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## Students Help Spring Clean the Ronald McDonald House

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A group of students calling themselves the "Hamburger Helpers" aided the Ronald McDonald House's Spring Cleaning event in Long Branch on April 26 in an effort to ensure that the facility and its property were in the best possible conditions for its resident families.

The team formed in Professor Christy Hetzel's Small Group Communication class and decided to volunteer so that they could get to "help hands on," instead of simply raising money for the Beckie Turner, a junior Public Relations major, explained.

Members included Turner, John Driscoll, Christina Corsini, Bob Heyburn, Anthony Loring, Andy Woodhull, and Ashley Almedia.

"Everyone at the Ronald McDonald house was so appreciative of our help. We really had a great time there!" said Turner.

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) is an organization whose mission is to create, find, and support programs that directly improve the health and well being of children. On the organization's website, four core values that help achieve the mission are listed; "focusing on the critical needs of children, celebrating the diversity of the programs we offer and the staff, volunteers and donors who make them possible, staying true to our heritage of 35 years of responsible stewardship, operating with accountability and transparency."

The Long Branch chapter of the RMHC, where the students

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## WPE Gets Thrown Out

### University Administers Final WPE this Semester

GINA COLUMBUS  
NEWS EDITOR

The Writing Proficiency Examination, which is administered to first year students at the end of each spring semester, has been removed from the list of General Education requirements because of the changing curriculum and the need to practice writing proficiency is no longer required.

Susan O' Keefe, Associate Vice President for Academic Administration, said that the WPE has been part of the General Education curriculum since 1989.

"The faculty instituted that students were weaker academically [20 years ago]. The student profile is better than how it's been. In revising for the curriculum in 2010, they felt that an assessment of writing was no

longer required. It served a purpose, but it is no longer needed in our profile," O'Keefe said.

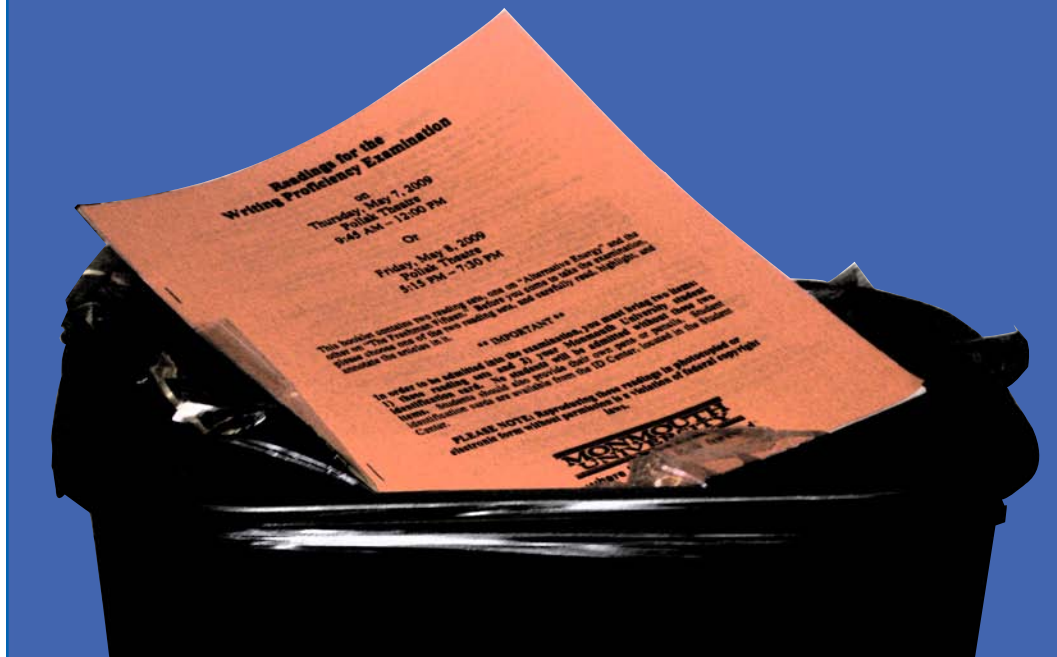
The exam requires students to take a side on an argumentative topic, while citing essays that are included in the WPE Reading Set.

If a student fails the May WPE, he or she must then register for English 112, Persuasive Academic Writing.

Students who will be taking the WPE are those who have already taken English 101 and 102.

Although the exam will not be administered in the future, O'Keefe said that stu-

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## Major Decisions to be Made For Graduating Seniors

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Students attend college in preparation for the real world and job market. What happens though, when after college there is no one hiring? In these tough economic times with unemployment at the highest rate it has been in years, the degrees with the most appeal to employers may be the best way to ensure a job after graduation.

According to Monmouth's Institutional Research Center, the most popular majors on campus are business, communication, education, criminal justice and psychology. "Majors like business and communication are popular because the options for jobs are so broad, and in this economy you need to be open to different opportunities," said Danielle Schrama, coordinator of the First Year office.

A CNBC feature about the economic crisis gave a list of the top 10 college degrees that have "the most drawing power in the job market." The list, according to

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## The Outlook Receives Fourth Consecutive First Place from American Scholastic Press Organization

THE OUTLOOK STAFF REPORT

For the fourth consecutive year The Outlook was awarded First Place by the American Scholastic Press Association in its Annual Newspaper Awards (ASPA) for excellence in college newspapers.

In a letter The Outlook from the ASPA, one judge wrote, "You have an excellent school newspaper, which shows the talent of your editors, reporters, writers, photographers, layout designers, and advisor."

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## Neva Pontoriero and Nicole Stevens Named Recipients of the 2009 Library Research Awards

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Information literacy and developing students' critical thinking skills are a high priority at Monmouth University. Last year, the Monmouth University Library established Library Research Awards to recognize students who demonstrate skill and creativity in the application of library and information resources to research papers completed in

fulfillment of a course requirement.

Graduate student Neva Pontoriero and undergraduate student Nicole Stevens have been selected to receive the 2009 awards. Both award winners made extensive use of library resources and services, demonstrated the ability to select, evaluate and synthesize the information collected, and showed personal learning and development of research skills.

Neva's research paper, Con-

necting University Image and Public Perceptions, was written for her fall 2008 Professional Communication class. The project was nominated for the award by Communication faculty member Sheila McAllister-Spooner. The research paper explores the connection between image formation, identity management, and public perceptions of service organizations, specifically in the university setting. In her supporting essay, Neva described her



PHOTO COURTESY OF Eleonora Dubicki

Top: Neva Pontoriero  
Bottom: Nicole Stevens,  
both winners of the 2009  
Library Research Award



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Find out how one student brought the movie Slumdog Millionaire to campus and why?



### Opinion

Read one student's call for help.



### Entertainment

Check out what bands will be performing at this years Bamboozle Festival.



### Sports

Track and Field broke a school record at the Penn Relays this week.



# SGA Awards Honor Students for Yearly Accomplishments

ELIZA MILLER  
STAFF WRITER

The 2008- 2009 Student Awards Ceremony honored students for their academic achievements and leadership in particular areas held on April 26 in the Pollak Theatre. All recipients who received an award were put into a 2008/2009 booklet and are recognized by Student Government Association for all their achievements.

Starting off, the ceremony began with a warm welcome speech by SGA President Jeffery Cook, who was then followed by opening remarks presented by President Paul Gaffney II. After the opening remarks and explanation of how proud the university is to have such hard working and dedicated students, Dr. Golam Mathbor, Associate Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, began awarding students.

Dr. Golam Mathbor awarded 41 students in areas connecting to the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Some awards included Academic Writing Prize, Creativity in Design Award, Creative Writing Prize, Italian Student of the Year Award, Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Anthropology, and or Radio Broadcasting Award.

The next awarder was Dr. Ravinda Sharma, Dean of the Monmouth University Library, awarded two students for things relating to the Monmouth University Library. These awards included Monmouth University

Library Research Award for 2009 given to Nicole Stevens, and Monmouth University Library Research Award for 2009 given to Neva Pontoriero.

Dr. Michael Palladino, Dean of

istry Award, Biology Honor Society-Chi Eta Excellence Award, Computer Science Award, Outstanding Scholarship in mathematics, and or the Software Engineering Department Academic

sor of the Year, Excellence in News Producing, Hawk TV Executive Board Recognition, LCAC Community Service Award, and or SGA Outstanding Senator.

Next, Dr. Nora Smith, MSW

fessional Excellence Award/ICD.

Dr. Jingzi Huang, chairperson, and Dr. Jason Barr, chairperson, awarded nine students in areas relating to the school of education. Some awards included Bachelor or Arts in Education, Master of Arts in Teaching, and/or Outstanding Students in M.S. Ed. Special Education.

Dr. Brian Garvey, Dean of the Honors School, awarded 43 students who made it into Honors School.

Dr. Edward Christensen, Associate Dean, gave awards to10 students relating to Leon Hess Business School. These awards included Accounting Departmental Award, Economics Departmental Award, Finance Departmental Award, Management Departmental Award, and/or Wall Street Journal Award.

Last was awarder Dr. Marilyn Lauria, Dean, who gave awards to ten students connecting to Marjorie K. Uterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies. Awards were given out for things such as BSN Academic Excellence Award 2009, Health Studies Leadership Award 2009, and or MSN Leadership Award 2009.

After all the awards were handed out, the closing remarks of the event were presented by Dr. Thomas Pearson. The ceremony was a great way to award all students for their hard work and dedication and celebrate student's accomplishments. Every student who was honored during this ceremony truly has made an impact on the university.



PHOTO COURTESY of Eliza Miller

The Student Awards Ceremony, which was held in Pollak Theatre, honored students from several different areas of the University on April 26.

the School of Science, Technology, and Engineering awarded 24 students in areas relating to the school of science, technology, and engineering. Some awards included ACS Analytical Chem-

Excellence Award.

Jeffery Cook and Amanda Klaus, SGA Vice President, awarded 21 students in areas relating to student activities, leadership and organizations. Some awards included Advi-

Program Director, awarded six students for matter relating to the School of Social Work. Some awards included BSW Academic Excellence Award, Dean's Award of Excellence, and or MSW Pro-

## MU President



Dear Monmouth Student,

I've been thinking about your successes recently. Have you? Normally, you will hear me asking "what have you done lately" or more importantly "what do you plan to do next?" We aim for you to look forward.

Once in a while, however,

it is healthy to reflect on the victories you have accumulated. Now is that time, as the semester and academic year come to a close.

Absolutely, you have encountered a bump or two in the road. Just as absolutely you have overcome them. You have passed exams, written papers, done experiments and analyses, spoken in front of fellow students. You've made friends. New experiences can now be listed in your personal history. You have made a difference here and the community. You are more critical in your thinking about your world and your own personal decisions. I have seen your confidence soar.

Mostly, I am proud that you have learned to watch out for each other. I see increasing evidence of peer loyalty. I saw it today, this past week, this semester, this year. When I tell prospective students about MU, I tell them about you and your concern for each other. Congratulations. Good luck on your exams.

Paul Gaffney

## M.U.P.D.

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# WPE Removed from University’s Curriculum After this Year

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dents must still take it this year, because the catalog of record they are in indicates which courses they should take, which includes the WPE.

After this year, students must fulfill the Writing Proficiency Requirement by receiving a C- or better in English 101 and 102. If they fail the course, they must either repeat it or enroll in English 112.

O’Keefe also said that the new curriculum, which is revised every 15 to 20 years, has been underway for the past few years.

“This is what colleges and universities do every so often; it keeps the core curriculum up to date,” O’Keefe said.

The revised General Education curriculum, established by the Faculty Council, has several changes for incoming students other than the withdrawal of the WPE. Courses English 101 and 102 will still be required; however, only three credits of a Literature, English 201 or 202, will need to be taken.

The Aesthetics requirement must still be fulfilled, but there will be a broader range of courses to be offered to students, rather than the four appreciation courses in dance, theatre, music and art. Perspectives will also

be opened up for a change in the variety of courses.

There will now be a “combination” requirement with Western Civilization and Social Science courses. Students will complete this by either taking two classes of Western Civilization and one of Social Science, or two classes of Social Science and one of Western Civilization.

The 100 level class of Informational Technology will be optional for students, depending on what their major’s department requires. The same will be applied for the Humanities course, Critical Discourse.

The Mathematics requirement

for three credits in a Cross Cultural course and three credits in a Global Understanding course.

Resembling the Freshman Seminar course that many first year students took this past fall, a three credit First Year Seminar course will be required to help first year students adjust to their new surroundings and spark an interest in their intended majors.

“Not everyone will do this right away, but the opportunity is there,” O’Keefe said.

O’Keefe advises students who have been fulfilling the current General Education core curriculum to not switch over to the new curriculum, or to wait until they have all of the information on what the core curriculum will be.

This year, the WPE will be administered to students on May 7 from 9:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. and May 8 from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration occurs at a first come, first serve basis.

Depending on when one registers, students can also take the exam in e-Campus assigned computer labs on a word processing program. Handwritten exams will also be given in Polak Theatre.

As advice to students preparing for the exam, O’Keefe says to “get familiar with the reading sets and be sure to follow directions.”

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continues to remain on the curriculum, as does those of the Science. However, students will be given the opportunity to pick from any six credits of the Science courses.

Six credits of the Cross Cultural, soon to be changed to Diversity, requirement will also stay the same. Six credits of the same foreign language can be taken, or students may register

# “Hamburger Helpers” Clean Up

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volunteered, was established in October of 1987 and is located adjacent to Monmouth Medical Center. It was founded by Ernie George, a local McDonald’s owner and member of the Long Branch Rotary Club.

While there the team cleaned everything in the facility from the walls to the refrigerators and got to know some of the residents.

“While cleaning the house, we had the opportunity to meet a little girl with an untreatable brain tumor. She was an absolute sweetheart and we got to see firsthand

how important the Ronald McDonald House is for families with sick children,” Turner said.

The Ronald McDonald Houses are located near children’s hospitals and offer families a refuge 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Up to eight families can be accommodated in the Long Branch House and all bedrooms feature a private bath, phone line and answering machine. Disability accessible rooms are also available. Families share a fully equipped kitchen, common living and quiet areas, a playroom, laundry facilities and gardens with an outdoor play area.

Financial costs accompanying treatment of a seriously ill child are

often enormous and many parents take time off from work, while some have to leave their job altogether in order to care for their child. This strongly affects the families, especially those with moderate or low incomes. The Ronald McDonald House helps in reducing costs and families are asked for a contribution of \$10.00 a night for their stay, but no family is turned away if they are unable to pay.

“We are so happy we were able to help out at the Ronald McDonald House. They do so many wonderful things that directly affect our local community and we are proud we could help them out on their spring cleaning day!” Turner said.



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The Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch where student volunteer group the “Hamburger Helpers” assisted with Spring Cleaning.

# Slumdog Millionaire Makes its Way to Monmouth University

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Last Wednesday, April 22, 2009, the South Asian Student Association (SASA), “La Carboneria” Philosophy/Religion Club, and The Center of Distinction for the Arts presented the movie “Slumdog Millionaire” on campus. The event had a tremendous turnout by students, staff, and community members. Audiences were mesmerized by the touching thriller and enjoyed every bit of the movie.

Danny Boyle’s film Slumdog Millionaire has been a great success throughout the world. The film is set and filmed in India, which tells the story of a young man from the slums of Mumbai. Jamal Malik, one of the slums, struggles to survive after his mother’s murder by the extremists. Through his journey he learns valuable lessons that help him win on the show “Who want to be a millionaire?”

Slumdog Millionaire won eight academy awards, the most for any film of 2008, includ-

ing Best Picture, Best Director, Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Film Editing, Best Sound Mixing, Best Cinematography, Best Original Score and Best Original Song. This film’s charismatic story line led it to win these prestigious awards.

As we approached the final scene of the influential movie there was a mixture of emotions in the crowd. People realized that you do not need to be a genius to achieve your goals in life.

Overall, the event was a great success and provoked global awareness for poverty and destiny. Last but not least a special thank to Eileen Chapman, Barbara Powderly, and Professor Simonelli for their contribution and making it possible to show this great film on campus. As President of the South Asian Student Association I would highly recommend this film to everyone who has yet to watch it and anyone who wishes to learn about the different lifestyles of the slums in India.



