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The Pit Undergoes Summer Construction



The Pit, located outside of the RSSC, was flattened and resurfaced during the summer months. The new area will feature a patio area for students.

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Beginning July 27, "The Pit" ,located outside the Student Center was redesigned to serve as a new space for students to congregate once the academic year began. The intent was to flatten the space and create a patio area. Currently, the project is within its final two weeks, according to Vice President for Administrative Services, Patricia Swannack. "The cement must 'cure' before the additional work is installed," she said. She added that the furniture ordered for the designated area will arrive within a few weeks. Costs for the project are approximately \$50, 000, according to Swannack.

The initial decision was finalized by Facilities Management towards the end of the previous spring semester and early summer months. Prior to the decision being made Mike Patterson, Associate Director of Student Activities, administered a survey with four focus groups. The survey involved the Student Center. "Every single focus group was confused about "The Pit." They didn't know what it was for," said Patterson. "They felt it wasn't useful." He added that the survey results showed that students thought something should be done with this space on campus.

Though he is unsure if this follow up survey went into the ultimate decision of renovating the area, Patterson mentioned that he was pleased with how quickly the project began its stages. "We were pleased because it was consistent with our survey results. We were actually able to move faster on it then believed," he said.

With this new found space on campus, both Swannack and Patterson believe that the area formerly known as "The Pit" will be utilized more.

"I think students will find that they will have much greater programming flexibility with one large area than they did before," said Swannack.

Patterson echoed similar remarks in that students will take advantage of the increased fluidity of the area. "I think it will give students more of an opportunity to be able to go outside and eat as additional seating for the cafeteria during the day," he said. He added that student organizations can now have more tables outside to promote programs as well as the fact that more events may be held there now. In the past, Patterson said, bands who performed in The Pit "did not find it useful."

Swannack said that once the project is complete it will "allow students to dine outside, temporarily install a stage or risers for outdoor events, erect a tent in the event of hot or inclement weather and provide generally an area where many more students can gather."

Christian Traum, a senior political science major, believes that this change being made to "The Pit" will be beneficial and students will utilize the area more now then prior. "I think that this is a good change. The fountain was hardly ever on and was used more as somewhere for people to sit," he said. "The changes that have been made look like they've taken that into consideration and the students will probably take advantage of the work that the administration and facilities crews have put into this."

University Website Gets a New Look

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As you all might have noticed – or might not have noticed – the Monmouth University website has been recently updated. According to Bob Smith, Communications Coordinator for Web Initiatives, the website has been changed because, "The need to redesign our Web site had been an ongoing concern among many people at Monmouth. The old site, which had first launched in September of 2001, was obviously showing its age both in terms of appearance and functionality."

Dr. Bob Mc Caig, the Vice President for Enrollment Management, came onboard in late 2005, and one of his key strategic initiatives was to redesign the Web site. "He has been our biggest champion in terms of supporting the redesign efforts and promoting it throughout the campus," says Smith. Monmouth feels it's very important for the website to look good for many reasons. "A Web site often is the first impression a prospective student or parent receives of a college or university. So we needed to ensure that the look and feel, as well as the functionality, promoted the best impression for our visitors. In addition, we had completed a major branding campaign with "Where leaders look forward" and that needed to be incorporated into the Web site design as well. Our up-front or landing pages were also designed to provide a stronger marketing message to prospective students that focused on our exceptional faculty, beautiful campus, and great location," noted Smith.

The people in charge of redesigning the website is the office of Enrollment Publications and Communications, whom also maintain the website www.website.monmouth.edu. Along with the faculty involved there were also students who contributed. Prior to devising a new look, there were several focus groups

that were hosted, which included current undergraduate and graduate students, to get their opinions on our current site and how it could be improved. Junior Marina Wagner notes, "I saw the new design, but I wasn't expecting it, yet I think it looks more high-tech." When you first look at the Monmouth website, there is a new slideshow with different types of pictures which were taken during several recent photo shoots here on campus and in the area. Photos were selected based on the ability to reflect the particular section of our site – Campus Life, Faculty & Staff, Alumni, etc.

