Similarly, Mat Mas-sahos, also sophomore and Desk Assistant, said he likes that he can make money and it will not interfere with his classes.

There are many advantages working on campus for students, for example, that jobs off-campus might not be as understanding of a student's final

exam schedule at the end of the year or the fact you cannot work May-August because your home may be in a different state. Freshman Laura Bartow says that "working on campus gives you the ability to work without having to leave campus, especially if you do not have a car". Location, location, location.

There were over seventy businesses that helped make the 12th Annual Student Appreciation week possible—as listed in last week's *Outlook*. Also in last week's edition of *The Outlook*, a page was printed with Student Employee recognitions from various departments at MU thanking their students for their hard work and dedication. Aimee Parks, Assistant Director of the Student Employment, was there to help check in MU student employees behind the tables on Wednesday.

Parks says the importance of giving recognition to student employees at Monmouth is vital because "without student employment the university would not be able to function". Thanks student employees!

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AIMEE PARKS

Assistant Director of the Student Employment

a plethora of other prizes including Monmouth University apparel, Auntie Anne's Pretzel Makers, a coffee basket and more restaurant gift certificates.

Further down the table the raffle boxes and candy count jar could be found. There were three raffle prizes. After picking a raffle ticket and putting it in a box, one could win \$100 to Mcloones in Pier Village or a month free membership at Gold's Gym at Pier Village. In addition, by guessing correctly the number of candy in a plastic jar, the prize was dinner for two at Applebee's.

Even if you were not lucky enough to win at one of the raffles, each student employee who picked up their invitation were winners. Each student employee got a coupon for one free side order at the WindMill compliments of the Levine family. Plus, they received a coupon for 20% off Monmouth Imprinted Merchandise at the Monmouth Bookstore.

If anyone was in the mood for some Bob Marley-style music on Wednesday afternoon, they needed to go no farther than the quad of the Student

Honors Conference

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lost city of Troy and the Tomb of Agamemnon.

Veit tied Schliemann and his perseverance in the face of adversity to the Honors students and their work on their theses.

Similarly to how Schliemann had to learn by his own hand

and determination the Honors students take on the involved and time consuming task of writing their thesis, explained Veit. "It's all about seizing the day," he said.

Sixteen out of twenty senior honors students were in attendance to present their research. They represented ten different academic disciplines including Education, Business, English, Chemistry, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Foreign Language. Each student developed a thesis based on a specific and unique topic. Some of the subject researched included the image of women in seventies and eighties television sitcoms and

the analysis of graphic novels.

After each presentation, the floor was opened up to the audience to ask questions. Many of the questions posed had to do with research techniques. Many of the student presenters cited research methods such as interviewing and analysis of other's prior research as well as guidance from their chief advisors

Between presentations, Dr. Garvey would offer bits of background on the presenters, additional information about the topics being presented and even a joke

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DR. STANLEY BLAIR
Associate Professor of English

once in a while. Dr. Stanley Blair, an Associate Professor of English and the Director of Writing, described the advising process as opportunity to make connections between his own research and teaching experiences. Blair, who is the advisor for Sara Van Ness and Richard Price, said that, "Their enthusiasm was contagious. It was a wonderful experience. It was the kind of experience that one has working with colleagues."

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Educational Honor Society Celebrates New Inductees

Nu Tau chapter of Kappa Delta Phi welcomes 33 new members to its ranks

MARY BRENNAN
SPECIALIST PROFESSOR

On Sunday, March 30, Kappa Delta Pi, the National Educational Honor

Society of Monmouth University celebrated the accomplishments of 33 students by inducting them into the *NU TAU* Chapter.

The Induction Ceremony was celebrated in the Pollak Auditorium with inductees and their families and guests enjoying pre-ceremony refreshments. The ceremonial procession was lead by the Executive Board members followed by the honored guests.

At this 33rd Induction Ceremony students who had completed their volunteer hours and had a minimum GPA of 3.2 were inducted.

The ceremony was highlighted by the students of KDP choosing three educators and awarding each of them a plaque honoring their contributions to the field of education.

Dr. Romeo presented the first honoree, Dr. William Stanley, his award and thanked him for his many contributions, especially as Dean of the School of Education from 2003-2008.

Professor Brennan introduced

Mrs. Sharyn Benetsky, the honoree from the field of special education and Brandie Sica spoke of her daily support to the students of Monmouth University who have done their practicum and field work in Long Branch.

Paul Flanagan, Past President of KDP, thanked the third honoree, Professor Spears, for her inspirational role in the classroom and as co-advisor of KDP. Each inductee was announced and received great applause from family and friends as they walked across the stage to receive their certificates and folders.

The ceremony ended with the KDP inductees being led in the pledge by Sara and Monica in the recitation of the KDP pledge to the four ideals of Fidelity to Humanity, Science, Service and Toil. This year's inductees shared 331 hours as part of their service component. The ceremony was truly meaningful and left each person with a better awareness and understanding of how each day educators make a difference in a child's life.

Professor Mary Brennan is an advisor for the Nu Tau chapter of Kappa Delta Phi.

Maximum Velocity Tour Visits Campus

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On April 19, 2008 the Student Activity Board and Music Industry Department at Monmouth University held the first extreme sports event ever held at a college campus. The event was part of the Maximum Velocity Tour, which is a tour that features professional BMX bikers and skateboarders performing tricks on several ramps and a portable vertical ramp.

The event also included a novelty event of wax hand sculptures where people would put their hand in a cooler full of ice water for a couple of minutes and then proceed to have their hand emerged into hot wax several times before it was cooled off and taken off their hands and colored red, blue or yellow.

"The wax hands were definitely a success," said Monica Beaumont a Junior English major at Monmouth University and current Novelty chair on SAB.

In addition, professional caricature artists were set up to do portraits of those who were interested.

"The caricatures were really funny," said Christine Jensen a Junior Music major at Monmouth University.

A concession stand was also set-up that sold candy, hot dogs,

nachos, drinks and other goodies and a mini-involvement fair that also sold merchandise for the four bands that played was set-up in front of Bey Hall. The four bands that played were Falls in the Forest, Papa Midnight, Rexdig and A Love Like Pi, who are also a signed band. There was also a "drunk driving" event where people drove a golf cart wearing drunk goggles.

The same day as the event was being held at Monmouth University, the same event was also held at Washington University. The intent of the event was to really branch out and bring different kinds of events that would interest all kinds of people.

"I think it's really great that the event is being held on a weekend since we definitely need more weekend events, there's really not much to do if you're at campus during the weekend," said Tara Mcmenamin a Junior Business Management major.

SAB and Music Industry is considering making this an annual event and is the Big event that SAB will hold this semester besides Spring Fest in May. The event is planned to be held at Penn State sometime this week.

"We are really excited to be able to organize an event with SAB and will definitely try to do more events with them in the future," said Stephanie Ramos,

a Sophomore Music Industry major representing the Music Department at Monmouth University.

"The students seemed excited about having a free event on the weekend," said Jennifer Marcucci a Junior Political Science major at Monmouth University.

Chris Hald, the announcer and team manager of most of the Maximum Velocity events said that the BMX bikers and skateboarders ride almost all of the time to "train" but some also work on the side besides ride.

Two of the riders are sponsored by companies. One of them is Brian Hunt who rides for DK Bikes and another is Jason Perz who rides for Failure Bikes. Some of the riders have been seen on X-games & the Do Action Sports Tour which has been broadcasted on NBC and ESPN. Some are professional riders while others just ride for fun.

The BMX show had an easy stunts part and a more difficult part. Also, the show also presented some information on safety equipment that one should wear whenever performing tricks or riding BMX, such as always remember to wear padding and a helmet.

Some final advice that Chris Hald had for all that attended were, "Have fun, ride a bike!"

In the 33rd Annual Nu Tau Induction Ceremony, the following students joined the society:

Kristen Barna
Jenel Bramante
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Amy Buchanan
Stacey Cappuzzello
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Alexa Di Giorgio
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Shannon Higgins
Kelsey Higley
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Kathryn Kaminiski
Sharon Lasko
Nicole Renzo Leonhardt
Lisa Mac Donald
Erin Marley
Jacqueline Mazza
Nicole Miani
Carolyn Morris
Marisa Mruz
Frank Pannullo
Selvija Radoncic
Kristine Sawlsville
Maryelizabeth Sturchio
Katherine Elizabeth Vince
Anna Alexandra Williams
Joseph York



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Mollie Kline, Brandie Sica, Sara Van Ness, Monica Fodor, and Christina Grott pose for a picture during the induction ceremony of the Nu Tau chapter.

Kappa Delta Pi is an international honor society in education that provides leadership experience, service projects, professional growth, and fellowship. The purpose of Kappa Delta Pi is to promote excellence in education. KDP invites into its membership undergraduates who exhibit the ideals of scholarship, high personal standards, and promise in the field of teaching. All initiates must have completed 70 credits, with at least 9 semester hours of professional education courses completed or in progress. Students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.2 or better

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Global Understanding Project:
Break Out of the Silence

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It is most likely that the halls of a state penitentiary have heard nothing but silence and the relentless repetition of a guard’s whistle calling the inmates out to meals. But if those walls could talk, they could tell the story of the numerous injustices within our criminal justice system.

white man, like say ex-governor Eliot Spitzer, then you have more opportunity to get around the law. However, if you do not have the money or social power to con your way out of punishment, then you get sent to prison. Just look in the newspaper, and how escort services are openly advertised in the periodical section. Yet the law enforces the illegality of street prostitution. Guest speakers included Bon-

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Any one who walked passed the Student Center Wednesday, April 9, passed a prison cage and individuals dressed in orange scrubs. Just last week Monmouth University hosted the “Break Out of the Silence” program during Global Understanding Project, which was taking place from April 7-10.

The purpose of the Global Understanding Project is to raise awareness and attention to cultural, ethnical and global matters. And “Break Out of the Silence” was to bring to light inequalities and injustices within the criminal justice system and incarceration itself.

This program was sponsored by the Human Relations Advisory Council’s Events Committee. The committee included Charity Hendricks, Heather Kelly, Min Sun Shin and Alex Bartlom. I had a chance to speak with Alex Bartlom about the “Break Out of Silence” program. When asked about the importance of raising awareness to the social injustices behind bars in prison, Bartlom said, “It is so important for people to realize what is going on, because if we continue to ignore the problem it will only get worse.”

When five random students were asked what they thought of when they heard the word “criminal”, majority of the answers revolved around specific races, genders and social classes—not to mention illegality of breaking the law.

But who do you classify as a “criminal”? Is it the little ten-year-old child who steals gum from their local convenience store? Or the person who carjacks a vehicle on a city street? Bartlom argues that “all types of people, regardless of race, gender, class, or other social categories, engage in destructive behavior. However, typically the economically underprivileged get the dehumanizing label of ‘criminal.’

