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President Paul Gaffney II (left), winner Jessica Kahl-Winter, Aimee Parks, and Provost Thomas Pearson at the Student Employee of the Year Reception on April 21.

Student employee of the year honored

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
NEWS EDITOR

On Friday, April 21, Jessica Kahl-Winter was honored as Student Employee of the Year at the annual reception in the Club dining room at 3 p.m.

Kahl-Winter, a senior Business Finance Major and Information Technology minor, has worked at the Writing Center as a tutor for three years and as a University Ambassador for the past two years.

"I help give tours and recruit new students to the University and for the past half year at the Admission office I have also been a student coordinator," she explained.

According to Aimee Parks, the Assistant Director of Placement for Student Employment, "the winner receives a plaque, money, t-shirt, movie gift certificates, a \$75 dining gift certificate to the Oceanic in Long Branch, and several other goodies."

"The winner also receives recognition from the Northeast Association for Student Employment Administrators," added Parks.

This is the 10th year this ceremony has taken place. The 23 nominees of Student Employee of the Year were nominated by their supervisors.

"The supervisors must submit an essay describing the nominees reliability, quality of work, initiative, disposition and contribution to the university," said Parks.

The panel that judges the essays are from Affirmative Action, Human Relations and Compliance Office, the President's Office, and Campus Planning and Construction Office.

Parks said, "Nominees must have worked on campus for a minimum of three months."

The reception opened with President Paul Gaffney II speaking about the importance of student employment. Next, Jeremy Styer, the first recipient of the Student Employee of the Year award, served as the

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Student Center opened 24 hours for finals week

LYNSEY WHITE
STAFF WRITER

The aura of stress has begun to fill the air. It is the last week of classes and finals are right around the corner when pulling an "all-nighter" is the number one feared word. One thing is for sure students will not have to worry to find a place to study. From Tuesday, May 2 thru Monday May 8, excluding Friday and Saturday the Student Center will be open twenty-four hours for those cram sessions.

The Student Government Association will be hosting these study sessions to benefit students during finals week. Normally the Student Center closes at 1 a.m. but during finals week remains open until 2 a.m. President of SGA Alyson Goode hopes this to be successful and that students take advantage of this extended study time.

"We are just elaborating and paying for a safety officer to stick around for 5.5 more hours. This is actually standard for many other colleges which are SGA sponsored. This idea kind of seems like a no-brainer, but the bigger question is who should sponsor it. Why not open up the student center, which is designed FOR STUDENTS." said Goode.

There are two twenty-four hour available on-campus in Howard Hall and Bey Hall but usually tend to be full during finals.

"We have 24 hour computer labs around campus, but in my experience, they are typically full when midterms and finals approach, even at 3am. So, we needed more space and computers," said Goode. "The purpose is to give students a place to gather away from their rooms (because face it, we all just jump in bed instead of study) to encourage academic success. So, of course, we are going to provide

caffeine and "food for thought" to get everyone through the night."

Free food and coffee will be offered on the nights of Tuesday, May 2nd and Thursday May 4th.

This year is basically a dry-run and the success of the program determines its path in the future. Goode highly encourages students to take advantage of this opportunity because it will set a precedent for the future of Monmouth.

"We have always considered this idea but always wanted to take the students safety into consideration and can't truly guarantee anything unless a security guard is hired. That way SGA can oversee the operation without worrying about the facility being monitored," said Patterson. "This provides another alternative for students, it is a great opportunity and students should take advantage of the service that SGA has provided for them."

Goode was informed that students were talking about the extra study hours and is thrilled to give the Monmouth campus this opportunity.

"Supposedly people are hearing other people talk about it. I am honestly

very excited and hopeful for it. We are doing a lot of advertising, which

I believe students can't ignore. Plus, we are fortunate that it is springtime so the walk across campus or the commuter lot wouldn't be as painful as the ones mid-winter," said Goode. "I truly hope the turnout is large so that it becomes tradition for the University. However, I hope that everyone's needs are met and people don't have to leave because all the computers are taken. I want students to remember that they can bring their wireless laptops to the student center and still get their work completed. Hope to see you there!"

Investigation leads to arrest of students

Students charged with drug possession at Ocean Township residence

LAUREN BENEDETTI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Eight Monmouth University students were arrested at their Ocean Township residence on Thursday, April 20, after a three-month long narcotics investigation, according to Ocean Township Police.

Monmouth resident and junior Robert M. Ahearn faces the most serious charges including possession of over 50 grams of marijuana, possession with intent to distribute, possession of

drug paraphernalia and being under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance.

Armed with a search warrant, members of the Ocean Township Police Departments Criminal Investigation Bureau, Special Assignment Unit and the Patrol Bureau entered the residence without incident at 3:15 p.m.

Once inside the rented house on Sherman Avenue officers encountered six people sitting around a coffee table: Ahearn, 20, and five other Monmouth

University students. The six students were all placed under arrest without incident after police found and seized marijuana and paraphernalia on the coffee table.

Ocean Township Police Lt. Kevin McDermott noted that the six individuals who were sitting at the table were charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and being under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance. Nevertheless, "only one or two of them may have been actually smoking it," said McDermott.

Police located and seized multiple bags of marijuana totaling over a quarter-pound, three safes and over \$3,000 in cash from several locations inside the home. In addition, 100 hypodermic needles, syringes, anabolic steroids, and over 100 prescrip-

tion pills without a prescription were located and seized in the home.

Two other Sherman Avenue residents were not at home during the raid. one resident arrived at the house during the search and was arrested. Another resident received a phone call from the Ocean Township Police and responded to the scene and turned himself in a short time thereafter.

Additional charges against one resident were possession of prescription pills, marijuana, paraphernalia, and possession of hypodermic needles. According

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Psychology department's annual semester research conference turns 44

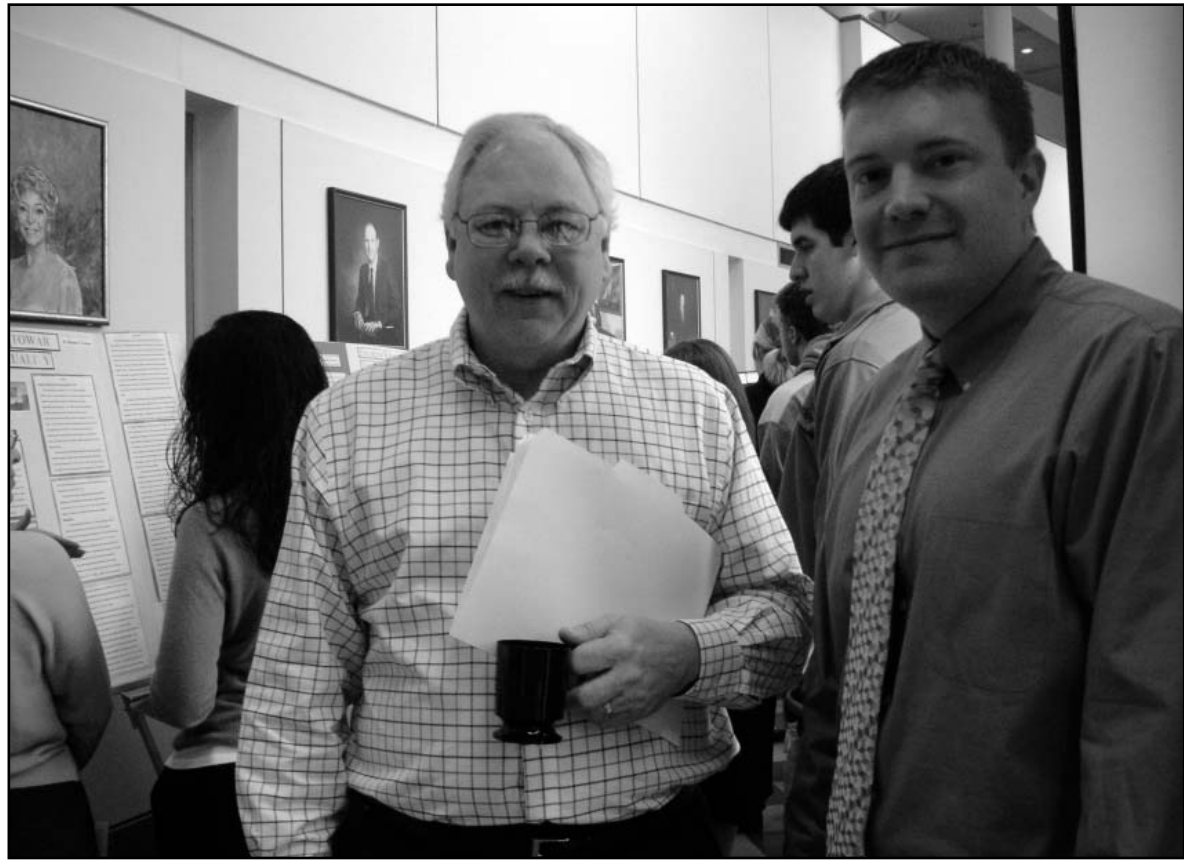


PHOTO BY Sara Werner

Dr. Lewandowski and Professor Sizemore overseeing the Psychology students' works at the annual Psychology Research conference.

SARA WERNER
STAFF WRITER

This past Saturday, April 22nd, the Psychology Department held their 44th annual end-of-semester research conference. Lauren Korcz, President of Psi Chi and the Psychology Club along with Dr. David B. Strohmets, Associate Professor and Chair of Psychology, welcomed all attendees at 9:15 a.m. According to the department, this conference is an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate psychology students to share their original quantitative or qualitative research that they gathered throughout the course of the semester. During the semester, these students conducted research on a theory of their choosing, and then gathered research from other Monmouth University students, and determined whether or not their hypothesis (or hypotheses)

were correct. Students presented their findings throughout the day in two poster sessions, during which researchers presented their findings on posters located along Bey Hall's Galleria, and in two paper sessions, when students reported on their findings orally in Young Auditorium. Some topics were "The Media's Effect on Self-Esteem" conducted by Stefanie Klar, "Attitudes toward Homosexuality" conducted by Donna T. Garon, and "What Color Are You Going to Pick?: The Effects of Color On Vehicle Selection" conducted by Ben Lau.

Pizza was served at 11:30 a.m., and noon marked the beginning of the keynote address, a special lecture by Dr. Julian Paul Keenan, Director of a Cognitive Neuroimaging Laboratory and Associate Professor at Montclair State University. His lecture titled, "*Self-Deception and the Brain:*

Who Aren't You?", focused on the notion of the brain and deception. This lying to oneself and others, was described by Keenan according to his correlated findings from neuroimaging and case reports. His talk examined how self-deception is formed and maintained on a neuronal level with frontal lobe and hemispheric differences. He focused on self-enhancement and overclaiming, but ultimately concluded by saying how self-deception provides benefits that outweigh the costs to the individual. The conference ended at 3:30 p.m. with the presentation of "awards of excellence in psychology" by Dr. Strohmets. The winners received not only awards, but also prestige. The Conference was an equal opportunity for the researchers and the participants to learn and understand what they participated in and was a learning experience for all.

Sigma Pi brings alcohol awareness activities to MU

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ACE Stands for Altruistic Campus Experience, and it is a week dedicated to alcohol awareness. The week long course of events began on Monday, April 24th and will continue until Friday, April 28th.

Students filled Anacon Hall on Monday night at 8 PM to attend the first event, which included a few speakers who talked to students about the dangers of alcohol. The evening began with Brett Stevens, the ACE Week Project Coordinator and brother of Sigma Pi, talking about past events the fraternity has participated in such as a campus clean-up and what other events will take place for ACE Week.

Then, President Paul Gaffney II was introduced to speak, who first thanked Sigma Pi, the faculty advisor, and the Greeks for such a phenomenal turnout. He felt that

it is important to bring topics like this in front of students because it is an, "Issue about life and death," as he stated. Furthermore, his message for students was clear, as he said, "You have to take care of each other and take care of yourself," in order to prevent alcohol-related problems from occurring.

After President Gaffney spoke, Patty Spady, the mother of Sam Spady, was introduced. She spoke about her daughter's life and the tragedy of her death from acute alcohol poisoning, which took place on the night of September 4, 2004 in a Sigma Pi Fraternity house in Colorado. In an excerpt from Good Morning America, which was played during the presentation, Patty and her husband Rick spoke about what happened to their daughter.

Patty stated that Sam was a sophomore at Colorado State University, and was the most unlikely person to have died from drinking

too much alcohol. She grew up in a small town in Nebraska and had an early passion for art. In high school she was the homecoming queen, cheerleading captain, an honor student, and involved in several other clubs and activities. Patty believed that, "[Alcohol] education has not been strong enough," which was why the Sam Spady Foundation was created.

Then, Patty spoke more about just how dangerous alcohol is. She said that 1,400 college deaths occur in a year from binge drinking and 500,000 injuries take place. Also, 44% of college binge drink at some point in their college careers. She said she would like to see more peer education, and hopes that people continue to use the designated driver technique, as well as having one person stay sober to take care of their friends.

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MU IN THE KNOW: WEEK IN REVIEW

Bomb blasts in Egypt, kills 23

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Twenty-three people were killed at an Egyptian resort in the town of Dahan on Tuesday. According to a report in the April 24, edition of the *Washington Post*, this is the third terrorist attack on the resort in the past 18 months. The Egyptian Minister of the Interior said that the blast had taken out two cafés and supermarket. In recent months, Egypt has been the target of criticism of

known terrorist Ayman al-Zawahiri, who is the right hand man of al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

The Egyptian government announced yesterday that it had arrested ten people in connection with the bombing. As far as they know, the ten men arrested are all Egyptian nationals, and it is not clear whether or not they are affiliated with al-Qaeda.

Bush eases regulations on gasoline

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In response to harsh criticism about the spike in gas prices, President Bush yesterday temporarily suspended the environmental restrictions on gasoline, thus making it easier for oil companies to meet demand. According to a report in the April 25, edition of *The Washington Times*, the President has also stopped the purchase of crude oil for the nation's emergency reserves for the summer.

Easing the environmental restrictions on gasoline will allow refineries to have more flexibility when it comes to supplying oil to different parts of the country. Refiners will not be required to use ethanol in order to meet clean-air guidelines issued by the Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, Mr. Bush urged Congress to take back the tax breaks given to big oil companies.

Prosecution argues for death penalty

NATALIE B. ANZAROUTH
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

As the trial of Zacarius Moussaoui comes to a close, the prosecution continues to argue that the convicted Al-Qaeda member should be "put to death," *NYTimes.com* reported in the April 24, edition.

"There is no place on earth for Zacarius Moussaoui," David Raskin, a prosecutor in the trial said yesterday. Raskin stated that Moussaoui's objective has been, "...to inflict pain on your country."

While the prosecution seeks to hold Moussaoui accountable

for over 3,000 lives that were lost on September 11, the defense argued that Moussaoui should not be given the title of "martyr," a title, which the defense claimed, would give Moussaoui what he wanted.

Moussaoui was previously arrested in August 2001 for immigration violations, and has pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges for withholding information about plans for the 9/11 attacks.

The fate of Moussaoui is yet to be determined by the federal jury.

President Bush pushes for guest worker program

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ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

President George W. Bush spoke to the Orange County Business Council in California yesterday, where he supported a provisional guest employee program and explained that the deportation of nearly 12 million illegal immigrants cannot be done, the *latimes.com* reported in the April 24, edition.

After speaking earlier in Irvine, California, President Bush pushed for a "guest worker program" that would give immigrants the opportunity to work in the U.S. temporarily.

According to the article, the

Senate proposed a compromise that said immigrants who have lived in the U.S. over five years could apply for citizenship upon "paying fees and taxes." Illegal immigrants who have lived in the U.S. under two years would be deported back to their country; and immigrants who have lived in the U.S. "in between" these years would need to temporarily return to their country, only being "allowed to re-enter with other temporary workers."

Congress reconvened after a two week recess on Monday, as the decision on immigration has not been finalized.

Sigma Pi alcohol awareness week opens with speaker

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She continued by talking about the night of her daughter's death, which began at a CSU football game, and led to her and a friend attending several parties, the final one being at a Sigma Pi house where she chugged vanilla flavored vodka. When her friend wanted to walk back to the dorm, Sam got up but fell straight back down. She was put in a room to "sleep it off" where her blood alcohol content continued to rise to 5 times the legal limit. She then went into a coma which ultimately caused her death. Her body was not found until 12 hours later, when a brother of Sigma Pi was giving a tour of the house.

According to Patty, "She drank too much, too fast." She said that one's liver can only process about 1 drink per hour, and that it was rumored that Sam drank about 30-40 drinks, even though the police report doesn't support this report. She said factors such as gender, weight, and medications all play a role in an individual's tolerance to alcohol.

The Sam Spady Foundation designed cards, which were distributed, to show the signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning. Patty and her husband felt very strongly that if their daughter had received medical attention, she could have been saved.

Finally, Patty read an excerpt from an internet posting from a Cornell student. He said that alcohol did not affect him, and that he is experienced with drinking so he thought that it would be very hard for some one to drink until their death. However, this student was found dead on March 17, 2006 due to alcohol poisoning.

Her last piece advice was that, as some one who never condoned

underage drinking, "Don't compromise who you are to fit in." Her speech ended with the playing of a candle light vigil which took place on the Tuesday after Sam's death.

The next speaker was Pastor Reza Zedah, a former CSU football player, who got involved with the Sam Spady foundation. Sam's friend's mother called him one day after the incident, and after coming back from a speaking engagement at a University, he thought that the former Sigma Pi house could be put to good use because it sat empty to decay for so long.

"You don't have to believe it could happen to you, but you do have to believe it could happen to the person sitting next to you."

CHRIS BROWN
Grand Secretary for Sigma Pi

He approached the Greek system at CSU with his idea, and the house known at the "Lighthouse" was restored with student's help. The room where Sam died was turned into a prayer room. Zedah said of the event, "It was one of those things that brought students together." The house now is used to promote positive activities, without alcohol, such as the various parties students host throughout the year. He stated, "We're not trying to kill people's experience, but trying to get people through college life." Ultimately the Pastor made his message clear to the audience, "Find your passion in life, live responsibly, and build positive relationships."

The final speaker was Chris Brown, an Eatontown attorney and Grand Secretary for Sigma Pi. He said when he was in school, and the drinking age was 18 years old, beer was the drink of choice. However, he said, today students have moved onto hard alcohol, females are drinking more, and

drinking habits of college students have changed overall.

Brown said that 2 to 3 college students die each month, and countless others are involved in fights and violent activity, sexual assaults, fires, and injuries. He even shared some cases from his career that he was involved in. His message was that, "You don't have to believe it could happen to you, but you do have to believe it could happen to the person sitting next to you," and that brotherhood is the reason he speaks about alcohol awareness. He encouraged

the audience to do things, such as establish a Good Samaritan policy on campus, or other things that would enable students to get the help they need in the case of alcohol poisoning.

Brett closed the event with a thank you to all those involved in the planning of the evening, and gave a preview of the rest of the week. Tuesday Sigma Pi handed out the Sam Spady cards which tell about signs of alcohol poisoning. Today, from 2:30 until 5:00 PM, in the Quad, there will be a drunk driving demonstration with the help of the MUPD. On Thursday, they will be co-sponsoring Thursday Night Alternative Open Mic Night at 10 PM in the Student Center Cafeteria. Finally, Friday night there will be a showing of King Kong, with the help of SAB, on the Great Lawn with free food and drinks included. If interested in the Sam Spady Foundation you can check out the website at <http://www.samspadyfoundation.org/>.

Student Employee Appreciation Week

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STAFF WRITER

Student Employee Appreciation Week was from April 9th to April 15th. The Office of Student Employment organized this week to show their appreciation to the students' that worked on and off campus this year. The Office of Student Employment nominates during this week a Student Employee of the year. The winner of this award was announced on April 21st. The Office of Student Employment also hosted a Student Employee Appreciation Day on April 12th.

Student Employee Appreciation Day was hosted by the Life & Career Advising Center. It consisted of games, food, and give-away prizes. It was sponsored by such organizations as Auntie Anne's Pretzels, Casa Comida, Chick-Fil-A, Monmouth University's Copy Center, Monmouth University's student run newspaper *The Outlook*, Monmouth University's Financial Aid Services, Monmouth University's Athletics and the Monmouth University Bookstore. Many students stopped by and a lot of students won something at the event.

Jeff Saraiva, a junior Business Administration major, said, "It's good that the school is supporting the employees. The employees can come here and have a good time

and win some free stuff. It's awesome that the school is giving back to them."

Aimee Parks and Nancy Gallo of the Office of Student Employment organized the idea and helped run the event. At the Student Employee of the Year reception on April 21 the first winner of the award will return to be a guest speaker. The first recipient was Jeremy Styer of the Chemistry Department ten years ago.

A candidate for Student Employee of the Year, Bryan Sweetney, a senior at Monmouth University, said, "Student Employee Appreciation Week is a really nice idea because it's really cool to be recognized for something I've been doing for four years".