PHOTO COURTESY OF www.worldpress.com

The South Asian Student Association brought Academy Award winning film Slumdog Millionaire to campus this past Wednesday.

# Commission on Higher Education Honors EOF Program Seniors

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The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education honored ten Monmouth University Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) seniors at Georgian Court University on Friday April 17th for their academic achievement.

EOF is a state funded program which awards scholarships to NJ students who fit financial and academic criteria.

Honorees received an achievement certificate along with a State of New Jersey Executive Department Proclamation signed by Governor Jon S. Corzine and Secretary of State Nina Mitchell Wells.

Graduating EOF students from New Jersey Colleges and Universities were chosen according to their high grade point average and overall academic persever-

ance. The three categories the students were honored in are the following: Outstanding Academic Achievement 3.5-3.99 cumulative grade point average, Academic Achievement Award 3.2-3.4 cumulative grade point average and Outstanding Achievement awarded to the senior who best exemplifies the spirit and intent of the EOF Program. Lauren Brownlee, Pt. Pleasant; Leilani Chin, East Brunswick; Kelliann Heaney, Dumont; Omar Kurdi, Eatontown and Frankie Morales, Lakewood were honored in the Outstanding Academic Achievement category. The Academic Achievement Award was presented to Marion Easley, Somerville; Tranisha Frasier, Jersey City; Nina Jones, Lakewood and Melissa Myers Seaside Heights. Aaron Reevey, Red Bank was honored with the Outstanding Achievement Award.



# Saying Goodbye to the Best Four Years of My Life

PAIGE SODANO  
SENIOR EDITOR

Wasn't it just the other week I was moving my pink bedding and boxes of Easy Mac into Cedar Hall? No, I'm wrong – it was four years ago. Oh my, time sure does fly by. As I started writing my senior goodbye for The Outlook it dawned on me that this is the last time I will ever write anything for a student-run newspaper, because I am done being a student very soon. My time at Monmouth has been by far the best experience of my life – nothing will ever compare to what I have learned, the people I have met, and most importantly the friends I will have for the rest of my existence. This school was the best decision I ever made – so enjoy every second of it, for those of you who still have precious time left here. There are so many people I want to thank, but I will try my best to keep it at a minimum, so bare with me here.

First and foremost, my parents,

will truly miss living with you – and raiding your closet. Oh, how you've improved my fashion choices. I'll never forget all the memories we have made the past four years, and I can't thank you enough for studying abroad with me. I also can't ever forget when we used to write Outlook articles together because we didn't want to do it alone! I love you Miss M. Love, Paigey Pooh. P.S. Want to dance on chairs to "Barbie Girl" later?



KP: You will always have a place in my heart. And I'll never forget our endless memories. You have taught me so much about life – lessons I won't ever forget. We've had our ups and downs, but we got through them all. I have

watched you grow as a person and I'm so proud of you – you're going to make a great officer. Thank you for everything, and you'll always be 'in my atmosphere'. P.S. You wanted it.

Now as much as I want to name every single one of my friends

ers who have made my four years at this organization so worth the while.

Frank: Thank you so much for your patience, especially last semester when my life was crazier than I could even handle. We had quite the heart to hearts, and I'm always here for you even if I'm "old and graduated". Who knew that snobby-looking girl would become Pebbles only a few months later? Thanks to you, I have learned to control how much blush I paint on my face. Funny how I always think of you when there is one sip of a Corona left, hm. Good luck with everything Frank, and have a fabulous senior year. Oh and PANDAS and Theresa Facebook messages!

Chrissy: You've been great, you're such a sweetheart and it's been a pleasure getting to know you. If only we would've hung out more since we DO live on the same street, but our busy lives didn't allow that. Thanks for all your help, especially with making the stories list every week. Best of luck in the future, I know you'll go far!

Lisa: I'll never forget the stress ball in my salad – classic. Thank you for ALL your help and teaching me layout back in the day. Keep in touch, I have to know where that English degree takes you, because you have worked so hard for it! I'll always think of you when I hear the BSB – and I love that we both have the oldest 90s songs on our iTunes!

Danielle: I love that we became friends because we both LOVE London. It's been great becoming such good friends with you, and I'm really going to miss you so we have to keep in touch, and hey, who knows, maybe we'll end up working at Epic together! I wish you only the best in everything you do!

Taylor: CorWino, I wish we bonded earlier than San Diego, but I'm so glad we got to go together – what a convention, ha! Just have to say Team Amazing, Todd with TWO d's, Chatum, Helicopter Dance-Off, our similar stalking techniques on Facebook, San Diego's late-night hotel visit and your pretty Outlook boxes! So glad we've gotten to hang out outside the office. Have a lovely senior year, I will be back to visit, and please let me know if you ever need anything – oh AND come visit Lanc this summer to visit your favorite Amish!

Gina: You sweet little thing, I am going to miss that wave you give. It's been so fun getting to know you, I'm sorry it didn't happen sooner when we were in Journalism together, but at least we have our 'Canada' memories. I'll never forget your 3 a.m. showers in San Diego – you're one of a kind, my dear. I can't wait until you're editor in chief because I know you're going to do a fantastic job! You have such a drive to succeed, and that is going to get you very far in life, trust me. Enjoy your college career, it flies, and the best is yet to come! Oh yea, and you're not anything like an ocelot – don't worry, you little BAMF!

Andrew: Now you my friend, kept your personality a well-kept secret until California. You really made that trip, Harry Caray. I'm going to miss that humor of yours, but have an incredible senior year and best of luck with you and Mich!

Eric: I can't ever think of muscles without wanting to say guns – so thank you and Renda for that one. I know there's a crazy side to you, but unfortunately I won't be able to experience it.

It's been great having you on the staff, have fun next year!

Chris N: The office isn't the same without you – thanks for ALL your help, it has been much appreciated! Now don't go losing \$4.00, ok? I know the economy is bad right now, but you got way too worked up over losing a few bucks! Good luck with everything and hold on to that computer charger!

Sarah: You're a great person, and it's been so nice working with you. I wish you the best of luck in all you do! However, your Facebook is a little out of control and all of us girls are a little jealous about it, ha!

Leslie: You're such a pleasant person to be around, and I love that we share an obsession with London together. I know you're going to miss asking me to write something for Habitat, and me throwing a blurb together last minute. Good luck in all you do!

Ron: You've been a great staff member, I wish we had time to become better friends, but good luck in the future!

Diana: Thank you for joining the e-board, best of luck next year!

Sandy: *The Outlook* would retire if it weren't for you. Thank you SO much for all your work, and all the planning you did for San Diego. It's been a pleasure working with you!

Morano: Thank you for all your help with the paper; you've helped each one of us in so many ways!

Chris K: Thank you for all your help!!

Well, that wraps up the staff. It's truly been a wonderful experience working with all of you, and I'm honestly going to miss it a ton, even those stressful days. Keep me updated with everything! Taylor and Gina, I'm counting on you girls.

I'd also like to thank a few of the staff members for their support and hard work.

President Gaffney and VP Nagy: THANK YOU for all your work!! I am so proud to say I attended such a beautiful school!

Robyn: It's been so fun working with you and speaking at the study abroad meetings. If you ever need me to come back, don't hesitate to e-mail me, I'd love to come back, you know I thrive on speaking about my amazing experiences abroad. Rose: I wear my T-shirt all the time! You two really took care of us while we were in Europe! Thanks a ton!

Professor Rocereto: You've been

a great teacher, and I look at marketing in a whole new way. Thank you!

Carolyne: Thank you for all your guidance and advice, you have been incredibly generous and helpful.

Professor Frangipane: You have been the most influential professor and I can't thank you enough. You have an extraordinary way of teaching and I've enjoyed ev-



ery second of it. Your class was the only one that I was actually mad when it ended. You're a true legend in my eyes, thank you so much!

The Communication department: Thank you ALL so much, you're an amazing bunch of people!

It really is hard to believe that



my best friends, thank you from the bottom of my heart for supporting me in everything I do. You have been there through thick and thin, and I can't thank you enough. I hope I've done you proud. Tom and Greta, thank you for all your support as well. I love you all.

Nana and Mee-Mom: Thank you for putting such a stress on how important education is, I've definitely come to realize how vital a college experience truly is. You two mean so much to me, all my love to you both.

Marina: My best friend and the most amazing roommate I could ever ask for, it was truly fate how we met – of course we have to thank Lucky, Sonny, & Cher because that's when you knew we were meant to be. I love you and

here at MU, I can't but you know who you are and each one of you have made my Monmouth experience absolutely unforgettable. I do have to send my love to the best living situation I've ever had at MU: Drew, Ashley and Marina – Dwight, R.I.P. It's been more fun than I ever could have expected! Thank you for all the laughs and thank you for the shoulders I have cried on. I love you, roomies.

I have made the greatest friends here, and please do keep in touch. I know I'm going back to PA for now, but come visit Amish country! I wish every single one of you all the best of luck in everything you pursue, I love you all – and thank you for the memories!

It's now time for me to say goodbye to all my wonderful Outlook-



in less than a month I will leave the home I've known here at the beach for four years, and begin my plunge into the "real world" – yikes. Being involved in this organization has taught me so much about leadership and I can only hope that I have left a lasting impression on what I have accomplished.

My experiences with *The Outlook* have helped shape me as a person, and the skills I have learned will stay with me for the rest of my life.

When I receive that diploma on May 20 and I become an alumnus, I will always feel a part of the Monmouth community, even if I'm not laying out the newspaper at 11:00 at night – those are only memories of time well spent.



# My Final Contribution

DANIELLE DECARLO  
STUDY ABROAD EDITOR

"You know, Danielle..." my dad said at my high school graduation party in 2005, "...we'll be doing this again in a quick four years."

I brushed this off of my shoulders quickly; faster than I could blink my eyes and realize that it is now 2009, and I am writing my senior goodbye for the finale of my college career. It is hard to believe that this is my final contribution to The Outlook.

It is really incredible to me that in less than a month I'll be handed my diploma proving that I've earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communication with a concentration in Public Relations and Journalism at Monmouth University. I use the word earned, because I feel that the past four years have been four big stepping stones to the point where I'm at now; yet another turning point.

First and foremost, I have to mention The Outlook. Without it, I wouldn't be able to write a senior goodbye (Thanks Frank). Since freshman year I wrote, edited, and sent stories from overseas while I studied abroad, and this newspaper gave me amazing opportunities to show off my work and everything I learned in my journalism classes. Plus, now I actually have something in my portfolio for my career search (eek).

I'd like to thank a few people that have been guardian angels, really, throughout my college career. Number one is Professor Sanford; my advisor, my professor, and my live saver throughout many freak-outs. Thank you so much for deal-

ing with me stressing out and for fixing every and any problem I had, you are incredible and an inspiration.

Professor Morano, I'd also like to thank you for putting the fear of God into me whenever I handed in a paper to make it perfect; it has made me a better writer and taught me the value of putting hard work into everything. Thank you for your guidance, your stories, and everything you do. You are so helpful and inspirational and I appreciate it more than you know. I always looked so forward to your classes.

Professor Hokanson, thanks for being so fun and making class something to really look forward to. Also, thanks for making Comm Theory a piece of cake...I cannot believe the paper I produced with as little stress as I felt! You are such a big help with everything and always put a smile on my face.

To all of my professors, thank you. Every class has taught me what I know and made me who I am as my college career comes to a close.

As far as friends, let me start with freshman year. All of my roommates from I-suite in Spruce (you know who you are), you are the best. I am so happy we were all so close and have so many fond memories, and most of all such good friends to hold on to even after my college career. Sophomore year, before I studied abroad in London, my Oakwood roommates; what more can I say? Besides that we had the time of our lives for that one short semester, and I'm so happy we still keep in touch and

can be close, even if we can't see each other all of the time. I miss you girls.

I am also so grateful for the study abroad experience I was fortunate enough to have. To everyone that I studied abroad with, we had an amazing, incredible, fun time and it was the best time of my life up until this point. I made such good friends, had so many laughs, all while traveling Europe and learning about other cultures; what more could you ask for? You guys are the best!

To the entire senior class of 2009, I wish everyone the very best of luck in everything you do. What a crazy four years it has been, but we made it! Finally! I am very honored to share the stage with you on May 20 as we walk across to get our diplomas, that tangible evidence that we worked our butts off while we were here (and had a great time doing so)!

I have to thank my parents for the opportunity of being able to go to college. I am so lucky. To my mother, who I called at least every half hour of the last four years freaking out about some project or paper, and her patience with me. I love you so much, and you are the best mother any girl could ask for. I don't know if I could have done all of this without you, and I mean that. Thank you for always believing in me.

Dad, you were always my academic words of wisdom. You taught me to work hard, keep my chin up, and remember to have some fun while doing so. Thank you for your guidance and for being an amazing father, it means so much to me and I love you.

Also, I'm very ready for my college graduation celebration!

My brother, Aric, what can I say? You are awesome, you certainly make me laugh...constantly. Thanks for supporting me with everything throughout the years. You're the best big bro ever, love you.

The rest of my family – you have all been so supportive of everything I do, have done, and will do,

non-productive e-board meetings, The Office quotes, Chris Netta, and tons of others!). Sandy, thanks for everything you do for us! It was such a pleasure to work with all of you and I wish you all the best. I truly hope we can all keep in touch! I love you guys!

In short, writing this makes me realize just how lucky and fortunate I am to receive such an amazing education from Monmouth. I



and there is nothing more I could ask for.

Last but not least, everyone at The Outlook that I've met throughout the past four years. I would love to write an individual goodbye to all of you, but I'd need the whole newspaper to fill it. You guys are the best and we have some fantastic memories together (Just a few to name; bonding at Applebees, NOT leaving AIM up, extremely

was able to be a part of so much at this school, and as much as I've been saying lately that I can't wait to graduate, I am very sad to leave and I know I'll miss it so much. Again, thank you to everyone who helped guide me along the way, and I will be sure to take everything I learned, academically or otherwise, to my other journeys in life.

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Bitter-Sweet...

FRANK GOGOL  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

It hasn't really set in that this is the last issue of The Outlook for the year. It really seems like yesterday that I was walking in the office at the end of August to meet Sandy and start cleaning out Jackie's...well, everything. But here we are, issue 25 and this experience was nothing less than a learning adventure for every facet of my life.

I didn't do this alone, though. Every step of the way someone was here to help me in one way or another and I would like to thank those people.

Chrissy: I don't even know where to start. At the beginning, I suppose. I'll never, ever forget that first meeting with you and Paige back in September! But seriously, thank you for everything this year. There's really too much to talk about it all, but you know what I am talking about. I have learned probably the most about myself from you and, while I know you're getting out of here, I'm sure this isn't the end. You are one of the most genuine and spectacular people I have ever met and I am sure you will be great outside of these walls. And p.s., you might be prettier than me.

Paige, Paigerific, Paiger, Pebbles, Pepper: Our little story goes back to day 1 of this year too. The "snobby girl," though that's now I have phrased it. You've very much been a big sister to me this year in ways maybe you don't even know about. I'll never forget you're Bible/Scrapbook, or San Diego, or pickles, yogurt, and Andes chocolate, or you. You have been an irreplaceable asset to The Outlook for four years and especially to me this year. I know you're a little nervous about going out in to the real-world, but I know you will be fine. And if you're not, you can always come back as a grad assistant!

(Paige and Chrissy: I don't think that when I meet with Taylor and Eric at the start of next year I will walk away from it quite like I did from our meeting.)

ChrisKeller: No, that's not a typo; your name is one word. ChrisKeller. I owe you very special thanks because no matter how much work the rest of us put into each issue, without you it would have never made it to the printer. Just remember this when you are out in the real world: don't draw on people when they are asleep. Yeah,

you thought I forgot, didn't you. Well I didn't! Karma, my friend. Anyway, good luck in all you do, brutha.

Leslie: I am tempted to insert some of my usual dry humor that we both are so good at... but I won't this time. You handled one of the hardest pages this year, and you did it well, so for that I thank you.

Ron: I have to commend you on the fact that without me even realizing it, more times than not you had your page done and very rarely asked me what to put in your section. Props for that. You're hard word did not go unnoticed and was very appreciated this year, man.