Racism, sexism, and classism play important roles in why minority males disproportionately populate the penitentiary system. If you are a privileged

nie Kerness, restorative justice activist—she spoke of structural injustices within the penitentiary system. Also, Stacey Kindt, Marcell DelCorpo and Mary Rose Malandrucca, all individuals of from Redeem-Her, spoke out regarding their personal experiences and injuries that they experienced during their incarceration. Bartlom said that on the backs of the orange scrubs were the words “OWNED BY:” with one of three companies: “McDonalds, Victoria’s Secret, and Microsoft”—examples of the companies that exploit labor of presently incarcerated individuals within the prison systems.

Lastly, Thomas McCarthy, spoke out regarding problems within our criminal justice and incarceration system. The recidivism rates and statistics were definitely something that caught

Bartlom’s eyes and ears during the various speeches. Addressing the recidivism problem, Bartlom argues, “We desperately need to offer programs that will help ‘criminals’ readjust back into society. Right now the recidivism rate is so high, which has a lot to do with the lack of job opportunities and resources for ex-offenders.”

So how does society reduce the high recidivism rate that is taking place within the criminal justice system? What do we, as a society, need to do to stop said “criminals” in regressing into old habits? “We need to care more for the people who do turn to destructive behavior, whether the law works on their side or not, and stop blaming biology for the problems of the world,” Bartlom asserts me.

In order to affect change in this world, Bartlom advises that society as a whole needs “to change our attitudes about minorities and the economically underprivileged, or ‘poor’ as we like to call them, in order to stop the suffering that so many people experience. With changing attitudes will come changing policies, and hopefully less oppression will result.”

Beyond the Campus: University Professor Publishes Book on Security in India and Pakistan

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Dr. Rekha Datta, an MU associate professor and chair of political science, has recently published the book *Beyond Realism: Human Security in India and Pakistan in the Twenty-First Century*. The book focuses on the conflict and challenges of economic development and social and educational inequality in India and Pakistan.

“The book looks into the traditional defense related security issues stemming from a six decade long rivalry between India and Pakistan, and their nuclear programs and goals,” said Datta. “It argues that while the two governments need to guarantee military security, they cannot ignore economic needs, education, public health, and the dignity of women.”

In this book Datta argues that in creating democratically accountable governance structure, states can strengthen the premises of human security. Datta, who received her Ph.D. in political science from the University of Connecticut, has a solid background in the politics of India and Pakistan. She explained that she has long been interested in assessing the policies of these countries and studying human security in them. After the tragic events of September 11, many students approached Datta with questions regarding issues of terrorism in countries such as Afghanistan and Pakistan and how people in these countries feel alienated in society due to a lack of education, jobs, or secure futures.

“Seeing the curiosity among students to learn more about democracy and human security, I was inspired to offer a course on Democracy in South Asia,” said Datta. “The book’s main ideas took more concrete shape as I taught the course and students asked questions that sharpened my thinking and analysis.”

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MU Associate Professor, chair of political science

ing treaties and other primary documents. Datta also obtained insights from leading scholars of South Asia, ambassadors, retired civil servants, military generals who have played a role in some of the conflicts the book discusses, and also professors and students who are studying India and Pakistan.

“While I was teaching the course, there was a massive earthquake in Pakistan,” said Datta. “The students of the class became very interested in doing something for those affected and offered a teach-in as well as helped out children affected by the disaster. It became clear to us all how ‘real’ and important human security was.”

Datta has been teaching in the political science department at MU since the fall of 1994. She teaches Political Theory, which traces the history of political theory from Plato to contemporary ideologies, as well as

International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Women and the World, which all complement her research interests in international security studies and gender and development. She also teaches a graduate course in public policy called Ethics, Politics, and Policy, which highlights the philosophical roots of ethical quality, how ethics play a role in public policy, and how we can ensure that ethics is central in our public policy arena.

“Students, who are interested in studying more about India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and other countries, should seek out relevant courses or readings,” said Datta. “The best way students can learn about these challenges to human security across borders is to get involved in participating in voluntary and community work that engages them in working with people in creating more security, especially for vulnerable people. The department of political science is offering service-based and study travel courses such as one in India, and in Argentina.”

Datta is the Founding Director of the Institute for Global Understanding at MU. The Global Institute formed a team for the Relay for Life at MU, the Global Outreach Team, which raised \$1,028, and participated at this year’s event. In 2003, she received the Distinguished Teacher Award, MU’s highest recognition for excellence in teaching. In 2004, she received the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the National Council for Community and Justice.

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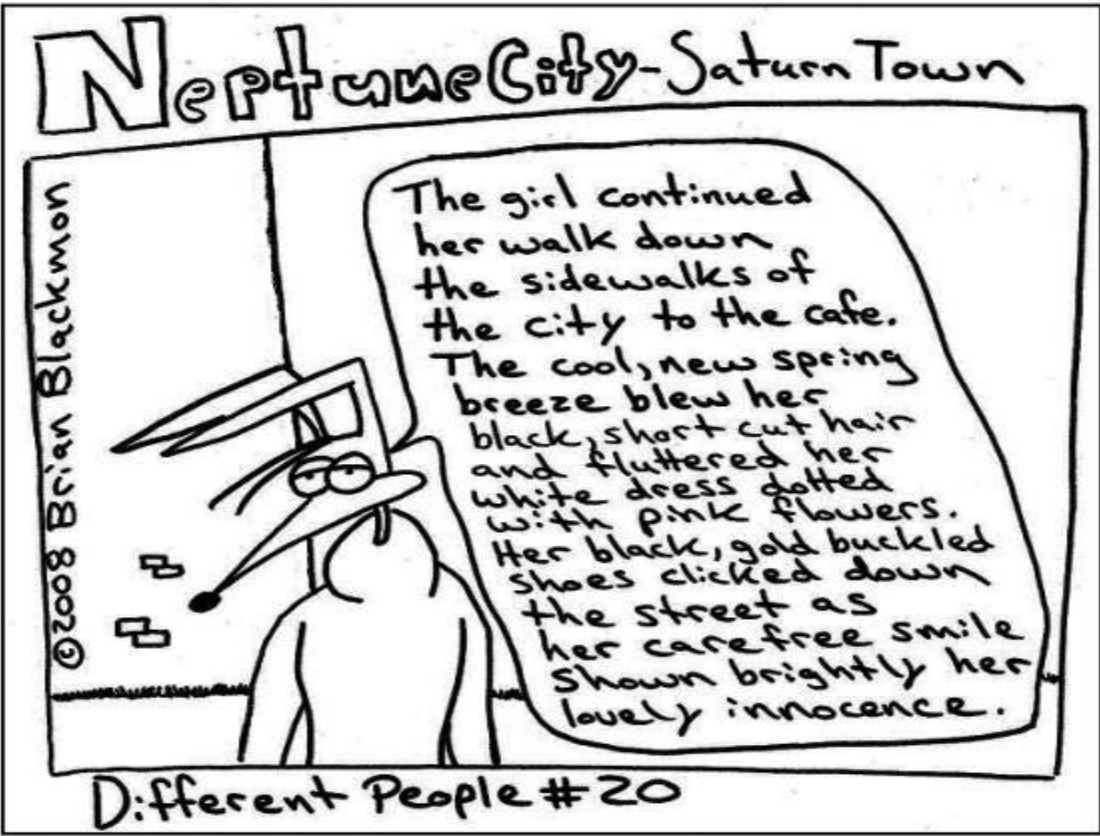
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The Reality Of Spring is the Reality of Life

BRIAN BLACKMON
STAFF WRITER

As I walk across the campus of Monmouth University, my senses are captured by the developing realities of another spring, the promise of a Renoir painting unfolding, brush stroke by brush stroke, before my very eyes. I feel like my heart has been knighted with the nobility of Cervantes's Don Quixote himself, and the music of Pan's

ward, while every volume of poetry and fairy tale is cast wide in the collective mind of teachers and students, adding further hues to the warmth of the season (Robin Hood is in his Sherwood Forest, and Mr. Toad is safe within his Toad Hall). Certainly, if a hare were to cross my path unexpectedly, in the shadow of F. W. Woolworth's former mansion (currently identified by the last name of our most literate President, Mr. Woodrow Wilson),

Tree house sanctuaries are beginning to welcome back their inhabitants, as nests are diligently assembled to house true love's reward, while every volume of poetry and fairy tale is cast wide in the collective mind of teachers and students, adding further hues to the warmth of the season.

pipes seem to orchestrate the soul within all of the landscape (even though it sounds more like Louie Armstrong's New Orleans tuned trumpet). Tree house sanctuaries are beginning to welcome back their inhabitants, as nests are diligently assembled to house true love's reward, while every volume of poetry and fairy tale is cast wide in the collective mind of teachers and students, adding further hues to the warmth of the season (Robin Hood is in his Sherwood Forest, and Mr. Toad is safe within his Toad Hall). Tree house sanctuaries are beginning to welcome back their inhabitants, as nests are diligently assembled to house true love's re-

I would mistake him for the same Oschter Haws of German folklore. The very one who was transformed from a bird into his present shape, as the story goes, and brought by the hearts of the Pennsylvania Dutch to populate our nation every Easter morning. The reality of spring is the reality of Eskimo coats banished to the furthest extremities of closets, and the resulting lighter step classroom. The reality of spring is photographing, sketching, and writing about life's return, seeking to document and grasp this most positive time of year. How can I find the words to close this article about the joy of the season? All I can say is... Happy Spring!

"Islamic Terrorism" in Terms of Global Understanding

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Islamic terrorism is a term commonly referenced these days, especially when it comes to the media. This discussion panel was conducted by our very own homegrown panelists Dr. Golem Mathbor, Dr. Kevin Dooley & our special guest, Dr. Imam Prasodjo. Dr. Prasodjo is a sociology professor at the University of Indonesia, director and founder of both the Center for Research on Intergroup Relations and Conflict Resolution (CERIC) & the Nname of Islam. "Islamic Terrorism" in Terms of Global Understanding "Islamic Terrorism" in Terms of Global Understanding Dr. Prasodjo explained how this unfair media bias places a burden on many Muslims throughout the world; not only affecting the image of Muslims & their families in the eyes of society but on psychological levels as well. With the help of Dr. Mathbor & Dr. Dooley we explored how this affects Muslims around the globe. Dr. Prasodjo explained how this unfair media bias places a burden on many Muslims throughout the world; not only affecting the image of Muslims & their families in the eyes of society but on psychological levels as well. With the help of Dr. Mathbor & Dr. Dooley we

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Student Employees Receive Awards

Awards continued from pg. 1

Alexander Karpodinis, a senior communication major from Brick, NJ, was named

Of the program, one parent remarked that the thought of their child coming home with home work had at one time made them physically sick because of the difficulty the child would

bility often given to a graduate student. The task before her was particularly difficult because this year mark the tenth anniversary of the Experiential Education department at Mon-

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THOMAS PEARSON
University Provost

the second honorable mention for his work at the Rapid Response Institute where he was described careful, patient, and highly analytical. The first honorable mention and this year's Community Service Award winner was Nicole Nicholas, an art major in her sophomore year from Bridgewater, NJ, for her services to the Frank Antonides School. Under the supervision of Purnell Nicholas runs the school's Home Work Club, which aims to help students acquire learn better homework habits.

have with some of the material but since the child began studying with the Club, they have felt much better about their child's home work. The student awarded this year's Student Employee of the Year award was Nina Jones of Lakewood, NJ, from the Service Learning and Community Programs office. This was the second consecutive year that Jones was nominated for her hard work and enthusiasm. This year, she took on the responsibilities of writing the Experiential Educations department's annual newsletter, a responsi-

mouth University. The newsletter was twenty pages, all of which was written and edited by Jones. Jones was shocked to discover that she had won saying, "I was really surprised. I was really expecting someone else to win." Provost Pearson closed the ceremony by graciously thanking all of the guests, employers, and employees for coming. In his final remarks, he addressed the student employees and said, "You are a testament to the value of a Monmouth University education."