Parks commented on the overall success of this year's Student Employee Appreciation Week.

"Our 10th Annual Student Employment Employee Appreciation Week was the biggest ever. It wouldn't have been possible without the hard-work of Nancy Gallo and the generous donations from the businesses and campus departments," she said.

Student Employment Appreciation Week was organized to show Monmouth University's appreciation for student employees. The event has taken place for ten years now and is being planned already to occur next year as well.

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SGA President's Corner

Hello Monmouth University!

So here it is...the end of the semester. Wow.

Well, **SPRINGFEST** is this weekend to celebrate the end of the year. Please be safe and have fun. Please, let's hope for good weather. But I don't want to jinx it.

Also, SGA is keeping the **R.S. Student Center open 24 hours during finals week** with food and coffee on select evenings. If this is a success, this may prove to be tradition every semester. Please take advantage of this opportunity when all the other computer labs are filled to capacity. And don't forget that you can bring your laptop because the student center is wireless.

I want to wish next year's Senate the best of luck. Brandon and Kevin, your new President and Vice President, will continue to lead Monmouth in the right direction. I have complete faith in you guys.

Everyone else from this year - great job, you make me smile. I am so proud of everything that we have accomplished together. We may not have completed every task that we had on our list for the year, but we made progress. I cannot wait to see what you guys achieve next year. You have great heads on your shoulders that every Monmouth student will benefit from.

To all the student leaders that I worked with the past several years - you are all very special and very talented people. This campus has seen great things in the past several years because of all the hard work that has been done. When we come back

in five years, we are going to be proud of the amazing things around campus for which we helped to build a foundation. Best of luck in the future.

To my best friends, my sisters, my roommates, my executive board, my classmates, my dancers and everyone else who I have forgotten - you are all exceptional people who are going places in life. Thank you for everything that you have given to me these four years, and especially thank you for everything that you have given Monmouth. Weather you are a freshman or a senior, we are all writing the story of Monmouth University. And that story will be apart of our lives forever. Make your mark.

To the faculty and administration that touch the lives of students every day - thank you. You have inspired each and every one of us in some way to reach our dreams.

Best of luck with finals next week. Don't forget about the student center's extended hours. Have a great summer weather you are staying at Monmouth, going home, vacationing, or working. Soak up the sun and rest (I'm sure we all need it by now!). To the graduating senior class of 2006 - **THANK YOU** for the good times, the bad times, the memories, the love. I will miss you all.

Yours Truly,

Alyson Goode
SGA President

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- Wednesday, April 26
- Digital Theme Photos
12:00 - 4:00 PM, RSSC Outdoor Pit
 - De-Stress Fest
1:00 - 4:00 PM, RSSC Aancon Hall B
 - Sunday Driver (Concert)
3:00 PM, RSSC Outdoor Pit
 - Day of Silence/Night of Noise
7:00 PM, Java City Cafe
- Thursday, April 27
- Thursday Night Alternative
10:00 PM, RSSC Cafeteria
- Friday, April 28
- Richie Havens
8:00 PM, Pollak Theatre
 - WEEKEND MOVIE: KING KONG
~8:00 PM, Great Lawn
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- Sunday, April 30
- Springfest
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Great Lawn (Rainsite - Boylan)
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ALEX BIESE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Joe Serratelli started playing football when he was ten years old. For 12 seasons, he worked through injuries while serving as the emotional rock for his team. And then, in the summer before his senior year of college, he walked away from the game that had defined his life for more than a decade. However, he says that decision was not his to make.

Like most boys in Jackson, NJ, Joe Serratelli went out for sports, mainly because he saw all of his friends doing it. Soon, he got very good, to the point where the boy became inseparable from the game.

"It was the only thing I knew how to do, and the only thing I knew I was good at," says Serratelli, now 22. "It was almost like I found something I liked and that everybody liked me for because I did it, and so I just tried to become as good as I could at it." His combination of drive and ability was immediately evident to everyone who watched him play. "On the field, Joe was one of the fiercest competitors I have ever played with," says Nick Anzalone, who played with Serratelli from the grade school Pop Warner days through high school, and now goes to St. Anselm. "Joe never settled for giving less than he could possibly give."

However, such fierce determination, along with a relatively small stature (today he stands about 5'7"), led to a series of injuries that would plague Serratelli for his entire athletic career. "There was never a full season that I was a teammate of Joe's where he did not get hurt," says Anzalone.

One early injury occurred in eighth grade, after Serratelli missed a tackle in practice. Joe punched the ground in frustration, and broke three bones in his hand. "It was so stupid," says Serratelli, looking back on the incident today. "I was striving for perfection. I wasn't perfect, and I got angry that I wasn't perfect."

That struggle for perfection led to both more accolades and injuries as Serratelli entered Jackson Memorial High School. In his sophomore year, he pulled a hamstring. During his junior year, he twisted his ankle, an injury that kept him out of his running back position for the first half of the season. And in his senior year, he suffered another hamstring injury.

"Joe was one of those persons who could never seem to stay healthy," says Mike Smith, Serratelli's coach at JMHS. Smith believes that, despite his injuries, Serratelli was still the emotional anchor of the Jackson Jaguars. "I think he was basically our rock which everything was built around."

According to Nicole Figaro,

the high school's athletic trainer, Serratelli's prominent position on the team prevented him the necessary time off to fully recover from his injuries. "It was difficult to take the time off he needed to rehabilitate it so that he could get completely healed without missing the entire season. So he played through a lot of pain," says Figaro. When faced with so many painful, and potentially career-ending or crippling injuries, why did Joe decide to continue? "I just had to play,"

big things in the program's future. However, as Joe puts it, "that didn't happen."

Sienna went 3-7 in his freshman year, when he had a surgery that left three pins in his shoulder. In his sophomore year, when they didn't win a single game, he broke his right leg, and Sienna cancelled its football program.

As a college junior, he came to Monmouth with hopes of starting over. "It was a program that just came off a championship...it was

"It was God's."

"I felt like I didn't want to play anymore. I just didn't care for the game," says Serratelli. "I prayed about it a lot, I was asking God, 'What should I do?'... He spoke to me and He said, 'It doesn't matter. All this doesn't matter; it's all perishable, it all ends.'"

And I realized...that there was an end to my football career, and that was that. I felt like He said, 'It's time to stop, this is your end, I have so much more for you, just

pastor, Joe's work is invaluable. "He shows younger people that... a relationship with God is real. It's right here, right now." He adds, "Joe's a world-changer." Along with changing the world, Serratelli's change of faith has had an impact on his immediate family. "I told my family what happened, and they all made fun of me, and they thought I was weird." However, things have changed, and his two sisters and his parents have since joined. "God used the church...to change not only my life but my whole family's," Serratelli says. Joe's sister Stephanie, currently a student at Rider University, admits to initially not fully agreeing with his change of lifestyle. "I thought it was weird," says Stephanie. "I thought he was joining some weird cult and giving up the best years of his life."

However, after a church barbecue in the summer of 2005, she had a change of heart. "I realized Christians aren't so weird. They're actually good people who are having a nice time and not doing bad things." She has been going to church ever since, singing in the choir, and working under Joe in the children's ministries as an assistant group leader.

Today, Serratelli is still using the motivational leadership skills he learned on the field to bring people into the church, spreading the faith to the next generation. Jeff Graziano, who played high school football with Serratelli, and is a member of his MU Bible study group that meets Wednesdays in Bey Hall, sees parallels between Joe's approaches to sports and the scripture. "Just today, he showed me a script that he had made up to use at his church in the youth group...[he said] 'What time is it?,' and the children would reply, 'God's time.' This is a mirror image of a saying we always used before a game, 'What time is it? Game time!'"

Today, Serratelli is committed to spreading the message of faith; he's so committed, in fact, that he requested his e-mail address, Joseph.R.Serratelli@monmouth.edu, be placed in this story.

"I want to tell...kids that I lived the life that they're living right now," says Serratelli. "I've chased after those girls, I've chased after those dreams...but it only leaves a big void in your heart, [that] can only be filled with one thing, and that's the love of Jesus Christ...The biggest lie in college is that this is our time to make the mistakes... You are developing yourself as a human being right now, and you have a choice. Am I gonna choose what the world tells me, drunkenness, complete lust, anger, greed, or are you going to choose truth, are you going to choose life, are you going to choose love? What are you going to choose?"



he says. "Like I said, it was my life." Smith agrees. "I think it was everything to him. I think he...kinda took it on himself that he was gonna be the best he could be at his position, and he always worked towards that goal, and I expected big things out of him when he got to college." Serratelli expected big things out of himself in college as well. When he graduated in 2002, he chose Sienna College as the place to continue his athletic career, despite their less-than-prestigious reputation, because the school's coach promised

just a matter of...buying into what they had established. And I did, but I was troubled by early injury." That season, Serratelli broke his left leg. By the time summer training for the 2005 season in his senior year rolled around, he was having back pains. He had an MRI, which came back negative. He then had a bone scan, and it was during the period of waiting for the results that he had a revelation. Serratelli left his 12-year athletic career. However, he says, it was not his choice, ultimately, to make. According to him,

come home,' and I went home." Serratelli's journey of faith began in August 2004, following a meeting with former New York Giant Keith Elias. Says Serratelli, "I realized...[that] I need to have a relationship with Jesus, because there's a void in my life that neither football...nor girls, nor money can fill, only God Himself."

He then began his work with Building on the Rock Church in Jackson, where he is in charge of the Church's youth ministry. According to Bob Nash, the Church's

Student drug dealer tells his side of the story

Local college distributor provides window into trade of illegal narcotics in Long Branch.

LAUREN BENEDETTI
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(Editor’s note: “Andrew” is a real University student, but his name has been changed.)

Andrew is a normal college student in most ways. He has a part-time job, attends class regularly, and has aspirations of traveling and making the most of the education he gained during his years at Monmouth University. He even makes good grades.

But Andrew is different from most college students. He admits that he is a drug dealer, involved in the sale of an illegal narcotic that many college students know as weed, pot, reefer, grass, Buddha, or ganja, call it what you will, but plain and simple, he’s a guy who deals with “small weight,” and sells marijuana to the “few” people he considers, “good friends.”

“I only sell to friends; I’m not a business card like, ‘Mr. Nice Guy.’ When you get it from me consider yourself in a real exclusive club,” said Andrew. “I have loyal customers who I treat well.”

“I don’t sell it to sorority girls because they are privileged, they smoke for free. I sell it to some frat guys, people involved in campus organizations,” said Andrew. “A lot of athletes don’t smoke weed, it’s baffling. When they see it at a party they run in the other direction.”

Andrew said he deals because of the small pleasures it brings to life, like extra spending money, and the fact that he has a local guy who can readily serve as a supplier, and because he can make \$300 in 10 minutes for selling an ounce of weed.

Andrew doesn’t drive around campus in a lavish car that draws too much attention; he doesn’t buy clothes a normal college student couldn’t afford. But Andrew has made use of his extra cash by purchasing drugs and alcohol for himself and by paying off a fulsome spring vacation for him and his best friends.

“It’s funny to go to class high and see how seriously everyone takes it.”

ANDREW
Monmouth University Senior

Andrew is not an anomaly on college campuses and that’s what makes his story so much more interesting than most college seniors.

Originally a story that came to mind was one of a drug dealer who makes lots of loot by selling marijuana, cocaine, ecstasy, and whatever other drug college student’s abuse. Instead a story came together about a drug dealer who only deals with a small amount of Mary Jane and has made the best of four college years.

Andrew was attracted to the Monmouth campus because it was a “sleeping party behemoth” that was undiscovered and untouched by students who thought Monmouth was just a name on the Princeton Review. When he began his career freshman year, Andrew was going to class, working and partying on the weekends, while drinking and occasionally flirting with hallucinogens, marijuana, and cocaine.

“The Monmouth I came to isn’t the Monmouth it is now,” Andrew said. “You go to college to party.”

Andrew tells his story because he believes the past few years could have been better if the university had not gotten stricter with students about the drinking policy. And because he feels there is time for a change.

“If we all got away with drinking, we probably wouldn’t do as many drugs. I know I wouldn’t and neither would my friends,” Andrew claims.

Andrew believes the downfall of the university came when university laws went into affect regarding students and alcohol off campus. He feels that the new rules encourage students to find a new high which in effect makes drugs more secretive, appealing, and available.

“Everything you’re trying to rid will just go further underground,” Andrew said.

The problem will only worsen, Andrew believes, and the further underground drugs will go.

A senior male business management major also agrees. He too remembers the major crackdown on drinking during his second year. For that



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The Outlook interviewed a local drug dealer and senior male student who wanted to tell his story to the Monmouth University community.

reason he started using drugs more often, “I mean at one point sophomore year I could get cocaine easier than alcohol. I knew I wouldn’t get arrested if I did coke and I would if I drank a beer,” he said regarding his chances of getting caught high over being drunk.

Andrew’s solution to the problem, allow the university community to enjoy the pleasures they once had his freshman year (’02 -’03) when partying was the “real thing” at Monmouth University.

When he began dealing drugs his sophomore year Andrew quickly built his bankroll primarily by dealing to Monmouth University students. The money he made was spent purchasing other drugs or alcohol for him and friends.

In the past 6 months, Andrew said he has made between \$5,200 to \$6,000 dealing marijuana.

While he feels comfortable dealing with friends and those referred to him by friends, Andrew is not oblivious to the potential dangers resulting from his actions.

“I understand the trouble I can get into,” Andrew said. “I’m not really that bitter (referring to the school’s actions in the last few years), I mean, it’s part of it, but I would just keep my mouth shut if I didn’t care about changing things.”

Since cooperating in the writing of this article Andrew said he has decided to take a less involved role in the Long Branch drug culture and wants to change the way drugs are abused at Monmouth.

“I think it’s secretly because I want to rid the drug problem at Monmouth and the key to getting rid of it is acknowledging that it exists,” said Andrew. “I want to make people aware of the problem therefore people can change the problem.”

When asked why he didn’t join the Student Government Association if he wanted to see a change, he replied, “Do I think there should be a change? Yes. Do I have time in the day to make a change? No.”

Andrew, who took his first drag when he was 17, goes to class high once in awhile and smokes about once a day. “I’m a habitual stoner,” he said. “It’s funny to go to class high and see how seriously everyone takes it.”

Andrew describes getting high like going to get a drink at the bar with friends. “It’s down time” where he can sit back, relax and reminisce about the day with his housemates. “It’s not getting stoned, it’s the act of getting stoned,” he feels.

“Some people drink, some people spend their money lavishly, some people blow coke, some people have freak sex, some people play golf, I smoke weed. I like to get high,” Andrew said.

After all, besides dealing, Andrew contends he is just a normal college student who had a lot of hard feelings toward the change the university has taken with its alcohol policy since he arrived here four years ago.

But all in all he’s, “grateful and happy I haven’t had to pay the price” [of dealing].

When Andrew walks across the stage of PNC Arts Center on May 17 he pictures himself with his finger in the air saying, “Thank you for my diploma.”

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Outlook makes final decisions

Editorial

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This year *The Outlook* dealt with a number of criminal charges against Monmouth University students. Some were caught stealing from fellow students; others were caught with drugs and bullets in a residence hall.

The latest incident occurred this past week, as eight students were arrested and charged with drug possession.

When the story was first brought to *The Outlook's* attention, the staff had to decide how to cover the story fairly and accurately. In order to make that decision John Morano, our advisor, John Genovese, our graduate assistant and myself sat down to decide how to appropriately cover this news story. The main topics of discussion were where to place the article and what names and photos of the students would be used in the pages of *The Outlook*.

Early yesterday morning, a decision was initially made to use photos of the three individuals who had the most serious charges filed against them. However, after further consideration we decided to only use one photo inside of the student who had the most serious charges filed against him. We refrained from using the other pictures of students who were only charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and being under the influence because the Ocean Township Police reported that some of the victims may have been at the wrong place at the wrong time. Week after week we receive campus police reports of drug use on campus (minor quantities). It is our decision to not report these common possession stories every week.

One resident was charged with possession of prescription pills, marijuana, paraphernalia, and possession of hypodermic needles. After carefully evaluating the situation, we decided that this student who may have had some marijuana on him was in more or less in the same boat as the other five students

whose pictures and names were not being used.

We also understand that this student had prescription pills. According to the Ocean Township Police, the pills were sent out to a lab to distinguish the type of pill. For that reason we decided to refrain from using his name and photo. For all we know they could be a generic pill that was prescribed to the resident. Moreover, we were not talking about mass quantities. We were talking about what could have been a single bottle with a hundred pills.

The second resident was charged with the possession of anabolic steroids and hypodermic needles. *The Outlook* does not condone the actions of any of these individuals. Nevertheless, if this student wishes to pump himself with steroids without distributing to others we believe his picture and name should not be used in the pages of our paper.

Lastly, Robert Ahearn, who was charged with possession of over 50 grams of marijuana, the intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia and being under the influence of a controlled substance was a name and face we felt need to be placed.

Our reasoning for doing so was for the mere fact that he along with past student offenders faced serious charges and he had already been identified in other press outlets.

According to Ocean Township Police, if Ahearn is found guilty for a third degree crime he could be facing three to five years in prison and \$75,000 in fines.

Once the decision was made to put Ahearn's photo on paper, the next step was where to place it. Our first intent was to place the photo on the front page above the fold. Then we considered moving the story and the photo below the fold so the identity would not be obvious when the paper was on the news stands. After further consideration we decided to run the photo inside the paper with the jump in an effort to be fair to the accused.

But there are those of you who are wondering why in the past we have put other accused students on the front page with their photos. In this

situation however, we are not talking about a violent crime, we are not talking about a burglary or a robbery and we are not talking about a crime that took place on campus. The lack of those elements we felt enabled us to run the photo with the jump inside the paper. Because Ahearn is faced with the charge of distribution we felt it necessary to run a photo with the story.

Whenever *The Outlook* has to deal with an issue like this one it takes much time and effort to decide on an appropriate headline, sub headline, photo, photo caption and pull quote. Although the story is around 500 words, hours go into planning how to announce unfortunate news to the Monmouth University community.

On Monday and Tuesday, two days prior to print when *The Outlook* staff is working diligently to fill the pages of the University paper, I received multiple e-mails. Some were students pleading with me not to use there photos and names. One was an e-mail from a student's father who warned me that his lawyer would carefully review my article once it was printed. Although these letters were not threats, I took them a little more seriously than other reader responses. *The Outlook* only wishes to print the truth and would not print information that is incorrect on purpose.

These letters did not deter me from printing the student's names and photos. It is our legal right to print any information about the students involved because it is public information and they are all over the age of 18. Nevertheless, we chose not to because we wanted to be fair to those students who may not have committed as serious crimes.

At *The Outlook* we take stories like this very seriously. We do not shoot from the hip, we take careful aim, and do our absolute best to consider all the elements of the situation an effort to be fair, truthful and responsible, and not only to our readers but also to the greater university community that relies on us for good information week after week.

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BY SUZANNE GUARINO

Gas prices have skyrocketed to nearly 3 dollars a gallon. “How does this affect you as a college student?” “What do you think should be done to put an end to this?”



Erin senior
“I commute, so, every week I fill up my tank and every week the price rises. So, I definitely am affected by it. I think they need to speed up the production of hybrid vehicles. These gas prices should be a red flag that something needs to be done, now.”



Paddy grad student
“Eventually we will have to slowly adopt an alternative fuel and lower our dependency on foreign oil. Until then, expect to spend an extra \$20 or so.”



Dave senior
“I drive far to work and don't get paid all that well, so it's going to be hard for me. They should definitely get to work on alternate fuel sources that are cheap.”



Justina senior
“I drive far to school every day so it is rough for me. However, since I am graduating now I won't have to worry about it any more.”



Jessica & Danielle seniors
“We should use Ethanol instead of gasoline to fuel our cars. It would support our economy and reduce the gas prices and pollution greatly. YAY FOR CORN!”

Ideas for changes in parking

Another MU student rails against the accessible parking situation

ERIN ROSE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When I was reading the March 22, 2006 edition of the Outlook, I came upon the Op/Ed sections and was delighted to see Joshua Loudensberry’s editorial, “More than just a parking problem.” I too am disabled, and have great difficulties walking even short distances thanks to four unsuccessful major spinal surgeries and the continuing chronic pain I have been left in. The problems with handicapped parking are not limited to the main commuter lot, but continue in Lot 25.

In the commuter parking lot closest to the Plangere Center, or the Communications Building as it is known to most students, Lot 25, the single handicap spot is located as far away from the building as one can get. Having one in that lot is unacceptable, and illegal. According to New Jersey law, Title 39: Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulations,

“At least one (1) parking space designated for the handicapped shall be provided in all parking lots with up to fifty (50) spaces. Where there are fifty-one (51) to two hundred (200) spaces, two (2) parking spaces must be designated for the handicapped. When there are over two hundred (200) spaces, two (2) parking spaces plus one (1) percent of the number of spaces over two hundred (200), rounded to the next higher whole number, must be designated for the handicapped.”