Danielle: I've always known how dedicated a worker you are and earlier this week you thanked me for promoting you to editor, but the truth is I wasn't promoting you; I was just making sure you were back where you belong. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for all you have done this year.

And to the rest of you Outlookers (as Paige has called us) thank you all for your hard work and dedication this year. There are a lot of memories. We have nowhere but up to go next year and it will be the best year for The Outlook yet.

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# Sober Transportation:

## What Can Monmouth Do?

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FEATURES EDITOR

I went to a friend’s house to partake in a rather sophisticated social affair. That is to say, I went to a kegger in a basement. But the fifteen minute drive to the event came after about two hours of trying to decide how we were going to get there. No one wanted to drive, because everyone wanted to drink. And for God’s sake, if you were alive at any point last night, you know how biting cold it was outside. Far too treacherous of a walk.

So we finally took a position on the whole ordeal: two people would drive, and since they would most likely be drinking, we were either walking home or sleeping there. A decent enough conclusion. But at the end of the night, there were too many people around to sleep, and it was still far too frigid to walk home. So, thankfully, a friend made the hike to come swoop us up, and we got home safe and sound (and warm).

Now, you may be saying to yourself, “Good for you, but all my friends are jerks and drunks. They’d never come pick me up!” Actually, you probably won’t be saying that. It’s probably something more along the lines of, “I’ve been in the same situation, and didn’t make as wise of a decision.” And you wouldn’t be alone on that. I’m ashamed to admit



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Drunk driving is a national problem that requires student attention. Speak up and make a difference.

that I’ve also made some poor decisions when it comes to transportation, and thankfully have come out of it unscathed. But I won’t be making those choices again.

Sober transportation is an *extremely* important issue, especially on a college campus, and especially at a college that does not offer all that much entertainment on its campus. What do we have? The Thursday Night Alternative: sitting in a crowded room listening to some kid butcher Dylan on guitar? An acoustic Abu Ghraib!

No, this student body goes out to rub elbows with its peers. So we need a safe (and cheap) way to get around. Taxis are a rip off, and I’m almost positive that the one I took home a few weeks ago drove around in circles before finally getting me back to campus. Nearly 13,000 people died in an

alcohol-related car crash last year alone, according to alcoholstats.com, and that is a number that has decreased over the last twenty-five years. We could decrease the amount of drunk drivers on the road by providing a Monmouth sponsored shuttle system, affectionately called a “drunk bus.”

Opponents of a drunk bus say that it encourages binge drinking. Even if this is true, which it may be, you must take the good with the bad. People are going to drink, regardless of what barriers we may build up around the issue. We, as a campus community, should take the steps to ensure that when students drink, they do so responsibly.

So I encourage everyone reading this to go out drinking, get in the car, and drive home. The numbers will eventually start adding up, our voices will have to be heard, and change will have to be made.

I’m kidding of course. Please do not get behind the wheel after having *any* drinks. But do speak up. When you finally realize that you’re tired of those long, chilly walks down Norwood and Cedar, then call upon the administration to do something about this. Ask why it hasn’t been done already. Speak up, and be heard. Change doesn’t come about after one raised hand and a quick question. It comes when we collectively stand up and shout together.

# From Stereotypes to Soul Mates

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Becoming a college student has its benefits and doubts. It can be difficult at first trying to find a place you fit in along with getting good grades and adjusting to dorm life.

I’m three years in and I think I just figured out a perfect medium. Coming to a New Jersey college from the outskirts of New York City brought a whole new world upon me. Monmouth is just like one big high school except you have no parental supervision and your professors don’t call home when you miss class. Some people can’t handle it, others master it.

Monmouth has its clubs and sports. It also has the one thing I never imagined myself joining, Greek life. Up until second semester of freshman year, a sorority

was out of the question. I went to the interest parties and found myself chatting with two dozen girls which is something I would never normally do. I was secure with my group of friends from back home and I didn’t think I needed to gain a bunch of sisters to replace them while at school. I was wrong. I realized that the reason I

values along with supporting the community.

Our society tends to focus on the negative aspects along with stereotypes. Most sorority girls aren’t ditz or slutty and most “frat” boys don’t slip roofies in drinks. All the positive parts of being Greek, like how we are helpful to our communities and our campuses, are hidden by the stereotypes that everyone is so used to hearing about.

I speak for most Greeks when I say we didn’t join Greek life to become professional beer-pong players or to win “sluttiest sister” superlative.

I came to appreciate Greek life for what it has to offer to everyone as a whole, lifetime relationships that you will have with you after you graduate. In my opinion, you’re lucky if you get to experience it. My sisters are my soul mates and the people who appeal to the stereotypes are the ones missing out.

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was so against becoming a Greek was because of how I imagined it to be before I gave it a chance.

Sororities and fraternities are not the typical Greek organizations that movies like “Legally Blonde” and “Old School” portray. Each and every one is different in their own way supporting similar

# Internet Exposure Without Protection

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Anyone who spends time online has at least a vague sense of the “service agreements” to which he routinely consents — dense documents filled with legal fine print that make up the “terms of service” for Web services or online groups.

Most people spend zero time reading the fine print. They typically click “accept” and move ahead without a second thought.

But this week, denizens of Facebook — one of the world’s most popular online social networking groups — said “not so fast.” Within a matter of hours, using Facebook’s own site, they coalesced and pushed back. Remarkably, their outrage over what they perceived as a blatant privacy violation by Facebook operators caused Facebook to roll back the new terms.

The incident offers useful lessons in self control and collective action in the digital age.

For the uninitiated, Facebook is a site on which millions of people and groups maintain what’s effectively a combination bulletin board, photo album, scrap book, phone tree and newsletter that they share with friends. The site originally catered to college students, but it no longer is just for kids.

Anyone over the age of 13 can become a Facebook member, build a “page” and avail himself of its services free of charge — but only after accepting terms of the service agreement.

Among the terms is one giving Facebook’s proprietors “an irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, transferable, fully paid, worldwide license (with right to sublicense)” on everything a member posts on his page. You post a picture of yourself and your cat, for instance, and Facebook can do whatever it wants with it.

The terms of service said that the “license granted above will

automatically expire” when members remove content from their page. But Facebook recently quietly removed that clause, meaning Facebook unilaterally claimed the right to use the material in perpetuity. So even if you took down the picture or quit the site, Facebook still could use the picture (or other information) it had stored in its servers.

Things didn’t stay quiet for long. The Consumerist — a consumer protection blog — put out word that Facebook was making a data grab. A virtual riot ensued as media outlets, old and new, picked up the story. Privacy advocates readied a complaint to be filed with the Federal Trade Commission.

Ironically, the real leverage came when consumer unhappiness showed signs of becoming a Facebook-driven movement. A new Facebook group — People Against the new Terms of Service — grew to nearly 90,000 strong.

Facebook’s owners, a consortium of millionaire investors led by founder Mark Zuckerberg, caved. The site reinstated the original terms of service, offering face-saving mumbo jumbo about how “it was never our intention to confuse people or make them uneasy about sharing on Facebook.”

Parents should remind their kids — or maybe kids should remind their parents — that in the computer age, the only real guarantee of privacy is never to put anything in a computer you’d be afraid for someone else to see. There are too many ways for information to be copied and shared to be assured that someone, somewhere, doesn’t have it. But that someone shouldn’t be the people you do business with.

Facebook was hoisted on its own e-petard. By leveraging new media to organize a stampede, users struck fear into the heart of sharp operators at a multi-billion dollar enterprise. Sharp operators, take heed.

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In the picture associated with the story about the “Student Employee of the Year Ceremony” Gary Phoebus was mistakenly identified as Provost Pearson.

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## Obama's Education Plan: Reforming the FAFSA

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The 2008 Presidential Election marked the first time, for most undergraduate students, that voting for president was possible. With this civic responsibility came dozens of questions—those about the condition of the job market and state of the economy after graduation and those about affordability of higher education.

When considering relevant issues, many college students made education, economy and the job market top priorities. Just three months into Barack Obama's presidency and the ball is rolling; he has already formulated a stimulus package plan, created the American Opportunity Tax Credit plan and began the process of simplifying fi-

ancial aid for students.

According to the United States Census Bureau, more than 11 million students and their families currently receive financial aid to help pay for higher education. Obama has already declared that a simplified financial aid application process will be put into effect, making it more accessible to students and their families.

The President's plan is to reform the grueling process of filing a FAFSA application by ridding what he believes is excessive information and time-consuming questions. He has vowed to set-up a financial aid option on tax forms so that families may choose with just a simple check mark to be candidates for receiving financial aid for their college students. Vice President Joe Biden fully sup-



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The first steps toward enacting President Obama's plan to reform the FAFSA are being taken.

ports Obama's plan for simplification. In essence, the FAFSA form will be eliminated so that families can have easier access to financial assistance, especially with the possibility of having more than one student enrolled in college. Simplification would be nice; many families agree. However, criticism of the President's plan remains: just because the application will

become easier for and more accessible to families, this does not mean the number of financial aid recipients will increase.

Yet, President Obama wants to increase the amount of students receiving aid, and this means budget cuts somewhere or money out of taxpayer's pockets. According to a recent New York Times article, an additional \$6 billion would have to come from

taxpayers' money in order to offer as much financial aid as the President would like. For the time being, the Department of Education says the President will struggle to find money to finance more aid for college students.

The President continues to work hard to increase college financial aid and to find ways to get more grant money. He has proposed that more students be considered for and incorporated into the Federal Work Study Program. An alternative to this is community service, says Bill Richardson, democratic governor of New Mexico. "The cornerstone of the Obama-Biden proposal is scholarship for every student—\$4,000 in exchange for one year for community service," Richardson said.

The governor also noted the current lack of funds for accomplishing Obama's plan for more financial aid, yet he is hopeful. He believes that by prioritizing awarding more aid to college students and reallocating money in the Department of Education, Obama will achieve his goal and is confident that the student voice will be heard.

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# THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

## Always be Prepared

*A study abroad student shares her insight from a personal experience*

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Studying abroad has taught me many things about the world and myself. A little over a week ago I was taught probably the most valuable lesson I could have learned and one of the most important things I think every study abroad student should know: be prepared.

Barcelona is known as a top pick pocketing city in the world- but of course you never think you will be the target of thieves, it is only the really obvious tourists with their fanny packs or open bags swung around their backs as they admire the sights who actually have their stuff stolen. Well, I was wrong. I traveled to Barcelona with fellow Monmouth Londoner Krista Vanore and as the two of us were about to board the metro I became a victim to pick pocketers.

It was a group of about five girls who made as if they were shoving to get onto the metro. I had my wristlet wrapped around my wrist and clutched in my hand, but one of them knocked themselves into my arm freeing the wristlet from my hand. Luckily it was still wrapped around my wrist so I was able to pull it back up, but only to find my wallet was gone. The thieves then



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Despite a rocky start to her trip, Lindsay was able to view the Temple de Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, Spain, which is still under construction since March 19, 1882. The funding for this is based on donations only.

jumped off the train before it pulled away.

The situation could have been a lot worse, but my family and I had taken Robyn Asaro's advice and had a plan in case such a scenario should happen. First, prior to my departure my mother and I signed forms giving her power of attorney on my behalf while I am gone. I also had my mother listed

on my back account. All of this was useful because as I made my way to the police station to report my wallet missing, my mother was able to contact the bank and have that card canceled.

I have always used Commerce Bank (now TD Bank) but if you do not and are considering studying abroad I suggest using them. My mother was able to go to one

of their branches and have a new card made for me right away, which she then sent via FedEx so it was waiting here at Regents when I returned from my weekend trip that Sunday. It is very unfortunate and scary when something like this happens, but if you have a plan and know you are prepared it makes the situation a lot less stressful. Here are some more tips:

-Invest in a money wallet or necklace that can be tucked under your clothes to keep some extra cash and your credit card. They are super cheap and can be purchased at Target.

-Keep your credit card and cash in separate locations, and never carry a large amount of cash on you.

-Try to find a hostel or hotel with a safe in the room so you do not have to keep your passport on you while you explore a new city.

-Make copies of ever important document you travel with.

Leave some at home and at your respective school abroad.

-Make sure your phone is topped up before you travel so that if an emergency should arise you have a way to contact whoever is necessary.

-Giving a parent, guardian, relative, or trusted individual the power of attorney while you are gone is not just useful in this situation- if while you are gone there are any forms you need signed (a lease for example) the other individual can do it for you.

While what happened to me in Barcelona was not the highlight of my study abroad experience, it was undoubtedly something I have learned from. Theft is a risk you take when traveling and in no way should be a deterrent from study abroad- just remember to have a plan and be prepared- and if this should happen, try not to let it ruin your experience. Despite the theft Barcelona was undoubtedly one of my favorite cities to visit!

**"...one of the most important things I think every study abroad student should know: be prepared."**

LINDSAY CADMUS  
MU Study Abroad Student

# How Do You Sum Up the Best 12 Weeks of Your Life in 500 Words?

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Of all the Study Abroad programs Monmouth offers, the Spain program tends to be the most intimidating. For most people, the language barrier is the main reason why prospective students are hesitant to commit to the program. Not to mention that all classes are offered in Spanish, students live with a host family, and the program is located in a city very similar to New York. However, everything I just mentioned is the exact reason why the Spain Study Abroad program is life changing and by far one of the greatest experiences anyone could ever have.

I first studied in Madrid in the summer of 2007. Our group of eleven students, most of whom were born and raised in suburban areas of New Jersey, seemed tiny and lost in such a large city. However, after about five days of getting lost on the metro headed in the wrong direction and looking both ways down one-way streets, we began to feel like we could fit in. The short six weeks flew by faster than anyone could imagine. We ALWAYS had something to do; whether it was going to the weekly "welcome" party offered by the school, a museum trip, or a weekend bus trip, we were always on the move learning about the country, the people and its culture. Students on the trip came without knowing a word of Spanish, and left feeling confident in returning to Spain or visiting another Spanish speaking country because of how well they could now speak the language. I used to be intimidated by large cities, but after living in Madrid for six weeks, I

felt independent and confident in my ability to adjust and live in an area much different than my small hometown in New Jersey.

When we returned to the United States, something about me had changed; I needed to return to

it, I was on another plane flying to the Madrid Barajas Airport. My second experience in Madrid was in no way better or worse than the first; it was completely different. The Monmouth students were different, my teachers were different,

an overwhelming affect on anyone who views them. I still got lost a few times on the metro or struggled with the language asking for directions. There were still many customs that I had not learned the summer before that caught me by

Like anyone who has studied abroad will tell you, the experience is truly life changing. Madrid will feel like your home after a few days and before you know it, you will be back in America. So it's important not to waste any time while you are there! See everything you possibly can. Try not to let home sickness bring you down. Go out and meet Spaniards (use them to practice the language!). Stay out late. Embrace the new culture; you're in their country and they are more than happy to teach you about it. Talk to cab drivers, it makes things less awkward and they really know a lot about the city. Try new food, even if it is completely different than what you're used to. Walk whenever possible (the metro is convenient but walking allows you to see much more). Speak Spanish as much as possible. Buy anything you might possibly want because you never know if you will be able to return. Don't sweat the small stuff, things happen, and they will pass. Trust your family and ask them questions. Understand that your roommate might have different views on the city and different expectations than you do, but that's okay. Travel on your free weekends. Take pictures of EVERYTHING. Keep a journal. Buy lots of postcards from all the places you visit. Use your professors as a resource to learn about the city and find the best places to go. Most importantly, open yourself up to change and embrace this opportunity!

If you have any questions or doubts, feel free to contact me! Good luck and enjoy your study abroad experience, it is something that can never be taken away from you.



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Monmouth Study Abroad students from previous semesters were able to enjoy the views of many different places that our school has to offer including; Australia, London, Italy and Spain. If you are interested, the Study Abroad office is on the 3rd floor of the Student Center, or e-mail Robyn Asaro at [rasaro@monmouth.edu](mailto:rasaro@monmouth.edu)

Madrid as soon as possible. After trying to figure out the best way to return to Spain, I decided to apply to the study abroad program again. I was lucky enough to be accepted a second time and before I knew

the students I met in class were different, and everyday was a different experience. We visited many of the same museums that our group had visited in 2007, but the paintings we saw will always have

surprise and different types of food that I had not ventured to try. However, each obstacle I came across was another one to learn from and something that made the experience unique.