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Political Debate: Should the United States Boycott the Opening Ceremony of the Olympics in China? (Week 1)

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

Side 1: Olympic Unrest: Boycott Them!

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One of the many myths about the Olympics (that were first formed in Greece) was that it was a time of peace between the cities that competed. The games were looked at as a time for each city to present their best athletes to represent them. During this time, sacrifices were made to the gods to glorify them and bring peace to their people.

In modern times things have changed greatly. The Olympics are no longer only held in Greece, and now, whole countries compete instead of cities. Also, the Olympic Games no longer indorse sacrifices, thankfully, but one thing that has stayed certain is that the Olympic Games are supposed to be a time of peace between countries. It is a time where nations put their differences aside, and allow their athletes to speak for them on the grandest stage of all. Unfortunately, in some cases political unrest is so high that the Olympic Games lose their peaceful standards. In these situations some countries refuse to send athletes in a protest of war, or of political strife between nations.

Throughout the revival of the Olympics their have been multiple protest and several boycotts. Two major, fairly recent, boycotts occurred in 1980 and

1984. During the cold war each side had such a strong resentment for each other that they refused to partake in each others Olympics. In 1980 sixty five nations refused to partake in the Olympics in Moscow. Then in 1984 when the games were held in Los Angeles, California, as a rebuttal the Soviet Union (including the 14 partners residing in the eastern bloc) refused to partake in the games. The Soviet Union and their affiliates claimed the safety of their athletes would not be high enough and cited anti-Soviet feelings present in the U.S.

In 2008 we are facing the reality that the Olympics are being boycotted again. The Chinese government has been engaging in activities that many nations highly object to. For instance, China has passed a law called "Re-education through Labor." This law essentially states that minor offenses committed by people will be punished by up to four years of detainment and long hours of excruciating work. Other laws will force non-residents and handicapped people to stay clear of the Olympic stadium. These kinds of laws are making world leaders question China's techniques.

In addition to this, world leaders are also disappointed with the Chinese alliance that they have forged with Omar al-Bashir, who is responsible

for the Sudanese government's militia in Darfur. There have also been problems between Tibet and China that have resulted in China removing Tibet from the torch route. This along with other problems has forced several world powers to boycott the opening games of the Olympics.

There has been tension brewing in the United States, with all three of the possible presidential candidates already announcing that they would like President George W. Bush to boycott the opening games of the Olympics in response to China's poor human rights policies.

President Bush should boycott the opening ceremonies because of the policies that we already have in place. We stand for the freedoms of the people of this world. One is a trial by a jury of their peers. The U.S. also stands against genocides, and since China is backing a leader responsible for deaths in Darfur we must show that we do not support their decision, and make a stand by not attending the opening games. Finally, the poor human rights policies that are being inflicted to the people under Chinese control in unacceptable, and if we back the Olympic Games we would only be further supporting poor choices made by the Chinese government.

Side 2: The United States Should be Present at the Opening Ceremony

MARGARET DEVICO
VICE PRESIDENT, POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB

As the Olympic torch meanders through the world's countries towards the site of the 2008 Games in China, it has been greeted by numerous protests, and America was no exception. People all over the globe are furious with China's recent aggression towards Tibet. Talks of protest have now moved to the highest offices of government, with several countries considering abstaining from the opening ceremony of the games. President George Bush has made no indication that he would also consider boycotting the ceremony, although this option is heavily favored by human rights advocates nationwide. While there is no question that China's treatment of Tibetans is unnecessarily cruel, the United States absolutely should not boycott the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games.

First, the United States has already publicly condemned China's actions in Tibet. There is no question that if we had to select a country to host the Olympic Games again today, nobody would want to choose China. However, China was selected to host the 2008 Olympics more than 12 years ago, and they will occur there, as planned, regardless of who attends the opening ceremony. China already knows our position on their treatment of Tibet, and boycotting a ceremony will make them reconsider their actions no more than they already have.

Additionally, boycotting the opening ceremony of the Olympics would politicize an inherently un-political sporting event. The best way to find a solution to a problem such as this is not through middle-school-type party-ditching antics, but through diplomacy, multi- and unilateral talks, and the formulation of a plan that revolves around a principle more stringent than simply not showing up. Our athletes will compete in the games whether or not our leaders attend the opening ceremony, making such a gesture seem all the more vain and childish.

Exacerbating the ineffectiveness of a boycott is the fact that China holds a significant (and increasing) portion of the United States' foreign-held debt. Refusing to attend a ceremony is not going to have any impact on anything in comparison to how much money we owe their country. Also, we are one of their biggest trading partners, buying trillions of dollars of goods from China ever year. This does not mean that if we refuse their invitation to the Olympics the economies of both of our countries will collapse and the world will come to a horrible end. It does mean, however, that simply using a worldwide sporting event to protest a human rights offense will seem much more innocuous when compared to the true nature of our relations to the country.

There is a time and a place for boycotts. They serve as an effective tool for our nation's masses to use when trying to be heard or invoke a necessary change. However, this is not an acceptable tool for political leaders, and the Olympic Games are certainly not the proper place to take such an action. Not only will it seem inane and immature, it will also be ineffective in acknowledging, addressing, or solving current problems with Chinese-Tibetan relations. The opening ceremony of the Olympics is not only an inappropriate setting for a protest, it be equally as ineffective. The best way to help induce a change in Chinese policy, or any other nations' policies, for that matter, is via the channels that have been set up through our own government – diplomacy, maturity, and understanding.

Hello everyone! For those interested in writing for the Political News page of The Outlook, please contact Daniel Wisniewski, President of The Political Science Club to get started! You can contact him at daniel.j.wisniewski@monmouth.edu. All topics and viewpoints are welcome! Thank you!

Pope Visits Ground Zero

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From "Pope offers prayer at Ground Zero," BBC: Sunday Pope Benedict XVI visited the site of the 2001 World Trade Center attacks in New York City. Almost seven years ago 2,749 people were killed during the attacks. He offered a prayer for the fire, police, and family members of victims in attendance. His visit came at the end of his six day tour in the United States.

Pope Benedict arrived at ground zero in his "popemobile," knelt in silent prayer and lit a candle memorializing all the victims of September 11th, including those who died in the Pentagon and on flight 98 in Pennsylvania. He then blessed ground zero with holy water, and called it a "scene of incredible violence and pain."

Later in the day the Pope visited Yankee's stadium and was greeted by over 50,000 cheering fans. Tickets were sold out, and the atmosphere was like a rock concert. The Pope then prayed, "God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world" and he continued "Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred." His visit is considered a success, touching the hearts of the cities and people he visits.

For the first time in public, Pope Benedict addressed his history of being in the Hitler Youth. He called Nazism a "monster" and explained how he was forced into service. Pope Benedict was forced into the Hitler Youth at 14, like all other German boys, and was later drafted into an anti-aircraft unit.

He was never an enthusiastic soldier and deserted the army late in the war in 1945, and was briefly held in an Allied prisoner of war camp.

In 2006 Pope Benedict made controversial remarks offending Muslims. He quoted a Byzantine Emperor saying that Islam only brought the world "evil and inhuman" things. Later the Vatican said Pope Benedict did not mean to directly offend Muslims. Since that time the Pope has been working to bring the two communities together (and others). His recent visit to the United States is further testament to his bridge-building agenda, and peaceful spirit.

This year will be the seventh since the World Trade Center attacks by terrorist group Al-Qaeda.

Political Quotes

"Politics is the art of the possible, the attainable... the art of the next best."

-Otto von Bismarck

"When the best and worst of people are given equal honors, equality itself is most unequal."

- Cicero

"It is by presence of mind in untried emergencies that the native metal of a man is tested."

- James Russell Lowell

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THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

Farewell From London

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Looking back a year ago, I could've never imagined leaving my friends, family, cats, or missing out on a semester at Monmouth. Now I can't imagine my life without this incredible experience of studying abroad. I've not only grown as a person, but with all the traveling I was fortunate enough to do, I have broadened my outlook on life in more ways than I can even begin to describe.

found in any textbook. Throughout your educational career you learn about all these famous places around the world, but going to them and actually seeing them in real life is entirely different.

Standing at the top of the Eiffel Tower, seeing the Mona Lisa in The Louvre, standing with a real camel, being up in a hot air balloon overlooking the remains of the Berlin Wall, or standing in Anne Frank's house, are just a few of the amazing things I've done while traveling Europe the past three and a half months.



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Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin, Germany, where East and West Germany were divided by the Berlin Wall.

My classes here have been very enjoyable and it's definitely been cool having professors with British accents - but what I've really learned and experienced can't be

after you do it.

During my weekend in Italy, I saw a bunch of places in Rome, including many churches, the Roman Forum, and drank a lot of

cappuccino. However, naturally, my favorite part of the trip was having home cooked Italian food! I actually didn't spend a whole lot of time in Naples, considering time constraints and the decision to visit Pompeii and Capri instead.

Both these places were beautiful! Pompeii is the ancient city that was covered by the volcano of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. It's amazing to see what all is left of the ruined city, everything from people's former homes to the arena where gladiators used to compete.

Capri, which is an island on the south side of the Gulf of Naples, was by far one of the most beautiful places I've ever been to. I thought Capri was going to be more of a beach area, but it was basically a huge mountain we hiked through and got an amazing view of the Tyrrhenian Sea.