I do not know the exact number of spots located in Lot 25, since it is impossible for me to walk the

lot counting them, but I am almost positive there are over 200 spots. Therefore, there should be AT LEAST two spots, plus at least one more. The one spot the University grants us is always full, and is too far away from the Communications building. I can’t walk that far and I am sure there are others who are in the same situation.

I’m just asking to be given a fair chance...at having the same future the healthy students have.

We can park in the three spots that are located directly in front of the Communications building, as long as one has a handicap pass. However, they are always full.

Two of the spots are consistently taken by faculty, who could legally park in the adjacent parking spots without fear of a very expensive ticket or in the designated faculty parking lot, where the numerous handicap spots, which are just as close to the Communications Building, are regularly left empty.

The third spot in the row is regularly taken by a fellow handicapped student when I arrive for my classes. So I park in a spot as close to the handicap spots as possible, hang my handicap pass, and hope that I don’t get ticketed for it. Also, when I park in the adjacent parking spots, many times I see at least two or three other cars parked next to the handi-

cap spots with the handicap hang-tags in their windows. Those spots are rarely full, so what is stopping our school’s administration from observing this overflow and designating a few more spots there as handicap to make up for the lack in the commuter lot? Or, designate more than one spot in the commuter lot for handicap

parking? When the entire row next to the building is taken, we are out of luck, especially if it is after 8:30a.m. and Lot 25 is overflowing.

I know that some of the commuter students will be upset with this proposition because there is already a severe lack of parking in the commuter lot. However, try to imagine living in excruciating pain, pain beyond your worst nightmare, and having to fight every day just to get to school, never mind get-

ting through classes and trying to graduate so we can have some sort of future. Imagine not being able to walk a few feet without wondering if you’ll be able to make it another step because the pain is so intense and overwhelming. Then imagine not being able to make it to class because you are unable to park close enough to be able to get into the building. I know it’s hard to imagine, but that’s my daily life. And I know I’m not alone in that.

Monmouth University needs to make a better effort at trying to accommodate their disabled students and give them every opportunity to succeed. As it currently stands, we are not given equal opportunity to get to our classes, let alone an opportunity to succeed. I’m not looking for special treatment. I’m just asking to be given a fair chance. Just a fair shot at having the same future the healthy students have.

Is Monmouth University short changing their handicapped students?

Q: How many accessible spaces are required?

Total # of spaces	Required # of accessible spaces
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51-75	3
76-100	4
101-150	5
151-200	6
201-300	7
301-400	8
401-500	9
501-1,000	2% of total
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Breaking up is always hard to do

ERIN LUCAS
STAFF WRITER

For most, the end of something is never a pleasant thing. Whether it is a friendship, a relationship, or even the loss of a loved one, the feelings we experience after our initial loss are ones that would be gladly avoided if possible. Maybe it’s so hard because loosing something often raises a lot of questions that one thought they were certain of the answers. Some may wonder why they got into the relationship to being with, others may wish they put more effort into it, and than finally, some may wonder if they person they thought they knew, was ever really that person from the beginning.

There are a million different reasons a person will come up with to steer clear of getting involved in a relationship. The timing isn’t right, they’ve been hurt before, there are certain goals they want to achieve, and of course, they’ve been to hurt in the past. Yet, it seems after awhile, your feelings start to take over these reasons as you realize you may really care about someone or possibly be falling in love with them. So after months of being cautious and guarded let’s say you give in and try having a real relationship. Most of us will find nothing has changed except possibly finding yourself happier than you were before because you took

a chance and for the first time in awhile let yourself trust.

What happens though when after a year or two things abruptly change in your relationship, causing it to end, leaving you filled with questions that no one can provide the answers to. You could replay everything over and over in your head wondering where you went

wrong or what could have been done differently. Everyone has different remedies for breaking up but so many of us hold onto something we love the most and don’t realize however, that it’s the one thing hurting us the most. But how is one expected to get on with their normal routine when there are gaps that were usually filled spending time or talking to their ex? Than there are those constant reminders of the past making it hard not to attach the sentimental value they have with that person.

Yet, I think the hardest part of the whole process is realizing how much you trusted somebody by letting them into your life only to have them let you down, completely. The millions of promises they made to you now seem like a cruel

joke, and you’re faced with realizing that person you fell in love with in the beginning just isn’t that person anymore. Denial seems like the best route for this one because once you truly realize this there is nothing left to hang onto, it forces you to be mature and realize you deserve better, even though the thought of someone else seems foreign.

The hardest part of the whole process is realizing how much you trusted somebody...

It seems nothing but time mends your heart and allows you to feel one hundred percent better, but at the same time, this can only happen if you allow it to. It’s so hard to let go of the past because it provides us with comfort and without it we are forced to move into the future with uncertainty. Eventually as you heal you’ll realize the things you want, the things you deserve, and most of all, the person who will give that to you because they want to, not because they feel they need to. Maybe you’ll see that while it does take work to make it right, a relationship should in no way feel like a full time job.

The next obstacle a person may face after finally getting over their break-up is meeting someone new. Who wants to get into something serious after having a rough break

up? Not most people I know. However, just because someone hurt you in the past doesn’t always mean that will be the case. You can’t keep yourself in a protective bubble because the truth is, as a good friend of mine often says; it’s probably going to happen to you five more times before you meet the right person.

For some people, while on the rebound, an opportunity may present themselves immediately after a break-up. At first it might be just that for both people, a rebound, and than it turns into something neither would have imagined. So after you get tired of trying to convince yourself this person doesn’t mean anything to you, all you need to do is ask yourself; does this make me happy? Because if it does, sometimes that’s all you need even if you’ve been hurt by somebody who says they care about you. I guess what we need to realize is not everyone is the same, some people actually mean what they say, and keep the promises they make.

In closing, breaking up is hard to do, and it also makes a lot of other things that should be easy to do a little more difficult. Things will always end but that doesn’t mean you shouldn’t begin them, because for every chance you take, something worthwhile will come out of it. As a quote states, “Every song ends, but is that any reason not to enjoy the music?”



JOSH STRAUSS
STAFF WRITER

I want to make one thing very clear to those of you who are less than informed: WE ARE BEING RIPPED OFF AND MADE A FOOL OF BY THE LEADERS OF OUR COUNTRY, LEADERS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, THE MEDIA, AND BY OIL COMPANIES.

I realize that in this day and age in the United States, where greed, apathy and complacency run amok—especially among the young, well-to-do college circuit (yes, this means YOU)—outrageously, criminally high gasoline prices seem like little more than a minor inconvenience. But, my friends, I'd hate to break the news to you: your selfish, complacent little worlds are finally catching up with you...and everybody else.

Yes, I mentioned earlier that it's the government, in conjunction with oil companies and others who are deliberately pumping up oil prices (for too many reasons to get into in such a short column...and if you're too dumb to be interested enough to look into such an urgent matter then I doubt you'd be worth the words on the page anyway), but it's because of *you* and your inactivity and apathy that this thievery and mockery continues.

Gasoline prices have gone up, literally, every single day for, at least, the past two weeks. Every single day. So much so that gas prices are 25 cents higher as of this writing than they were two weeks ago, according to a survey on Washintonpost.com. They're almost at post-Hurricane Katrina levels (yet, it's funny, but I haven't heard of any major hurricanes happening in any part of the country, have you?) and it's only April. Imagine in July when vacation season starts? We'll be lucky if prices aren't at four bucks-a-gallon. This will affect *everything*.

There is nothing that goes on in your daily life that will not be affected by spiking gasoline costs. Prices on everything will go up—the cost of a gallon of milk, airline tickets, even that spiffy Von Dutch hat you just bought for sixty dollars. And I am absolutely amazed—shocked, even—by how remarkably uncaring and downright stupid and apathetic my fellow students are with regards to this issue.

Really—Do you not even realize, for a second, even, that the money your daddy just spent to fill up your gas tank is going to hostile foreign countries (Iran) that are feverishly seeking the development of nuclear weapons that will inevitably be used against us?

These high gasoline prices that you see are only the beginning. If they continue to rise, as everyone predicts, I am telling you, as sure as I'm sitting here, that this country will go into a recession, and there won't be anything your trendy Abercrombie and Fitch jeans will be able to do to comfort you.

This column is too short to cover all the ground that *should* be covered on this issue—in fact, my head is pounding just thinking of all the ramifications of spiking gasoline prices. But I'm asking you, I'm *pleading* with you, as the youth of this country, to stand the hell up already and stop being so indifferent to the leaders of this country, (whom we elected) treasonously taking advantage of all of us and leaving us in grave danger. Strength is in numbers, and America is supposed to be a country BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE (though you'd never know it these days). Put the beer can down, put the pizza away, and let your voices be heard. Forewarned is forearmed, people.



Two sides of the same coin

Political discourse from the students of Monmouth University



Recently the FDA has refuted the medicinal effects of marijuana found by the Institute of Medicine in 1999...

KEVIN NORTH
STAFF WRITER

Being that this is the last installment of "Two Sides" for the year, we all decided it was finally time to take on the real issues that effect college students today. This week we will ignore foreign politics, taxation, domestic spying and the War on Terror to discuss marijuana. Recently the Food and Drug Administration, FDA, concluded that smoking marijuana has no medicinal value. This study contradicts a 1999 study by the Institute of Medicine.

The FDA has made a lot of mistakes in the past, mostly because the FDA is based around bureaucracy rather than science. The FDA is a part of the federal government. The current administration is very hard on drugs. It only makes sense that the FDA would, whenever possible, try to back the federal government's decisions. The FDA's announcement comes after 10 states passed laws allowing for the use of medical marijuana. Dr. Jerry Avorn, a professor at the Harvard Medical School, opinion on the matter is, "Unfortunately, this is yet another example of the F.D.A. making pronouncements that seem to be driven more by ideology than by science."

The Institute of Medicine is a subsidiary of the National Academy of Sciences, which is possibly the most well respected scientific organization in the United States. The Institute of Medicine released a study in 1999 that found marijuana to be effective in treating the nausea produced by chemotherapy and the wasting associated with AIDS. The study stated, "Although some medications are more effective than marijuana for these problems, they are not equally effective in all patients."

It seems like someone here is misinformed. Either one of the most respected scientific research groups in the country is completely wrong, or the FDA is more concerned with pressing the political agenda of the current administration than the truth. It seems logical that the group with nothing to gain and no political agenda would be telling the truth. It also seems logical that the group made up of actual scientific researchers would be

more knowledgeable on this topic than a group of lawmakers.

Unfortunately, the only logical explanation for the Institute of Medicine's research not being included in the FDA's findings is that it was simply ignored because it does not support the FDA's official position.

"[The Federal Government] loves to ignore our report," Said Dr. John Benson, co-chairman of the Institute of Medicine committee on marijuana research and professor of internal medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, in an interview with *The New York Times*. "They would rather it never happened."

Dr William Lamers, a consultant for the Hospice Foundation of

America, which is dedicated to helping the terminally ill, said in an interview with *Health-Day*, "It's too bad that instead of a statement like that, they [the F D A] don't put money into doing some really valid research. There is none being done now in the United States."

The options are simple. You can believe in scientific data, or you can believe in biased policy making. The scientific data shows that, across the board, the use of THC, marijuana's active ingredient, is more consistent than other medicines used to treat cancer and AIDS related discomfort. The biased policy comes from the same federal agency that said Vioxx was safe (it was later linked with several deaths). The choice is yours.

On another note, thank you for reading my opinions and rants over the past semester. Remember to question anything the government says, protect your rights, Pay attention, Stay informed and make your own intelligent decisions. Have a great summer.

SEAN QUINN
STAFF WRITER

The FDA said Friday that "...no sound scientific studies supported medical use of marijuana for treatment in the United States, and no animal or human data supported the safety or efficacy of marijuana for general medical use."

Since this is from the same agency that said drugs like Vioxx (that apparently gives patients heart attacks) and RU 486 (the pill that allows women to kill their unborn children in the privacy of their own homes and might be linked to several deaths) were perfectly safe and suitable for human consumption, forgive me if I am a little skeptical.

The FDA has a long history of



rushing certain medical decisions through the approval process while burying others in bureaucratic red tape. Now before you start blaming the Bush administration or the big bad republicans for this, it is important to note that the FDA is an independent agency and has been so since 1906.

When the agency was started it was to protect the people of America from bad food and bad drugs. The idea was that there would be standards in place on the federal level to assure that foods and medications met certain standards. Before this time each state had different standards, if at all, and there were times when the medication one would take for an ailment would kill them before the disease would.

The agency has gone far away from this limited but important role in our government and has a bureaucracy choked morass. Drugs or devices that could help people, yet are from small companies or ones from other nations typically don't get approved at all or only after decades

of testing, whereas medications from top drug companies are sometimes pushed through with little medical evidence.

Let me give you a personal example of the ridiculousness of the FDA. I needed a medical device called a peak flow meter. It is a device to monitor lung capacity and force of lung function that asthmatics use.

It is little more than a clear plastic tube with numbers written on the sides and a sliding pointer that moves up the shaft when you exhale forcefully into the mouth piece. Sounds like a simple gadget that you might even be able to make yourself and readily available at your local medical supply store right? Wrong! This little piece of plastic requires a doctor's prescription and it is unlawful for a pharmacist to sell you one without it.

Think of all the medications that one can take that do not need prescriptions.

Over the counter pain killers (which can be fatal if you accidentally over dose), fat burners (which may contain ephedra that has been linked to deaths), cold medications (which can be used to make methamphetamines) and other medications that have warning labels that seem longer then text books.

So in the end a piece of plastic tubing is a controlled substance but I can buy something at 7-11 that will give me a heart attack or could be used to make narcotics. Does this seem strange to anyone else?

I am not advocating that all medications need a prescription, nor I am advocating complete deregulation, but what I am saying is that the FDA needs to practice some common sense. They also need to give all drugs equal standards for testing, even if it is a drug like marijuana.

I don't know if marijuana really helps people in pain and since I have never and will never try an illicit substance so I have no basis for comparison. Yet I also know that people on both sides of the issue have their own agenda, and due to that, we all must be very skeptical.

Sports spectacles: Excitement for all

JARED RADKE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The recent Floyd Mayweather Jr. – Zab Judah fight was another spectacle in the world of sports, where a wild, absurd circus-atmosphere has always been enjoyed by some, and despised by others. At a friend's house, the \$50 dollar HBO pay-per-view event was deemed worth the money by all. Those of us who watched the fight are all boxing fans, but we recognized the possible bore-factor of a welterweight match, even though it featured the world's best pound-for-pound boxer. However, the pandemonium-inducing crotch-punch that Zab Judah delivered to Floyd Mayweather Jr., and the subsequent rabbit punch to the back of the head, had all in attendance howling with disbelief. By the time the fans were throwing chairs into the ring, and Roger Mayweather, Floyd's uncle and trainer, and Yoel Judah, Zab's father and trainer, had been thrown out for brawling with

one another, the entire house was going crazy. Good or bad, it was a spectacle, and there are more and more of such occurrences in pro sports lately, and it makes for good viewing.

Sports "purists" argue that disorderly incidents like the Pistons-Pacers basketball fight are bad for sports in general, as well as current issues like steroid use among baseball players. They believe that the nature of competition lies in sportsmanship, and agree with the punishment of players through sanctions like fines and suspensions. These people are living in the past, unfortunately, as the world of professional sports in no way exists in its "glory days."

It must be recognized that sports are a lost cause on a moral level, and instead of allowing poor behavior like violence and drug use to be sports downfall, such things

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such, and I believe they should truly earn their highly-sought after roles as entertainment figures. Fireman risk their lives for their jobs, and a lot of them are volunteer workers. Steroids shouldn't be banned, heck, they should be encouraged, as brash as that sounds. I think a football player should face some real danger on the field

in earning their millions. Terrell Owens would actually have something to complain about if a raging Warren Sapp on steroids was routinely destroying him whenever he caught the ball. Of course, the career-expectancy of contact sports players will be extremely short, but if one earns multiple millions in one year, a four year career is still like winning the lottery.

It's all about entertainment. Watching modern-day hormone-injected gladiators massacre one another is the next logical step pro sports needs to take, because keeping their athletes in line is obviously not working. If basketball players are going to laugh off fines and suspensions and punch fans in the face, they might as well go all out. Illegal hits should no longer be illegal, giant-forearmed baseball sluggers should take horse hormones as freely as they would once chew tobacco, and the billion-dollar sports industry should earn its keep as a primary source of America's entertainment.

The Holocaust: A time of tragedy, a time of hope

NICOLE STEVENS
STAFF WRITER

Six million Jews died in the Holocaust of the 1940’s. However, this statement is a mere fact, a statistic, a number. The real story of the Holocaust is one of much deeper meaning; it is the story of six million lives destroyed, six million families torn apart, six million futures lost. It is a story of six million human beings and the cruelty and inhumanity they faced under the Nazis. On April 5, in a trip sponsored by the Honors School, several Monmouth history students had the opportunity to expand their knowledge about this tragic time period as they visited New York City’s Museum of Jewish Heritage: A Living Memorial to the Holocaust and met with a Holocaust survivor.

The museum is filled with artifacts, stories, pictures, posters, and facts all relating to Jewish heritage and specifically to the Holocaust and the inhumane treatment of Jews during World War II. Pictures of Hitler stand beside pictures of the Jews he so much despised and so desperately wanted “exterminated.” Anti-Semitic posters are displayed in showcases, along with signs containing phrases such as, “Jews not wanted here.” Another display shows the identification cards which all Jews were forced to have, their citizenship stolen from them with the enforcement of the Nuremburg Laws.

One especially disturbing aspect of the Holocaust exhibit demonstrates the way in which the Germans celebrated the killing of the Jewish people. Examples of such celebration include a board game, in which the player who threw the Jew the furthest was the winner, children’s songs rejoicing at the hanging of a Jew in the marketplace, and a Christmas ornament portraying the image of a Jewish woman hanging dead from a noose.

Also, throughout the museum, films are displayed on small television screens and show actual footage from the Holocaust: children no older than ten sitting on the sidewalk, begging for food; a young girl crying over the sudden death of her young Jewish companion, who is sitting beside her, mouth agape, eyes wide and evincing no signs of life; Jewish women with shaved heads and skeletal bodies walking barefoot through the concentration camps; Jews piled on top of one another, with each others’ bodies as their only mattresses; young boys and girls starving, their cheeks sunk in, their ribs protruding; and babies with no milk, among other scenes of filth, hunger, despair, and sadness as the Jewish people struggled to hang on to what little life they had left.

However, there was hope in this time of sorrow. The tour guide, along with telling stories of death camps and the unbearable living conditions, also told stories of the heroes of the Holocaust—those Jews who fought back, risking their lives and knowing that it was, as the tour guide explained, “better to die with dignity than to live on bended knee.” Jews at the death camp at Sobibor, for example, led a mass escape of 900 Jews, while captured Jews at Auschwitz were able to destroy one of its four death chambers. Many Jews also tried to escape individually; while most failed, some were successful, such as one man who escaped to his freedom by skiing

over the Alps. The skis he used are now mounted in a showcase at the museum in honor of his bravery.

Many non-Jews also proved their bravery and kindness during this time. The museum honors one woman, Anna Soehnlein, who worked an underground system in which she helped take Jewish children to safety, and many survivors today can thank Soehnlein for their lives. Also, the people of Denmark proved to be true heroes, saving 7,000 Jews from their inevitable deaths.

Along with these stories of heroism are other stories of hope—the stories of the survivors. Whether by the help of others or through mere fate, their stories are nothing less than miraculous, and those still living have the opportunity to share their saddening yet inspiring experiences with the world. On their trip to the museum, Monmouth students had the opportunity to hear such a story from one Holocaust survivor, Ruth Merdinger.

Merdinger, now 78, was a mere teen when World War II broke out in Europe, and she and her family were thrown out of their apartment in Poland and forced to move into a ghetto. Many Jews were congregated into areas called ghettos, which consisted of small houses, harsh living conditions, little food, and served one frightening purpose—to gather Jews together to make the task of killing them in mass numbers easier.

Since Merdinger’s father was a doctor, the Gestapo (the secret police responsible for sending Jews to concentration camps) at first spared his life and his family’s life since he would be useful in the event of an epidemic. The Gestapo also gave Merdinger’s father a stamp, which allowed him to travel between the working ghetto where Merdinger and her family lived and the non-working ghetto, which housed many children and the elderly and had no rations for food. Merdinger’s father risked his life crossing the bridge between the two ghettos to bring food to the even less fortunate Jews living in the other ghetto. Unfortunately, neither his kindness nor his medical expertise could save his life; he was later shot and killed after jumping from a train on its way to a concentration camp.

Merdinger and her remaining family were later placed in a labor camp in Krakow-Plascow, Poland, where she worked making bullets for the German army. Although she had to shower with cold water, her good hygiene habits, learned from her parents during childhood, came to be very useful, as Merdinger was careful to avoid lice, which also meant avoiding the debilitating disease of typhus. She also helped her friend Paula avoid lice by cutting her hair and encouraging her to always try to stay clean.