To make things easier to find, there is now a global navigation menu that people can access from any page on www.monmouth.edu. Smith adds, "We also have programmed the site for Web accessibility. For example, people who are visually impaired and using screen readers to browse the Web will have a much easier time navigating through our site. This required using a different method of Web programming, one that will allow us to better integrate new technologies to the site in the future."

As junior Erin Gallagher remarked, "It looks more professional, and I even realized how on the main page they mentioned that it's a mile away from the Atlantic Ocean and near NYC and Philly, so it shows that we have some great access to other areas." Another nice addition is the University Calendar, which is available on every page as well. The entire completion of the newly renovated website took about fourteen months, from first discussion through launch. This was all done while maintaining and updating the existing site. Smith said, "We converted more than 2,600 Web pages during that time." With all the new changes, the Monmouth University website is now easier to navigate and has more features to make finding what you want more convenient and accessible.

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MU President

August 30, 2007

Dear Monmouth University Student and Parent:

Many of you heard from me immediately after the tragic incident at Virginia Tech last spring when an emotionally disturbed gunman killed a number of members of that community. I discussed, then, several safety precautions Monmouth University takes and would take in the future to safeguard our community in a whole range of safety and security situations from dangerous weather, to alcohol abuse, to crime.

Over the summer, our orientation team and I discussed student safety with incoming first year students and their families.

A recurring theme when I wrote to you or spoke to you of student safety was “peer responsibility.” Today, I believe that students who are aware of others and watch out for their peers, classmates, teammates, fellow club members, fellow Greeks, roommates, etc. are in the very best position to identify potentially dangerous situations and help their fellow students who appear to be in trouble.

Taking responsibility for one’s peers is a positive individual trait and when exercised collectively within a community results in a successful society. I hope you will help me propagate this theme.

Meanwhile, the University intends to be even more vigilant in identifying and even more prepared in coping with potentially unsafe situations. I have provided a list of safety initiative highlights that we have taken in the past few years, and lately, to best manage safety risks. It is available on our University website www.monmouth.edu/safety.

One of those safety risks is illegal and/or dangerous use of alcohol. Recently, the press in New Jersey and in campus communities across the nation has been reporting on the criminal indictments of three students and two adult administrators at Rider University over a fraternity hazing incident at which dangerous alcohol consumption caused the death of a student. Just as I believe that “peer responsibility” is the biggest deterrent to unsafe practices, I believe that illegal or dangerous alcohol use is the most severe safety challenge facing any academic community in America today.

Based on news reports, it appears that at the Rider fraternity event peers did not take care of each other and both illegal and reckless drinking occurred - a “perfect storm” that led to tragedy.

Our MU website publishes this letter again and lists recent safety initiatives we have taken. It can be summarized by these points:

- *We want students to embrace the concept of “peer responsibility.”
- *We are serious about deterring illegal alcohol use, educating people about its abuse, and involving parents when a student finds himself or herself in trouble with alcohol.
- *We are serious about fire, smoke and carbon monoxide safety.
- *We want students to sign up for CONNECT-ED, a communications system that helps us connect to them instantly should there be an emergency.
- *We have a full-time, professional, trained, armed and commissioned police force; not a security patrol.
- *We have professionals in psychological services, substance awareness, student health clinic, counseling, police, residence life, and other student services who are here to help students who have concerns about self or others.

This is a sobering message. Unsafe situations are rare. Positive, spirited, life-fulfilling situations are the norm on every campus.

Here at Monmouth we are incredibly fortunate to have a student population which is energetic, confident, optimistic and ready to grab life’s opportunities. I see Monmouth students, who happily I am around every-day, going forth to lead America. That gives me confidence in our future.

If you are a student, welcome back. If you are a parent, be proud of the young men and women you have sent to us.

Go Hawks!

Sincerely,

President Gaffney

VP Student Services

Dear Students:

To the newest members of the Monmouth University community, the Class of 2011 and our new transfer students, a hearty welcome. To all our returning students, welcome back. It’s great to have you with us again. I hope your summer was productive and fun, and you are ready for an outstanding year here at Monmouth.

There have been a few changes at the University. Beechwood Hall and a number of our Garden Apartments have been renovated. We have re-done Woods Theatre to enhance your experience there. Most importantly, however, the long-awaited Multipurpose Activity Center has been approved by the local zoning board and an official groundbreaking will occur on Saturday, September 8th. This project, along with the newly-approved residence hall, will add considerable value to your experience as a student.