Last weekend, a few friends

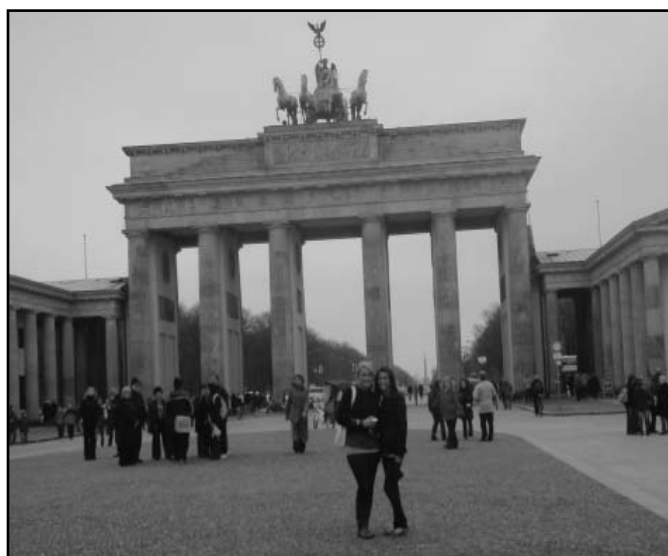


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Marina Wagner and Paige Sodano stand in front of the Brandenburg Gate, which is a former gate of the city of Berlin and one of the main symbols of Berlin today.

and I traveled to Berlin, Germany, where I think I ate more than I actually saw things. The food was so good, but the sightseeing was really interesting because there is so much history in Berlin.

We started off at the Holocaust Museum, which was sad and quite depressing, but fascinating at the same time. Throughout the weekend we also saw Frederick the

Great's palace, the famous Egyptian sculpture of Nefertiti at the Altes Museum, Checkpoint Charlie - where the Berlin Wall split the city in half during the Cold War, what's left of the Berlin Wall, the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, and the Fernsehturm, (German for "television tower"), which is a television tower in the city's center, where we ate dinner at the top one night and got a wonderful view of Berlin.

Well, since this is my last article, I just want to say thank you for those of you who have read the Study Abroad section this semester.

For anyone who is signed up, or planning to study abroad, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at all, at paige.r.sodano@monmouth.edu.

Have a great summer everyone, and if you have the chance, definitely study abroad! Although it can get a bit expensive, the memories and friends you make go above and beyond any amount of money.



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On the left: Ancient ruins from the city of Pompeii, Italy can be viewed by tourists daily. On the right: A scenic view of the beautiful island of Capri in Italy.

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This Season On Idol



VERONIQUE BLOSTEIN
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Last week on *American Idol*, the top seven finalists worked with Mariah Carey and performed many of her hit songs. On Tuesday night, David Archuleta opened up the show singing “When You Believe,” a duet that Carey had done with Whitney Houston. While it probably wasn’t his best performance, his vocals were still great. Judge Paula Abdul told him that he made Carey proud, and judge Simon Cowell said, “You performed that very well.”

Carly Smithson performed “Without You,” her low ranges sounded good (much better than when other contestants try to sing low notes), but judge Randy Jackson didn’t think they were that great. Abdul said she made it her own, while Cowell didn’t think she pulled it off. He commented that she seems like she overthinks things (which I can agree with), and that her performance was “an ok version” of the song.



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The top seven contestants pose with Mariah Carey, last week’s mentor.

Syesha Mercado sang “Vanishing,” which wasn’t one of Carey’s popular songs. She sounded ok, but it felt as if she was trying to hard, and her performance wasn’t quite there. Cowell said he didn’t like that she didn’t pick a well-known song, but liked the performance, along with the other judges.

Brooke White performed “Hero” and played on the piano while she sang. The performance certainly wasn’t one of her best. She sounded shaky and the performance didn’t suit her very well. Jackson said that he got thrown off once she reached the bridge of the song, and Cowell said, “I don’t think your voice is strong enough to carry that song.”

Kristy Lee Cook also sang a song that isn’t well-known, “Forever.” Her low ranges need more work, but her higher notes are more powerful and for once, it didn’t sound like she had any pitch problems in her high range. Abdul said she was “blown away,”

but Cowell said, “You didn’t give me chills.” He referred to the performance as “whiney” at times, and said it “wasn’t great.”

David Cook took on one of Carey’s biggest hits, “Always Be My Baby.” His vocals were good for the most part, but he didn’t end the song very well. Something didn’t fit right in this performance; it didn’t seem like him. He usually puts an edgy touch to his performances, and it didn’t seem like he really did that this time, which he really should’ve done, especially for singing such a well-known song by a female artist. However, the judges raved about his performance. Jackson said his performance was “brilliant,” Abdul said, “You’re it,” and Cowell told him he was a “breath of fresh air.” (It’s not often that I think someone didn’t do a good job, while all the judges loved that person’s performance. Guess it had to happen sometime.)

Jason Castro closed the show with “I Don’t Wanna Cry.” The arrangement was nice and his vocals were very suitable to it. Jackson said, “I didn’t really love that,” but Abdul really enjoyed listening to Castro. Cowell, in a rare circumstance, agreed with Abdul, and called Castro “identifiable” and “cool.”

During the results show on Wednesday, the idols sang “One Sweet Day,” a song that Carey had done with Boyz II Men.

Carey also performed, as well as Elliot Yamin. This was his first time performing since his mother passed away (if you watched season five, you know how supportive his mother was of him).

Host Ryan Seacrest put the contestants into two groups, one-by-one. The Cooks and White were in one group, while Smithson, Castro, and Mercado were in the other group. Seacrest told Archuleta he was safe, made Mercado switch places with David Cook, and then said that only one of the groups was safe. Seacrest told Archuleta to pick the group he thought was safe, to which he responded by sitting down, choosing no one. It turned out that White, K. Cook, and Mercado were the bottom three, and ultimately, Cook was sent home.

Six finalists remain. Be sure to watch *American Idol* this week, and tune into *The Outlook* next week to find out what happens!

The Real World XX Takes Over Hollywood

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The *Real World* season 20 is back and taking over Hollywood. As always MTV promises that this season will be “the most emotional, exciting, and entertaining season yet!” Once again there are seven strangers picked to live in a house and have their lives taped.

For the first time ever MTV put the power of casting into the viewers’ hands at home. Fans were allowed to pick one roommate to live in the house. With almost three million online votes the winner was 20 year old Greg a.k.a. “PretzyBoy,” from Daytona Beach, Florida. Greg made a bad first impression on his roommates and is on his way to becoming the roommate everyone loves to hate.

His too cool for school attitude was a major turn off to the other six members of the house. One roommate in particular, Sarah, had a feeling that they would butt heads, even before they met.

Sarah, 21 from Phoenix, Arizona, had been checking out Greg’s online profile. Sarah immediately honed in on the section where Greg referred to all women as merely “associates” and the people around him as “peasants.”

Greg was destined for trouble and by the end of the first night, all of his roommates turned against him. But that didn’t faze “The Chosen One” as he likes to call himself. Greg claims that he doesn’t care if his roommates talk to him, he will go out and find is own fun.

Another housemate is Joey, 24 from Chicago. It comes as not much a surprise that Joey is an ex-body builder and now personal trainer. With his rock solid body he his sure to make the ladies of Hollywood swoon.

Last week Monmouth switched up its usual live music show which most commonly features artists that play within the rock/pop/indie genre. Instead, M Squared Live ventured into the area of hard rock and metal sounds with a performance by The Vivid Twisted, a New Jersey based group formed in May of 2006.

The current members include The Reverend E. N. Dahrkhart (vocals), Donnie Von Gailinger (guitar), William V. Evolution (bass), and Atom Bomb (drums). When asked about the unique title of the band, lead singer Dahrkhart replied, “The name itself we came up with ten years ago, it was a solo project for a while. The Vivid Twisted isn’t just the name of the

Fans at home do not know much about Joey yet, but did get a glimpse of what is yet to come. At the end of the season premier episode, Joey lost his temper after Greg called him “weird” and



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The cast of *The Real World* 20 hang out on a sound stage in Hollywood.

nally had his eyes set on fellow roommate Brianna until he found out she was a stripper and all his feelings changed. By the end of the night Will moved onto Sarah, professing that he has a “kindergarten crush” on her. Unfortunately for him Sarah has a boyfriend back home, but it wouldn’t be the *Real World* without some cheating and breaking up.

Last there is Brianna, the stripper gone Hollywood. This 20 year old Philly native is street smart and can hang with the big boys, but does not want people to judge her by her occupation.

During the first episode Brianna admits that there is a warrant out for her arrest for physically abusing her ex-boyfriend and will have to return home in the coming episodes for a court hearing.

Of course there was a lot of drinking, dancing, and skinny dipping all in the first hour of the season and there is plenty more to come. All seven roommates have hopes of boosting their careers by being in Hollywood so it will be interesting to find out what MTV has in store for them.

To check out how these seven strangers get along and survive in Hollywood, tune into MTV Wednesday nights at 10 p.m.

will be spending the last week of April recording their new EP. During their shows along with their performance on M Squared Live, the band can be seen dressed up in stage makeup which helps add some entertainment value to their music. “We’re entertainers, not just musicians. I like to wear my masks on the outside rather than hide it on the inside” shared Dahrkhart.

If you’re interested in seeing more of The Vivid Twisted, they will be performing at Zombie Feast in New York, along with various shows around Pennsylvania this May. If you can’t see them live, be sure to check them out online at myspace.com/tvtwisted.

Also, keep an eye out for more of E. N. Dahrkhart when he runs as an independent candidate for the 2024 Presidential Election!

The Vivid Twisted Brings Diversity To M Squared Live

MEGAN LABRUNA
STUDY ABROAD EDITOR

band, it also represents certain ideals. We’re very political; everything that you believe to be real and true from society is false, everything that’s vivid to you is actually twisted in reality.”

The Vivid Twisted released their debut album *Black & White* in November which features an unusual mix of metal, rock, and upbeat tempos that blend together to create the band’s unique sound. Dahrkhart shared, “We all have different influences; some of us are hard core punk and some are metal heads. There are too many metal bands out there, everybody sounds the same and dresses the same, so we wanted to bring more of a dance feel to it rather than have crowds just sitting there and banging their heads.”

The band writes and records all of their songs together and

Final Late Night Lounge Open Mic Night of the 2007-2008 School Year

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The 2007, 2008 school year's final Late Night Lounge Open Mic Night was held on Thursday, April 17th, from 10 p.m. to midnight in Elmwood's Underground. The Late Night Lounge was sponsored by the Office of Substance Awareness, Resident Hall Associates (RHA) and the Office of Residential Life at Monmouth University. There were raffle tickets distributed to the students who attended the Late Night Lounge to win a prize. The awards included three \$5.00 Einstein Bagel gift certificates for students to enjoy treats in the Plangere Center, and other prizes included two tickets to the Kylie's Cause event.