# Monmouth University’s Catholic Chaplain

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“We have gone many years without a staple priest, here at Monmouth University, but now, we truly have the visibility and knowledge of a priest’s presence which affects many students.” Mary Jakub, the Catholic Center’s Campus Ministry, said. “Father Ireneusz Ekiert is a perfect campus chaplain. He spends so much time with all of the students, who he works with, and he fits so fine with all of them as well; his first priority is to help all of the scholars, and he does an excellent job of this task.”

Being a priest of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity (Trinitarians), Father Ireneusz Ekiert, O.Ss.T., was born on August 26, 1964 in Miedzyzdroje, a small town in Poland. He spent most of the first 26 years of his life there. Father Ireneusz used up the next few years of his life living in Germany, Australia, and France, completing his studies of Philosophy and beginning the first stages of religious formation.

“I came to America in the year 1995 to finish my Theological studies. I graduated with a degree from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. in 1999, and I was ordained as a Priest on July 1, 2000,” said Father. “Since then, I have served in parishes in Maryland, Texas and New York. I have also worked as a School Administrator in St. Bakhita Primary School for

Sudanese Refugees in Cairo, Egypt. Recently I have been assigned at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, in Asbury Park, NJ, and currently, I am working at Monmouth University as the Catholic Center Chaplain.”

“Father Ireneusz is a very beneficial feature to Monmouth University.” Thomas Murtha, a retired Monmouth University Dean of Student Affairs, Professor and Basketball Coach, said. “I attend Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, so I am in touch with Father regularly, and I believe that he is a valuable addition to Monmouth University, as being a retired professor.”

Father Ireneusz explained how he became a priest because it was his calling. It took him some time to recognize it, but he is very happy that he accomplished what he was set out to peruse in his lifetime.

Father made clear that he does not have a best moment in his priesthood; he stated that there are many significant moments and it is hard to single one out, but highlights in his life are ministerial moments. He takes pleasure in performing weddings, witnessing Baptisms, even performing funerals. Different sacraments touch his spirit in different, unique ways.

“I love Father being our Catholic Chaplain.” Anna Clemency, Catholic Center’s President, said. “The best part about him being here for us, whenever we need him on campus, is that now we can hold more spiritual events that we couldn’t hold

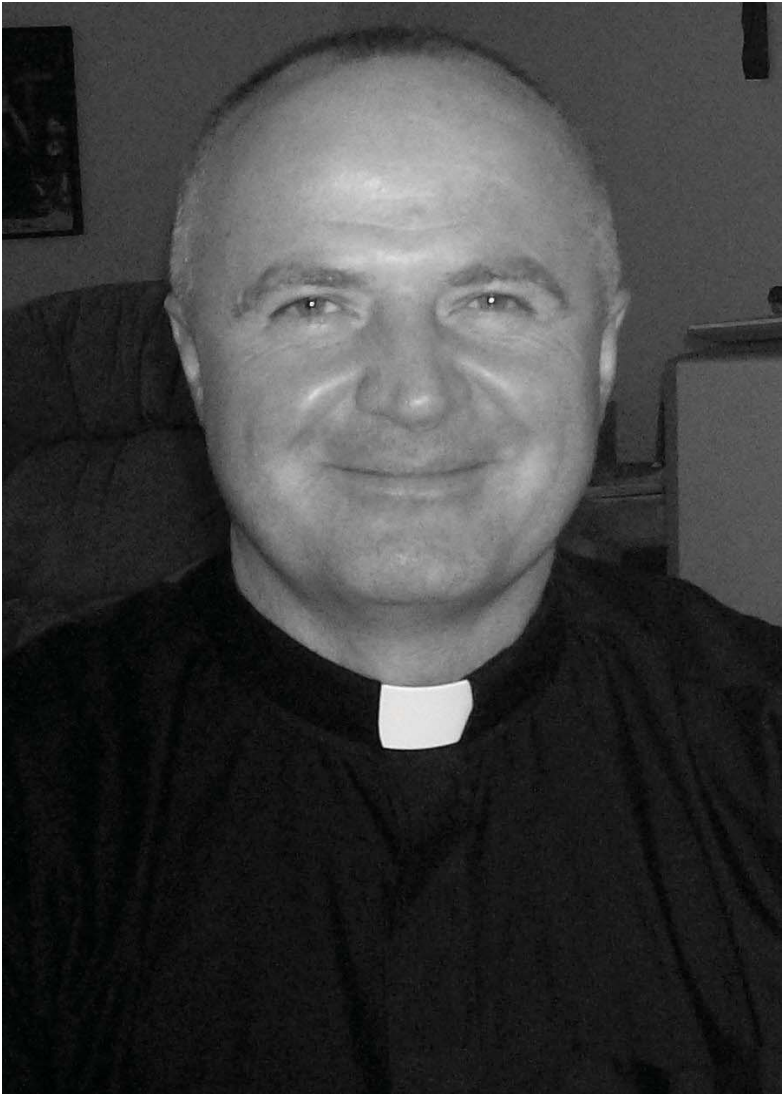


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Father Ireneusz Ekiert is the Catholic Center’s priest

before, without a permanent priest.”

The Monmouth senior explained how in confession, Father Ireneusz is very under-

standing and compassionate. “He treats the repentance as the serious sacrament that it is,” Clemency said. “Father was definitely called by God to be

the Priest that he is today, and I am very glad that God placed him here, to work with us.”

“I completely agree with Anna,” Jakub said. “Father is a great example and whiteness, on campus, to all of the students who wish to follow his teachings. He has touched me in the sense that he has led me on a spiritual journey. His Homilies (religious lectures) bring me to a deeper prayer life.”

Father Ireneusz explained that if he was not a priest, he would probably just be a worker in the business world. Clemency did not even want to consider Father not being her Priest, but Jakub stated that if Father was not a priest, he would perhaps simply be a religious missionary, working for God in a different way.

“I love working here, at Monmouth University; I enjoy working with students,” Father said. “I plan to be here for about three to four years depending on my studies, but I cherish my time here. I am planning to study Psychological Counseling next school year, so I may stay here or be assigned to work at a different campus, as a Psychological Counsellor. Whatever I do, I know that I will find pleasure in doing.”

Clemency and Jakub stated how they badly want Father to stay and work with them, on campus. “Father’s joy truly shines throughout him,” Jakub said. “This campus is truly blessed, because he was hand-picked, by God, to be here and guide us.”

# The New York Yankees: Road to Redemption 2009

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The “Bronx Bombers” did not make the playoffs last year for the first time since 1993. This was an embarrassment for the Yankees team, management, the owners and fans. The Yankees also ended last year in their old stadium, better known as the house that Ruth Built, so not making the playoffs made it even worse for them. The New York Yankees are known as a team that runs deep through October, and they have won the most championships out of any sports franchise. There is actually a quote about the Yankees and the World Series, “why is it called the World Series if it always played in New York.”

To be exact, the men in pinstripes have won twenty-six World Series and thirty-nine AL pennants. The Yankees have not made it through the first round of the playoffs since 2004, when they lost in the ALCS to the eventual World Champion, Boston Red Sox. The owners, Hal Steinbrenner and Hank Steinbrenner, wanted to bring the Yankees back to their winning ways. To do this, the owners knew they would need to spend a lot of money during the off-season and address a few problems. Hank made a bold prediction that the Yankees would win the World Series this year. The Steinbrenner sons are taking over the team for their father, George who has been ill the last couple of years.

The first and main problem the Steinbrenner brothers wanted to quickly address was their pitching. Last year, the Yankees starting pitchers struggled and were not able to deep into the game.

The Yankees had 11 different starters they tried, which is the most in Yankees history.

The “Bronx Bombers” main ace, Chien Ming Wang, went down with an injury in June in interleague play against the Houston Astros. Wang was 8-2 prior to the injury. Veteran Mike Mussina retired, which was a big loss for the Yankees because he had one of his best seasons last year. The young aces, Phil Hughes and Ian Kennedy did not have the season the Yankees wanted or expected. Both starters combined won zero games.

On the first day of the free agency market, the Yankees offered 6’ 7” 290 pound southpaw C.C. Sabathia a seven year deal worth \$161 million. The contract C.C. signed was the largest contract for a pitcher in the history of baseball. Acquiring Sabathia was the Yankees main goal last off-season. Although Sabathia had a tough start with the Cleveland Indians last year, once he was traded to the Brewers it was a different story. He was on fire and ended up as the runner-up for the CY Young in the National league. Sabathia was a guy who pitched deep into games and could pitch on three or four days rest, which is rare in today’s day and age.

The Yankees were not done. The “Bronx Bombers” wanted another high quality pitcher and that is what they got. The Yankees signed veteran right-handed AJ Burnett to a five year worth \$82.5 million. Burnett is coming off of one of his best seasons last year with the Toronto Blue Jays. He led the American league with strikeouts. Burnett is known for his competitiveness, his nasty curveball and his hard throwing fastball. The Yankees are hoping the hard throwing right hander can stay healthy this year.

The pinstripes were also able to

sign veteran southpaw Andy Pettite to a one year, \$10million deal. Pettite has been with the “Bronx Bombers” since 1995. Pettite, Rivera, Posada and Jeter have all played together since 1995. The Steinbrenners also decided it was best to keep Joba in the starting lineup. There are Yankees fans who feel he should stay in the bullpen because of the great numbers he put up in 2007, and because it would help protect his arm. The Yankees will again limit Chamberlain’s innings because they do not want to overuse this young

“With all of the off-season additions, the Yankees are hoping 2009 is a season to remember...”

KIM FARRICKER

talent. Chamberlain will be the fifth starter in the 2009 season.

The Yankees starters in 2009 are: C.C. Sabithia, A.J.Burnett, Chien Ming Wang, Andy Pettite and Joba Chamberlain. The Yankees just put Wang, the 6’4” native from Taiwan, on the DL so they will most likely be calling up young right hander Phil Hughes. Though Hughes struggled last year, he has pitched great so far in Triple A, and the Yankees hope Hughes can give them the lift they need.

The next problem the Yankees needed to address was first base. For the past seven years, Jason Giambi was the main first baseman. The Yankees lacked confidence in him at first base, so they would always carry guys on the roster that could play first base. The Yankees were not sure they would land their main target, so they made a trade to acquire switch hitting, versatile fielder, Nick Swisher. Swisher is

able to play first base and the outfield. Swisher is coming off of one of his career worst years. He hit approximately .220. So far, Swisher is playing great and has been the Yankees right fielder. The main fielder they wanted was Mark Teixeira. At first, the Yankees chances of getting Teixeira were not good. The Boston Red Sox were very aggressive in landing this elite first baseman. The Yankees ended up signing the switch hitting, two time gold glove winner to an 8 year deal worth \$180 million. In his career, Teixeira has

not gotten to great starts, but hits great in the second half of the season.

Another problem for the Yankees was their outfield. The Yankees have a hand full of players that could play the outfield, but the majorities of the outfielders either get hurt often or are inconsistent. The New York Yankees were not sure about the health of Hideki Matsui and whether or not they would DH him. The “Bronx Bombers” were trying to trade Melky Cabrera to the Brewers for veteran outfielder Mike Cameron, but that trade never went through. The Yankees kept Xavier Nady, who they acquired from a trade last season. The club chose not to resign Bobby Abreu. Abreu signed with the Angels. The starting three outfielders are; Nick Swisher, Johnny Damon and Xavier Nady. Nady is hurt, so either the speedy Gardner plays center or Cabrera does.

The Yankees also were not too sure about the catching position. Veteran switching hitting catcher, Jorge Posada was limited last year due to a bad shoulder. Molina, the back-up catcher was resigned. Molina is one of three Molina’s who is catchers in the major league. Molina is a superb defensive catcher and throws out around 40% of runners stealing. Kevin Cash, a former Boston Red Sox catcher was also signed, just in case Posada was not ready to start the season. So far, Posada has been catching most of the games.

Currently, the Bronx Bombers are in third place in the competitive AL East. They are coming off of a series with their arch rival, Boston Red Sox. The Yankees were swept in the series. The Yankees are off to another slow start, but some of the best Yankees teams have had slow starts as well. Like when in 1998, the season in which the club won 125 games, they had a horrible April. The pinstripes have had to play this first month of the season without third baseman, Alex Rodriguez who has been sidelined with an injury to his hip. Rodriguez is expected to return to the club in mid-May. The Yankees are hoping A-Rod plays with a chip on his shoulder, especially after he admitted to using HGH during his time with the Texas Rangers in 2001 to 2003. Some other early season injuries are Brian Bruney, Cody Ransom, who filled in for A-Rod, Xavier Nady and Chien Ming Wang. Bruney and Wang are expected to return within a few weeks. Nady and Ransom will be out for an extended period.

With all of the off-season additions, the Yankees are hoping 2009 is a season to remember and is a season that properly opens up the new Stadium.



# Students Making Decisions

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the National Association of Colleges and Employers, includes computer science, business management/administration, marketing, and economics. Accounting holds the number one spot for the college degree with the most hiring potential.

Schrama frequently advises undeclared students on career choices. Students often come in with a major based on suggestions from family and friends about what career will earn them the most money after graduation. They have fantasized ideas about a job from movies and television or stories from others. It's not until courses in that major begin that students get a sense of what the major really entails, she said.

Junior Felicia Norott, 21, of Freehold, experienced the pressure that others place on choosing the right major during her senior year of high school. Entering Monmouth University as a history and secondary education major, she quickly realized that was not for her, despite growing opportunities in the education field.

"I was told by my guidance counselor in high school that the only thing you could do with history was to teach it. After talking with my academic advisor, Dr. Veit, I realized all the possibilities there really were for studying history," Norott said.

Norott hopes that an anthropology minor to complement history will open more doors, and make her more marketable once she graduates. And marketability is an essential part of securing a job

upon graduation. While minors help give a resume extra attention, writing and computer skills are also beneficial.

Does this mean all college students should change their majors immediately in hopes of landing a job? Not necessarily, said Will Hill, assistant dean of Monmouth University's Placement Office.

Many employers look for motivation, communication and writing skills in job candidates. "Many just require a degree, any degree," Hill said.

If you are able to arrange an interview, a good impression is necessary, especially if the job is competitive. Employers are looking for motivated, enthusiastic people who are eager to work, Hill said. Also important is preparation, everything from proper attire to knowledge about the company.

First impressions are vital, whether in a face to face interview or even on a social networking site. "It's perfectly legal for employers to look at your MySpace or Facebook page to get an impression of you," Hill said. Removing immature or unprofessional content is a wise decision, as well as making a professional email address for employers to reach you.

Although the unemployment rate in New Jersey is the highest it has been since 1992, according to the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Hill said he has a more positive outlook of the job market than what the media is portraying.

"Graduating students have more entry level positions available for them. There are many opportuni-

ties because of lack of experience and lower salary requirements. They can compromise a little more than other workers," Hill said.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, though, the employment rate of college graduates for the class of 2009 will be the lowest in years at 22 percent.

At Monmouth there are several outlets that attempt to ease the fear of unemployment. The Placement Office works as a liaison between students and employers. Placement receives job postings of over 800 full time and 1,000 part time positions, posting a fraction of them in bi-weekly emails that reach Monmouth students and alumni.

Jennifer Harris, Associate Director of Alumni Affairs, works with alums to help them navigate the job market. Along with the Placement Office, Alumni Affairs organizes career days and networking services, like speed networking, which helps alums make business contacts if they find themselves in need of a job.

The events began as a result of more and more calls from alums recently laid off. These alums ranged from the seasoned to the freshly graduated, Harris said.

While the emphasis placed on the most beneficial majors is still strong, for many students pursuing one of those majors is not the way to go. Students who struggle with the course work and are unhappy with the major must realize that it is often not worth it. Schrama advises that, "Employers will teach you about the job. Instead, find a major you love and that you do well."

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interdisciplinary approach in conducting research on university image building, incorporating sources from the fields of business, communication, and education.

Nicole's project titled The Catholic Church and the Road to Anti-Semitism: A Controversial History from the Crusades to the Holocaust, was completed for her European History Thesis and nominated by professors Fred McKittrick and Susan Douglass. Nicole's paper focused on the controversial history between the Roman Catholic Church and anti-Semitism. In gathering her research materials, she utilized both primary sources, such as personal interviews and eye-witness accounts, as well as

secondary sources, including books and articles on the topic to support her thesis.