The soldiers who kept watch over them were cruel and strict and made the chance of escaping impossibility; they counted each Jew every morning, and if the count was off, every tenth Jew was taken outside and shot to his or her death.

Fortunately, Merdinger never faced such a death, and when the Russian army liberated the camp in January of 1945, Merdinger and her friends were miraculously still alive, though weak from the hard labor, harsh living conditions, and starvation their bodies had endured.

As the Soviets approached, some Russian soldiers warned

Merdinger and her friends that many of the Russian soldiers were raping Jewish women age sixteen to sixty. Merdinger could not believe that any man could look at their emaciated bodies and not be utterly disgusted, yet many Jewish women were indeed raped after being liberated, adding even more to their pain and suffering. Luckily, Merdinger and her friends were able to hide in an abandoned German apartment and escaped such a situation.

As one of the minority of Jews who survived the Holocaust, Merdinger later traveled

to the United States, where she studied nursing at Beth Israel Hospital in New York City. She later married and had children; now retired, she works with the museum, spreading her story of courage and hope during a time of tragedy. She says that she still has nightmares about her experience, and some memories, such as the time she split a tomato (the equivalent to a pound of gold at the time) with three of her friends, still live vividly in her memory; yet she is also thankful that other less happy memories have faded away.

Her experiences also taught

her many lessons. “Hatred consumes your health,” she says, speaking of the hatred which the Nazis had for Jews but which she proclaims she could never feel towards another German, adding that she could also never buy a Mercedes and has yet to visit Germany.

Above all, being a Holocaust survivor has taught her to have hope—hope to see another day, hope for a better tomorrow. In today’s world, which is also sadly burdened by genocide, war, and murder, Merdinger has one piece of advice: “We have to be able to hope for peace.”


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Student Employee of the Year recognized

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guest speaker of the ceremony. Provost Thomas Pearson handed out the awards to the recipients as well as said a few words to those in attendance.

Provost Pearson said that it is great that we recognize students for their contributions and work to the campus community.

"It is most appropriate to recognize and salute the top 1-2 percent of student employees who are lauded for their quality contributions and their inspiring work ethic," he said.

"The work experience and positive attitude that these students bring to their positions will go in a long way in bringing them professional success and satisfaction."

In addition to the Student Employee of the Year Award, three other awards were also given out. One of the awards went to Alyson Hendrix, who was honored with the Federal Work Study Community Service Award.

"Since I place Federal Work Study students in off campus jobs

as well, I select the student with the highest rating [ranked by the judges] and we present [them] with the Federal Work Study Community Service Award," explained Parks of the award.

Two honorable mentions were also given to Anthony Geremia and Andrew Dudley.

"The University is better off for having student employees. I think it makes a great impression on visitors."

PAUL GAFFNEY II
President

"All prizes are tailored to the winners. The community service winner will receive an oil change and lunch at Nelly's restaurant with a certificate. The honorable mentions will receive \$25 gift certificate to Tuzzio's in Long Branch and Blue Claws tickets," said Parks.

Parks said that she is grateful for all the contributions each of

the nominees have given to the school.

"Their contributions to the University have continued to grow each year [many are seniors]. Many have been nominated before, have high GPA's, and are up for other awards on campus this year," said Parks. "I am grateful

for their outstanding service and good name they give each student employment and I thank them for making my job so special."

President Gaffney said, "The University is better off for having student employees. I think it makes a great impression on visitors."

Andre Richburg, the Assistant Director of Undergraduate Ad-

mission and Kahl-Winter's supervisor, said that he was confident that Kahl-Winter would be a good candidate of winning the student employee of the year award this year.

"She does great work for us in the office. I was anxious to come here and hopefully have her come out as a winner and that she did," said Richburg.

Professor Jane DeTullio, the coordinator of the Writing Center and also Kahl-Winter's supervisor, said, "Jessica has been an outstanding tutor for the Writing Center...She sets a high bar of excellence for herself and others but is patient and compassionate in helping others reach their goals."

Kahl-Winter said that she was shocked upon receiving the honor of Student Employee of the Year.

"Everybody was just wonderful. They have done so much for the University and I know I am not alone in my contributions. I was just surprised it was me compared to all of the other wonderful things I heard about everyone else and all the time and contributions they have given," said Kahl-Winter.

Student arrest



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Monmouth University junior, Robert Ahearn was charged with possession of over 50 grams of marijuana, possession with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia and being under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance.

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to McDermott, "the prescription pills were sent to a lab in order to distinguish what compound is in them."

One other resident, who was not present when the police initially arrived at the house, was charged with possession of anabolic steroids and possession of hypodermic needles.

All of the students were released on summonses with the exception of Ahearn who was charged on a warrant and released on his own recognizance.

According to Lt. Kevin McDermott, if Ahearn is found guilty for a third-degree violation he could be facing three to five years in prison and \$75,000 in fines.

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PAUL GAFFNEY
President

President Paul Gaffney recognized this incident as, "a sad situation." He also added that less than 1 percent of Monmouth University students find themselves in a drug situation like this one.

"While it is risky to life and resume, it also risks suspension and loss of tuition paid," said Gaffney. "The Code of Conduct process and criminal processes in Ocean Township will deal with this particular issue."

The Outlook attempted to contact Saul Tawil, of Brooklyn, the Sherman Avenue landlord, by telephone but he failed to respond by press time.

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Friday, May 5, 2006, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Eligibility Requirements for the Exam

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

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

Requirements for Attempting the Exam

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

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

Resources for Preparing for the Exam

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

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

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

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

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Colleges tuned into iPod use

HOWARD COHEN
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Stroll onto any college campus and you'll see iPods galore.

But while many of the students are no doubt cranking Arctic Monkeys, just as many are listening to podcasts of lectures or specially designed video "vodcasts" of supplemental classroom material.

It's education gone high tech. In

watch over there while on breaks," Gombosh said.

"Dr Clark has taken a 50-minute material lecture and condensed it down to the most important things in a 15-minute segment. It's a lot faster-paced; you get hammered home the most important things."

Second year med student Samantha Xavier, 24, nods. Podcasts, which are also available on regular computers for students lacking

"We're in the formative phase of it and started faculty training to show the power and versatility of podcasting," says Robert Buford, a faculty associate for instructional technology at Broward Community College. Buford has been using podcasts for his speech class material at the college's South Campus in Pembroke Pines, Fla.

"Five or six weeks down the line students will forget so (with podcasting) they can come back to it as a refresher," he says.

Two years ago, Duke University provided iPods to its incoming freshman class and faculty to kickstart its podcasting program. Since then, Duke has expanded the program to all years and 42 classes everything from foreign languages to engineering said Richard Lucic, associate chair of Duke's computer science department.

Duke professors can apply to designate their class an "iPod course" and if approved by the school, the course's students receive an iPod. If the students pass the course, they can keep the iPod.

"They've done a lot of evaluations and focus groups with faculty and students and asked if they thought (podcasting) made a difference and the answer keeps coming out fairly positive," Lucic said.

For Korin Munsterman, American University's Washington College of Law's director of the Office of Technology, it was a no-brainer.

"One of the main selling points was that students can listen to podcasts repeatedly and if English is a second language ... they can modulate the playback _ slow it down."

So far, fears that students would skip classes if they could simply get the content on their iPod haven't materialized.

"There has been no drop in attendance," Munsterman said. "They are supplemental. You can't ask an iPod a question."

"If this is something they can go over in less time and review a whole subject matter several times it should be advantageous."

DR. RON CLARK

University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine

fact, to be a professor one must be increasingly tech savvy.

Consider Dr. Ron Clark, the coordinator of the neuroscience module for the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine. Among the first to take advantage of the new technology, Clark has developed a number of vodcasts by mixing voice, animation and live action to detail the brain and visual system.

"I teach about the brain and we learn in different ways," said Clark, who adds background music to his vodcasts. "Some students love to read primarily. Some are good with audio. Some with video. This has both and images are important on the national board exams for students."

Repetition reinforces learning. "If this is something they can go over in less time and review a whole subject matter several times it should be advantageous."

University of Miami first year medical student Michael Gombosh, 27, thinks it is.

"You can download to your iPod to watch in a car or while on the Metrorail or take to the gym and

iPods, help her retain what she heard in class. Instead of scribbling notes, she can pay attention in class, interact with fellow med students and the instructor, and then pick pertinent auditory information off her iPod.

"When you have a quick question I can just go to that lecture (on the iPod) and go to that point," she said. "I wish I had the video now."

Vodcasts for second-year students is coming shortly probably next semester, said Ryan Bard, UM's Web systems developer.

Educause, a national nonprofit association that promotes and tracks the use of information technology within universities, said the use of audio-only podcasts and the new video vodcasts is primed to grow exponentially.

"It's a phenomenon," said Educause's director of communications Peter DeBlois from his Colorado office.

Already on line: Broward Community College, Stanford, University of Oregon, University of California-Irvine and Georgia State University.

Q & A gets to the bottom of housing

SAMANTHA YOUNG
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Housing selection for the 2006-2007 school year ended in Anacon Hall on Saturday, April 22.

As students continue making frequent trips to Residential Life trying to decide their fate for the upcoming year, Director James Pillar answered some questions about the housing lottery, selection process and possibilities for the future.

Question: How many students are now on the waiting list?

JP: There are 100 current residents and 45 commuter students on the waiting list for next year.

Question: How many people can the residence halls on campus accommodate?

JP: The residence halls can house 1,782 students. Of these, 750 are left vacant for freshmen and 50 rooms for transfer students.

Question: How many students are accommodated in off-campus housing (Pier Village, Fountain Garden)?

JP: 174 students.

Question: How is priority determined for wait-listed students?

JP: We try to take in respect lottery number, distance to Monmouth and any extenuating circumstances they may have.

Question: Has there been any progress on the construction of the new residence hall?

JP: It has been approved however, it's now in court. The West Long Branch residents are suing the zoning board to stop construction. They want no more activity to occur on this side of campus. It is too early to tell how it is going to turn out. After 18 months of testimony, hopefully the courts will look favorably on our propositions.

Question: What are some solutions Residential Life has come up with to solve the housing problem?

JP: We currently have students living in 20 apartments in Pier Village and hope to aggressively pursue more units as they become available. We have completely tripled all of Redwood and 23 rooms in Oakwood. It is my hope not to triple any more rooms.

Question: Why?

JP: It is not an ideal situation for students. It solves the problem as far as space but it does not meet all the needs of the students.

Question: Have there been other ways of conducting the housing lottery?

JP: Prior to 1997, housing was given on a first come, first serve basis. The seniors reported to The Club, juniors to Pollak Theatre and sophomores to Bey Hall. What happened with this system was that students starting sleeping outside of their respective buildings two to three days in advance. There were students sleeping in the snow one year. The current process was designed with students, members of Residential Life, and the student government. It is evaluated every year by the Student Government Association.

Question: What are the strengths and weaknesses of this current system?

JP: The pros are that students have equal opportunities to select rooms; it evens the playing field. It takes away from intervention or favoritism. The cons are that students aren't always able to get the room they desire.

Question: How many beds are needed to house all students who desire to live on campus.

JP: In an ideal situation, where no rooms would have to be tripled, there would have to be another residence hall and an additional 200-400 beds on top of that.

Question: What about the empty beds seen in residence halls?

JP: After a certain point in the semester, the students are not given a refund on their housing, should they decide not to live on campus. At this point, letters are sent out to the people on the waiting list informing them of an opening. Unfortunately, by the end of October, no one wants to come onto campus so late in the year. The same happens spring semester. After winter break the wait list students, wherever they have been living, are comfortable and do not want to uproot their lives for only a few short months. This becomes a precedent every year, but it is not due to our lack of effort to fill the rooms.

Question: Why not let everyone only pull in one person?

JP: As it stands right now, a person can pull from three to five people into an apartment and one to three people into a suite. This is arranged in this way because two people in an apartment or suite with two other people they don't know can cause more conflicts than if there were friends living together. A student who doesn't have anyone to pull him or her in will end up being penalized for being quiet or unpopular.

Question: Why are they called Residence Halls as opposed to dorms?

JP: The term residence hall connotes more than just a building. It's a place with programs and interactions. It subscribes to the community aspect we are trying to achieve here. Dorm, on the other hand, brings to mind a dismal, old room. It is a bad concept of what a hall is.

Question: Do you think the process will ever change?

I, as well as Residential Life, are both very receptive to students' new ideas. We go by what history shows and what works. We'll work with the student government to see what's equitable to all students.

Question: Has summer housing reached capacity?

JP: For summer classes, we utilize half of Maplewood, half of the Great Lawn apartments, all of Willow Hall and one floor of Spruce. The apartments are sold out and the remaining beds are almost full as well. There are only 30 beds left.

For more information about housing, please visit Residential Life located in Pinewood Hall.

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Study abroad correspondent Bob Danhardt stands in front of the great pyramid in Egypt.

BOB DARNHARDT
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

Well, this is it: the final article on my trek through Europe. Up to this point. I have written about specific trips and experiences that I’ve had. However, I feel that since this is the final article, I should include my overall experience from day one until now.

So how much have/will I spent/spend? \$8,500

This, of course, is the area that most people are most interested in, and rightly so. However, I caution those who may look at the value and gasp. There are a number of things to consider first before jumping to any conclusions. With this amount of money, I have been to 12 different countries. Remember, to see all these places, you need roundtrip flights and places to stay, which will be your biggest expense guaranteed. My spring break to Egypt, however, was a big money pit, adding up to almost 1/4 of my total costs (there are a few reasons for this, but I do not have enough room to explain here). While I was visiting these countries, I also saw as much as I possibly could. Consequently, that meant a ton of admission fees, most of which were at student prices (thanks ISIC!). Food was also a big expense. The problem was you have to eat during these trips, and water and loaves of bread will only get you so far! However, I think the cost that I found most surprising was souvenirs. Although I did not buy a ton in any one place, it does add up. I would say that, overall, they came to be a little more than 1/8 of my costs.

The figure above is a big one, and I do believe that the whole experience can be done for less money (but in some cases I think it may mean you experience less). Here are a few suggestions:

- 1.) Book flights as early in advance as possible, but make sure you do a lot of research before committing to ensure you are getting the best deal. The places and times of year and day you travel all have a lot to do with prices.
- 2.) If you are going on package tour, try to bring at least one friend. If you go it alone, there is no one to split costs with, making it as much as 60% more expensive. (However, traveling alone just for a weekend or something is not going to cost you more, only spring break type trips)
- 3.) Make sure you use your student card (the ISIC provided through the MU study abroad program). It will save you a good deal if you remember to use it.
- 4.) The cheapest way to do food is to try and find a local grocery store and get whatever will satisfy you. I know that many countries I’d visit would have a stand outside selling water for a certain price, and when you’d go into the grocery store, you could get a bottle 3 times as big for half of the price you paid outside. Just shop smart (and that’s in regards to everything).
- 5.) Souvenirs are a tough area to cut back on. My recommendation would be to get something little at every place you go. Postcards can count as something from the country you visit, and even add to the sentimental value because of the personal touches you can add to them. Also, if you plan to be in a city for a few days, just take note of what things cost so that by your last day there, you know where to get all the cheapest things you have been looking for.

Of course, this trip could have been much more expensive, too. You just have to be smart. Despite the seemingly big price tag up top, I can guarantee that if you took these trips at another point in your life and did everything that I did, the amount you would spend would be much more.

Where have I been?

As those of you who have followed along have read, I have been to many countries. Almost every weekend was a different place, and thus, a different story! The following is a chronological list of my the places I’ve visited:

- 1.) Paris, France (Feb. 10-12)
- 2.) Torino, Italy (Feb 17-19)
- 3.) Tour of Scotland (Feb 24-26)
- 4.) Dublin, Ireland (March 2-5)

- 5.) Tour of Egypt (March 9-19)
- 6.) Prague, Czech Republic (March 23-26)
- 7.) Athens, Greece (March 31-April 2)
- 8.) Interlaken, Switzerland (April 7-9)
- 9.) Berlin, Germany / Krakow and Warsaw Poland (April 13-17)
- 10.) Pony Trekking in Wales (April 21-23)
- 11.) Venice/Rome, Italy (April 27-May 1)
- 12.) Barcelona, Spain (May 4-6)

Although the above lists a lot of places, it is not inclusive of everything. It is missing the one country that I spent most of my time in: England. In England, I have gone to many places, from castles to Stonehenge,, from comedy clubs to palaces, and from parks to arcades. It is a great country to visit by itself, but to live in it is just remarkable!

What are my thoughts now that I have done all this?

In these past four months, I have done more and seen more than a good number of people will ever get to see or do in a lifetime. Such a small percentage of American students get the opportunity to study abroad, and because of this, I realize how lucky I am to have had this opportunity. However, once you get the traveling bug, you can’t get rid of it! I want to see so much, and only hope that my life in the future will allow me to do so. The world is an amazing place, and it is not until you get outside of that realm of familiarity that you truly start understanding it.

As I’ve said in a previous article, we get so used to our everyday routine that we begin to take for granted the remarkable wonders of the world that lie all around us.

There is no better feeling in the world than that of accomplishment, knowing that you did something that few others can claim. That is the study abroad experience...

BOB DANHARDT

I bring up this point because, although I have seen a lot of other places in the world, and now love and appreciate them, never has there been a time when I have been more proud of being an American! I love our country and its uniqueness. It’s not until you are removed from it that you begin to see the true extent of what you have.

Would I recommend studying abroad?

Without question. I chose to study in London, England, but Monmouth also offers two other programs in Sydney, Australia and Madrid, Spain. After meeting many other students from all over the United States, there is one thing that is indisputable (even by the people from other schools): that Monmouth has the best study abroad program there is. Its organization, personal touch, etc. easily put it head and shoulders above the programs of other schools that attended Regent’s College in London. Most of the things you would worry about are already taken care of. The only thing that really ends up being left to you is the type of experience that you are going to have.

Studying abroad, in my opinion, makes you appreciate so many things so much more. You get to see the world in a way that you will never be able to do again. Even if you come as an adult, it would never be the same. You begin to see how small, yet diversified the world really is. I think the thing that changed most for me has been my opinions of other languages. I used to despise them, mostly because I could not grasp them. Although the latter part of that statement is still probably true, I have a much stronger interest in giving it a shot.

There is no better feeling in the world than that of accomplishment: knowing that you did something that few others can claim. That is the study abroad experience, not only an opportunity of the moment, but of a lifetime (and it looks great on resumes too!!). To not even entertain the idea of going abroad is a disservice to yourself. In doing so, you are being robbed of what many claim to be the best experience of their life.

To all of you...

Some of you have followed along through the whole series of my articles, other a select few, and still others, maybe just this one. However, I thank all of you. Without you, there would be no articles. If there is no one to read it, then why write it?! This has been a truly amazing experience for me, and one that I wish I could give to all you: students, teachers, faculty and staff alike. However, I know that is impossible, but that might be for the better. It would a crime to try and give you my experience without letting you have your own. I hope, however, for those of you who have read and been interested, that you seriously consider taking hold of this opportunity. The things you have read about and the pictures you have seen do not even begin to tell the story. My only wish then is that these articles have provided a source of help or even motivation to get the ball rolling on what I guarantee to be the greatest decision you will ever make.

Again, I thank all of you for everything, especially Robyn Asaro and the study abroad team. It has been a phenomenal ride. As always, if you have any questions or comments (not just this semester, but whenever you have one), you can email me at s0576051@monmouth.edu, or Robyn Asaro at rasaro@monmouth.edu. I wish you all the best today and everyday, no matter where life may take you!



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The Study Abroad team gathers for the Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy



Who Will It Be?

BRIANA MULCAHY
STAFF WRITER

Six finalists left to go. Who will take home the title of being the next *American Idol*? Well in about 4 weeks the whole world will know, but I along with my two roommates, Kayley Higgins and Kristine Ehlers, will be there to see first hand who wins. Being able to go to the American Idol finale is quite possibly the coolest experience ever. I was able to go last year with my sister Lindsay and it was amazing. The show is taped at the Kodak Theater in Los Angeles, California so not only do we get to go to the show, but we are in LA!

We are treated like royalty from the moment we arrive. We stay at the beautiful Four Seasons Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel. Yes, that's the hotel that Lindsay Lohan frequently sits by the poolside. Last year my sister and I sat with John Mayor at the pool and met Rachael Lee Cook in the lobby. Hopefully this year the hotel will be full of celebrities. During our free time, we got to visit Rodeo Drive. Not that my sister and I could really afford anything but we liked to pretend we could. Hopefully this year we can make another trip to that famous street.

The show is on Tuesday May 23 and the finale is on Wednesday May 24 and we will be attending both of them. We get a special meet and greet with the top two contestants. Last year it was Carrie Underwood and Bo Bice, this year we hope its Chris Daughtry and Katharine McPhee! After the finale on Wednesday we get to go to the after party and meet all of the contestants and dance the night away with them. Not to mention the free food and drinks.