The Kylie's Cause event will be held on Wednesday, April 30th, in Anacond Hall, from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. It will highlight the remembrance of Kylie who passed away on December 28th, 2007 due to a car accident. Kylie was a sister of Melissa Pinheiro, a Monmouth senior, who survived the accident caused by a drunk driver. "Come to the Kylie's Cause event for fun, food and to support a good cause!" Liz Ricciardi, an English Education senior and Melissa's good friend, stated. Along with help, Liz continued to sell Kylie's Cause Drunk Driving Awareness bracelets, since the car crash that Kylie died and Melissa was hurt in was the result of a drunk driver.

At the Late Night Lounge, Liz was also selling tickets to go to the event and support the commemoration of Kylie's loss, "a good cause." The tickets ran for \$5.00, but \$7.00 at the door, so "Come, by them early and save \$2.00. Everyone should come!" Liz stated.

The Late Night Lounge performances began, and first up, Cory Curren, a freshman Psychology major,

sang to the *Fresh Prince of Bell Air* tune. After Cory sang, he announced that his performance was "silly!" Bill Palmer, a freshman Marine Biology major, was on stage next, and following Bill, Devin Menker, a freshman Political Science major who runs the Late Night Lounge events, made a *Welcome* speech to the audience. "Open Mic Night, in this area, will always be my favorite place to play," Stated Bill Palmer. The trumpet was played next by Matthew Monkan, a sophomore Software Engineering major. Matthew played to



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Mike LaRose playing a hit with Jay Tambor.

the melody *Dancy*. Matthew stated how he loves to perform at the Late Night Lounge nights, after his piece.

The first raffle of the night was announced and Karen Salazar, a Biology junior, won the first \$5.00 gift card to Einstein Bagels. "Yay me!" Karen stated after she had won! Next up a duet was performed by *Heather & Company*, Heather Marte, a freshman English Education major and Mike LaRose, a Music Industry major. The two played their self written piece, *Where do I go*. "Mike wrote the music and I was in charge of the words," Heather stated, after the feature.

Mike LaRose performed, following his hit with Heather, another Blue's tune along with Jay Tambor, another Music Industry freshman. After the two boys performed they pointed out how love flows, "It's all good!"

Lorin Schiavo, a sophomore, played next to a self written song, *Stone to the Bone*. *Turning Tide* was then performed by Michael Dante Sommonte, "This is an original piece," stated Michael before his act. "Michael has been to every Late Night Lounge Open Mic Night, along with Bill Palmer. They both show great support, have amazing talent, and I do hope that wonderful things happen for them, in the musical world," stated Devin Menker.

The Night continued until midnight, with repetitive performers playing to grace the audience. "This year, all the performers were extremely talented and very outgoing; they made this year great! I hope that everyone returns for a great time next year!" Jon Gant, a Graduate Assistant for the Office of Substance Awareness stated in regards to the 2007, 2008 school year's Late Night Lounges.

Towards the end of the night, Devin Menker made a "special" recognition speech to Michael Dante Sommonte and Bill Palmer for attending every Late Night Lounge Open Mic Night, during the 2007, 2008 school year. Devin stated, at the end of the night, "Now a quote from the Host! I am very proud of everyone who came out for Late Night Lounge Open Mic Night this year! It is truly an honor to be the Host of such a wonderful monthly event! I will see everyone back next year!"

Don't Miss This Year's Musical at Monmouth

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If you've not yet attended a musical theatre production at Monmouth University, the upcoming show should be your first.

Monmouth has done many musicals before, but never one quite like this.

Tonight, April 23rd, at 8 p.m., Pollak Theatre will open its doors to Stephen Schwartz' *Children of Eden*, a musical that encompasses a broad range of musical styles. The show styles include American Gospel music, pop ballads, rousing company numbers and a collection of duets.

"Like George Mason University making it to the final four in the NCAA basketball tournament in 2006, the Music and Theatre Arts Department at Monmouth University presently has a most winning team," said David Tripold, Musical Director of the production and Assistant Professor of the Music and Theatre Arts Department, "Our students are performing at a near professional level. In fact, I am convinced that only on Broadway would you find a performance equal to or better than what will take place this week at Pollak Theatre."

The cast of this show is so large

that the production will not take place in the usual venue, Woods Theatre, this time around. The university's choir class will also be on stage with the actors.

"Everything from the performance space, to the singing, to the music is a challenge. Since we never do anything that people expect, it should turn out to be a very interesting and fulfilling experience for the students," said John J. Burke, Chair of the Music and Theatre Arts Department.

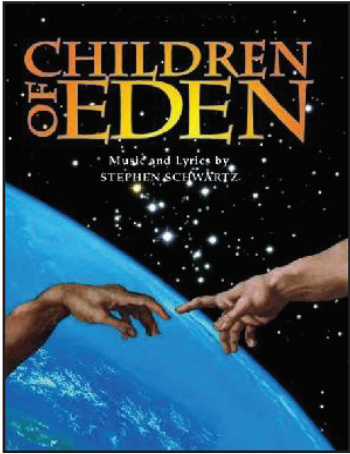


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Children of Eden
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Children of Eden tells the Biblical story of the beginning of time. It is the story of Genesis. It goes from Creation all the way up to the Flood. The story develops around Adam and Eve, and ends with Noah and the Ark.

The production will run nightly at 8 p.m. through April 26th.

Tickets are on sale through the Monmouth University Box Office. Box office hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: 732-263-6889. The show is free to Monmouth students!

Come watch the story of Creation through the voices of Monmouth University's most talented students!

Dancing with the Stars Update

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Five couples down, seven to go. With only five weeks left of competition, it is already starting to heat up on *Dancing with the Stars*.

Last week, Kristi Yamaguchi and her partner Mark Ballas got yet another nearly perfect score of a 29 out of 30. Can they one up themselves and get a perfect score this week?

So far this season, it seems as if the ones to beat are Kristi and Mark, and Jason Taylor and his partner Edyta Sliwiska. However, all of the other stars have their moments and surprise us with some of their dances.

Last week, America said good bye to Priscilla Presley and her partner Louis van Amstel. The former wife of the King said she had a lot of fun and she surprised herself on how well she did.

Now that there are only seven couples left, it's time for them to begin their group dances and this week is the first one. Can the dancers perfect both a group dance and their own dance they will be judged on? Let's hope so!

Stars that are still remaining are Kristi Yamaguchi, Jason Taylor, Marlee Matlin, Mario, Marissa Jaret-Winokur, Christian de la Fuente, and Shannon Elizabeth.



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Priscilla Presley and Louis van Amstel were last week's victims on *Dancing with the Stars*.

Stan Lee Awarded First Ever New York Comics Legend Award

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Acclaimed comic book writer and editor Stan "The Man" Lee, 85, was awarded the first ever New York Comics Legend Award at a V.I.P. party at Virgin Megastore in Times Square this passed Thursday.

The award was created to honor industry writers and artists that have made major contributions and advancements to the comics industry by way of art or business. A recipient must also have made significant contributions to civic life in New York through charity, education, public service, or by advancing the image of New York through direct involvement in New York City causes, or through positive depiction of the city and its culture with their body of work. Also, recipients must have lived in New York City for a minimum number of years to be eligible for the award.

The award ceremony kicked off the third annual New York Comic Convention where Lee was to be a special guest. Lance Fensterman, the Show Manager for the Convention said, "This is a double

whammy for us.... First, we get to have the extreme privilege of hosting Stan Lee at our show, and second, we have the distinct honor of awarding him our first-ever New York Comics Legend Award, which we have created to honor New York City's greatest contributors to comic books and to New York life. I can't possibly think of anyone more suited to be the first recipient of this award than Stan Lee! He has done so much through the years for both comics and for New York City."

The reception took place at the Virgin Megastore in Times Square at 8:00 PM and the ceremony was hosted by Fensterman. Notable individuals in attendance were Peter David, one of Marvel Comics writers, Joe Quesada, Marvel's Editor-in-Chief, and Sharad Devarajana the CEO of Virgin Comics, all of whom gave their praise for Lee as well as poked fun as the legend.

The award itself was a box with a hinged top that when opened revealed a glass replica of the New York cityscape.

Upon accepting the award Lee praised the fans for their support and graciously thanked all in attendance for coming out.

The only low point of this momentous day was when Lee had to cancel the "guaranteed" signing he was scheduled to do after the ceremony. The reason for this disappointing revelation was cited to be a combination of fatigue and old age.

Undoubtedly, Stan Lee is the most recognized name in the comics industry as well as its poster boy, but for those not familiar with Lee, he is responsible for the co-creations of Spider-Man, The Hulk, Iron Man, The X-Men, The Fantastic Four, and the Silver Surfer to name a few. He also co-produces many of the box office juggernaut films that are based on his creations. His creative genius and business brilliance were a focal point in Marvel Comics coming into prominence in the sixties right on up into today.

"...Whenever I can wheedle an opportunity to return to the greatest city in the world, it's an indescribable thrill for me. And, to make it even more fabulous, it gives me the chance to meet old friends - artists, writers, editors, fans, all sorts of terrific people who speak the same language - the language of creativity," Lee said.

The Art of Dance

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Picture doing your favorite sport, using muscles you've barely ever used before, breathing hard, but still pushing to keep going, and then it's over. You wipe the sweat from your face and you hear the crowd cheering... and then you put your dance shoes away.

Some may say dance should be considered a sport, but according to Kristin Dexas Rosengrant, professor of Dance Appreciation and choreographer of the spring musical, it's much more than that. "When was the last time you got a story, feeling or message from watching a football game? True, watching a sporting event can be exciting and emotional, but the actual sport does not have the ability to go much deeper than that."

The perfection of dance can take a lot more work and determination than some athletes might expect. "Martha Graham, a modern dance pioneer, said it takes 10 years to create a dancer. Ballerinas can spend practically their whole childhoods training," said Rosengrant.

Anyone can socially dance, explains Rosengrant, but performing a style of dance is where it becomes difficult and not only because of the strenuous moves. In a performance, it's not just about

the movement, but how the dancer carries him or herself and shows facial expressions. "The dancer can't let the audience onto the fact that it's hard. Making something technically difficult look easy is a challenge in itself."

Perfecting a dance can take weeks, months, or even years. According to Tricia Lynch, Irish Step Dancer, "I used to practice every single day. I had to be in amazing shape and have a ton of stamina." Lynch made it to the World Championships in Ireland after ranking in the top 10 of her region. "I remember days when my entire body would be sore from dancing. Every muscle in my body had to be toned because I would use muscles while dancing that most people would never even think about exercising." It seems obvious what muscles have to be well-built for athletes in other sports like soccer or baseball, but a dancer's body needs to be in excellent shape from head to toe. "Dancers use nearly every muscle. Our arms, legs, stomachs, etc all have to be pushed to their limit in practice so that we can keep up in a show or a competition," said Lynch. Rosengrant adds that certain dances in particular can strengthen the abdominals, back, inner thighs, and hamstrings, just to name a few.