The \$250 awards, sponsored by the Monmouth University Library Association, were presented at the April 26, 2009 Student Award Ceremony. Past winners of the award include Alison Dooley (2008) and Katelyn Orr (2008).

The submission period for the 2010 MU Library Research Awards begins on May 1, 2009 and ends March 1, 2010. Papers written for classes in the spring, summer and fall 2009 semesters are eligible for the awards. There will be three award categories: Undergraduate, Graduate, and Honors/Thesis. Application forms and additional information are available on the Monmouth University Library's website on the "About the Library" page.

## Outlook Award

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The Outlook is in the category of Colleges/Universities with enrollment of 2501 or more students.

The point score system utilized by the ASPA allows for the possibility of earning 1000 points. Entries with a score of 900 or greater and the special recognition were awarded First Place with Merit.

The categories on which submissions were judged included content coverage, page design, general plan, art, advertising, illustrations, editing, and creativity with subcategories within each.

The entries submitted for consideration were the November 19 and December 10 issues of The Outlook.


The Outlook scored 940 out of 1000 and was awarded a First Place and score and in each category

scored no less than 20 points fewer than the maximum points for each. In the category of content coverage the newspaper received a perfect score and in editing was awarded 95 points out of a possible 100.

The category in which the newspaper scored lowest was the art, advertising, and illustration category, in which 100 out of 120 possible points were earned.

In the letter accompanying the award, several suggestions on improving the newspaper were included. General concerns of the judges included column width, staff box elements, and the table of contents areas of the newspaper.


Other competing schools to be awarded First Place from APSA included the Sienna College Promethean, Fordham University's RAM, and the Torch from St. John University.



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# Alex Austin's The Red Album of Asbury Park: True to its Roots

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Alex Austin's novel *The Red Album of Asbury Park* is the sequel to *The Perfume Factory* and chronicles the story of 22 year-old Sam Nesbitt, an aspiring rock guitarist.

Set in Asbury Park in the 1960s, the story shows the ramifications of the events of Sam's first night in the shore town. The exploits of Sam include forming a band, falling in love with, not one, but two women, meeting an unknown birth-father, and rising to the top of the Asbury Park music scene all revolving around a murder mystery.

Austin, like me, grew up in Union Beach, and though we were there a couple of decades apart, his knowledge and love

for the Jersey Shore is prevalent in his book. Having grown up here, I have heard the stories about Asbury Park in the 60s, and he doesn't miss a beat.

Not a single character or event in the story is without purpose and the development of each is incredible.

The title, when looked at closely, really is a grand reflection of the story. The "Red" tells of the chaotic and dangerous tone established within the novel and the "Album" represents not only the musical aspect of the book, but also acts as a play on words in that an album can be called a record, and a record is another word for an account of something. Interpretively speaking, the title could mean a chaotic memory of Asbury Park. This kind of thought about just a title is something comparable to Shakespeare.

There is truly nothing I can say is wrong with this book, which is a first for me. It brings a little of everything to the table and hits close to home, and this University. I highly recommend this rare read and give it 10 out of 10.



Austin

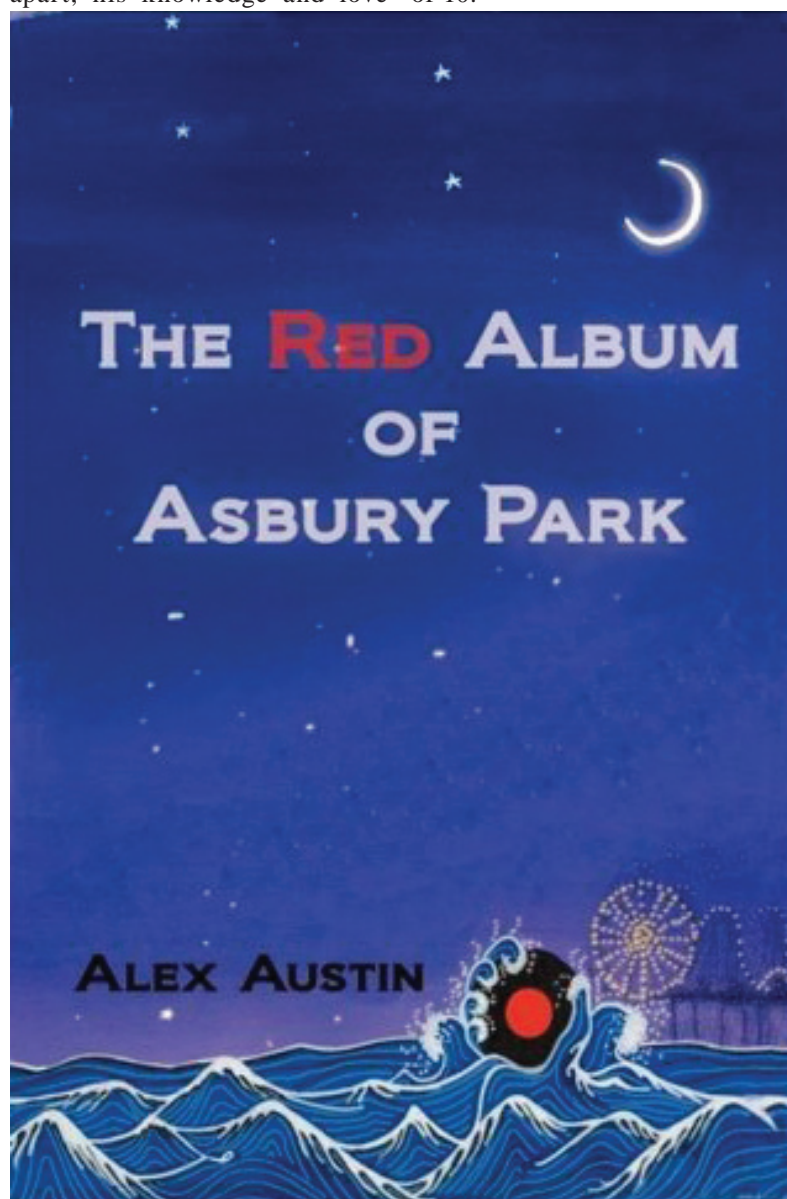


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Alex Austin's book, *The Red Album of Asbury Park*, is a must read for anyone, especially those hailing from or familiar with the Jersey Shore.

## Plain White T's Coming to MU

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There wasn't a radio station last summer that wasn't playing the catchy love song, "Hey There Delilah," and now this Thursday Pollak Theatre will be rocking out along with Delilah and the Plain White T's. For Monmouth students just \$10 will gain you access to one of the biggest concerts to come to MU and just \$20 for an MU guest. The concert which is hosted by the Student Activities Board will open their doors at 7:30 and the concert will begin promptly at 8 p.m.

Five young men hailing

the Plain White T's released their song "Hey There Delilah" in 2005 on their second album entitled *All That We Needed* without much of a buzz. The following year the group re-released the song on their third album, *Every Second Counts* to no avail. The third time proves to be a charm because then in 2008 after releasing "Hey There Delilah," yet again as a single for *Every Second Counts* the group finally got recognition and were nominated for their first Grammy for Best Pop Performance by a Group.

Although they did not leave

that album the group earned two American Top 40 hits for "1,2,3,4" and "Natural Disaster."

Other notable Plain White T accomplishments are for pegging the theme song for the hit television show *Greek* called "Our Time Now," as well as appearing as themselves in an episode performing songs such as "Friends Don't let Friends Dial Drunk" and "Making A Memory."

The rock stars have also delved into the magical world of Disney, appearing yet again as themselves in an episode of *iCarly*, as well as



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The Plain White T's will be playing a concert at Monmouth University tomorrow in Pollak Theatre hosted by the Student Activities Board. Tickets are \$10 for MU students and \$20 for guests. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

from Illinois make up the quintet known as the Plain White T's. Tom Higgenson lead vocalist and guitarist, Dave Tirio on guitar, Mike Retondo bassist and back up vocalist, Tim Lopez guitarist and back up vocalist, and De'Mar Hamilton on drums.

Three years before breaking out into the mainstream,

the Grammys victorious, the band has won a Teen Choice Award in 2007 for Choice Summer Song for "Hey There Delilah" as well as an mtvU Woodie Award for The Breaking Woodie (Best Emerging Artist) in 2006.

Also in 2008 the band released their fourth album called *Big Bad World*. From

appearing on *Late Night With Jimmy Fallon* and the *Bonnie Hunt Show*.

For more information on the Plain White T's you can check out their official site at [www.plainwhitets.com](http://www.plainwhitets.com) and be sure to check them out tomorrow when they perform right on campus in Pollak Theatre.



# THE GROUND FLOOR

"THE SHOWS ABOUT TO GO DOWN COME ON I GOT THE LOW DOWN"

**FRANKIE MORALES**  
STAFF WRITER

With the summer upon us, that can only mean one thing to the followers of this article... other than no more pressings of this article that is... and that is the summer concert season. With the South by Southwest Festival kicking off the summer full of tremendous tours and shows, it's only proper of me to highlight the one show that show cases how important the music scene is to New Jersey and that is the **Skate and Surf Festival Bamboozle Festival**.

The show itself has seen quite an evolvement in the last few years, from being a strictly punk festival to adapting more to pop-punk, to include some metal, then hip-hop, then full-blown pop before becoming the melting pot of music that it is today. With these musical selections, it has to be difficult knowing where to go and when. Ah-ha, that's where the *Ground Floor* comes in to ease your mind and help you plan out you weekend of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> the right way, but getting you on the *Ground Floor* of all the occurrences.

Let's start this weekend's road map by focusing on Friday night's second annual Hoodwink Festival. What began last year as a secret band festival, where bands made up alias to perform under, has turned into the ultimate cover fest with bands performing music of their influences.

to sing unlike any other lead singer of the pop-punk scene, but I can't help be a bit skeptical of this one, but will be pleasantly surprised to be proven wrong.

The next *Ground Floor* approved attraction is The Cab who will be performing on the Passion Brand stage as well, only they're performing the catalogue of Queen. This is a double whammy, as The Cab have grown into being one of my guilty pleasure bands. Getting the official Pete Wentz endorsement by joining the ranks of Decadance and Fueled by Ramen, The Cab is one of the most soul infused acts on that roster. Alex DeLeon, The Cab's lead singer, has quite a range that almost makes him seem like a misplaced boy band member than the lead singer of a power-pop ensemble, but he does it well and does with style. Plus, performing the music of one of my favorite all time bands, I'm sure that if "Don't Stop Me Now" is on playlist, it would be YouTube favorite (if someone was smart of enough to Video Phone it, that is).

While there are other interesting performances on the Hoodwink bill (Sum 41 performing Metallica?), none seem as intriguing to me as that of The Ataris, punk rock icons, performing the tunes of The Misfits.

Now given the new rock heavy sound that comes from The Ataris, it might not be the hardest thing to imagine, unless you're like me of course, who is stuck in the *Blue*

Time") there are a multitude of bands worth giving your attention to, given you can make all your overlapping times make sense. With ten stages and a multitude of bands, a scorecard is definitely needed to cover all bases (my suggestion is to make your own t-shirt with the set-times of bands you want to see, and check it off as you go along... you'll drive yourself nuts with the flyers).

First things first, expect a lot of new bands, because there are many bands that are making their Bamboozle debuts as well as debuts on the national stage. Then there are the bands that have started getting a strong following who are filling out the card nicely this year. On the short list of bands to definitely take an interest in at this years Bamboozle are the "Ground Floorists" themselves from the past year including: Mercy Mercedes (Saturday), Sing It Loud (Saturday), and Hit the Lights (Sunday). Check out my reviews of these bands by looking in the Outlook Archives at [Outlook.Monmouth.edu](http://Outlook.Monmouth.edu).

Alongside them are other bands that are definitely a welcomed treat to your pop-punk ear including Every Avenue, The Maine, and The Friday Night Boys. Each of these bands offers a little bit of different flavor to the genre, with the Maine being the closest in terms of the pop end of the spectrum. The highly recommended band of the three, however, is Every Av-

phia's own Valencia, who will perform, what was in my estimation, the pop-punk album of 2008, *We All Need a Reason to Believe*, on Sunday.

Comedy also makes a return in the big way to the festival this year, as Zach Galifianakis (*Out Cold*) heads up the Pass the Mic stage over at the Bubble Stage. If you've never seen this man perform in any way before, this is the perfect opportunity to see this bearded wonder, you have not lived yet. Other bands worth checking out will include the boys of the Bloodhound Gang, who haven't really been seen since *Foxtrot Uniform Charlie Kilo*, Patent Pending, who put on one of the most ridiculous live shows ever as proven last year when they got the entire Bubble Stage to circle pit, and Forgive Durden who will perform their incredible concept album *Razia's Shadow*.

Making a festival reappearance from the night before will be the likes of Cartel (Saturday), Sum 41 (Saturday, on one of the two main stages) and the incomparable New Found Glory (pulling double duty as the International Superheroes of Hardcore on Saturday and as NFG on Sunday on the Main Stage). Joining them on the Main Stage this year, alongside the headliners as mentioned, are plenty other big name acts. Saturday, Boys like Girls bring the "Thunder," while Ground Floorer, Asher Roth wakes from the bread aisle to deliver his first festival performance. Along with them, the Get Up Kids have a "Red Letter Day," All Time Low will be "Poppin' Champagne," and Third Eye Blind bring the nostalgia back. Saturday will also see the likes of Metro Station (to the delight of no one) and the state natives, Cobra Starship, undoubtedly spouting off more Midtown reunion rumors.

Sunday's main stages are a little more diverse as bands such as Face to Face and Hollywood Undead, who masked antics have launched them into superstardom this year, fit the bill. A sore thumb in the group for Sunday's main stage is the Disney starlet, Demi Lovato. Now, I haven't written her off to the extent of other Disney rejects to have taken the stage, (as a matter of a fact, the Bamboozle gave the Jonas Brothers a jump start back in 2005), however, can I truly expect that fans will not just completely riot this performance no matter how many 14 year old "Camp Rock" fans there are there. Remember, they take the caps off your water and soda bottles for a reason, and I believe we have found that reason.

Rounding out Sunday's escapades before No Doubt takes over are festival regulars, Silverstein, the feeling fused rock of Rise Against and the back from hiatus, The Used. Needless to say, there is a lot going on at the Bamboozle this year to spark interest from any music fan. This one is certainly going to be going deaf by the time the weekend is over, lucky for me this is a written article, it will probably save me the trouble of listening to the constant clacking of keyboard from such a massive article.

Nonetheless, here's to hoping that those three day passes are well worth the price and won't be cancelled out by the noise that will come from screaming 14 year olds who have never been to show. And here's to hoping that I come back with all the news fit to leave you floored.

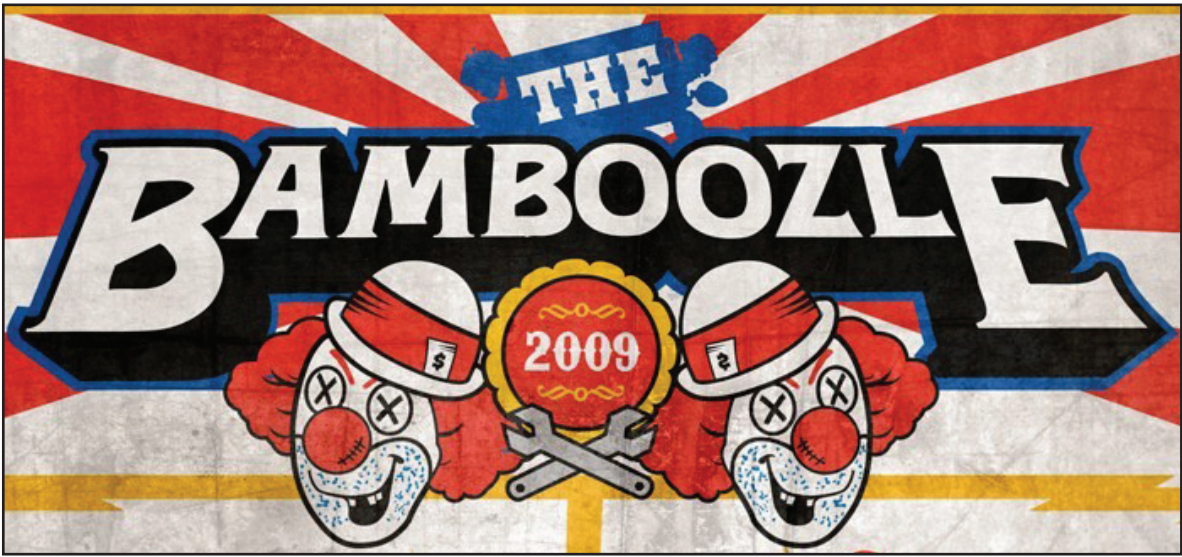


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The popular Skate and Surf Festival Bamboozle Festival will be returning to New Jersey.