You will also find a wealth of opportunities to get involved in the life of the campus. New clubs will welcome your participation and the Greek life system is always looking for strong students who want to form a common bond. Come out and cheer all the student-athletes who represent you and the University so well. Take advantage of the outstanding performing arts, theatre, and film schedules. All of this is here for you – but **you** must choose to take advantage of them.

I want you to be challenged by your experiences here. Stretch your comfort zone. Open your eyes to new opportunities while getting to know new people and appreciating the unique experiences and talents we all bring to this community. Finally, I want you to be healthy and safe, using the knowledge you already have and the knowledge you will gain to make good decisions as you are confronted with the typical temptations of the undergraduate experience. Remember that you are an important and valued member of this community. Take care of yourself **and** each other. Make that commitment this year.

We are all here to help you, to support you, to cheer you on, and to challenge you to be the best. Again, welcome to campus! Please do not hesitate to contact us at anytime.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Nagy
Vice President for Student Services



SGA President

Welcome back Monmouth!

It’s hard to believe that the summer came and went and that school is back in session. It’s time to dust the sand off your toes and get back to the school routine. Similar to the past few years, there are plenty of new renovations and initiatives on campus. The biggest being the MAC. The MAC will have a ceremonial groundbreaking on this Saturday, September 8, which will mark an estimated two year building time. Come to see the screens display a virtual tour of the new multi-purpose center to see all of the extraordinary and state-of-the-art things in store for the future.

Besides the MAC, another thing we are trying to push this year is a program called Connect-ED which enables school officials to contact you via text message, phone call, or email to let you know about pertinent situations on campus like severe weather closings or other emergencies. Please go to the Monmouth University website and sign up. It’s easy and pretty awesome when you get a text on a dreary winter day saying classes are cancelled due to snow and you can roll right back over and go to sleep. We always want to keep all students up to speed with what’s happening on and around campus.

Also, welcome freshmen! Since I am now the cliché nostalgic senior looking back on my time here, I’ll say enjoy it because it goes quick, like I’m sure you’ve heard plenty of people say already. But it’s all to true. My only piece of advice to you is not to let your preconceived notions of college dictate what your experience will be. Don’t let TV shows and movies paint a picture of college that may not be what Monmouth University is. Get involved at school, utilize your talents, and explore your interests. That is how you make true friends and start growing as an individual. If you sit in your dorm glued to the computer with your iPod blaring, of course you’re going to hate it! College is what you make of it, and here at Monmouth we get a lot of opportunities to make it great, take advantage. So, enjoy this year, I know I will. See you around.

Sincerely,
Brandon Bosque
SGA - President



New Orientation Program Builds New Friends

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While many Monmouth students were enjoying the beautiful summer, twelve students were working hard in the July heat. New student orientation was held in the month of July here on campus. Students took part in a two day orientation throughout July to familiarize them with campus. “We knew that good universities develop a bond between their first year students and the university and that bond becomes life-long. That’s what we tried to do in re-thinking the orientation,” comments the committee chair, Marilyn McNeil.

The twelve orientation leaders (OL’s), were divided into certain colors and were the point people for their groups. Taking part in many activities, working long days and nights just so the new students could get the most out of their first Monmouth experience. The first day of orientation the new students arrived around 7:15 am. From there, everyone proceeded to a welcome meeting where they met their OL’s and some of Monmouth’s staff. 10am each of the OL’s guided their colors to different activities throughout the day. For example, at 10 am the yellow group had a session filled with ice-breakers and games to get students to interact. 11 am, all students had lunch in Magill Dining Commons. Lunch was a variety of dining hall favorites like pizza and sausage and peppers, and yes, the coolest part was using the conveyer belt.