According to Jennifer Seeds, a dancer at Monmouth who's traveled all over the United States competing, dancing can be an enjoyable physical pass time and form of cardio that is also beneficial. "Dancing is very good exercise because it constantly keeps your heart rate up and it doesn't feel like exercise because it's fun. Each Sunday, I take dance class-

es in New York where I can burn up to about 400-450 calories in an hour long session. It also gives you a good stretch while learning new choreography." Seeds takes classes from Geo who some may know as the leader of "Iconic" from America's Best Dance Crew on MTV.

Seeds explains how not every dance group or team is as intense enough to be considered an athletic team. Though, there are a select amount of dancers who, if they train hard enough, can make it to that point. "This includes a strict coach, intense daily workouts, and scheduled hours in the weight room, stretching, competing, choreography class, technique class, ect."

Rosengrant explains that attitude has a lot to do with making it as a dancer. "I don't think that just anyone can dance. You have to have an artist mentality, believe in what you're doing, or trying to do, never give up, and be okay with living in the moment."

Morris Beyda, choreographer for a Community Theater, says that dance is not for everyone because it requires a lot of patience, rhythm, endurance, strength and stamina. "You either have the passion for it or you don't."

Beyda recently auditioned for Disney Channel's, *High School Musical 3*, and ironically just put together the original play of *High School Musical* with the children he works with at his theater. "I got my full time job as a choreographer after we put on that show. People were buying tickets to sit on the floor!" said Beyda. He explains how the sport can be challenging, but it's also very rewarding in his case. "I love inspiring kids through dance so my job in general is a huge accomplishment within itself for me."

Clearly performing as a dancer is a difficult task as it requires not only a toned body, but a healthy one. It's important to maintain good eating habits when taking part in this demanding sport. "As long as you're getting the correct amount of protein, carbohydrates, vitamins, and greens, the body will be healthy enough to support the high amounts of physical activity," said Rosengrant. Lynch adds how not every dancer needs to be incredibly skinny to be successful. "Eat well, but eat. Maintaining a healthy weight is important but so is a healthy diet. Water is also really important because it's easy to get dehydrated. Make sure you get a lot of sleep because lack of sleep combine with a lot of exercise can lead to fatigue and sickness," said Lynch.

This activity is attempted by some, yet only mastered by few. But, with the right attitude, a healthy and strong body, and a lot of dedication, this sport can be something that anyone can have a lot of fun taking part in.



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Jennifer Seeds, a member of the Monmouth University Dance Team.

Fun Tuesdays

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Bright blue eyes, straight strawberry-blonde hair, skinny frame, 5-foot 1-inch in height and a clown outfit describes Monmouth University's junior, Katie Paccione. Katie is more of the all-American girl with a wild twist, since she has decided to make up her own holiday.

Katie Paccione has officially and originally added "Fun Tuesdays" to Monmouth University's calendar of events. She started this local holiday last Tuesday when she dressed up as a clown for the entire day of classes. The satin yellow and purple costume adorned a blue, orange, red, and green checkered pattern along its sleeves. Hanging from the center of the outfit in a vertical design were three fuzzy orange pom-poms, which seemed to resemble a snowman's buttons. The collar was stiff and bright yellow while Katie's ankles and wrists were held tight by the elastic, which left an imprint in her skin.

Circus ensembles were not Katie's only choice.

After three years Katie has decided to bring back the holiday she had started in high school. In her senior year at Manalapan High School, her friend Dan dared her to dress up in a Sponge-Bob costume. The outfit was made out of a yellow foam material and was identical to the cartoon that "lives in a pineapple under the sea." It slipped over her head and stopped right above her knee, while her arms and legs extended beyond the Sponge-Bob figure.

"It was uncomfortable to wear all day long, but worth it to see the price-less faces people made in school that day. My friend Dan never thought I would have kept up with it, but he was so wrong. I continued to do it each and every Thursday throughout my whole senior year," admitted Katie.

Her high school teachers and principal continued to keep interest in it every week. They would encourage her and even give numerous suggestions as to what the next surprise should be. Katie's intense wardrobe has consisted of Peter Pan, Spider

Man, Cupid, a leprechaun, a nerd, a Ninja Turtle, a karate kid and a business man, among numerous other outlandish fashions.

Katie's friend from Manalapan High as well as colleague here at Monmouth University, Nicole Pucillo was shocked to hear Katie was instituting her unique idea again.

"I remember she would dress up every Thursday in high school, it was so funny because every week would come around and her costumes kept getting better and better. One of my favorites was definitely 'cloudy with a chance of rain.' She walked around the halls in cloud pajamas holding a spray bottle. Her imagination never seems to run dry."



PHOTO COURTESY OF Amanda Klaus
Katie Paccione, the creator of Fun Tuesdays said, "One of the greatest gifts I have been able to give people is a smile."

Katie's infamous legacy of the "Fun Thursday" holiday has carried over into her college years. Almost 21 years of age and Katie is still playing dress-up. She would not have it any other way, which is why she has decided to implement her smiles and originality at Monmouth University. Nothing has seemed to change, considering Katie's peers and professors still enjoy her fervor.

To accompany Katie's outfits, she has decided to give out coordinating gifts as well. She purchased 12 balloons, four red, four yellow and four orange, which she handed out to professors and students who she thought needed a boost to their day.

Monmouth professor, Ronald Wallenfels, from the department of history and anthropology was the first to witness Katie's appearance as a clown. He agrees, "Katie's wonderful free spirit, and her willingness to make others smile even if it might make her appear, to those who too willingly cleave to conformity, to be silly are in my experience personal attributes to be admired."


Wallenfels, known to many of his students as charismatic and witty, made Katie stand before her magic and astrology class to explain her reasoning for wearing such an outfit. Katie enlightened the class, "One of the greatest gifts I have been able to give to people is a smile. Life is too stressful and short to be so serious all the time. So why not help others laugh and shake off their bad day?"

That is exactly what Katie does for many individuals' days at Monmouth University on her imaginative holiday. Jaclyn Lehman, a junior and Katie's sorority sister, made sure she saw Katie throughout the day.

It was one of the Java City employee's birthday, so Katie decided to buy a happy birthday balloon from the information desk. There she was, singing happy birthday in a brightly colored clown suit. The female employee was so excited. Everyone in Java City started to sing too. It was classic!" Jackie explained.

Monmouth University always has events planned and exciting offers on campus, but none quite like Katie Paccione. Her creative style is something not many people would have the courage to do for a full day of classes. No matter how rainy and windy the seashore weather gets, how there never seems to be any available parking spaces, and no matter how many midterms are scheduled in one day, Katie Paccione will brighten up the gloomiest of days.

Keep an eye open for an oddly dressed, 5-foot-1-inch strawberry blonde haired girl with a large smile and a big heart. You never know when it will be a "Fun Tuesday."



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Tuesday, May 13th

BAR A - \$13

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

Wednesday, May 14th

MEDIEVAL TIMES - \$45

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

OCEAN PLACE - \$20

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

Thursday, May 15th

CASINO NIGHT - \$20

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

Friday, May 16th

SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE - \$25

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

Saturday, May 17th

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hosted by President and Mrs. Gaffney
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This is a semi-formal event being held at the Doherty House from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (rain site TBA). **Pre-registration required at the Office of Student Activities.** No guests allowed, because space is limited to the first 120 people to sign up.

Sunday, May 18th

NYC TRIP - \$12

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

Monday, May 19th

JACKS

Spend one last night at Jacks, where everybody knows your name! Shuttle vans will be available at the Student Center parking lot from 9:00 pm – 1:45am. There are two 15 passenger vans so plan your leave time from Jacks accordingly. Jacks will ID at the door.

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So what next?

JAMIE KINARD
STAFF WRITER

As many of you have noticed, the project has not begun yet. This is because we are currently waiting on facilities management to get us a crane. Things around here are starting to wind down, so what can we do in the mean time? To keep ourselves entertained, we are still trying to get local newspapers and politicians involved in the project, as well as trying to educate the local communities about the garden. We also are having meetings to set up idea about what we can do to make the garden fun and how to set up tours. I am also currently getting everyone back together on the project, and, of course, still writing this blog.

Other than that, we are mostly doing some major cleanups. Last Saturday, we went to Poricy Park in Middletown, and completed one of the biggest cleanups with over 230 people present. The cleanup took a large portion of the day, but with bands and a BBQ, people seemed very happy. We are also attempting to do a beach sweep by Pier village this weekend. Here at Water Watch, we are trying to keep the beaches open for people to enjoy, as well as trying to improve the water quality for everyone. Every year, beaches are closed due to pollution and a large amount of garbage found at the beach. This causes people major problems, not to mention what all that pollution does to the water quality, or the animals within the ocean. All the garbage that people throw into the ocean disturbs the local ecosystems, which has a rippling effect on the environment. Animals in the ocean eat the garbage and can get sick or die, which effects the populations of all the other animals in that food chain. Therefore, by eliminating the trash we can help to heal ecosystems and restore the water quality.

So stay tuned for the next installment, because hopefully we will get the project underway soon!

Alpha Xi Delta

The ladies of Alpha Xi Delta are proud of their 3rd place finish in Greek Week. They had a great week and would like to congratulate on all the chapters with a job well done and an awesome Greek Week. They would also like to thank the Greek Senate Executive Board and Tyler for helping to make it run so smoothly. The ladies would also like to thank everyone who attended our Fundraiser for the National's Parkinson's Foundation! Keep an eye on this space for more Alpha Xi Delta updates, or check out our Facebook profile, Interested in Joining Alpha Xi Delta. Much Xi love to everyone! <3

Shadow Nation

Hey Shadow Nation Members!!! The school year is coming close to an end and you all have been great. Make sure to keep up the fan support by attending Shadow Nation Games (the schedule is online). And to show our thanks for helping Shadow Nation have a successful year, the committee is having an end of the year Shadow Nation Barbeque. The Barbeque will be on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 from 1:00pm-3:00pm on the Student Center Patio. There will be food and drawings for prizes for Shadow Nation Members. So make sure you stop by on April 29th for food and fun!!

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ZTA and PSK Win Greek Week

FRANK GOGOL
STAFF WRITER

Monmouth University's Greek community held their annual Greek Week festivities. The week long event is a competitive challenge in which the Greek organizations compete for points with the organization scoring the most points is crowned the winner.

Each year Greek Week is given a theme. This year's theme was a tribute to nineties Nickelodeon. Each fraternity and sorority donned Greek Week t-shirts, with each group designated by a particular color or design, similarly to the way teams were designated on the Nickelodeon show *Wild and Crazy Kids* that aired from 1990-1992.

The festivities kicked off with the Greek Week Talent Show on Monday. The show consisted of the groups performing seven-minute skits related to the year's theme. Some of the performances paid homage to the Rugrats, Inspector Gadget, and Are You Afraid of the Dark. In the end it came down to a two-way tie for both the sororities and the fraternities with Alpha Xi Delta and Zeta Tau Alpha tying for the girls and Phi Sigma Kappa and Theta Xi tying for the boys.