The key attractions of the night start off at 6 PM on the MLB Authentic Stage, when new indie pop sensation, Never Shout Never takes the stage performing some of the Beatles' many classics. If you never heard of Never Shout Never, you are in for quite a treat from the band headed up by Christofer Drew. With the very claming, uplifting tones that are even accompanied by ukulele every now and then, this seems to be the perfect match for many of the Beatles mellowed hits. Here's hoping that they give a rousing rendition of "Eight Days a Week."

The next attraction comes in the form of Cartel, who have seemingly been of the radar for a quite a while since the release of their self-titled which was created in a giant reality bubble. They take the stage at 6:15 on the Passion Brand Clothing Stage, playing the music of Hoodwink headliners, New Found Glory. Given that these bands have shared the stage before on tour, it will be interesting to see if Will Pugh's high pitched serenading tone of voice will be able to capture that punk essence of Jordan Pundik. I've been impressed by the ability of Mr. Pugh

*Skies, Broken Hearts* days of the past. Now before it's all said and done on the night, the main attraction other than the obvious goodwill of Badfish covering Sublime as they have become legendary for (and might I add, performing alongside Todd Forman, the original Sublime saxophonist), will see New Found Glory perform the music of their forefathers, Green Day.

Why this excites me? I'm not sure; I think that it's probably because I feel it will be like watching Green Day with different faces. If there's a band that could probably shred and cause a ruckus on stage as well as the California trio, it would be the Coral Springs Quartet. My hope for this one is hearing "Nice Guys Finish Last" in roaring fashion, much like they do at anyone of their shows.

Well that concludes the first night of the three day Bamboozle Festival, but what's on tap for days two and three? Well, although at the time of this writing, there is no official release of set times (which I'm not surprised, because 5PM one day in "real world time" is about 3 days, 12 hours and 34 minutes later in "Bamboozle

enue, who bring along something different that I can't quite put my finger on. However, lyrically, they captured me much like the boys of Taking Back Sunday did on *Tell All Your Friends*, only this time, it has more of an upbeat flare rather than the angst that carried TBS.

If the radio ear candy is what your after, then you will be happy to hear that this year's festival will also see the likes of 3Oh!3, without a doubt performing their completely inappropriate "Don't Touch Me" on Sunday. If that's not enough, the White Tie Affair will attempt to steal young hearts everywhere by performing their hit "Candle (Sick and Tired)" in another Sunday matinee.

M-Squared Live bands will also set the scene at Bamboozle this year, as Blast Rocks Midtown and Scarlet Carson, two recent guests of Monmouth's live music performance show take the stage. Both claimed places in the Break Competition, which gives these bands a slot on the festival line-up. However, the most famous of them all will be a band who graced the halls of the Plangere Center back in September of 2006, Philadel-

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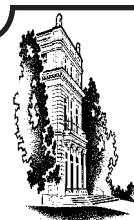
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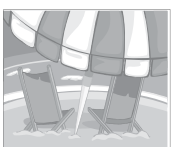

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## What are you Most Excited for when the Spring 2009 Semester Comes to an End

COMPILED BY: SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON



**Chris**  
senior

"I'm excited to be finished with school and to enjoy the summer."



**Lauren**  
senior

"I'm excited to go to China this summer and travel around Beijing."



**Amanda**  
senior

"I'm most excited to graduate Monmouth."



**Jim**  
freshman

"I'm excited to be on the beach and go on vacation."



**Tom**  
senior

"I'm excited to attend many BBQs."



**Carl**  
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"I look forward to the warmth and my trip to Florida in August."



**Andrew**  
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"I look forward to continuing to believe that the Senior Gift of a new mascot doesn't cost \$4,018."



**Lou**  
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"I'm looking forward to spending the summer with my mom, Bernadette."



**Jordan**  
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"I'm looking forward to having the entire summer off."



**Murphy**  
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"I'm most excited to enjoy senior week and take a break from school."

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Plain White T's • Doors open 7:30PM, Starts 8PM • Pollak • MU Students \$10, MU Student Guest or Employee \$20. One guest per MU Student/Employee. On sale at the Student Center Information Desk.

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Study Abroad Reunion • TBA

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#### Sunday, May 3

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SpringFest • 12-6PM • Great Lawn

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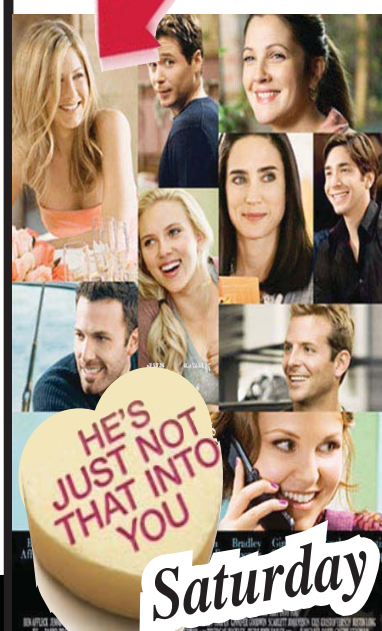
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**Friday, May 8, from 5:15 PM to 7:30 PM**

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3. you have not previously attempted the WPE.

**Requirements for Attempting the Exam**

The required reading set for the WPE will be available at the University Bookstore for a minimal fee beginning Wednesday, April 22, 2009. Students must purchase and read the reading set before the exam, and must bring the reading set to the exam.

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 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 or online at [http://www.monmouth.edu/writing\\_office](http://www.monmouth.edu/writing_office).

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 information sessions will be held on the following dates:**

Thursday, April 23, from 4:30 to 6 PM  
Wednesday, April 29, from 2:30 to 4 PM  
Monday, May 4, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM

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

Additional information is available from the WPE Information Line at 732-263-5491 and from the Writing Office in Wilson Annex Room 510.

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Paul Williams





# Surf’s Up for One Club at MU

**ANDREW BACHMANN**  
*CONTRIBUTING WRITER*

There were five of us in two cars heading south on I-95 to compete in the Cape Fear Clean Water Classic surfing competition hosted by the Surfrider Foundation in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. We left from the resident’s parking lot on an overcast Friday in October and drove through the night. Well, not really. The girls drove. I dozed off occasionally in the passenger seat of Stephanie Tomasco’s Jeep, which carried at least five boards in the back and two longboards on the roof. Senior, Sarah Werner drove our other two boys.

The adventure began before we even arrived at our destination. Once we pulled our guitars out for a quick jam session in the parking lot of a filthy rest stop. Since I was not driving, that night for me was a blur of underpasses, overpasses, tunnels, bridges and tolls. I did not wake up when we arrived at the beach at four in the morning but I remember as I slept, curled into a ball on that seat, that the noise of the powerful wind never stopped.

I finally got out of the Jeep at nine. After yawning and stretching a few times, I saw my teammates; they had been awake for hours. The wind was still strong; it was onshore and the waves were overhead. The competition had already begun and after grabbing some breakfast at a café, we watched the singles compete. For those unfamiliar with the sport of surfing, onshore winds blow from the water to the land. These winds are undesired by surfers because they often create sloppy and messy conditions in the water, especially when blowing at speeds as high as they were this particular Saturday that the five of us from Monmouth were in North Carolina. Fortunately for us,

team competitions would not begin until four in the afternoon, so it was possible that the wind would change directions or decrease in speed. We killed time at the same café where we ate breakfast. I played guitar with my teammate Matt Marini, and then with an elderly stranger who taught me techniques for strumming with my fingers instead of a pick. The five of us paddled out for a warm up session before competing valiantly against UNCW and Cape Fear Academy as well as other schools located along the East Coast. Despite each of us surfing our best in the chaotic mess of an ocean in addition to incredible shredding by freshman Tom Blaney, we unfortunately did not place among the top three schools in the competition. We had way too much fun to be upset about the loss and went back out for more surf after the competition.

That night we rewarded our starved stomachs at a place that Stephanie brought us to called Flaming Amy’s, which reminded me of what I love about the south. Where else could I get a steak and cheese quesadilla with an eight-inch radius served on top of enormous mounds of rice and black beans for under six bucks, all while being attended by cute friendly waitresses? After hanging out at UNCW with a group of Sarah’s friends who went to school there, the surf hawks drove north to Emerald Isle where we crashed in our sleeping bags in between the dunes at the beach. On Sunday morning, our peaceful, well-deserved sleep was interrupted by overzealous fisherman honking the horns of their trucks as they drove up and down the beach. We quickly became grateful for their actions after seeing the ocean: light winds, clean faces, chest to head high waves, nobody out. We completely forgot our

hunger as we pulled on the cold sandy wetsuits, still wet from the day before. Steph had already been surfing for an hour before the rest of us even woke up, but there were still plenty of waves for each of us. We surfed all day, then ate a free luxury dinner at Stephanie’s aunt’s house. On the way home we took turns driving since we were even more exhausted, and arrived back at Monmouth at 5:00 AM Monday morning. I napped for a few hours on the couch in Birch Hall before getting up for my 8:30 music appreciation. Even though I was probably awake for only ten minutes in that class and still had sand between my toes, the trip was totally worth it.

In spring 2009, the Monmouth Surfhawks were approved as an official university club. The members are few but we are slowly growing. Now that we represent Monmouth University, new members cannot count on trips that include such risky activities as showering in outdoor showers of unoccupied beach houses or camping on the beach, but if the club continues to grow, it’s possible to receive funding to make it more affordable to stay in a motel or rent a bus. The club is open to all students regardless of how often they surf. We have already participated in Monmouth’s Earth Day celebration and worked with Clean Ocean Action to do a beach sweep of the Phillips Ave beach in Deal. Starting in Fall 2009, the club plans to offer surfing lessons while providing wetsuits and beginner boards for anyone who is interested. I will be studying abroad in Sydney during the fall but I hope to see many students that are more interested in surfing and environmental responsibility because of the surf club when I return for the spring. The club meets every other Wednesday in Edison 122 at 3:30pm.

## PEP BAND

Pep Banders,  
Thanks for a great year! With all our hard work, we put on so many great performances, whether it was through Monmouth football and basketball games, parades, performing for school functions, or performing in front of the New Jersey Nets! I’ve only been with the pep band for 3 semesters, but I’m proud of what I’ve seen. Aimee, all of us in the pep band are grateful for your energy and dedication directing the band. You’ve done so much scheduling, organizing, recruiting, planning, and more; we would not nearly have performing forces and excitement we have now without all your energy. Remember to let Aimee know by Thursday, April 30, if you plan to go on our Six Flags trip (Saturday, May 2)! Also, uniforms are due Friday, May 1. Please, have a great remainder of the semester, enjoy the weather, and study up for finals!

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

The event you have been waiting for all semester is finally here!! The Student Activities Board presents Plain White T’s With Special Guests this Thursday, April 30 2009. Doors open at 7:30pm 4-30-09, the first band goes on at 8:00pm. The concert will take place in Pollak Theatre, with reserved seating only. Tickets are still available at the Information Desk in The Student Center for full/part time graduate and undergraduate students, and mu faculty. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$20 for guests (limit 1 guest per Monmouth ID). Personal checks and cash only. Come relax away the stress of finals at Springfest on the Great Lawn this Sunday from 12-6pm. The day will be filled with free concerts, food, games, and a beer garden for those who are 21 and over. For any questions, call 732-923-4704 or email [sab@monmouth.edu](mailto:sab@monmouth.edu). Have a good summer and look for a fall semester with a SAB event every Saturday!

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The Science Technology and Engineering Dean’s Office sends a sincere thanks to our dedicated and enthusiastic office assistants: Alice Grogan, Chelsea Lorentz, and Sara Chamberlain. Thanks for all you do to keep our office running smoothly!



# Horoscopes

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

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**♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - This week is a 7**  
Improved procedures or new personnel may this week cause unexpected delays. Although annoying, offer silent support: at present authority figures may be highly sensitive to group criticism. After Thursday surprising business or romantic proposals may arrive without warning: explore potential friendships with creative people.

**♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - This week is a 5**  
Friends and lovers may this week be mildly possessive of your time: after Monday watch for unusual messages or confrontations. For many Taureans much of this may be a repetition of past disputes. If so, study the opinions and actions of loved ones: obvious clues will soon lead to breakthroughs. Later this week a workplace mistake may create unusual financial or time expectations. Be precise.

**♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - This week is a 7**  
For many Geminis creativity, passion and sensuality are now increasing. Early this week watch for compelling invitations and rare emotional overtures. Potential mates will now steadily reveal their deeper feelings. Respond with enthusiasm: romantic compliments are sincere. Wednesday through Saturday pay special attention to the minor comments of family members or workmates. Someone close may now need to attend to family issues or take a brief rest.

**♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - This week is a 6**  
Ethical issues and complex legal restrictions may this week be resolved. Beginning late Monday, and lasting for the next 8 days, watch for authority figures to announce key decisions and clarify past misunderstandings. Late instructions, unfinished paperwork or unique assignments may be accented: stay alert. After Friday some Cancerians will experience a dramatic wave of romantic attraction. Chose wisely: new relationships will become quickly demanding.

**♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - This week is a 9**  
Managers or officials may this week provide unreliable information or vague promises. In the coming weeks, however, disjointed projects will net positive rewards: remain dedicated. After Tuesday family relations will improve: expect joyful moments and witty exchanges. Some Leos will this week end almost three months of low family interest or social disappointment. Take time to fully explore new suggestions: someone close may now need to witness your renewed faith.

**♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - This week is a 7**  
Study intimate relationships closely this week. At present others may reveal obvious clues to their long-term intentions. Key family decisions and new daily habits are highlighted: watch for loved ones to press for added commitments or revised home rules. Thursday through Saturday accents home renovations, financial speculation and detailed family discussions. Although bothersome, this is the right time to begin complex building projects or land contracts.

**♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - This week is an 8**  
Let loved ones work through their own problems this week. For many Librans this is not a good time to take on added emotional strain or act as mediator. Stay detached and wait for obvious signs of progress. Late Tuesday a four day period of fast business plans and new financial schemes arrives. Colleagues or partners will soon create surprising opportunities: expect compelling ideas. By early next week reliable paperwork will arrive.

**♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - This week is a 4**  
Group dynamics and social loyalties may be unusually complicated over the next few days. Follow your instincts and avoid public declarations of affection. At present, friends and lovers will easily misinterpret words, comments or promises. Wednesday through Saturday highlights revised job descriptions, new team projects and strained workplace relationships: expect a recent business proposal to be postponed. A demanding week: stay focused.