Going to California and going to this show is such an amazing way to start off our summer. I have had a count down since day 90 and now that it is in the 20s, I really can't wait! So for those of you who don't watch the show now would be a great time to start. There are six contestants left, and by the time you read this another contestant will be ready to be voted off. So start watching and support your favorite idol, I know I am!

Reed Fish Reels in a Big One

KRISTEN RENDA
STAFF WRITER

This week, the fifth annual Tribeca Film Festival in New York City will be underway. With many films being shown throughout the next twelve days, one film in particular seems very promising. It is called *I'm Reed Fish*, starring Alexis Bledel (*Gilmore Girls*) and Jay Baruchel (*Million Dollar Baby*).

I'm Reed Fish is a coming-of-age story about a young deejay named Reed Fish, who has a small radio show in his town of Mud Meadows. Fish is at an ideal point in his life - engaged to the town beauty, very well-liked across town, and has a pretty cool job. Just when everything is going great, his former crush comes back to town, causing him to rethink where his life is headed.

During a phone interview with the writer, coincidentally named Reed Fish, he said he wrote the film

simply because, "I wanted to make a movie." Having a background in visual arts, Fish wanted to expand on that, and since he could not find a screenwriter, he decided to write a script himself.

This is Fish's first screenplay, which was written over five years ago. The first draft of the script only took about three or four months to write; however, over the past five years, changes to the script were constantly being made. He said he had many drafts before there was a finished product.

Noticing the title's namesake,

one has to wonder whether or not the film is autobiographical, cataloging the experiences of Fish's life. "Not explicitly," he said. "When I first wrote it, the character definitely was, but after all the rewrites, certain aspects faded away." Fish also said, "Certain things are the same and certain things aren't."

When asked what we can expect from the film Fish said, "It has heart.... It's funny, it's sad, and it has some twists in it."

With a great cast and an interesting storyline, this film seems like it will be a big hit. Tickets for opening night at Tribeca sold out in only a few hours after being on pre-sale for American Express card members. There are still some tickets available for other showings, so if you want to attend a screening get your tickets now.

To buy tickets for a screening of *I'm Reed Fish*, go to www.tribecafilmfestival.org.

For more information on the film, visit www.imreedfish.com.



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Jay Baruchel and Alexis Bledel star in *I'm Reed Fish*.



Chris Daughtry
Age: 26



Katharine McPhee
Age: 21



Elliott Yamin
Age: 27





Paris Bennett
Age: 17



Kellie Pickler
Age: 19



Taylor Hicks
Age: 29

Kingdom Hearts II

CHAD ESPOSITO
STAFF WRITER

Kingdom Hearts II picks up right after the events in Kingdom Hearts 1 and Kingdom Hearts: Chain of Memories. Kingdom Hearts is a role playing game jointly created by Square-Enix and Disney.

The main character in the game is a boy named Sora who lives on a stranded island area called Destiny Islands with his friends Riku and Kairi and some other island people like Tidus (from FFX), Selphie (from FFXIII), and Wakka (from FFX). The story picks up when a group of Heartless, these monsters created from the darkness in people's hearts, attack the island and Sora somehow gets transported to Traverse Town, a whole new world. It's here that Sora finds out

that he is the only one who can save his friends and that he wields the Keyblade. A Keyblade looks like a giant key but is particularly good at battling the Heartless with. Sora

"The graphics were awesome and it was an overall fun game."

ALEX ABRAGAMOV
Junior

finds many keyblades throughout both games and he finds others who can wield a keyblade as well like Mickey Mouse, Riku, and Organization XIII members. It is up to Sora now to find his friends Riku and Kairi and somehow go back to how things used to be.

The Japanese pop singer Utada Hikaru sings the opening tracks for both games as well as the closing tracks as well. In Kingdom Hearts she sang "Simple and Clean" which was the launch for many into who she is and helped her fan base grow

greatly. In Kingdom Hearts II she sings another great song called "Sanctuary" (or Passion in Japan). Haley Joel Osment, who stars in *Pay It Forward* and *The Sixth Sense*, provides the voice-over for Sora in both games and many other voice-overs like Mandy Moore and David Boreanaz's voices are provided for different characters throughout the series.

In the series Sora, Donald and Goofy travel to different Disney worlds playing through the corresponding movie plot stories and then locking the worlds so they do not disappear by finding the keyhole in the world and then using the keyblade. The first game had different worlds like *Aladdin*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Pinnocchio*, *Peter Pan* and *Alice in Wonderland*. The newest installment has additions of the *Pirates of the Caribbean* world, *Mulan* world and old *Steamboat Mickey* world as well as a *Tron* world.

Alex Abragamov, a junior at Monmouth University, said the game "looked really cool. The graphics were awesome and it was an overall fun game".

Perhaps what is most confusing is that the secret hidden ending gives a definite impression that there will be a Kingdom Hearts III. Square-Enix and Disney have yet to comment on this but definitely check this game out and check Gamespot.com or any other gaming site for updates.



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Kingdom Hearts II
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WHO IS THE BAND?



BILL STECH
STAFF WRITER

In the 50s it was Elvis. In the 60s it was the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. The 1970s largely belonged to Led Zeppelin, Elton John, and the Eagles. The 80s were an odd era musically, but Michael Jackson was the biggest artist in world as far and tours and album sales. But what about *our* bands? In twenty years which artists will we look back on and say that it was their time? For argument's sake, lets take the era of 1991-2006 and try to narrow it down.

The concept of a generation's band is somewhat indefinable. The artists who sell the most records are not always influential or remembered. The artists who were the most innovative tend to go unnoticed in their time. Combining all these elements, especially continued fan interest when the artist comes around for a tour, the most important bands of this era have been U2, the Dave Mathews Band, and Pearl Jam. All three are locks for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Many would argue that U2's time has passed, and that their best album was 1987's *The Joshua Tree*. But U2, from 1991's *Achtung Baby* which included the hits "Mysterious Ways" and "One" to last year's *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*, U2

has maintained maximum fan interest and media coverage. U2 has been the same four members since their mainstream breakthrough, a theme that all three of these bands share. They have reached almost mythical status, a compliment normally reserved for bands of the past. After two experimental albums in the 90s, 1993's *Zooropa*, which included the classic "Stay," and 1997's *Pop*, they returned in 2000 and 2004 with two hit-laden albums and massive tours.

U2 is more popular today than they ever have been. Could that be attributed to the fact that they have older fans that can afford higher ticket prices? Perhaps. But their albums and tours are guaranteed successes. Plus it doesn't hurt to have guys in the band named The Edge and Bono.

The Dave Mathews Band is extremely popular for several reasons. They are unique, with a fiddle and a saxophone. They have an excellent live presence, as drummer Carter Beauford often steals the show. Rarely are two set lists the same. They are versatile, ranging from the breezy (see "Satellite") or the angry and intense (see "Don't Drink the Water"). Finally, as a whole they write not only great

songs but consistent albums. Since their debut in 1993, the Dave Mathews Band got better with each album, although many, including Dave Mathews himself, agree that 1998's *Before These Crowded Streets* was their crowning achievement to date.

One way to keep fans interested and stay relevant is constant output. As a band they have released seven full-length studio albums, and Mathews has put out one solo album. One luxury of being an insanely popular live band is that the interest is there for live albums. They have officially released seven live albums, if you include Mathews' live acoustic set with guitarist Tim Reynolds.

You may read this and say, "I can't stand them. I hate his voice." But for every person age 16-30 that hates the Dave Mathews Band, there are another ten who have at least bought one of their albums or been to one of their concerts.

The final band up for debate as being the band of our time is Pearl Jam. Since their debut in 1991 with the massive-selling *Ten* to this year's *Pearl Jam*, which comes out next week, Pearl Jam has built a huge and loyal following.

Pearl Jam was one of the few bands to come out of the grunge era of the early 1990s to not be accused of imitating Nirvana. Early

hits like "Alive," "Daughter," and "Better Man" gave them chart success and critical acclaim. But they were more than a hit-making rock band. Like U2 and the Dave Mathews Band, Pearl Jam has had continuity in not only their members but also their productivity.

Two key reasons for their continued access, aside from how great and passionate their music has been for the last fifteen years, are touring and output. Anyone try to get tickets for the summer tour? Almost every concert sold out in an hour or less. As far as output, aside from the full-length albums and compilations they have appeared on, Pearl Jam releases every concert as a live album available almost immediately after their shows, and every Christmas

releases a charity single, such as 1999's "Last Kiss." They give us a reason to stay interested.

There could be other bands up for consideration, such as Radiohead, or Green Day, but for the time being U2, Dave Mathews Band, and Pearl Jam are *the* bands of our generation.



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All That You Can't Get Leave Behind
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Revisiting ROSWELL

SAMANTHA YOUNG
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

So, looking at the headline of this article, you are probably wondering why we are revisiting a show that went off the air four years ago.

The answer is short and sweet: Kristen Renda. It is no secret she is in love with Jason Behr and, as a result, her friends are put through a barrage of facts about Mr. Behr himself. In passing one day, Kristen gave the first season of Roswell to view in the comfort of my dorm room.

After the opening scenes of the first episode, I was hooked. The integration of romance, science fiction and wit are blended perfectly, making anyone watching completely entranced.

The storyline at times can be a little complicated and, like any other show, there are some plot-holes, but as an ensemble, it is definitely worth a gander.

For easy clarification should you decide to start watching the show, please look below to the handy little chart I have made. This is only the beginning, all of the characters are intertwined more than could be done with the limited space given.

Here's the deal, a spaceship from an alien planet crashed in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. Inside were pods chambers housing half human, half alien children.

When they turn six, these children, most notably Max, Isabel and Michael, emerge from the

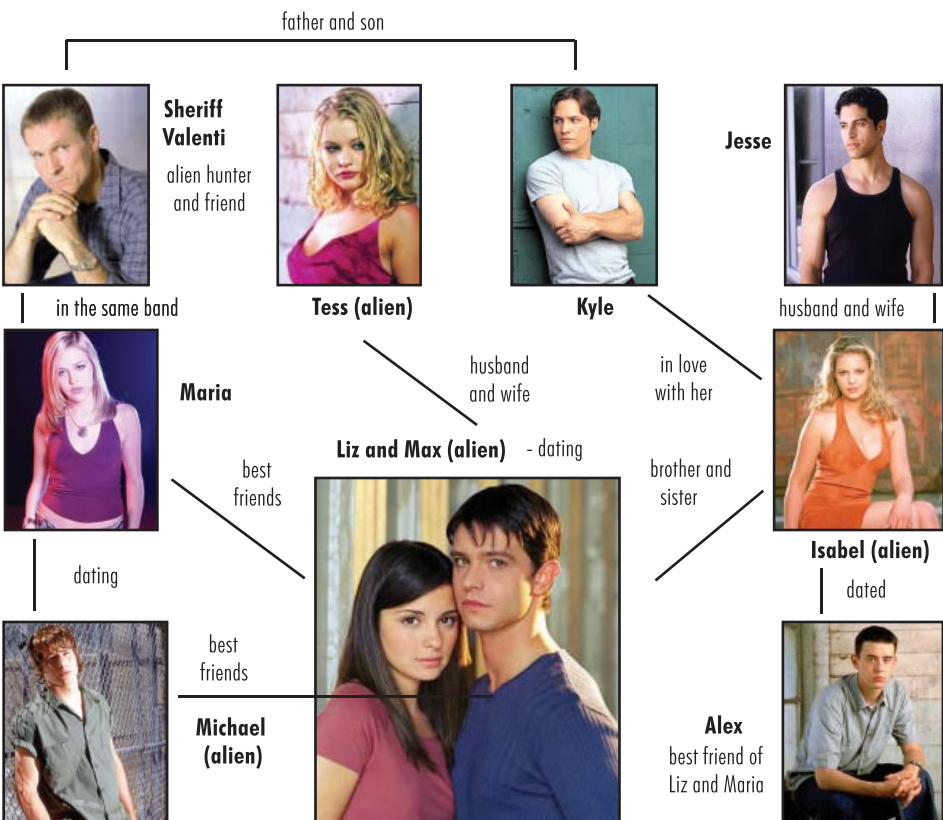
chambers. Max and Isabel are picked up on the side of the road while Michael goes into foster care.

All three remain as close as siblings over the next ten years and keep their powers a secret (oh yeah, each alien has a special power).

The day things start to unravel happens at the Crashdown Cafe where Liz and Maria work. During a tussle, Liz is shot and Max uses his healing power to save her. Afterwards, he is forced to admit to her his true identity.

How are these three aliens to survive when their identity exposed?

Going any further into detail would give away too much and ruin it for all of you!



A Talk with a Skinwalker

KRISTEN RENDA
STAFF WRITER

We all love horror movies, whether someone is being chased through the woods with a hatchet, or a creepy little girl is coming out of a television set, America is thrilled by them. Later this year, Lions Gate Films will put out another horror film about something that besides *Harry Potter*, hasn't recently been touched upon—werewolves. The movie is entitled *Skinwalkers*, starring Jason Behr, Rhona Mitra, Natassia Malthe, and Rogue Johnston.

During an interview with Johnston, I was able to find out some interesting things about the movie, as well as what got him into acting.

Johnston grew up outside of Toronto, and was a kickboxer for many years. He was an excellent kickboxer, and most likely would still be doing it today, however his family did not approve of it.

While looking through a magazine, he saw an article looking for a martial artist to be in a B movie action film. He auditioned, and got the role. After that, he quit martial arts and decided to become an actor full time.

As he was shopping around for a new agent, one that was interested in him saw an audition for the part in a new movie that has to do with werewolves, and told him he couldn't pass this up. Johnston was thrilled because he has always been fascinated with werewolves. He said, "It's funny because I go out as a werewolf every Halloween."

Playing the part of Grenier, Johnston was drawn to that character because he was a werewolf. However, he wasn't quite sure if he would get the role because of how the filmmakers envisioned him. "Grenier was originally written for a 295 pound or more actor, with

a face scarred like a road map," he said. Not getting discouraged, he went into the audition wanting to change their minds, and played Grenier in a different style. Fortunately for him, the filmmakers loved it and cast him.

Grenier is a part of a group of werewolves whose leader is played by *The Grudge's* Jason Behr. "I can't say anything bad about Jason; he is one of the coolest guys you'll ever meet." Behr's character is named Varek, and he, along with Grenier, and two other werewolves are looking for a boy who is about to approach a turning point in his life.

Johnston said that out of all the roles he has played, he has had the most fun working on *Skinwalkers*. He got to drive around on big motor cycles, and even did all of his own stunts. "Every single bit of action is me." He said that Grenier was really fun to play as well because he was absolutely psycho. "He's a tenacious little pitbull, and has powers the rest of the group doesn't have."

Werewolf movies aren't anything new, so what makes this movie so different from all the rest? "Right away the whole feel of the film is different," Johnston said. "It has a spaghetti western feel to it." Most movies like this, take place in a big city, which separates *Skinwalkers* from the rest. "The title alone is different," he said, "it goes with the Native American mythology of shape-shifters—skinwalkers."

The way the werewolves look seems to be very different as well. "Instead of a wolf head with a human body, we shapeshift into wolves." Johnston also stated that the special effects are amazing, and that everything is completely different from the rest.

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HOROSCOPES

By Linda C. Black,
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Apr. 26th)

Check big projects off your lists this year, one after another. You'll be amazed at how much better this makes you feel.

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

♈

Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is a 8

OK, you can launch now. You'll shoot straighter and get farther than you expected.

♉

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 6

You're generally slow at making decisions. You find it more comfortable. Today, however, act quickly on a snap judgment, and you'll do fine.

♊

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

If you have a short attention span, write yourself a note. Use bold colors and big letters, and put it where it can't be missed. Don't leave anything to chance.

♋

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 7

You're in line for a promotion, a raise or a more difficult work assignment. It could be all of the above put together. If you get an offer, take it.

♌

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

Don't spend the entire day goofing around, even if you feel like it. You need to present a professional demeanor. Important people are watching.

♍

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

You can get what you've been seeking. Don't be embarrassed to shop in places where the overhead is low. Find it cheap.

♎

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

There's one way to beat the competition _ win them over to your side. Opposites attract, and today you're very attractive.

♏

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is an 7

Push yourself past your own best time. Work faster and make more money. Great treasures can be yours but only if you move quickly.

♐

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 8

Recent enterprises have been tiring. Accept encouragement. Let somebody who loves you reinforce your confidence.

♑

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

Something you've kept hidden turns out to be exactly what you need. You had a hunch this would happen, and it did, eventually.

♒

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

Your curiosity is intense now. You can partially satisfy it by yourself, but not completely. Consult a wise older friend.

♓

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

Another's generosity is tapped, in your favor. Be gracious and accept what you're given. Yes, you do deserve it.

ACROSS

- 1 Non-standard English
- 6 Encourage a yegg
- 10 Jazz singing style
- 14 Rome's river
- 15 Burrowing garden pest
- 16 Sugar source
- 17 Actress Verdugo
- 18 Novelist Stoker
- 19 Gymnast Korbut
- 20 Jack Lemmon role
- 23 Ninny
- 26 _out of (decline)
- 27 Seniors
- 28 Philippines metropolis
- 30 " _ Bulba"
- 32 Matt Damon role
- 34 Bleacher cry
- 37 Knight's wife
- 38 Our sun
- 39 "Star Wars" knight
- 40 WSW opp.
- 41 Dustin Hoffman role
- 45 Livestock shelters
- 46 Longin
- 47 Notify
- 50 Narc's org.
- 51 Showed the way
- 52 Gary Cooper role
- 56 Domain
- 57 Give a hand?
- 58 Too weird
- 62 Affirm with certainty
- 63 Nora's pet
- 64 Gridlock
- 65 Anatomical sac
- 66 Ollie's partner
- 67 The present time

DOWN

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- 2 Small, in Dogpatch
- 3 Justice Fortas
- 4 Oahu goose
- 5 Rolled oats breakfast
- 6 Circuit

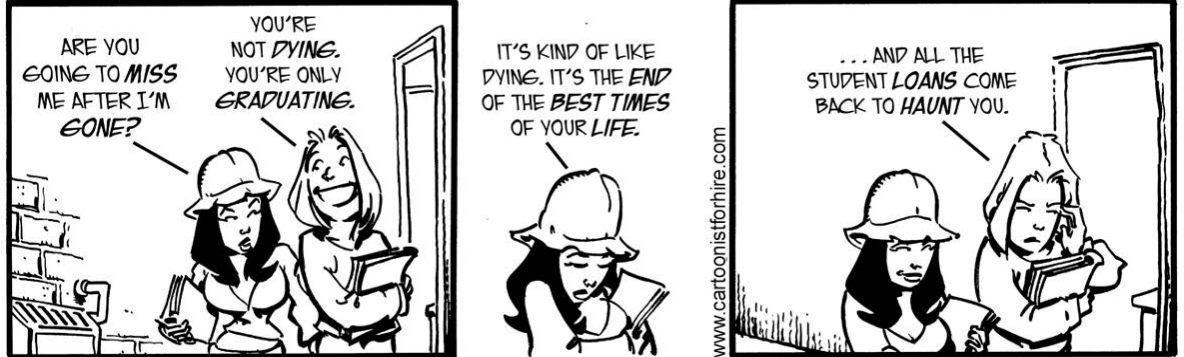
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- 22 _Ude, Russia
- 23 Sufficient
- 24 Foil alternative
- 25 Derogatory
- 29 Wrigley Field growth
- 30 Lopes along
- 31 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" heroine
- 33 Sports fans' channel
- 34 Lube again
- 35 Love to pieces
- 36 Tackled a trail
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- 41 Feel concern
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- 43 Logical start?
- 44 Closest
- 45 "The African Queen" star
- 47 Writer Asimov
- 48 Having chutzpah
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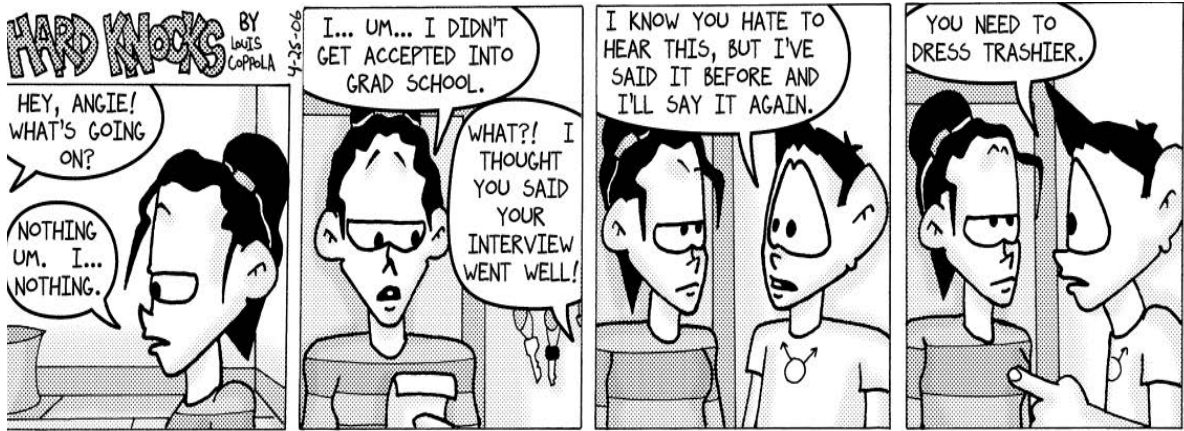


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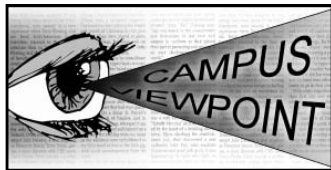


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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

PAUL





"What is your favorite memory of this past school year?"