The next event was the Penny Wars, which ran Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. During the Penny Wars students place change into fraternity and sorority jugs outside of the Student Center. Dollar bills and silver change are positive points

while pennies are negative points. The winners of the Penny Wars were Zeta Tau Alpha, with \$528.07, and Sigma Pi, who collected \$1435.28.

This year's Penny Wars earned \$3,700 with \$250 being donated to the West Long Branch First Aid Squad for their help during Greek Week and the rest, \$3,450, being donated to Alyssa's Angels, a foundation in West Long Branch the builds playgrounds for handicap children.

Of the Penny Wars, recent Sigma Tau Delta inductee, Steve Sepulveda said, "It's the best event of the week because it goes to help a good cause."

On Tuesday night, the Greeks participated in Greek Feud, a game styled after the television game show Family Feud.

Early Wednesday afternoon, the Greeks put their competitiveness aside and came together to be part of a Greek Life community photo as well as individual chapter photos out on the Great Lawn. Later that night, however, the competition was back as the organizations faced-off in basketball in Boylan Gym.

Steve Farrina, brother of Sigma Pi, said that his favorite event was his fraternity's basketball game again Phi Sigma Kappa. "At the last second one of our brothers throw the ball over his should and the ball went in and we won," he said.

Thursday saw the final day of the Penny Wars as well as the dodge ball competition.

On Friday the Greeks went head-to-head in the Academic Bowl where the organizations battled to see who would be crowned as the smartest sorority and fraternity. Later in the evening, they competed in the swimming events.

The physical competition increased on Saturday when the Greeks participated in events such as arm wrestling, mechanical bull riding, and volleyball in Boylan and flag football out on Kessler Field and the Great Lawn.

The physical-based events carried over into Sunday when the groups participated in the soccer shoot-out, football toss, and the baseball throw. The final events of Greek Week were the Quad Games which featured games like wiffleball, a hula hoop contest, and the keg toss. The final event was the annual tug-of-war. Winners in this event were Alpha Sigma Tau for the sororities and Sigma Pi for the fraternities.

At the end of the gruelingly mentally and physically challenging week, one sorority and one fraternity were crowned champions of Greek Week. The 2008 Greek Week winners were Zeta Tau Alpha for the sororities and Phi Sigma Kappa for the fraternities.

Though the week is about competition, it is also about unity. "It's a special time. You get to see all the Greek organizations come together, and bond within the organizations," said Michele Kaplan, a sister of Alpha Xi Delta, about what the week is truly about.

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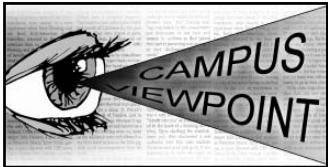
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What was your biggest accomplishment of the 2007-2008 school year?

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"I passed Organic Chem! Yay!"



Ricky
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"Not dropping out and falling in love with the Bonnaroo music and art festival in Tennessee."



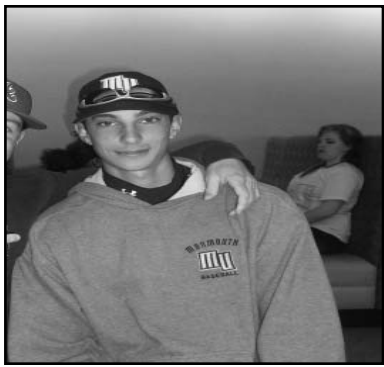
Cal
freshman

"Making the Dean's List!"



Paul
junior

"Being eligible to play Baseball!"



Steve
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"I got a 3.7 GPA in the first semester!"



Shawn
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"I killed a 6 point deer and mounted it on my wall."



Kyle
sophomore

"I got a 3.72 GPA, better than Steve!"



Ashley
sophomore

"I got the BEST roommates this year!"



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"Making Lauren Debaene, my good friend, stay at Monmouth University!"

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Movie: Be Kind Rewind • 7 PM & 11 PM • The Underground
Speta- QUE - lar Dance Party • 9:00 PM • Anacon Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Softball vs. Quinnipiac • 12:00 PM • Softball Field
Monmouth Mall Shuttle • Departs 12, 1, 2, & 3 PM • Birch Loop
Student Awards Ceremony • 4:00 PM • Pollak Theatre

MONDAY, APRIL 28

Concert • 3:30 PM • Student Center Cafeteria

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THE UNDERGROUND

Baseball Starts Spring Cleaning with Four Game Sweep of Quinnipiac

Freshman Ryan Terry leads offense, named Akadema/NEC Rookie of the Week

ERIC WALSH
SPORTS EDITOR

Monmouth's baseball team is on fire. They have won 21 out of their last 22 games, hold the top spot in the NEC by two games, and sport a perfect 11-0 record at home. While every player on the team has contributed to this hot streak, there is no doubt that without the help of the freshman hitters, the Blue and White would not be in the position they are in today.

After his performance over the passed week, leading MU to a perfect 5-0 record, freshman third baseman Ryan Terry was named Akadema/NEC Rookie of the Week. Terry led the Blue and White in batting average this week, becoming the fifth Monmouth baseball player selected as the NEC Rookie of the Week.

The third baseman led Monmouth's offensive attack during the four game sweep of Quinnipiac, batting .562 (9-for-16) with three RBI and eight runs scored.

In the final game of the series against the Bobcats that gave the Hawks the sweep, the first-year infielder went 2-for-2 with an RBI and two runs scored, while his third-inning, RBI double was the third double of the week for the slugger.

During the team's 11-4 win against Rider, Terry went 3-for-5 with a homer run, double and two runs scored. He had a very productive week overall, with .611 on-base percentage, a .938 slugging percentage, and he successfully stole on each of his three stolen-base attempts.

The third baseman's award adds to the previous 11 weekly NEC awards that Monmouth players have garnered this year. Freshman Nick Pulsonetti has been

named Akadema/NEC Rookie of the Week four times, and the Player of the Week on one occasion.

Pulsonetti, the freshman outfielder/designated hitter, had been named the Akadema/NEC Rookie of the Week for four out of the five weeks before Terry earned the award for his performance over the passed week. Pulsonetti is now fourth in the conference in batting average (.366) and leads the league in slugging percentage (.699).

Other players who have received accolades for their performances on the diamond are Senior Kyle Higgins, who earned Player of the Week honors twice, while classmate Brad Brach earned Pitcher of the Week honors twice. Sophomores Kyle Breese and Ryan Buch have each been named Pitcher of the Week once.

MU players also lead the individual statistic rankings in the NEC. The Hawks boast three of the top four batting average leaders. They include Brett Holland, who is atop the list with a .373 average, Higgins, who is third on the list with a .371 average, and Pulsonetti, who is fourth on the list with a .366 average.

In addition to their many celebrated individuals, Monmouth is now on top of the Northeast Conference, with a stellar 11-1 record. The only defeat came to Wagner on April 12, a close 4-3 loss. That one loss snapped a 15-game winning streak, which dated back to March 16.

The team has started a new streak, having already reeled off six in a row. MU has now won 21 out of its last 22 games, and only has 15 games left before the start of the NEC Tournament, including 12 games against NEC opponents.

During their 5-0 week, the Hawks posted an 11-4 over in-state rival Rider, and four commanding victories over Quinnipiac.

Against Rider on Tuesday, April 15, Monmouth used its 12 hits to pace the victory for relief pitcher Tim Ballard who earned his third win of the season. The right-hander came in during the top of the fourth inning with two outs to

18, with an overpowering 18-5 victory. The Hawks collected 22 hits in all during the game, while started Brad Brach earned his fourth win of the year while going eight innings and allowing just two runs on eight hits, while striking out four in the process.

The win was also a very special one for head coach Dean Eehalt, who picked up his 400th

outscored the visiting Bobcats 17-4, with a 10-3 game one victory, and a 7-1 game two victory.

On the offensive side, Andy Meyers led the Hawks with a 3-for-3 showing, including two doubles and three RBI. Shawn Teters added three hits, as Terry and Higgins each had two base hits in the contest.

Buch earned the win on the mound for the Blue and White, improving his record to 5-1. The right-hander pitched a complete game gem, striking out 10 along the way. The reigning NEC Rookie of the Year has now recorded two complete games with double-digit strikeout efforts this year.

In game two of the twin bill Monmouth received a great outing from started Mat Marc-Aurele, who worked six innings, allowing just one unearned run on six hits, while striking out six Bobcat hitters. While the visiting team scored first in the top of the first inning, Monmouth scored the remaining seven runs of the game to come away with the victory.

The final game of the four game series was played on Sunday, with Monmouth finishing off the Quinnipiac sweep. Behind the solid pitching of starter Brett Brach, who worked 6.2 innings, allowing just one run on five hits, the home squad came away with the 4-1 win.

Justin Esposito came on to get the final six outs of the game, and earned his seventh save of the season. The MU offense was led by Terry, who had two hits and collected an RBI.

The Hawks will now turn their attention to second place CCSU, and an important late-season three game series in New Britain, Connecticut, starting on Friday, April 25.



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Sports Information

Ryan Terry won Akadema/NEC Rookie of the Week honors for his strong effort at the plate during the Hawks' 5-0 week.

relieve starter Kyle Breese, who had loaded the bases, allowing four runs to score.

The Monmouth offense scored runs in the third, fourth, sixth, and seventh innings to pull ahead of the Broncos, who could only manage to score its runs in the fourth inning. The Blue and White were led offensively by Paul Bottiglierio, who had two hits including a two-run home run, and three total RBI.

MU began the four game series against Quinnipiac on Friday, April

career win as the head coach of the Hawks. Eehalt has been the head coach at MU for 15 seasons, winning five Northeast Conference Championships, and directing the Blue and White to three NCAA Regional appearances.

On Saturday, the team suited up for a doubleheader against the Bobcats, with each game spanning seven innings (as is traditional in college baseball). The story of both games was MU run production, as the home team

Softball Ends Six Game Losing Streak

Blue and White have tough 1-2 week, finish strong with win over RMU

ANDREW SCHETTER
STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth softball team started off their week on Wednesday afternoon against Rutgers at the MU sports complex. The Hawks suffered a tough loss by a score of 8-3. The blue and white then turned to the road for a double dip against NEC rival Robert Morris. The Colonials took the first game 7-2 but the Hawks were not to be denied in the second game as they squeaked out a 5-4 victory and ended their six game losing streak.

The Hawks came into their non-conference game against Rutgers trying to avoid a five game losing streak. However, the Scarlet Knights had other plans in a close game RU broke it open with a four run effort in the sixth inning. Monmouth started off strong with a 1-0 lead after the first inning. Rutgers then went on to tie the game in the second, take the lead in the third, and eventually put it out of doubt by the sixth inning.