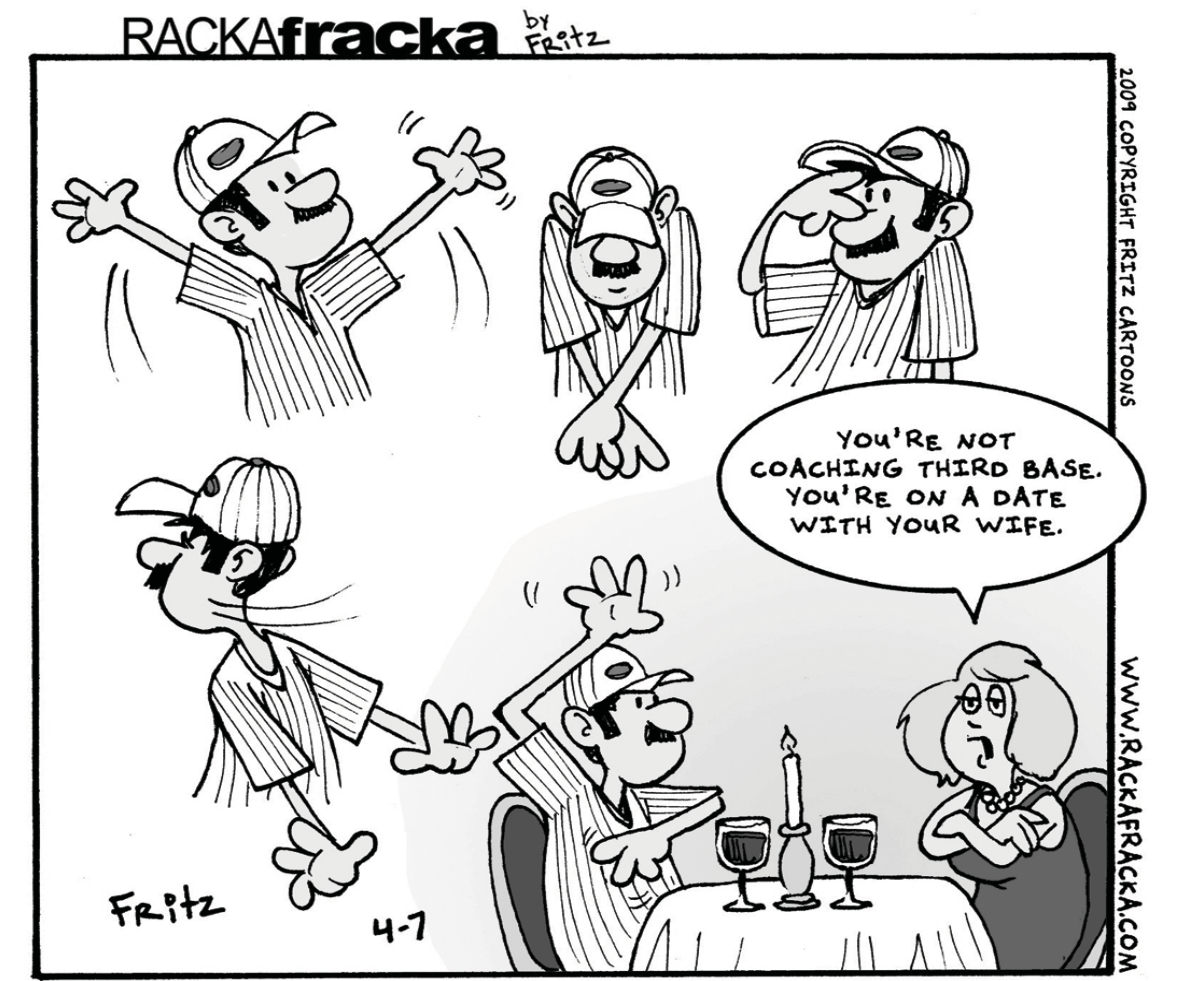
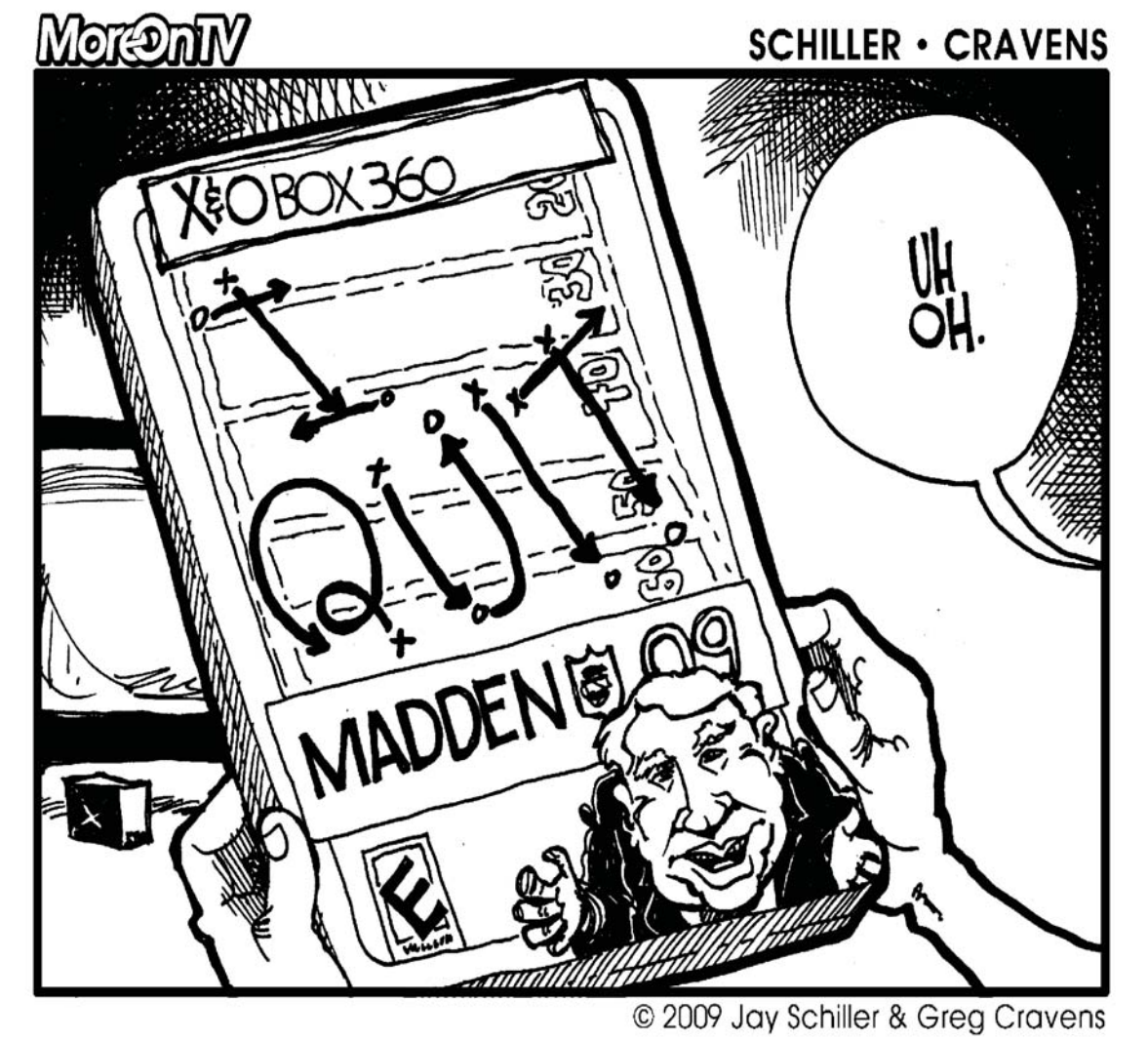
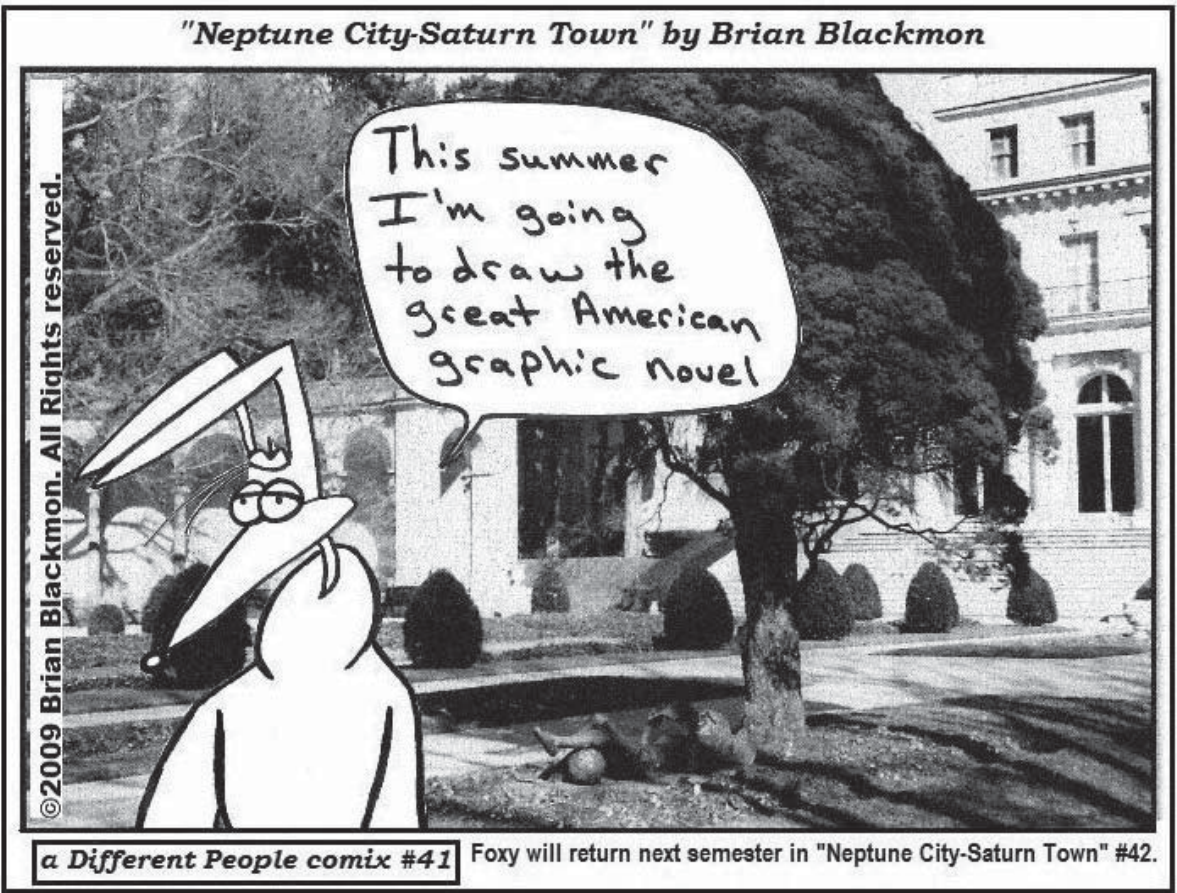
**♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) -This week is a 6**  
Work companions may this week challenge your ideas, habits or suggestions. Don't be rattled: over the next six days colleagues and new employees will be seen to be unnecessarily boastful. Tuesday through Friday accents charming social or romantic invitations. A new friend or work mate may wish to explore a deeper relationship. If so, expect ongoing flirtations. Later this weekend family discussions will settle a financial dispute: ask for confirmed details.

**♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - This week is an 8**  
Unusual business or financial news may arrive early this week. If so, expect last minute adjustments, cancelled projects or poorly defined instructions. Give authority figures more time to settle outstanding personnel issues: your patience will be rewarded. After Wednesday many Capricorns will experience a compelling wave of social interest and subtle romantic overtures. This is an excellent time to search out new relationships.

**♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is a 9**  
Colleagues will soon revise their social outlook and group expectations. Late Monday watch for others to question their own abilities or confidence. Be gracious: in the coming weeks clarity and optimism will arrive in all business relationships. Wednesday through Friday a new friendship may turn briefly romantic. Significant others will now demand clear signals and bold decisions. Wait, however, for new circumstances.

**♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) This week is a 6**  
Watch paperwork for valuable new opportunities: within the next few days vital work assignments may steadily expand to include revised partnerships or lucrative business proposals. After Tuesday social messages may be unusually scattered: expect competing facts or opinions. Friends and relatives will soon revise their ideas concerning long-term promises, daily expectations and social or family planning. Stay focused on immediate goals and all will be well.

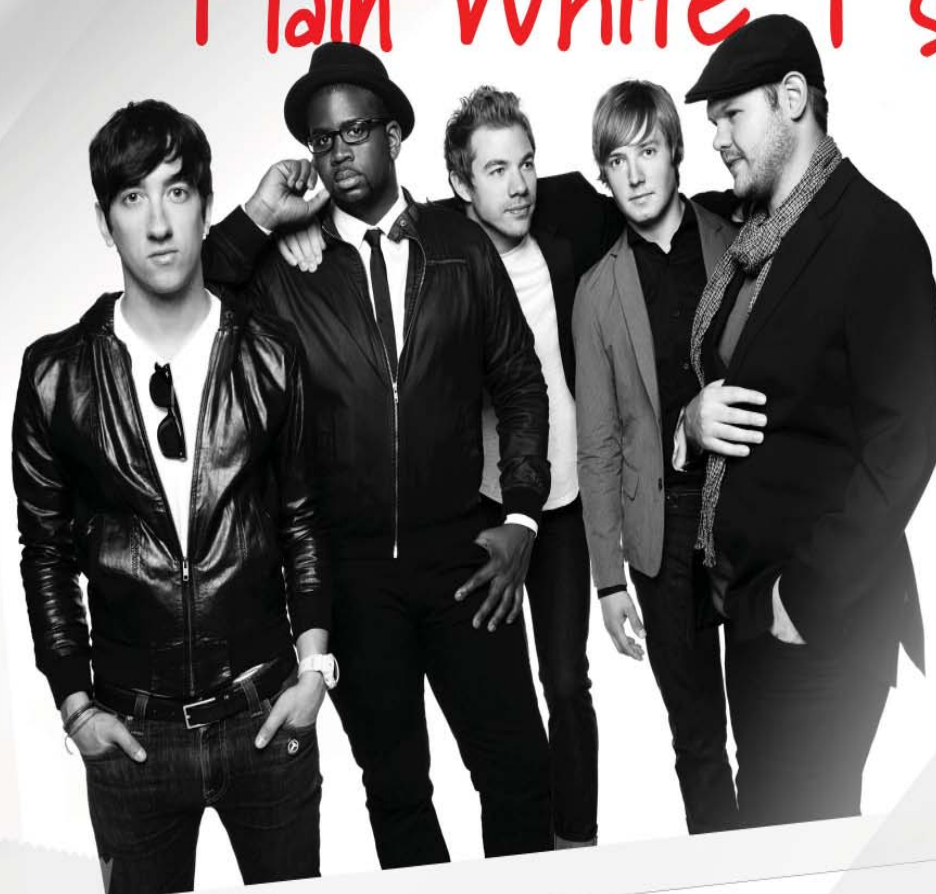
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# A Word on Sports

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The Bronx Bombers did not make the playoffs last year for the first time since 1993. This was an embarrassment for the Yankees team, management, the owners and fans. The Yankees also ended last year in their old stadium, better known as the house that Ruth Built so not making the playoffs made it even worse for them.

The New York Yankees are known as a team that runs deep through October and they have won the most championships out of any sports franchise. There is actually a quote about the Yankees and the World Series, “why is it called the World Series if it always played in New York.” To be exact, the men in pinstripes have won twenty-six World Series and thirty-nine AL pennants.

The Yankees have not made it through the first round of the playoffs since 2004, when they lost in the ALCS to the eventual World Champion, Boston Red Sox. The owners, Hal Steinbrenner and Hank Steinbrenner, wanted to bring the Yankees back to their winning ways. To do this, the owners knew they would need to spend a lot of money during the off-season and address a few problems. Hank made a bold prediction that the Yankees would win the World Series this year. The Steinbrenner son’s are taking over the team for their father, George who has been ill the last couple of years.

The first and main problem the Steinbrenner brothers wanted to quickly address was their pitching. Last year, the Yankees starting pitching struggled and were not able to go deep into the game. The Yankees had 11 different starters which is the most in Yankees history. The Bronx Bombers main ace, Chien Ming Wang went down with an injury in June in interleague play against the Houston Astros. Wang was 8-2 prior to the injury. Veteran Mike Mussina retired, which was a big loss for the Yankees because he had one of his best seasons last year. The young aces, Phil Hughes and Ian Kennedy did not have the season the Yankees wanted or expected. Both starters combined won zero games. On the first day that the free agency Market, the Yankees offered 6 foot 7 290 pound southpaw C.C. Sabathia a seven year deal worth \$161 million. The contract C.C. signed was the largest contract for a pitcher ever in the history of baseball.

Though, Sabathia had a tough start with the Cleveland Indians last year, once he was traded to the Brewers it was a different story. He was on fire and ended up as the runner-up for the CY Young in the National league. The Bronx Bombers wanted another high quality pitcher and that is what they got.

The Yankees signed veteran right-hander AJ Burnett to a five year deal worth \$82.5 million. Last year he led the American league with strikeouts. Burnett is known for his competitiveness, his nasty curveball and his hard throwing fastball.