BY: SUZANNE GUARINO



Ryan
senior

"For spring break we went to Puerto Vallarta, MX and my housemate got deathly ill while we partied all week. It's a great memory for all of us."



Nicole
junior

"My radio show with Angelica & Cece. Tons of fun!"



Kevin, Rose & Angela
freshmen

"When the power went out and it was pouring out and flooding, everyone went mud sliding on the lawn."



Mike
sophomore

"My girlfriend and I always met up at the garden outside Wilson Hall. We watched the seasons change and talked about fun stuff."



Lauren
sophomore

"Rush, Homecoming, and spring formal in Atlantic City."



Aaron
sophomore

"Being nominated for Homecoming."



Tiffany
junior

"Modeling in the fashion show."



Johnny Ca\$h
senior

"I will remember all the fine, voluptuous, sweet, caring, sexy, honest taste-like-candy girls."



Anna & Nicole
freshman

"Meeting new people."



Harrison "Crabfeathers" Green
sophomore

"Being in *The Outlook*!"

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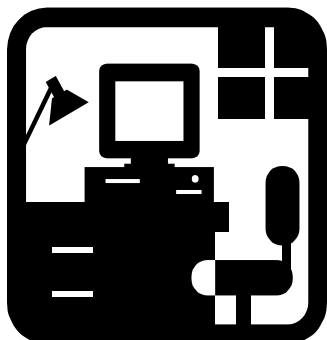
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Rock & Roll history was made at WMCX 25 years ago, when Bob Marley died



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Jeffrey Steinberg is a Monmouth Alumnus of 1984.

JEFFREY STEINBERG MONMOUTH ALUMNUS

On Monday May 11, 1981, almost 25 years ago, history was made at Monmouth, when international recording star Bob Marley died. Our very own WMCX radio was the first to make the sad announcement hours ahead any media in the world, including the likes of CNN, MTV & WNEW, who even called WMCX within twenty minutes of the announcement on WMXC to verify the reporting of Marley's passing.

Imagine being on the news desk at CNN and hearing that a college radio station in New Jersey, is announcing Bob Marley's death and playing a tribute to him at that very moment. The story of WMCX quickly circulated the media landscape and everyone was calling WMCX, our radio station. As Jeffrey Steinberg, then student disc jockey fielded all the calls he recalled, "As the phones lines where all blinking, I quickly became aware of the frenzy I had just caused", said Steinberg.

Hours later Steinberg aired the very last recorded interview Marley had ever done, just a week earlier with Steinberg by phone while Marley was in a West German clinic being treated for cancer, which took his short but very meaningful life a week later.

The last Bob Marley interview is headed to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame to be placed in their protective care. The interview has only been aired once since May 11, 1981 and will be rebroadcast again for the first time in twenty-five years on the only station ever to air Bob Marley's last interview, WMCX 88.9FM with Jeffrey Steinberg, a 1984 MU graduate, who will recount the events of that day and

how he was first to get the news of Marley's passing. "I think the timing is perfect, as we approach the 25th anniversary of Marley's passing to play the interview again on WMCX 25 years later, before it reaches its final resting stop at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame," said Steinberg.

We all know his songs, but did you know that *Time Magazine* in a December 1999 issue named Marley's Exodus Album, "Album of the Century." That's not a misprint. And the following year Marley was awarded the United Nations Medal of Peace, "on behalf of 500 million Africans." And that the BBC named "One Love" (One Heart, Let's Get Together and Feel Alright) "The Song of the Century." That's not a misprint. And that the *New York Times* once declared the reggae prophet "the most influential musical artist of the second half of the 20th century." That's not a misprint. The December 5, 1999 issue of *The New York Times Magazine* which was devoted to the construction and stocking of a thousand-year time capsule, chose as the video most worth preserving, Bob Marley & the Wailers, Live at the Rainbow. And today, says the head of Amnesty International, "Everywhere I go, Bob Marley is the symbol of freedom".

So come and relive a time in broadcasting and rock & roll history with WMCX. Jeffrey Steinberg will be live on the air with Aaron Furgason, recounting the events and stories of that infamous day beginning at 9 am on Thursday May 11, and how he was first to get the news of Marley's passing. The last Marley Interview done with Steinberg will be played for only the second and last time in twenty five years, before its heads to its place in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Some radio stations ignore the law—and local listeners

Results of a four-month study of local radio to be released at University on April 27, 2006

PRESS RELEASE

Some New Jersey radio stations are flouting their federally-mandated community service obligations, violating the terms of their licenses, a new study shows.

The Public Interest Radio Project will announce the results of a four-month study of New Jersey radio stations' commitment to their local communities at a public event at Monmouth University on Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in room 235 of the Plangere Center.

Student researchers will release detailed "Public Interest" reports on nine radio stations that serve listeners in Monmouth and Ocean counties. While some stations demonstrate a solid commitment to serving their local communities, the study shows that other stations all but ignore their legal responsibilities. The radio stations studied for the project are both large and small, from the independently owned WFSJ-FM in Shrewsbury to WKTU-FM of Jersey City, owned by Clear Channel Communications, one of the largest radio groups in the nation. In addition, stations include WJLK "The Point" in Ocean and WHTG "G-Rock" in Eatontown, WJRZ "Oldies 100" in Mahanawkin, and WOBN in Toms

River, along with non-commercial stations WBJB "The Night" in Middletown, WBGD in Brick, and Monmouth University's WMCX in West Long Branch.

The project was initiated by Dr. Chad Dell, associate professor in the Department of Communication, as part of a graduate class on media policy.

The Federal Communications Commission requires that broadcast stations serve their local communities by operating in the "public interest." The goal of the project was to ascertain the degree to which stations comply with this requirement, how they do so, and survey the perceptions of local community members and leaders regarding the station.

Student researchers began the project with a listening survey that examined programming during three different times of the day, and identified the type and amount of public service material that serves the local community's needs and interests. Researchers then studied each station's "public file," a collection of documents maintained by each station and available to the public during normal business hours. The file includes a record of issues of importance to the local community, letters of com-

mendation and complaint, election coverage, and politicians' requests for air time. Students also interviewed station representatives and members of the local community, including public officials, citizens, and members of local non-profit organizations.

The Public Interest report reveals that some stations take their community responsibilities seriously, providing local news coverage, air time for local non-profit organizations, and election coverage. In contrast, other stations shirk their legal obligations to their community by ignoring the needs of most local listeners. The mayor of one community was surprised to hear there was a radio station operating in her town. Still other stations shunt most of their public service programming to their Web sites, using the airwaves almost exclusively for commercial purposes.

Dr. Dell said, "I hope that this project highlights the good work that some stations are doing to serve their local communities, and alerts the public to the responsibility stations have to operate in the interests of local citizens."

New Jersey radio station licenses are currently being evaluated for renewal by the FCC. The renewal date is June 1, 2006.

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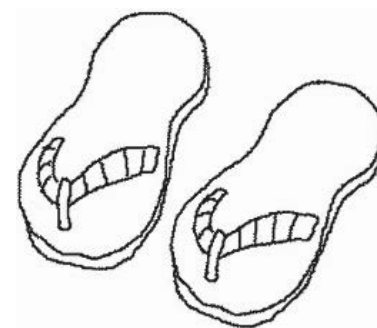
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Do's & Don't for summer '06

ANDREA TIBALDO
FASHION EDITOR



DO...

...get a pedicure to clean up your feet before sporting new kicks.

DON'T...

...dare walk out of the house with chipped polish on your toes. Go colorless before you go with the 'half-on' look.



DO...

...get a tan so you have a healthy glow.

DON'T...

...lather yourself up with tanning oil so you burn. Always wear a lotion that has an SPF in it, whether it's sunscreen or sunblock. For a mindless fix buy makeup that already has an SPF in it.



DO...

...try out the new Keds slip-on sneakers with a pair of jeans.

DON'T...

...wear running sneakers with jeans. They look tacky. If you're wearing jeans then you're not running a marathon so leave the laces home.



DO...

...go natural with your makeup during the warm summer months. The tan you have and a little mascara will be enough.

DON'T...

...wear a ton of foundation and bronzer. You want a healthy glow, not a charred look. Avoid wearing any makeup at the beach since it's bad for your skin when you sweat.



DO...

...accessorize with shell earrings or a shell necklace. Metallics are great too.

DON'T...

...overdo it with the shell and look like a walking beach. Metallics should be worn to a minimum as well so you don't blind other people. Try to keep a theme with accessories to help from overwhelming an outfit.



DO...

...buy skinny belts and lots of them. This summer will be all about wearing them below the rib cage and above the belly button.

DON'T...

...wear your thick, oversized belts low slung on the hips. This was fall/winter's look and it's now time to move on.

DO...

...don black and white together. It's a timeless combo since both colors are clean and sophisticated. Choose a handbag with a fun print if your outfit is solid.

DON'T...

...go crazy with patterns on your top and bottom and handbag. Too many patterns, or small, all over patterns can make you appear larger than you are.

DO...

...be careful while wearing white pants or capris. They get dirty easily and it's hell trying to get them clean. However, do spend a good amount of money on them because cheap white pants look exactly that...cheap.

DON'T...

...buy a cheap pair of white pants because they'll look exactly that...cheap.

DO...

...flaunt your gorgeous, tan legs with a short skirt or dress. When going out at night add some shimmer by using Nivea Body Silky Shimmer Lotion.

DON'T...

...think it's okay to go so short that you're flashing around around you. Keep it long enough to cover the topic, short enough to keep it interesting. Be classy, not trashy.

DO...

...have a fun and safe summer!

DON'T...

...go overboard with the cocktails... you'll regret it in the morning.



SENIOR WEEK 2006

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

Tuesday, May 9th- Bar A: \$10

Spend time with friends, relax and enjoy. All you can eat barbeque (8PM-11PM). Late night coffee and tea station.

Shuttle to Bar A leaves at 7PM, 8PM & 9PM from the Student Center Parking lot.

Saturday, May 13th- Yankees Game: \$10

Share memories and renew friendships while spending a day at Yankee Stadium watching the Yankees play the Oakland A's. Bus leaves the Student Center parking lot at 10AM.

The Game starts at 1:05PM. (Under 21 Allowed).

Wednesday, May 10th- *The Producers*: \$42

Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of Broadway's hit show *The Producers*. Bus leaves from the Student Center parking lot at 10:45AM. The show starts at 2:00PM.

(Under 21 Allowed).

Sunday, May 14th- Family Brunch: \$20

Come join us for a Family Brunch. Enjoy a breakfast buffet in the historic Wilson Hall. **Limited seating is available.**

Up to 3 guests per student ID. Open to GRADUATING SENIORS ONLY. (Under 21 Allowed)

Thursday, May 11th- Red Fusion: \$10

Spend time and relax with friends at a first class all you can eat buffet (8PM-11PM). Shuttles will be running from the Student Center parking lot from 7PM-1AM.

Monday, May 15th- Casino Night: \$5

Spend six hours in Atlantic City! Receive a casino coin voucher. The bus will leave for Atlantic City from the Student Center parking lot at 4PM.

Friday, May 12th- NYC Skyline Cruise: \$30

Enjoy a 2 hour lunch cruise around the wonderful "Big Apple." Bus leaves from the Student Center parking lot at 9:45AM. (Under 21 Allowed).

Tuesday, May 16th- Jack's:

(Free Shuttle Service)

Spend one last night at Jack's. Shuttle bus will be available from the Student Center parking lot from 9PM-2AM.

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CLUB and GREEK

Phi Sigma Kappa

If you are reading this page of the Outlook, you already know that the fraternities of Phi Sigma Kappa and Sigma Pi have tied the Greek Week competition. Unfortunately for both fraternities, there is no rule concerning the outcome in the event of a tie between two competing organizations. Throughout the weeks that each group participated in each specific event, every member of Greek life is challenged to show their abilities in athletics, intelligence and good will towards the community. The only aspect of competition that has not been the focus of these events is the determination to ultimately succeed and consider one specific group as the superior group of men. The Brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa have laid out a proposal to the members of the Sigma Pi fraternity that includes these conditions; we propose the placing of the championship Greek Week trophy on a surface (table, chair, etc) with a member of each organization standing on opposite sides of the trophy, with one of each participating members hands placed on the mantle of the award. The first participant to remove his hand from the trophy must concede their Greek Week championship status to the opposite party. Therefore the rightful winner will be awarded with the title of "Greek Week Champion". What does this proposition specifically mean? This means that whomever desires the title more will stand his ground and take the time and energy to succeed at this challenge. This proposal will indiscriminately show the fortitude and determination of the participating parties. This is our challenge. Who really wants it more? This is Phi Sigma Kappa signing off... DAMN PROUD!

Long live Jack's, just cause we're graduating doesn't mean we still won't be there almost everyday. Tau love Ladies, I'm out. Marcel you're still my favorite panty snatcher. G-Biggie & Biggie, you f-ing rock <3 Vogue. Phin, you are the best big ever I love you so much and am going to miss you next year. Boo, I love you and you are an amazing Secret and I will miss you next year too! Love, Honey I effing love my Big, Little, and S.E.C. Big - I'm gunna miss you so much - you are the greatest. I know I'll see you all the time anyway! S.E.C. - Happy Birthday! CABO! 4-ever! T-Bone! I'll miss you too. <3 Gia P.S. Pearl, you rock mah world. You know you do! Twinkle and Paradise bust into spontaneous dance parties! Boo, I <3 you and am going to miss you sooo much next year <3 Paradise. Mystic & Belle, you've helped me so much the past few years. Thanks for everything! All my love, Twinkle. Jealousy is an illness... we hope you fell better soon. Love, The Ladies of Alpha Sigma Tau.

Happy 21st Zo! Theta Xi...thanks fir a crazy mixer! Making 3rd place look damn good, seniors: don't know what we'll do without you. Going to miss all my beautiful sisters this summer! Love Dolce!xoxo Jacinta is obsessed with her sisters-love you big little my saphy xoxo Jacinta Little I love you to death! Big

I'm going to be lost without
next year I love you so much-
Dream. Love my twins Tinxxx
& smalls love your life xoxo
Toxxxxic Going to miss all my
sisters this summer! Have fun
and be safe! Lil-I love you!-
Serendipity Happy Birthday
Zo! Great mixer Theta Xi!M
SB- good times and wonder-
bar and dancing on furniture
at the mixer. My little Whit-
ney I love you xoxo!-Capri
My Little Dream and my Glil
Maria, you have no idea how
much I love you. I can't be-
lieve I have to leave you all
in a few weeks. You're all my
heart-Elle Vigs, Richie is that
you?!-Elle Bye Seniors, you
will be missed love Marissa C.
Hope everyone has a safe and
happy summer. Seniors you
will be missed, love you all
Christina "Angelic" Seniors-
you'll be greatly missed!!
Jody-I'm going to miss you!!
Love Devia I love partying in
my bra!-Curious 256 here we
come!-Roxie Seniors-going to
miss you all so much- love you
will all of my heart! Big I love
you don't leave me! Sorry for
Friday-Fx4 I love you=you are
my life. 38 Dwight-I CAN'T!.
Much love-Graziella. Amz-
ing year Phi Sigs! Fx4, Little
Christina, AZs I'll miss you!
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much! Love my Ads more than
life, little you are my heat!-
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gunna miss you. Happy 21st
Zo! 1st place flag football!
Phi Sigs- amazing year I'll
miss all of you, esp seniors.
Little Molly and Big luv you

to death. Fantasy love getting drunk slurpees...def doing it all summer I luv you! Fx4- my life honestly next yr is going to be insane, Love -Tinxxx. Thanks Phi Sig for makin my bday/week/month! I love you.

Congrats Theta Phi Alpha #1 in Greek Week. You girls rock!! Love and miss you Danni P. Littleature loves you. 262, 2, & 3 Love your life - pea love// Yeah Theta Phi Alpha! Greek Week Champs '06! Everyone did such a great job, love you! Courtney // Yay Theta Phi Alpha #1 greek week champs much love everyone! Caroline // Congrats Theta babies! Love you all & so proud of us. Theta Phi Alpha #1 Love, kait // What's really good to Greek Week champs? Haha all-star athletes baby! Jenna I'll toss and egg with you any day! :) Volleyball, we're professionals haha knee pads and all! So proud of everyone! 275. 2, & 3, & most of all little LOVEE! Much love to everyone. We are the best! <3: Lamb- // Yay Greek Week Champs 06 Theta Phi is hot Good time gbig with the "Ice thingy" // Greek Week champs! So proud of everyone. Love you all, Casey // GREEK WEEK CHAMPS! Yay, can't believe the semester is almost over. Shout out to all the seniors graduating, cuddle rest 23 & casey santo peace out, jade // Theta Phi, we ran sh*t this year! Greek Week champs baby!! So proud, love you all! Cassie // Yea Greek Week Champs! Love us like whoa! Garfield - my life. Littleface its almost your bday! Crashing weddings!?! Love you 2, 3. <3 Ash // Congrats to

TPA's Beta Lambda and Beta Kappa chapters getting initiated this weekend.. Formal on Friday is going to be INSANE.. Greek week ROCKED.. I miss my twiny. Shout out to boo: thumbs down. we suck! LIFE IS PRETTY SWEET RIGHT NOW. Love my little to death & the rest of my gorgeous TPAs.. JY // Damn Theta Phi is fly. Athletic & hot -> you can't beat it! Holla* You're all my favs! <3 Sam P.S. Cuddlest 23 is RAW, so is Biggie! // Theta Phi freakin dominates! love you girls! <3 Kate // What is really good seniors! It's really last call baby! And we go out with a bang as GREEK WEEK CHAMPIONS!! Little butt, I'm sad to leave you but you'll be fine cuz you're part of the strongest family tree ever. Congrats g-little - you're a great addition to the family. Love you Theta Phi. Forever and always. I'm out! // Happy birthday little!!! If this is our last article, I love all of you so much and will miss this life like crazy! Miss 24 Berg like crazy. I've had the time of my life. Yea Greek Week champs, seniors went out with a BANG! -> Katie // No way, it's almost over :(Greek week champs SHUT UP! Loving first place. Jill the three legged race never looked so good. Chris happy birthday!! Loving everyone - Angela // Greek Week Champs - Awesome girls!! 24 Berg - so sad its almost over - seniors- I love you!!! Lisa Simpson: I love you little!!! -TEE! // Hoola Hoop Champ right here! Greek week champs! Love you, Alpha O. Big and GB - I love you! P.S. "I got that sh*t!" // Theta Phi girls are the hottest, most athletic, and now we're the champs! Great job girls! I'm so proud of everyone! First place never looked so good! Love you all! Xoxo Sara // Theta Phi so hot right now, sohot right now! haha too funny Allison and Erin! Love you TPA, Alpha Omicron, Biggie and Angel!! -Tia // Big - I couldn't have been more proud seeing you with pudding all over your face! I love you - your joey // Dear JY, rejection is so hot right now -Boo Ash, simultaneous puking = even hotter! -Boo // Strawberry doughnut + chocolate cake = one can't be loopy w/out the other, kimba - I<3you always -Erin C. // Boo - you know how we do ->Erish // Boo - helium+jacks=not a good idea. JY, I think I love you >>> <3 Ash

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Hawks closing in on NEC's top spot

Sweep FDU to improve to 12-0 in conference play



PHOTO BY Jim Reme

Mike Hussa leads the Hawks with a .402 batting average this year. He also leads the team in hits with 53.

CRAIG D'AMICO
ASSOCIATE SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend started out Mother Nature: 1, Hawks: 0 after a down-pour on Saturday that forced the postponement of the Hawks scheduled doubleheader against the Fairleigh Dickinson Knights. However, the Hawks would come back not just to overcome the weather, but to earn their fourth straight conference sweep, winning three straight from the Knights at the MU Baseball Field.

Following the postponement, the doubleheader was moved to Sunday afternoon. In the first game, the Hawks, who lead the NEC in first inning runs, with only Quinnipiac relatively close to them in that category, put two runs on the board in the first without lifting the bat off their shoulder to drive in either run. The runs came across on two bases loaded walks.

The Knights answered back with a run in the second on a RBI single, and then took the lead in the top of the third on back to back RBI base hits off of Hawk starter Matt Marc-Aurele.