Second baseman Sarah Kalka was the player of the game for Rutgers as she led the team with three hits and two RBI's in the contest. Monmouth staged a mini comeback in the seventh as Nicole Alvarez singled in the inning and then stole second. After Abby

Martin worked a walk, freshman Emily DeLong drilled a two run triple down the line but that was all the team could muster in their final inning of the game.

The team then looked to rebound against Robert Morris in their doubleheader. The first game proved to be more of the same for

tine Sawlsville got the start in the first game and attempted to stop the bleeding for the Hawks but the Colonial bats were hot as they scored seven runs off of four hits in the first three innings.

Sawlsville's counterpart on the circle was strong in seven innings as Reed gave up only two runs on

Martin took the circle for the Hawks and did a nice job in over six innings of work. She gave up three earned runs off of seven hits, and allowed only two free passes. This was enough to propel Martin to her first collegiate victory. Melissa Mehrer came in to pitch the seventh and allowed two hits but retired the side to secure the victory for Monmouth.

The offense came alive for the blue and white as they beat up on Robert Morris pitching, for twelve hits in the contest. Nicole Alvarez took credit for 1/3 of the offensive production in the game going 4-4 from the plate and in the process knocking in and scoring a run for the Hawks. Catcher Jessica Nicola had another solid day from the plate tallying three runs and scoring a run.

The team's April 20 doubleheader at St. Francis (Pa.) was rescheduled for May 3, the NEC's make-up weekend. Rain on the day of the dobleheader forced the postponement.

The Hawks record is currently 13-21-1 and more importantly 5-7 in conference play. Monmouth now travels to St. Peter's on Thursday afternoon for two crucial games as they hope to carry the momentum of their win against Robert Morris into a winning streak.



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Nichole Alvarez went 4-for-4 in the leadoff spot in Monmouth's 5-4 win over Robert Morris.

the Hawks as they recorded their sixth straight defeat. Pitcher Kris-

six hits, and struck out five in her effort. In the second game Abby

Softball Upcoming Schedule

4/24 at
St. Peter's
3:00 & 5:00

4/26
CCSU
1:00 & 3:00

4/27
Quinnipiac
12:00 & 2:00

5/1 at
Columbia
3:00 & 5:00

A Word on Sports

NFL Draft Preview: Who Will Go Number 1?

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Although the NBA playoffs are just underway, and the NHL playoffs have been going on for a couple of weeks, the big story in sports is this weekend's NFL Draft. And if you think that it's just 18 continuous hours of reading names off an index card, you are correct. But aside from that, the NFL Draft really matters, so much more so than in other sports. So much relies upon the players taken in not just the first round, but the later rounds as well. A crummy first round pick could ruin a franchise for years.

For example, the Chargers spent many seasons in the NFL cellar after taking all-time draft bust hall-of-famer Ryan Leaf, as did the Browns after spending two number one overall picks on Tim Couch (1999) and Courtney Brown (2000). The Houston Texans haven't gotten off the ground as an expansion team yet, because they took David Carr with their first ever pick.

But that is all in the past, and it's time to focus on this year's draft. Every year, it seems as if there are one or two players that stick out in everyone's mind as the clear-cut number one overall pick. This year, that is not the case. There are about six or seven players that could all possibly vie for the first se-

lection, which belongs to the Dolphins.

Miami will not take Arkansas running back Darren McFadden, though I believe he has the potential to be the biggest difference maker in this draft. The Dolphins simply have too many needs, and drafting RUN-DMC that high will tie up too much money under the salary cap, money that they need to address other issues. I have McFadden landing (and subsequently disappearing) in Oakland at number four.

The buzz on the Internet is that the Dolphins, for economical reasons, want to go with a lineman, and are in negotiations with Jake Long (OT, Michigan), Chris Long (DE, Virginia), and Vernon Gholston (DE, Ohio State). My prediction: Miami takes Jake Long, thus solidifying their offensive line for young quarterback John Beck and running back Ronnie Brown.

At number two, the Rams will take Chris Long, (son of Howie Long) to replace the rapidly aging Leonard Little. Along with Adam Carriker, the Rams are hoping to have two stud bookend DEs, ala the Giants with Michael Strahan and Osi Umenyiora. Vernon Gholston could also go here, but I'm betting on Long.

At number three, the Falcons should go for a quarterback, but will instead make the wrong move of taking a defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey out of LSU.

Dorsey was plagued by injuries all of last season, and taking a defensive tackle this high never works out. If the Falcons were smart, they would trade down for more picks, and in the second round, land quarterback Joe Flacco from Delaware.

McFadden will land in Oakland, which means we on the east coast will never see him again, and at number five, the Chiefs, desperately needing a quarterback, will take Matt Ryan, from Boston College.

That brings us to the Jets, who will have top-three-talent Veron Gholston fall right into their lap. But the Jets, like they do just about every year, will outsmart themselves and, passing on Gholston, will reach for cornerback Leodis McKelvin, a nice player who played against weak competition at Troy.

As for the Super Bowl champion Giants, they will go for Miami safety Kenny Phillips, who will replace Gibril Wilson and compete with Sammy Knight for a starting job at strong safety.

The NFL Draft matters. Each team's future is on the line. But the best part of the draft is the "See I Told You So" and "What Was I Thinking" factors that come with playing General Manager, and predicting who will be the next Joe Montana, and who will be the next Ryan Leaf.

Football Ends Spring With 10th Annual Blue/White Game

PRESS RELEASE

The White team defeated the Blue squad 33-24 in the 10th Annual Monmouth University Blue/White Spring Football Game at Kessler Field. In a game that featured exciting plays on both sides of the ball, the crowd of over 1,000 was treated to a preview of what is to come this fall on the gridiron.

"Overall, I was pleased with our performance today," said coach Kevin Callahan. "We made plays on both sides of the ball and it was good to see a lot of different players making plays. It has been a good spring and there is no doubt that we have improved as a team."

On one of the first drives of the afternoon, reigning All-Northeast Conference First Team selection

gain. Mandeville was a perfect 4-for-4 for 50 yards passing on the afternoon. The Monmouth quarterbacks combined to go 17-for-26 for 229 yards.

Yudin led the receiving corps with four catches for 107 yards, while Nick Romeo had five catches for 28 yards. Brandon Wood caught four passes for 52 yards and veteran Steve Dowens hauled in two passes for 30 yards.

On of the better defensive plays of the day, David Kennedy stacked up reigning All-NEC performer David Sinisi at the line of scrimmage for one of the afternoon's biggest hits. Jose Gumbs led the defense with seven tackles, including one stop for loss. Chris Mastrangelo was one of five Hawks with five tackles, and he

"...It has been a good spring and there is no doubt that we have improved as a team."

KEVIN CALLAHAN
Head Coach Football

quarterback Brett Burke rolled right and connected with wide receiver Troy Yudin a 16-yard playaction touchdown. Burke enjoyed a solid afternoon, completing 4-of-7 passes for 50 yards and a score.

Seeing his first action in the Blue and White, freshman signal caller Tom D'Ambrisi followed Burke's lead and found number 15, hitting Yudin on a 46-yard playaction pass down to the Blue team's four-yard line. D'Ambrisi went 5-for-7 for 99 yards on the afternoon.

A third MU quarterback, Andrew Mandeville wowed the crowd when he scrambled out of trouble and heaved a pass to Yudin, who made a move and took off down the sideline for a 42 yard

also added a pass break up. Tyler Burnett also had five stops and led the way with two sacks. Joe Valenti had five tackles and a sack, and Garrett Culloo and Jeff Brady each had five tackles.

In the kicking game, junior Fred Weingart hit field goals of 19, 21, 32 and 42 yards. Freshman Eric McCutcheon hit from 19, 21, 32 and 37 yards. On one of McCutchen lined up for a 32-yarder, but Kenny Amsel broke through the line and blocked the kick and freshman Michael Avent scooped it up and went 80 yards for a touchdown.

Sophomore Jack Daniels averaged 37.7 yards per punt with a long of 45 yards.

Lacrosse Wraps Up Third Seed For NEC Tourney

PRESS RELEASE

The Monmouth University women's lacrosse team used an 8-2 first half scoring spree to defeat rival Mount St. Mary's 10- 4 and clinch the third seed in the Northeast Conference Tournament on Sunday at Kessler Field. The Hawks finish the regular season 13-4 and 7-1 in the league, while Mount is 9-8 and 5-3 in the league.

The Hawks scored the first goal of the contest when Rachel Feirstein split two Mount defenders from six meters out and scored at the 24:49 mark of the first half. Mount goalie Jane Karger kept the score 1-0 with a big save one minute later, but the Hawks got on the board again when Megan Brennan scooped up a ground ball near midfield and took it the distance for the score with 23:15 showing on the clock.

Feirstein scored two goals in a row for the Blue and White, the first off a great one-on-one move with 18:03 showing and the second off a free position with 14:34 left in the first half. The Mountaineers scored their first goal with 12:16 left in the first half when Ashley Johnson scored on a one timer off an assist from Kathleen Rossetti.

Monmouth freshman Carissa Franzi scored consecutive free position goals, the first at 11:48 and the second at 10:07, to give MU

a 6-1 lead. Ashley Waldman then fed Feirstein for a goal at 9:07, but Mount countered when Katelyn Catanese spun around a defender and shot high for the score with 7:07 showing. Feirstein ended the first half with her fifth goal if the first 30 minutes on a free position from the right arc with 4:08 left.



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Rachael Feirstein scored five goals in the 10-4 win over Mount St. Mary's.

MU scored the second half's first goal 31 seconds in when Jessica Picciuto cut to the cage and scored to make it 9-2 in favor of

MU. The Mount countered when Catanese scored on a rebound off of Kathleen Rossetti's missed shot with 16:35 left in the game. Renae Hill scored off an assist from Megan Nutter with 14:00 left.


The final tally of the afternoon came when Mount's Johnson split the Monmouth defense and finished with a shovel shot with 7:45 left.

Feirstein finished with a career-high five goals, while Franzi scored two for the Hawks. Monmouth outshot the Mount 27-22, and led in draw controls 11-5, including an 8-3 first half advantage. Mount committed 30 fouls in the contest, compared to 15 for MU.

Waldman and Feirstein each added three groundballs, while Nutter had two. Franzi added three draw controls, while Feirstein and Nutter each logged a pair of caused turnovers. Monica Johnson had a stellar day in goal, making 12 saves.

Before the game, the Hawks honored their six seniors in a Senior Day Celebration. Monmouth's Colleen Burg, Brittany Scott, Jackie Trainer, Nutter, Picciuto and Waldman were all honored in the pregame ceremony.

Monmouth clinches the third seed in the upcoming NEC tournament and will face second seeded Sacred Heart at Quinnipiac on Friday, April 25.



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QU	1	3	1		QU	1	8	4

The Monmouth University baseball team swept Quinnipiac in a four game series, outscoring the Bobcats 39-10. *Full story on page 18*