The Steinbrenner’s also decided it was best to keep Joba in the starting lineup. There are Yankees fans who feel he should stay in the bullpen because of the great numbers he put up in 2007 and because it would help protect his arm. The Yankees will again limit Cham-

berlain’s innings because they do not want to overuse this young talent. Chamberlain will be the fifth starter in the 2009 season.

The Yankees starters in 2009 are; C.C. Sabithia, A.J.Burnett, Chien Ming Wang, Andy Pettite and Joba Chamberlain. The Yankees just put Wang, the 6 foot 4 native from Taiwan on the DL so they will most likely be calling up young right hander Phil Hughes. Though Hughes struggled last year, he has pitched great so far in Triple A and the Yankees hope Hughes can give them the lift they need.

The next problem the Yankees needed to address was first base. For the past seven years, Jason Giambi was the main first baseman. The Yankees lacked confidence in him at first base, so they would always carry guys on the roster that could play first base. The Yankees were not sure they would land their main target, so they made a trade to acquire switch hitting, versatile fielder, Nick Swisher.

Swisher is able to play first base and the outfield. Swisher is coming off of one of his career worst years. He hit approximately .220. So far, Swisher is playing great and has been the Yankees right fielder. The main fielder they wanted was Mark Teixeira. At first, the Yankees chances of getting Teixeira were not good. The Boston Red Sox were very aggressive in landing this elite first baseman. The Yankees ended up signing the switch hitting, two time gold glove winner to an 8 year deal worth \$180 million. I

The Yankees also were not to sure about the catching position. Veteran switching hitting catcher, Jorge Posada was limited last year due to a bad shoulder. Molina, the back-up catcher was resigned. Molina is one of three Molina’s who is catchers in the major league. Molina is a superb defensive catcher and throws out around 40% of runners stealing. Kevin Cash, a former Boston Red Sox catcher was also signed, just in case Posada was not ready to start the season. So far, Posada has been catching most of the games.

Currently, the Bronx Bombers are in third place in the competitive AL East. They are coming off of a series with their arch rival, Boston Red Sox. The Yankees were swept in the series. The Yankees are off to another slow start, but on some of the best Yankees teams they have been to slow starts. In 1998, the season in which the club won 125 games, they had a horrible April. The pinstripes have had to play this first month of the season without third baseman, Alex Rodriguez who has been sidelined with an injury to his hip. Rodriguez is expected to return to the club in mid-May.

The Yankees are hoping A-Rod plays with a chip on his shoulder, especially after he admitted to using HGH during his time with the Texas Rangers in 2001 to 2003. Some other early season injuries are; Brian Bruney, Cody Ransom, who filled in for A-Rod, Xavier Nady and Chien Ming Wang. Bruney and Wang are expected to return within a few weeks. Nady and Ransom will be out for an extended period.

With all of the off-season additions, the Yankees are hoping 2009 is a season to remember and is a season that properly opens up the new Stadium.



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Sports Information  
Nichole Alvarez tracks down a fly ball off the bat of a Central Connecticut State University player on Friday.

## Softball Qualifies for NEC Tourney with 3-3 Week

ANDREW SCHETTER  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Hawks started their six game week with a double header on the road against Lehigh University. On a sunny Thursday afternoon in Bethlehem Pennsylvania, the number one team in the Patriot League took two from Monmouth with wins of 4-3 and 6-3. The first game went nine innings, while the second game was shortened to six frames thanks to darkness.

In the first game saw Melissa Mehrer toss four strong innings, allowing one run on four hits, and recording three strikeouts. Mehrer left the game in a one nothing hole. Monmouth rallied however, answering right back with a run of their own in the top of the fifth to knot the contest at one a piece. Abby Martin opened the scoring for the Hawks as she scored from second on left fielder Chelsea Paprocki’s two out RBI single to center.

Relief pitcher Dara Palms started strong with two scoreless innings. In these innings Monmouth was able to take the lead in the sixth when Emily deLonge tripled with two outs, and Nichole Alvarez was able to collect yet another Hawk two out RBI, with a base hit up in the middle.

Palms couldn’t hold the lead in the bottom of the seventh inning as an error cost the Hawks an out which led to an RBI base hit by the Mountain Hawks.

With the score knotted at 2 in the ninth inning, late game heroics were in store for both squads. In the top of the ninth the Blue and White, capitalized on two errors by Lehigh, as Abby Martin showed some nice base running skills and made her way from station to station ,to take a 3-2 lead into to bottom of the ninth.

Unfortunately, Palms was unable to preserve the lead for her team and recorded her first loss of the year. Palms allowed two runs on four hits, and was also hurt by two errors by her defense. Alex Cueva connected on the final base hit that led to the walk off victory for the home team.

After a tough loss Monmouth showed some toughness as they bounced right back to take a 2-0 lead in the top of the first. Alvarez connected on a double down the line to drive home both deLong, and Paprocki. They increased the lead to 3-0 before the wheels came off in the bottom of the sixth. Abby Martin had pitched five solid innings from the circle and maintained a 3-1 lead heading into the sixth inning.

Things fell apart for Martin as she

allowed five runs on three hits and two walks and left the game after only a third of the inning was completed. Palms came in and stopped the bleeding but, it was a mute point as the game was stopped after the sixth. Monmouth then looked forward to a doubleheader against Central Connecticut State on Saturday. Against their Northeast Conference foe the Hawks took both games by an identical 8-5 margin.

The Blue and White, set the tone early as Emily deLong doubled home Lee Simonetti, and was then drove home by Nichole Alvarez on a deep sacrifice fly. Mehrer got the start in the contest and pitched all seven innings for the complete game victory. Mehrer allowed five



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Dara Palms forced a double play with the bases loaded to save MU.

runs on ten scattered hits, showing nice control allowing zero walks.

Monmouth looked to be in trouble in the fourth inning, as they found themselves in a 3-2 hole after their early lead. However, the Blue and White were poised for an offensive outburst in the fifth, as they scored five runs on six hits. Things got started on a throwing error that helped deLong the leadoff hitter reach first. MU then put on a hitting clinic and gave the team a 7-2 edge. The Hawks would give up a run in the bottom of the fifth only to tally an insurance run in the sixth. Mehrer gave up two meaningless runs in the seventh as the Hawks took game one.

Mehrer got the start in the contest despite tossing all seven innings in

game one, and looked good in the first, only to be pulled in the second inning. After allowing two runs on two hits and struggling with her control, Dara Palms was brought in with the bases loaded. Jamie Jurewicz then made a phenomenal play at first for her team as she caught a line drive and stepped on the bag for an unassisted double play, to get MU out of a jam.

Catcher Jess Nicola got the Hawks back in front, in the top of the third with a two out, two RBI double, to center. The Blue Devils would again answer right back as they scored two in the bottom half of the inning to knot things back up at four a piece. Central Connecticut would tack on another run in the fourth to take the lead, but would fall to another big inning for the Hawks.

In the sixth, the Blue and White, would tally four runs including the game winner, on four hits and the help of a Blue Devil fielding error. Pitcher Abby Martin was lights out from there, and took the win in the contest. The sweep had the Hawks on the edge of clinching a spot in the NEC postseason tournament, needing just one more win, with a doubleheader at Quinnipiac to close out the season looming.

On Sunday afternoon the Hawks split the double dip with the Bobcats taking the first contest by a score of 5-4 and dropping game two by an 8-2 margin. Monmouth finishes the season with a 25-16-1 finish, and a respectable 11-7 in Northeast Conference play. The Blue and White, in the split qualify for the NEC tourney alongside regular season champion Long Island and Sacred Heart, with the fourth squad still to be decided.

Game one is a contest that will be remembered fondly for Emily deLong. The Hawks were down to their final out down 4-2 in the top of the ninth, with two runners on base. The right fielder stepped into the batter’s box and belted a softball into the bleachers, and homered her team right into the playoffs. Abby Martin was the winning pitcher for the away team as she closed out the seventh, as well as taking care of the fifth and sixth innings, for starter Melissa Mehrer.

In the second game of the day Monmouth struck first as Alvarez drove in Alexa Ferrara but, it was all Bobcats from there as they roughed up the Monmouth pitchers for eight earned runs. Monmouth couldn’t really get anything going from there offensively. The Hawks couldn’t be too disappointed with the outing though, as they qualified for the four team NEC playoff tournament, which is coming up in May.





PHOTO COURTESY of MU Sports Information  
Megan Brennan was the only Hawk to be named to the All NEC first team for women's lacrosse.

# Lacrosse Season Ends in Semifinal Round of NEC Playoffs

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ERIC WALSH  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Hawks entered the NEC playoffs with a record of 12 straight appearances. The women traveled to Fairfield, Connecticut, on Friday, April 24, to take on #1 seed Sacred Heart University.

During the regular season the Hawks faced off against SHU at Kessler field but lost in a three over-time game by a score of 5-4. Both teams were coming into the game with players being honored for their spectacular play on the year. The Hawks had four players earn All NEC; Megan Brennan was the lone MU player to earn first team All NEC. Senior defender Erin Marley, junior midfielder Ali Pollock, and junior midfielder Perry Dewitt, all earned second team NEC. SHUs honors include player of the year (Amanda Williams) and coach of the year (Laura Cook). Also, SHU had two players on the All NEC first team and three players on the All NEC second team.

The Hawks got off to a fast start with a goal from Brennan off of a free position shot. SHU answered back with two goals, one being from player of the year Amanda Williams, to take a 2-1 lead. However, the Hawks captured back the lead when junior Shawn Evans and sophomore Carissa Franzi tallied goals. SHU answered with three goals highlighted by Mary Montesarchios' goal and assist.

The game was a constant battle for the lead as MU and SHU were switching lead for lead. Through-

out the first 15 minutes of the game as the Hawks were down 5-4, but SHU dashed to a 9-4 lead on a late four-goal run.

Down by five goals the Blue and White were desperate to make a comeback. Starting the second half Monmouth came out inspired and answered with two goals to cut the lead to 9-6. Unfortunately, the deficit the Hawks found themselves in was too great for a comeback.

In the second half the visitors were outscored 4-3 by SHU. The Hawks were led by juniors Shawn Evans & Megan Brennan who both

the Hawks but two careers ended as well. Two starting defenders for the Hawks will be missed; goalkeeper Monica Johnson and defender Erin Marley will have to be replaced.

Johnson was a four year starter, who year after year found herself in the top 10 in several NEC goalie categories.

Marley was a force on the defensive side helping Johnson become such a great goalie. Also, Marley has been an important player and leader while having the record for most starts at in Monmouth women's lacrosse history with 76.



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Sports Information  
Erin Marley made a school record 76 starts in her career playing on the defensive side for the Hawks.

registered hat-tricks on the last game of the season. The Hawks were outshot 25-14 and were bested in draws 15-7. Also, the Hawks had four yellow card penalties while SHU had zero.

Not only did the season end for

With only two players leaving because of graduation, the Blue and White will be a force in the NEC next season. Sophomore goalkeeper Kirby Mundorf is set to replace Johnson while several underclassmen are vying for Marley's spot.

# deLong Terrorizes Opposing NEC Pitchers at the Plate

CHARLES KRUZITS  
STAFF WRITER

As the Hawks regular season has ended they find themselves in the NEC playoffs. A huge reason for their success this year is positioned behind the plate. Sophomore catcher Emily deLong has terrorized opposing pitchers and is at the top of many different categories in hitting. Batting average, slugging percentage, runs scored, triples, home runs, total bases, and stolen bases are the categories that deLong is leading in the NEC. Also, she finds herself in the top three in: On base percentage, hits, and runs batted in.

Does delong rely on her incredible athleticism or is she just a gym rat who continues to better herself? deLong feels it's a combination of both. She said, "My success has come from all my hard work throughout the years, just by spending extra time after practice and working out on my own and also how athletic I am. How do you define athleticism? Well,



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Sports Information  
Emily deLong is in the top three of the NEC in on-base percentage, hits, and runs batted in.

deLong ran track on varsity for four years and was a captain for two. Also, while competing on the hardwood for two years she was the defensive player of the year for both seasons. Not to mention she has played games in both, the infield and outfield this year, besides her duties behind the plates.

deLong is quite the athlete, however, she is also an exceptional student. Currently deLong is a Biology major with a concentration in Marine and Environment. Her plans for after softball are quite interesting; she plans on either going to med school to become an Anesthesiologist or becoming a Veterinarian and working with animals. Also, after that she plans on pursuing a career in the Army, very ambitious person deLong is.

Many athletes have a drive inside of them which pushes them to succeed when times are tough; however, the reason behind the drive tends to differ from athlete to athlete. In High School, deLong didn't have a great relationship with her softball coach. deLong admits that her coach did ab-

# Nalbone Drafted

ANDREW SCHETTER  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

On day two of the NFL draft, in the fifth round the Miami Dolphins selected Monmouth tight end John Nalbone 161 overall. This made Nalbone the first former Hawk to ever hear his name called on draft day. The 6'4" 255 pound Nalbone, held every career tight end receiving record,

Nalbone, who left West Long Branch with every career tight end re-

spectively. The four-time all-conference selection (two-time first team) ended his career with 101 catches for 1,079 yards and nine touchdowns, all Hawk records for tight ends. He became the second Hawk to be selected to the American Football Coaches Association FCS All-America team.

"This is a great day for John," said Callahan. "He's very excited to join the Miami Dolphins. It's an organization that he really liked and he felt a positive connection with the coaching

"I think I am blessed to have this opportunity."

JOHN NALBONE  
Former Monmouth Tight End

ceiving record, has spent the last few months working out for a number of NFL teams. He visited with the Dolphins in the middle of April.

"I think I am blessed to have this opportunity," said Nalbone. "I am ecstatic right now. To come from a small school and to get chosen by the Dolphins by a guy like Bill Parcells and Coach Sparano is amazing."

This season the First Team All-Northeast Conference selection led the Hawks in receptions, yards and touchdowns with 42, 491 and five, re-

staff there. John is very deserving of this, he worked extremely hard to get to this point. This is also a great day for Monmouth football. I think Miles Austin paved the way by being selected as a free agent and now to have John drafted in the fifth round further substantiates the level of play that is going on at Monmouth University."

Monmouth's other player in the NFL, wide receiver Miles Austin, recently resigned with the Dallas Cowboys. The 2009 season will mark Austin's fourth year in the league.

# MU at Penn Relays

KEVANEY MARTIN  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

It was obvious that the men's and women's track and field teams were going to have to bring their A-game if they wanted to be successful at the prestigious Penn Relays this past weekend. Several Hawks took on this challenge and rose to the occasion by excelling in a number of events at this premier east coast affair.

Following up his exceptional performance at the Moravian Greyhound Classic last weekend, MU thrower, Larry Lundy, added to his trophy case by winning the Eastern Division in the shot put with his mark of 60' 10 3/4". Not only was this the first time that Lundy had ever passed the 60' foot mark in his illustrious collegiate career, but he also became just the second thrower in school history to exceed this distance.

Other MU participants put on an impressive display of their abilities and added their names to the school's record books as well. The quartet of Ajda Dotday, Crystal Stein, Illiana Blackshear and Michelle Losey, who make up the women's 4x200 relay team, set a new school record with their time

of 1:40.50. And the 4x800 relay team of Danica Krivanos, Aracelis Lantigua, Laura Embrey, and Caitlin Lynam finished in a time of 9:18.00, which also is a new school record.

The javelin also featured some notable performances, not only from Monmouth's current athletes but also from a very accomplished alum. For the men, Victor Rizzotto's throw of 192' 5" was ninth overall, and on the women's side, Mary Wilks took eighth with her top throw marked at 131' 0". Additionally, former Hawk All-American Bobby Smith took first in the Olympic development level with his throw of 236' 4". He joins Jon Kalnas as the only MU athlete/alum to win the Championship of an American event at the Penn Relays.

With many of the athletes finishing at the top, it is reassuring for them as they head into next week on a high note. The Northeast Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships, which are being held at Monmouth on Saturday and Sunday, are what they have been preparing for all season and hopefully they can repeat their success and finish their season victorious.





**Emily DeLong hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning to send the Hawks to the NEC playoffs with a 5-4 win over Quinnipiac.**

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