Monmouth returned the favor and took back the lead in the bottom of the inning when senior Pat Sullivan crossed home on a Knights error, and freshman Rick Niederhaus brought home the go ahead run on a single to center.

With the score tied a 4-4, Monmouth rallied for three runs in the bottom of the sixth. The winning run scored as Kyle Messineo drew a bases loaded walk, which was followed by a wild pitch to score freshman Chris Collazo, and a RBI groundout to plate Messineo to extend the score to 7-4.

Hawk closer Kevin Schneider, came on in relief back in the top of the sixth to strike out Jovan Santos of FDU with the bases loaded, end the threat, and keep the score tied at four. He got three quick ground balls to end the game in the top of the seventh, and earn his second win of the season.

The second game of the doubleheader saw the Hawks score in every inning, on the way to a 9-1 win. They scored a single run in each of the first three innings before bashing out three runs in the fourth, on a Mike Hussa RBI base hit to leftfield, Sullivan laid down a sac bunt down the first base line which scored a run, and Marc Weres singled in a run to left.

In the fifth inning, Nick Massari belted his sixth home run of the season, and in the sixth Sullivan led off with his record tying sixth triple of the season, and scored on a sacrifice fly.

Monmouth started Brad Brach picked up his fifth win of the season, pitching all seven innings, striking out six, and only allowing one run on

six hits.

On make-up Monday, the Hawks and Knights returned to the MU Baseball field for the third and final game of this series, and it ended up, like the first game, a tight affair.

Knotted up at 3-3 in the eighth inning, the Hawks rallied for four runs in the inning to earn the series sweep of the Knights. After Monmouth led off the inning with a groundout, Messineo walked and then came all the way around to score on a Massari double to right center. After Massari stole third, Hussa brought him home with a single to center.

Two more runs were scored on the inning on Knight misplays, Hussa scored on a throwing error by the catcher, and later on, Sullivan scored on a throwing error by the third baseman.

Schneider came in and retired the side in the top of the ninth to wrap up the tenth straight win for the Hawks, their second double digit win streak of the season. Joe Cummings picked up his fifth win of the season, pitching eight innings, giving up three runs on eight hits, and struck out seven Knights.

Nick Massari was named as the NEC Player of the Week for the second time this season. Massari leads the NEC with 43 runs batted in and 85 total bases, and is tied for the league lead with seven home runs. Massari is also on a 16 game hit streak following the Monday game against the Knights.

Rick Niederhaus also gathered his second straight NEC Rookie of the Week award, and his third overall, as he leads the Hawks, and ranks second in the NEC in batting average.

Monmouth has won 20 of their last 21 games, and has crushed their conference competition to this point. The team is 23-11, their 11th straight 20 plus win season, and stand at 12-0 in conference following the four series sweeps. Still ahead, the Hawks will travel to Bridgeport to battle Sacred Heart this weekend, which will be followed by their final home series against the defending champion Quinnipiac Bobcats May 6-7. They will close out conference play May 13-14 at the surprising, and suddenly surging Central Connecticut State Blue Devils and May 20-21 at Wagner.

The toughest part of the Hawks schedule remains, as those four teams are the four teams battling for the three spots below the Hawks into the 2006 NEC Baseball Tournament, which will be held for the fifth straight season at First Energy Park in Lakewood Memorial Day Weekend.

NEC Player of the Week

Mick Massari, Senior Shortstop



Massari takes home his second Akadema NEC Player of the Week honor this season after batting .526 with 10 hits, eight RBI, five runs, three doubles, one triple, one home run, one walk, two sacrifice flies and four stolen bases in a 5-0 week for Monmouth. He posted four multiple hits games, drove in a team-high eight runs, connected on his 12th MU career leading triple, his sixth dinger of the season, was 4-for-4 in stolen base attempts and is currently on a 15-game hitting streak. In the Hawks 6-3 win over Iona, the senior shortstop went 2-for-4 with two runs, one RBI and two stolen bases. Against Rider (W 9-6), he was also 2-for-4 with a run scored, a double and a sacrifice fly. In rounding out the week's MAAC opponents, Massari was 3-for-4 with three RBI, a run scored, a double, a triple, a base on balls, a sacrifice and a stolen base in a 14-2 win over St. Peter's. On the year, Massari tops the NEC in total bases (79), slugging percentage (.632) and runs batted in (41), ranks second in runs scored (31) and home runs (6), fourth in hits (47) and on-base percentage (.464) and fifth in batting average (.376).

NEC Rookie of the Week

Rick Niederhaus, Freshman Designated Hitter



Niederhaus earns his second straight Akadema NEC Rookie of the Week award, and third in the last four weeks. The rookie DH batted .625 (10-for-16) with four runs and four RBI last week. He was 3-for-4 with an RBI against Iona (W 6-3), 3-for-4 with an RBI, run scored and his first career triple in the 9-6 win at Rider and 1-for-2 with two runs scored and an RBI against St. Peter's (W 14-2). In a doubleheader victory over Fairleigh Dickinson (7-4, 9-1), Niederhaus was 3-for-6 with a run scored and a run batted in. He is currently on a seven-game hitting streak and tops the Hawks while ranking second in the league with a .405 batting average.

Softball closes in on season's final games

ANDREW GROSSO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As the Hawks get ready for their final conference games of the season they will look towards the upperclassmen of the team to propel them down the stretch. The upperclassman that stepped up this past week to lead the Hawks was junior pitcher Angela Rand. She tossed two stellar games over the past week. It started when she pitched a two-hit shutout against Sacred Heart on April 18th. During that game she struck out five while walking none. Her second solid performance came against Big East powerhouse Rutgers. Angela did a tremendous job as she scattered seven hits while allowing just one run, walking just two, and striking out four. Angela efforts of the past week were so excellent that she earned Northeast Conference pitcher of the week.

The award is the second NEC honor that Hawks have earned in as many weeks, as last week freshman

“These were wins that we needed to keep our conference playoff hopes alive.”

CAROL SULLIVAN
Head Softball Coach

Nichole Alvarez won NEC Rookie of the week. Rand's efforts led the Hawks to a 3-1 record last week and improved her record to 4-8 on the season. “The honor was certainly well-deserved”, said Coach Carol Sullivan of her pitcher's esteemed award. “Angela's has pitched some tough-luck games this season and I'm glad she could get some recognition for her efforts.”

The wins could not have come at a better time for the Hawks as their conference tournament hopes were

dwindling. The Hawks stood at 16-22 and had a 4-7 conference record at the time before Angela rattled

off the two solid pitching performances. “These were wins that we needed to keep our conference playoff hopes alive”, said Sullivan. Now the Hawks are ready to fight for that crucial NEC tournament berth as they get set to play St. Francis (NY) and Mount St. Mary's this upcoming week.

The pitching and defense of the Hawks will be key components if Monmouth hopes to win these final four games. “Our offense has been consistent all year always gather-

ing three to four runs a game for us. Our pitching and defense will need to step up and hold these teams under three runs”, said Coach Sullivan. The Blue and White will have their work cut out for them during these next games. First they have to travel to St. Francis (NY) and play them in what is scheduled to be their last home game ever as their program is being cut at the end of the season. “It'll be tough because the game will be very emotional for them”, said Sullivan about the upcoming final game with the Terriers. Then Mount St. Mary's is coming to Monmouth to play the Hawks for their final scheduled games of the year. This will also be a tough double header for the Hawks as the Mount sits with a 25-19 record and is 8-4 in the conference. “Their conference hopes are just as important as ours”, noted Sullivan. Whatever the case

maybe the Hawks' playoff lives come down to this week, and it will need to be a team effort to get them over the hump and into the conference tournament.

Softball Remaining Schedule

at St. Francis (N.Y.)
4/29/06 2:00 PM

at St. Francis (N.Y.)
4/29/06 4:00 PM

Mount 4/30/06 12 :00 PM

Mount 4/30/06 2:30 PM

at CCSU 5/7/06 12 :00 PM

at CCSU 5/7/06 2:00 PM

Men’s golf ready for stretch run

PETE MULROY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Monmouth University men’s golf team traveled to Cape May, N. J. to compete in the Cape May Invitational last week. Coming off a ninth place finish the weekend before, the Hawks were looking to get a solid effort from team leader Anthony Campanile. Campanile, who shot an outstanding round of 76 in last week’s Lafayette Invitational, posted three consecutive rounds of 75 at Cape May and finished alone in second for the individual title. While Campanile was successful at Cape May, he was the only Hawk to finish in the top 25 individually. Andy Beittel was the next best golfer for the Hawks, finishing in a tie for 26th with rounds of 82, 85, and a final round of 77 giving him a total of 244 and a +31 final stroke total.

Following Beittel were Hawk golfers Ryan Beck, who finished in a tie for 28th, Brian Hart, who finished in a tie for 32nd with a three day total of 246 and a +33 stroke score and Dave Marshall who also finished in a tie for 32nd. Beittel’s second round 77 was the second lowest one day total for the Hawks behind Campanile’s three rounds of 75.

As a team the Hawks finished with a three-day total of 950, good enough for a fourth place finish. Ahead of the Hawks were Niagara University, the tournament champions, Longwood University, and LIU-Brooklyn. Earlier in the season, Coach Dennis Shea noted that in order for Monmouth to win, “we would have to shoot 300 or better. If you don’t shoot 300, you’re not going to win.” This seems to be true as the Hawks’ lowest total as a team was 310 at the Lafayette Invitational on April 9th.

To win in the game of golf you need to keep the ball in the fairway, stay steady around the greens, and make that clutch putt when the pressure’s on. With one final tune-up at the Saint Peter’s Invitational this weekend before the NEC Championships, the Monmouth Hawks know just that. They need to step it up and play the game they’re capable of playing. When everything comes together, this group of golfers is just as solid as any team on the east coast. Coach Shea knows it, and more importantly, the team knows it. A solid performance next week could give the Hawks the momentum they need to accomplish something no Monmouth University golf team has ever accomplished: winning a Northeast Conference Championship.



PHOTO BY Jim Reme

Senior Brian Hart is preparing for his final Northeast Conference Tournament this year. The Hawks will be looking to capture their first ever NEC championship.



PHOTO BY Jim Reme

Andy Beittel was second among Monmouth golfers at the Cape May Invitational with a combined score 244 over the three day event.

Men’s and women’s tennis complete seasons at NEC Tourney

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University’s men’s and women’s tennis squads both suffered defeats in the quarterfinals of the Northeast Conference Tournament.

The Monmouth men’s team, seeded seventh, suffered a 4-0 loss to second-seeded Quinnipiac. The Hawks’ women’s team, seeded fifth, lost a 5-0 decision to fourth-seeded Mount St. Mary’s.

Due to inclement weather, all consolation matches at the NEC Tournament were canceled and only the championship brackets will be completed. In the men’s semifinals on Sunday, Fairleigh Dickinson will play Robert Morris and Quinnipiac will play Mount St. Mary’s. The women’s semifinals features Quinnipiac against Mount St. Mary’s and Long Island against Sacred Heart.

Surf Report Card

JARED RADKE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, the waves will start out big and sloppy like John Belushi in “Animal House,” but will shape up as the days progress. By today, the waves will have better shape and form to go with their nice, un-Spring-like size. This morning should be the cause of many students blowing off their morning classes, as the winds will be blowing Northwest, making for optimal conditions. Skipping class for surfing, though always tempting, is not recommended, but if one is so inclined to do so anyway, get out there early, because

the great conditions will fade by the afternoon.

As for actual height, the waves will range from 2 to 5 feet this week, with the swells reaching their highest by Friday. Though this week will range in conditions due to drastic wind changes every day, their will be consistent size. Remember, sizeable blobs are better than no waves at all. Also, the water continues to get warmer, currently hovering in the low 50’s. As the school year is winding down, the waves and weather are getting to be substantially welcome additions to a Spring that has been cold and flat. Change is on the way.



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The surfing scene is set to heat up with summer right around the corner.

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LAX clinches NEC regular season championship

MU will host postseason tournament beginning May 5

EDDY OCCHIPINTI
SPORTS EDITOR

The Monmouth University women's lacrosse team exorcised the demons of season's past and also clinched a perfect Northeast Conference regular season record and the right to host the conference tournament with a 13-12 win over Mount St. Mary's this past Sunday. The win propelled Monmouth to the outright Northeast Conference regular-season title and the Hawks will host the NEC Tournament on May 5 and 7.

"At the first team meeting last fall, we set two team goals. One, to win the regular season and host the NEC championship. Two, to win the NECs and go to the NCAAs," said head coach Kelly McCardell.

Mount has ended the Hawks season the last three years, including defeating Monmouth to win the last two NEC Tournament titles.

Monmouth owned a 13-8 lead with three minutes remaining in the game, but elected to press the action on offense rather than attempt to run out the clock. A Hawks' turnover led to a Kirby Day

and Ellie Keener goals to trim the margin to 13-11. Katelyn Catanese scored Mount's final goal with one minute remaining, but Monmouth won the ensuing draw and played keep away for the final 87 seconds. The Hawks jumped out to a 3-0 lead early in the game as Katie Degen scored on an assist from Erica Evangelisti. Jeanette Stott and Evangelisti each added goals to inflate the cushion to three goals. After a Keener goal for Mount, Carolyn Raveia and Megan Nutter each scored a pair of goals to stake the Hawks to a 7-1 lead. Day and Keener closed out the half with one goal apiece and Monmouth went into the intermission with a 7-3 lead.

In the game, Stott set Monmouth's single season records for points in a season, as her 82 surpasses the previous mark of 81 set by Heather Bryan, and assists in a season as her 36 betters the record of 34 set by Rachel Tringali and equaled by Jess Salvesen. Stott had one goal and two assists in the game and fellow senior Kate Hanna chipped in with one goal and three assists. Monica Johnson

made 15 saves on the day to pick up her 11th win in goal. With the win, Monmouth finished the regular season with an 11-6 overall mark and an 8-0 ledger in league play. It marked the second time in school history the Blue and White ended league play with an unblemished record. The Hawks went 7-0 in 2001. Monmouth also extended its win streak to nine games, the second-longest in school history. Mount St. Mary's fell to 7-10 overall and 4-4 in league play, but a win by Wagner over Long Island on Sunday gave the Mountaineers the final spot in the Northeast Conference Tournament on May 5 and 7. Monmouth hosts the tournament as the No. 1 seed and will play Mount St. Mary's in the first round. Quinnipiac and Sacred Heart will meet in the other semifinal contest.

"The team has been working hard since day one to make our goal a reality. I'm extremely proud of the team's effort this spring; they are a commendable group of athletes who have earned themselves an undefeated NEC regular season", said McCardell.

2006 NEC Women's
LAX Tournament

#1 Monmouth vs. #4
Mount St. Mary's on
May 5

#2 Sacred Heart vs. #3
Quinnipiac on May 5

Championship game
May 7

All games played
at Kessler Field at
Monmouth University



PHOTO BY Jim Reme
Jen DePetris has helped anchor the Monmouth defense all season long.

A Senior's Goodbye

EDDY OCCHIPINTI
SPORTS EDITOR

Five years ago, I was closing a chapter in my life and preparing to open another one. Fast forward to the present, and I again find myself in the similar position of ending another stage in my life ready to embark on something new. Only this time, it feels different. College has been without question four of the greatest years of my life, and I have many people to thank for that.

I'd like to think I made the most out of my college experience. I'm sure if I look back there'd be some things I would want to change, but not many. Being here has enabled me to do



PHOTO COURTESY of Alex Milechowsky
Eddy Occhipinti (left) and Terry Trahim (right) at the NCAA Opening Round game this year in Dayton, Ohio. Monmouth defeated Hampton in the game, which was broadcasted live on 88.9 fm

things I would never have had the chance to do if I was elsewhere. I've traveled places I wouldn't have otherwise, met people I probably would've never met and experienced college life for what it really is, a lot of fun with some work mixed in.

While here I was a member of many great organizations; The Outlook for one, obviously, but also WMCX, Hawk TV, CommWorks and Lambda Pi Eta. There are so many great people associated with these organizations that it's impossible to thank everyone, but I'll try. I'd have to start by thanking Donna Mancini, the WMCX office coordinator, whom I've known for four years. She's like a mother to everyone that steps foot through the doors of the X, and may be the sweetest person I've ever met. The next people I have to thank all helped make my time at the radio station memorable, and I also somewhat educational. Professors Aaron Furgason, Chris Cavallero, Eric Reischer and the retiring Professor Rett Rich will always be burned into my memory for their own individual specialties and talents. I'd also have to thank Sandy Brown, The Outlook's office coordinator, for all she has done. There's also Professor John Morano, The Outlook's advisor, who I can say has helped me to further my writing craft and career more than anyone else. He's also a decent basketball player (I'm being sarcastic, he's an excellent basketball

player, and if you don't believe me, challenge him to a game of one-on-one). I'd be wrong to not mention another professor here, Professor Rob Scott. Although he came to Monmouth only last year, he is by far one of the coolest and most knowledgeable people I've ever had the chance to meet. Whether it's one of his

Hollywood stories or commenting on my writing style or broadcasting, the man is a wealth of information and everyone should have the chance to talk with him for an hour.

There are other professors I've had here who have made Monmouth more than a name to me; they've helped make it my home.

Professors like Lorna Schmidt (aka the woman who runs the Plangere Center), Kristine Simoes, Matt Harmon, Nancy Wiencek, Bill Clark and Shannon Hokanson who come to mind. However, when I think of professors at Monmouth University, there's one whose help I could not have done without,

Dr. Rebecca Sanford. She was my advisor and for many a class, my actual professor. I took every class she teaches here but one, and I can honestly say that she is the reason I'm graduating on time and I'm in the Communication Honor Society. I owe my college academic life to her, and I am very grateful for her patience and kindness.

If academics were one facet of my life here, then a whole other was my work for the Athletic De-



PHOTO COURTESY of Craig D'Amico
Eddy Occhipinti at the NCAA Tournament before the Monmouth-Villanova game, the last game he broadcasted on WMCX.

partment and the chance I had to broadcast Monmouth University football, basketball and baseball games. I would like to thank the entire Athletic Department for all they have done for me and allowed me to do. Special thanks go out to Thomas Dick and Chris Tobin, the Athletics Communication guys, who reluctantly let me work for them the last three years. If you have the chance to work for them, does it; you won't have more fun in any other job. I'd also like to thank Coach Kevin Callahan, the head football coach, and his staff for all they did for me. Also thanks to his offensive coordinator and WMCX on-air groupie Mark Fabisch for everything. I'd also like to thank the Monmouth men's and women's basketball programs. The Baxter's are great people, and thank you for letting me travel with you and your team and welcom-

ing me in to your family. That leads me to perhaps my biggest thank you, which goes to Dave Calloway and the men's basketball team. If I made a list of my 10 greatest college moments, Monmouth men's basketball may very well be numbers one through five. Thank you coach for everything you and your program have done for me. From the memorable trips to the games I had to broadcast to believe, I am very grateful that you welcomed me into the extended family known as Monmouth Basketball.

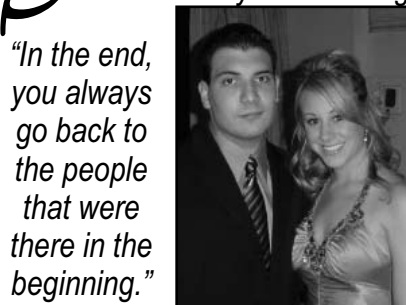
I couldn't do a senior goodbye without thanking some people who have long since graduated from Monmouth, but have helped me so much through the years (by the way, if you remember these names, you've been here as long as me, and it's time we graduate). To the Greg(s) (Acquaviva, Mescall and Muzinsky), John Genovese, Devon Gottshalk, Neil Gala and everyone who came before me at Monmouth and helped pave the way for me, thank you.

Lastly, I have to thank the people I've met here who I will never forget, my fellow students. There are definitely way too many people here to thank because Monmouth is full of great people who I have had the chance to call my friend. Thank you to everyone from WMCX, The Outlook, Hawk TV, intramurals, Thursday nights, class and so on. I'm not one for being sentimental, but this is an emotional time. I'm not going to pull a Facebook and list all of my friends, so don't worry. However, if I could say something to them, it would be thank you and here's to taking on the real world, together. Thank you.

Andrea's Style Senior

"In the end, you always go back to the people that were there in the beginning."

"A day without laughter, is a day wasted"



"The best love is the kind that awakens the soul and makes us reach for more, that plants a fire in our hearts and brings peace to our minds. And that's what you've given me."

"No distance of place or lapse of time can lessen the friendship of those who are thoroughly persuaded of each other's worth."

Four years & it's been quite a ride. Ups, downs & everything in between, & I wouldn't change a thing.. Everything happens for a reason..Takin ya way back to fall '02, 'Birch Baby'..craziest bunch of people I've met!Joey-D, Camel, Big Ry, Marty-Mar, Mikey "Shakes", Dirty D...god bless Jimbo for puttin up with our insanity..from latenight chats to absurd jokes (I still think FH was the cruelest joke of all) you guys made my MU transition so easy..Sophomore year in Spruce..met my angel on earth, the sweetest girl ever..JD! You mean the world to me hun..you're unrelenting determination, modesty, & loyalty are traits I can only hope to personify half as well as you..I met my other loves: Jules, Kels, & Laur, & became closer with Dirty D & Lori (yeah MC!).. I us! Jr year..Redw...big thanks to JD&Vic4lettin me move in..constant visits to 308..how about FrightFest & thats "awesome" hayride, ladies? Hey Kels, how 'bout that "great" party on Alpern-our 1st & hopefully only court date with each other?! MU&Deil cops=1, Kels&Andrea=0..How about Canada, ladies? One wild trip that is unforgettable..Elvis+mattress=I'm starving.. KTU Spring '05, kicked my booty, but worth the time.. met great people&had some crazy experiences..Deanna = "Umm, Adam? We got robbed.." haha only us! Senior year..WOW..18 Johnston, what what!? HC'05=wet & definitely wild! Met my l-o-v-e=Jay, my feelings for you can't be put into words, i love you hun xoxo 11.22, my fatcat haha..Jacks-Stingers-Deep-Harrys-Cottage-Wonderbar..18 Johnston will be anywhere that distributes alcohol on a Thursday night..Loki, 20lbs of pure lovin'..misunderstandings made us stronger..ladies nights in Red Bank..SB'06, thank you ladies for being so understanding, it meant more than you'll ever know.. PSK formal=jacuzzi..Some thank you's: mommy&daddy, my best friends, my mentors, my rocks, my sanity, my everything! Nonna, thank you for being a constant figure in my life, you're generosity, good heart, & love are unbounding **ti amo così tanto** xo Danielle, Nicole, Farheen, Sarah, Joy, Melanie, Simon, Larry, Hayden =the entire Anna family..you all make my job an absolute delight; the crazy stories we tell, the great advice we give & receive, the shoulders we lean on (& jewelry we sell!)..it all means so much..I love you like my own family

May is the month most seniors live for: the end of one life and the beginning of another

Our journey through life is much like a journey through an epic novel; each milestone we come across is the ending of one chapter and the prelude to an exciting, new one.

When I graduated high school I never pondered the enormity of the advancement I was making in life. I was taking one of the biggest steps into my future and didn't fully comprehend it. College to me was just a continuation of my education, never thinking that it would actually come to an end. I had plenty of time before I was a "grown-up"!

Boy, was I wrong. Here I am, four years later, and I am writing my senior good bye. MY SENIOR GOOD BYE! I now feel the enormity I lacked when I was a naive, 17 year-old, high school senior.

I honestly felt that this day would never come. Never actually having to face the responsibilities, the hardships, and the daily grind of the real world.

My whole life, all I have ever known, ever been familiar with, is school. Waking up everyday only to face pencils, books, and teacher's dirty looks. This is all suddenly changing.

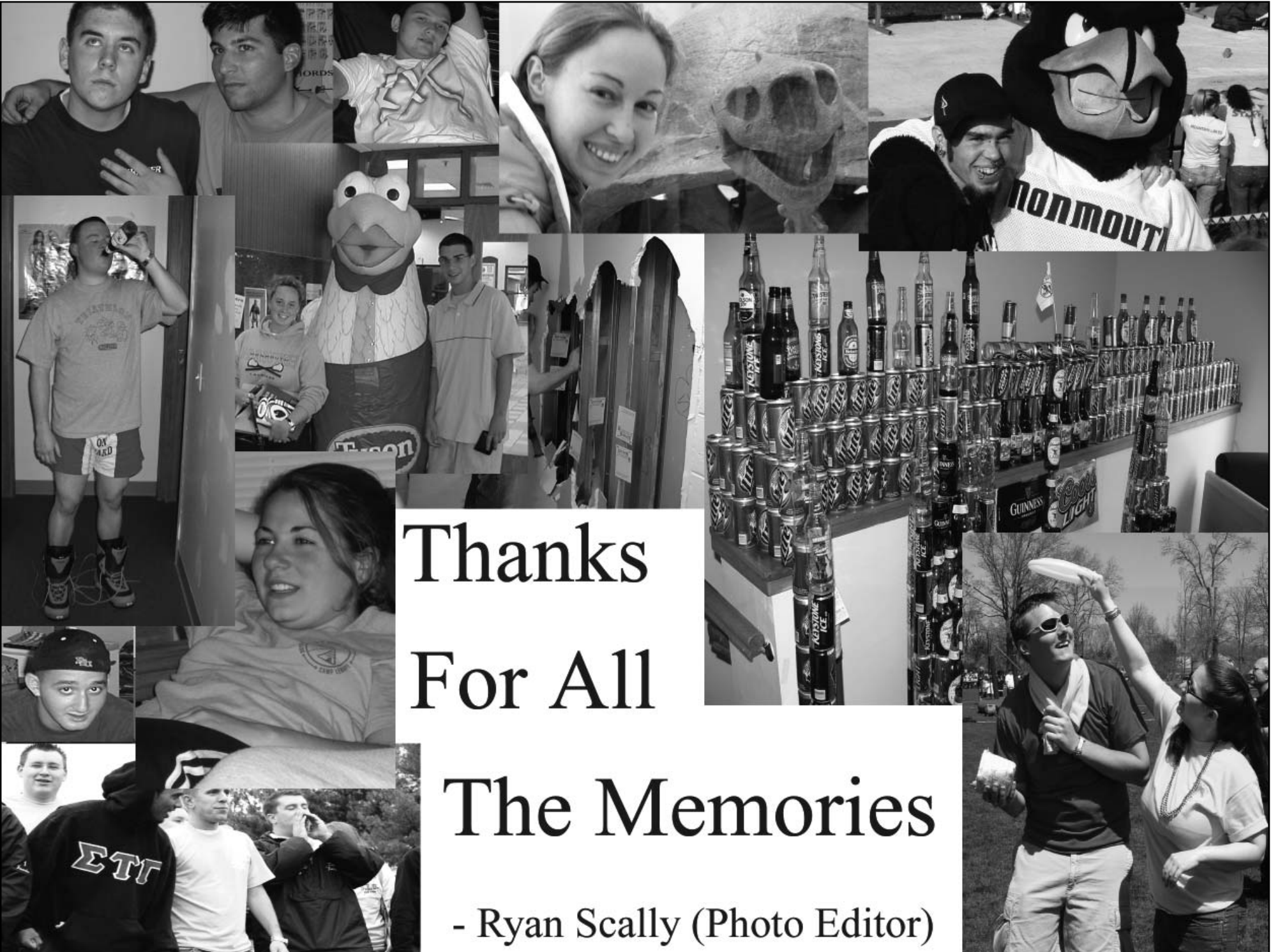
As I close this chapter of my education and open the one to my future, I will carry with me the memories of the lessons I have learned, the obstacles I have faced and persevered, and most importantly, the relationships I have created, which will last an eternity. ~ L.N.



Goodbye 2006

and be careful kids...

it's a jungle out there



Thanks
For All
The Memories

- Ryan Scally (Photo Editor)

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened..."

It's that time of the year again. The weather is gradually getting warmer, the last week of classes is upon arrival and finals are just around the corner. I am always excited for this time of the year, when the school work is on overload and summer although right around the corner never seemed so far away.

However, this year is very bittersweet for me. I will be graduating Monmouth University in three weeks and it is hard to believe that I will soon be leaving behind my family and a place that I have called my home for the last four years.

Of course I am about to sound cliché, but it is hard not too.

It was pouring rain the day I moved into Elmwood 339 as a freshman in Fall 2002. I was feeling anxious and pondering if Monmouth was the place I really wanted to spent my next four years of college. I laugh at myself now for being such a dorky freshman. Never could I have imagined that I would have met some many people that have truly changed my life. Although I will be sad to leave good

ol MU, being an MU hawk has been such an amazing experience and for the first time in my life I can actually say I wouldn't have changed a thing. Both the good and the bad memories complete the person I am today.

D-Phi-E- Oh my lovely deep-hers where would i be without you. I love that I share so many memories with each and every one of you and you all are amazing individuals. We are one huge support system, and remember to always take care of one another.

Dazzling Diamonds: Spring '03- Deena, Carley, Tricia, Amanda, Chris, Janelle, Sue, and Jess-you guys complete me and I couldn't have asked for a better pledge class.

April & Chelsey- I see only success from you guys, I love our family tree. **Devon,** although you have graduated I needed to put you in here. I wouldn't have accomplished so much without your help and guidance and I can't express in words how much it means to me having you as a friend.

206 Highland girls- both past and present, living with you guys has been a blast and I can't imagine what my junior and senior year would have been without you guys for support. What goes on? **Marisa-** you were there from the day of our placement tests and you are there as our MU days dwindle down to graduation. It's been great having you as a friend. **Deena-** I will

miss our randomness and 7/11 coffee runs, and will be laying on the lawn right be your side on May 31st...Abe can't make us leave right? You are an amazing person and I admire you for your confidence and ability to always say what you think is right.

SGA: Senators that I have had the opportunity to work with both past and present have truly enriched my MU experience. Good luck to all of you next year. You are all natural leaders and I have complete faith that the

university will continue to grow because of all your efforts. E-board '05-'06-many good times during our meetings that will not soon be forgotten.

Alyson- Who would have thought that the girl I met freshman year that loved to dance to Britney Spears would become one of my best friends? SGA would not have been the same over the last three years without you by my side, literally. You are so encouraging and can always pick me up when I am down. From Acapulco to homecoming, to our random conversations in our office, you are a great friend that has touched my life and I see only success in your future. Although our SGA days are coming to an end, I see so many more fun times in our

future. Love you prez!

Jen- What would I do without you in my life! You are my sanity and I am yours so it works out nicely. From Elmwood, to the randomness of J-suite, NYC and Kim's house you are someone I can always count on whether it be 5 in the afternoon or 5 in the morning. You are such a kind person and continually put your friends first before yourself. You truly amaze me girly and I am so fortunate to have found a friend like you.

Elmwood girls- Kate, Megan, Tara, Vanessa, Jody and Whit, you guys were there where it all began and I love that we have continued to keep in touch over the last four years despite the fact that we have all gone our separate ways. Freshman year is untouchable and I owe that to all our crazy memories.

Lauren- I've known you for 14 years, from our Harmony days to our days at The Lion's Roar. I am glad to have worked with you at The Outlook and wanted to let you know what a great person and leader you are.

As you can see I could go on forever but I'm afraid it is time to go. Not goodbye but see you later. Good Luck to the Class of 2006 and for the undergraduates out there, chase your dreams and cherish each and every day at Monmouth for the time passes way too quickly.

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"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail."
~Ralph Waldo Emerson



"BE WHO YOU ARE AND SAY WHAT YOU FEEL, BECAUSE THOSE WHO MIND DON'T MATTER AND THOSE WHO MATTER DON'T MIND."
-DR. SEUSS



Not life, but good life, is to be chiefly valued." Socrates

Natalie B. Anzarouth

Four years ago I would have never believed that I would be where I am now...graduating from college. When I first came to Monmouth, the future seemed ages away...like an unwritten script that would somehow manifest itself to life. But as I approach upon the future, I can't help but

Monmouth has given me the greatest gift anyone can receive. For me it was a chance to break out into a new and challenging environment, where I could learn and grow... and eventually plug a communication term I learned like self-actualization...because

your parking space...and all the other times you just ease into a spot right in the middle. As we enter and exit the parking lot of our future, I hope we all meet at the cross point... and eventually all find our spots in life.

I express my deepest gratitude to all of my wonderful teachers who continue to inspire me through their inherent passion and love for learning and life. I would especially like to thank Professor John Morano for encouraging me throughout the years to pursue my dream, as well as Matt Mastro-rilli for giving me my first internship!! and Professors Rob Scott, Rebecca Sanford, and Shannon Hokanson- you have all taught me so much.

I would also like to thank *The Outlook*, and everyone

I have worked with and grown with for the past 3 years. Lauren Benedetti—you changed my life, Jacqueline Koloski-you taught me everything I know, Samantha Young-you taught me everything else, John Genovese-you edit my stories and you're a sweetie pie, Alexander Truncate-just "know it," Suzzane Guarino-for your



viewpoint, Alison McSherry-for your efficient APA style knowledge, and Stevie the TV—thanks for your computer help!



reflect and attempt hold onto the past.

As I think about this concept more and more, I believe that only by reflecting on the past can I move towards the future.

that is where I, and the rest of our graduating class is headed; on a road towards reaching our fullest potential.

I have often driven [sped] into the university parking lot, and thought of that space as the ultimate metaphor of what stage of life I am in. There are some empty spaces, there are some occupied spaces...but after you circle and circle you eventually find your own space. On a lucky day it's right by the building where your first class is, and on other days it's a mile away from where you want to be. Sometimes there are people who vigorously trail you and steel



Goodbye for now; see you in September

KIMBERLY LYNN MALLEN
ADVERTISING MANAGER

We made it kids. The past four years have been a long journey, somewhat comparable to the Oregon Trail --- thankfully no one I know has died of dysentery or snake bites, although I have heard some close calls coming from the dining hall. The lone art major of The Outlook --- how did I ever find my way out of the art courtyard and all the way up to The Outlook? I got started as a naïve freshman, simply by calling the office responding to one of those infamous “Outlook Ads” in the paper pleading for someone to draw a weekly comic. What did I get myself into?? Four years of great times, great friends, and great memories.

I ran a co-written comic entitled “Higher Education” as my first stint at The Outlook. Yes, I am Lynn Frost --- for those of you ancient enough to remember it. I fell into the trap of assisting “Hawk History” and “The Viewpoint.” Soon I found myself in the role of Assistant Advertising Manager, then upgraded to Advertising Manager and later ran a co-written Interactive Entertainment review column entitled “Hawks Got Game.” I’ve covered all the bases as far as job categories at The Outlook --- and each has been an invaluable learning experience.

So after four years what can I say The Outlook has done for me? I can create any advertisement you throw at me, layout a newspaper single handedly (I wonder if that could be considered a super power? Captain InDesign to the Rescue!), fix any xante printer by kicking it in just the right place, and I have a portfolio that could choke a horse. I was also sent on one of the greatest trips I’ve been on from Monmouth University --- the San Francisco Newspaper Convention was a trip I will never forget;

learning about front page layouts, attending movie screenings, and touring Alcatraz --- you can’t beat it. The crazy cabby, city nights, beans, and Ghiradelli --- good times had by all.

While this is a Senior Goodbye --- I’m not exactly saying farewell to The Outlook at this moment. I’ll be returning next Fall of 2006 to sign on as John the Reds sidekick, my soon to be fellow Graduate Assistant. That’s right kids, you’re not getting rid of me yet!

Moving onward to the shoutouts --- I’ll go from new school (those still here) to old school (those who managed to escape before me), then to outsiders of the outlook (you lucky people!)

New Schoolers, who know me as “Kimmi”:

Lauren: You’ve been a great EIC this year --- good luck in the world of tv!

Steve: We can wrangle a xante printer any time --- we should start a business fixing them, since apparently no one else on the planet can, but then again, how many people are dumb enough to buy one?

Jess: This is it, I’m throwing you to the wolves --- you are now officially the Advertising Manager of The Outlook! LUCKY YOU! =)

Scally: Maybe there will be some photos this week! Or maybe not. Between Outlook & Pep Band --- Good Times. Good Luck at UMDNJ!

John: You loved us so much, you came back for more. Hence I have you under new school even though you are an elder. I’m really looking forward to layout boot camp! We have to whip these kids into shape, make them copy edit till their eyes bleed and clock them on campus delivery

runs --- or we can just be good whole-some, mentoring graduate assistants, but seriously, what fun is that?

Sam & Jacki: You two have been a wonderful addition to The Outlook staff---I know you’ll do a FABULOUS job next year as Co-EICs. You know, you just have to keep Alex in line.

Alex: Keep the Sports section alive --- We’ll do some nifty back pages next year!

Suzanne: Have fun doing absolutely everything next year!

Dan: The Outlook Chef --- Keep Cookin’ and Finding Funny Music & Movies.

Sandy: You’re the one who’s kept me sane. Don’t forget to make your kids clean the toilet!

Prof. Morano: Thank you for the opportunity to let me continue being a member of The Outlook staff --- I’m really looking forward to the next couple of years!

Old Schoolers, who know me as “Squirrel”:

Greg Moo: “14” is just disgusting. And a church will always be better.

Courtney Atkins: The first EIC I was given the privilege of working with --- aren’t you glad you don’t get stuffed in a trashcan anymore?

Chris Barnes: I miss the Monday Night Brawls & Food Fights, occasionally I even miss your Satan worshipping music. Keep reading those comics, the Marvel ones that is.

Neil: We still faithfully watch Galavision in the conference room everyday!

Mike Gray: Your column is still my

favorite --- even though I didn’t always understand it.

Kim Franke-weitz: Good luck finishing Law School! I’m glad I don’t stay at The Outlook till 3-4am anymore!

Eric Glock-M o l l o y : Aren’t you glad to not have to fix everything that I break any more??? Miss having you around the office --- best of luck in the teaching field!!!

Joey C: Holler at Your Hawk!!!! You were a shining star here, we miss you!!! I still can’t believe Paul was married!

Jenna Amore: Housing the Hawks --- still the most top notch Magazine to come out of The Outlook! We WILL be wedding planners sooner or later. Can’t touch fish but can’t get enough beans!

Outside of The Outlook:

My Parents & Family: Thank you for your support through the last four years --- the future looks nothing but bright because of you.

Anthony P: Thank you for putting up with me, you’re the best thing I ever found at The Outlook. Who knew having broken down,



Kim Malen checking out the most awesome publication in the world.

junky computers in the office could bring about such a wonderful thing. The Art Department:

My cohorts --- Melanee, Amanda, Dorothy, Anthony, Stacie, John, Danny, Steve, Rachel, Kevin, Kathleen --- you guys make me smile on a daily basis; best of luck in your futures at Monmouth and beyond.

To all of the Professors of The Art & Design Department; Thank you for all of your help and guidance over the past four years.

But I have to say it was the Dominos that really made me stay at The Outlook (just kidding...or am I?). And don’t forget --- if you ever run into a fork in the road on your journey through Monmouth, always choose to caulk and float the wagon, you’ll make it. This is squirrel, signing off.



“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sail. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

~ Unknown ~

Lauren Benedetti’s Goodbye

Only half of a page to wish those I love and admire farewell. I spend my final hours here at The Outlook putting together a senior goodbye, hoping that some people will actually read it and appreciate the heart and soul that went into the ink printed on my final page.

Where do I begin... I’ve spent the last few weeks dwindling over what to say to the people that matter most in my life. With only a few hours till print I’m still searching for words. Here is what I have to offer.

Family - Dad, I wouldn’t have been here if it wasn’t for you. You gave me an opportunity to learn and that is the best gift of life. For that I thank you. Caroline, you’ve guided me through a part of life that is hard for any women and the advice you have offered has left lasting impressions. Brett (my one and only), you make me smile and you make me laugh. You’re the one thing that matters more than anything else and without you, I don’t even know.

Best Girls - Miss. Garry, to the world you may be one person. But to one person, you may be the world. You’re more than my best friend you’re my other sister. Miss. Murray, I made it through four years at school because of you. You’re a friend and a teacher. I hope and I think I know that we will be a team sometime in the near future. Miss. Halter, there’s not enough room in this paper to tell you the words that rattle by brain this moment. You’re the party girl I needed in my life and the best time of my life was spent with you rocking out Europe style. We have something no one else will ever have. Miss. Massa, same goes for you, if it wasn’t for Europe I never would have met one of the most wonderful people in the world.

Europe - The Boys of London, what we shared is memorable. When I look back at pictures my head is filled with good times. You kids showed me what college was all about. Fall ‘04 - never to be forgotten.

Outlook - The heart and soul I poured into this paper is indescribable. But none of it would have been possible without the staff I had the opportunity of working with over the past year. I spent more hours in this office than I did my own home. God Bless you Sandy for helping me through each day. Thank you guys for making it the best part of my senior year. L.A. ‘06 - Rock Star Style.

Comm Works - Through happiness and sadness we made into the end. I wish only the best to the hardest working group I’ve ever met.

Profs - Morano, without you, I might have been in jail or tarred and feathered outside my office. The advice you have given me I will carry throughout life. Rich, I made a good friend right at the end, but what a friend you are. Hokanson, you have paved the way, thank you for everything you have done. Scott, you make me laugh. Thanks for being a Professor we all needed in life.

Someone Special - A.M.A., I thought long and hard what to write to you.... I mean, this could haunt me for years - just kidding. It’s only paper and ink but I couldn’t have asked to meet anyone else my last semester at Monmouth. You’ve opened my eyes to a whole new world. Thank you for being you.





NEC CHAMPS

The women's lacrosse team captured their first Northeast Conference regular season title since 2001 by going a perfect 8-0 in league play. Full story on page 27.