Right after lunch the yellow group took on the purple group

in a game show featuring none other than Shadow the Hawk. Around 1pm students took a tour of campus. This tour showed them places on campus that will be useful during the school year, like the Life and Career Advising Center, LCAC. 1:30pm the math placement test was administered and 2pm the second half of the tour began. An information fair of some organizations on campus took place at 3pm. Schedule making and ID pictures were done at 3:30pm. 5:15 was a color war among the teams. Dinner was in the dining hall at 6pm, and the conveyor belt was still amazing. The OL’s performed skits dealing with issues and campus concerns were done at 7pm. Residents and commuters attended their meeting at 8pm and at 9pm students attended the “Up All Night” party in the student center. Here is where students socialized and had mocktails, watched “Shadows of Shadow Lawn”, received air brush tattoos, made music videos, played poker, and so much more. 11:15pm is when students finally arrived back to their residence halls for the evening.

Students spent the night in either Cedar or Laurel Hall. OL’s served as Resident Assistants to give students a sense of what the semesters are like. Every student stayed in the halls, including commuters. One of the Orientation Staff, Eric Mochnacz of Residential Life felt that, “The Office of Residential Life was very excited to offer both resident and commuter students the ability to get their first experience of living on campus, even if just for one night.

We attempted to make everything as close to what it will be like in the fall so that students know what to expect when they move in in September. It also allowed the students to strengthen the connections they made in their OL groups while also allowing them to branch out to other members of the Class of 2011.”

The second day of orientation started with wake-up, checkout and breakfast at 7am. Quickly the day progressed into a mock lesson from one of Monmouth’s faculty members. Lunch was served at 11am and shortly a diversity game was played and tours of the residential side of campus and bookstore tours were given. Finally, at 3pm the closing program was presented.

President Gaffney inspired the students with some words of advice for their time here at Monmouth. A slide show of their orientation was also presented to them and then students were on their way home until September. After two non-stop days, students left tired yet with a better understanding of Monmouth University campus life.

Amy Bellina, Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations feels that students should have gotten the most out of their orientation experience. “I hope that they have created a stronger bond with the University and with their new classmates. I think that they also got some insight into the academic and co-curricular life. I also hope that it has helped to calm any fears or nervousness the new students might have,” Bellina.

Fountain Removed as Part of Summer Renovations

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STAFF WRITER

Near the end of July, students received an e-mail informing them that the fountain outside of the Student Center, facing Wilson Hall, was to be removed beginning July 30th. The e-mail, sent by Patricia Swannack, explained that the project would last four weeks, limiting access to that side of the building for the duration of the work. However, the email did not explain the reason why this campus landmark was to be removed. The

on, it brought a sense of celebration to campus.

Although some students may not like the new change, others feel it was the right choice to make and was much needed. Another student who has attended Monmouth for two years, Lindsay Jenkins, feels that the removal of the fountain is a good change and welcomes the new scenery with great expectations. Jenkins explained that she saw the fountain on a few times, but can’t remember for what occasion, also adding that she didn’t feel the fountain was an important

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PATRICIA SWANNACK
VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

fountain, which was at the bottom of the Pit, was turned on during major events and at the beginning of new semesters; also acting as a home to loitering students and social circles, who could be seen sitting around or near the fountain. The Student Center Pit that once accommodated musicians, club meetings, student activities and events is now a patio area. The new patio area was created to give more space to the campus and the students.

Students are showing a sense of surprise when informed of the fountain removal. Jeremy Block, who had once imagined gladiator fights within the Pit, accounted the times he remembered seeing the fountain turned on. “If I had to guess, I think it was the beginning of the semester,” he told me. Jeremy, who has attended Monmouth University for two years, said he had seen the fountain turned on a little less than five times. He describes the fountain being turned on, once, at the beginning of a fall semester. When the fountain was

part of campus. She stated, “It would be prettier with the fountain there, but we have other fountains on campus. Now there’s room to hang outside of the student center.” She also said that she is hoping the open space will be a better use for the campus now.

With the removal of the fountain comes new space for students. The Pit has now been transformed into a patio area with space that can oblige the needs of numerous student activities and club meetings, as well as student leisure time. Patricia Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services, stated, “The Fountain was difficult to maintain and we are trying to create spaces that can be utilized more efficiently. For example, we can put up tents or risers to host a concert or other student events.” The space will create new opportunities for events and more space available for a larger number of students. Although, students lose the familiar Pit area, they gain a new patio that offers more space for campus needs.

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August 27, 2007

TO: All University Students

FROM: Patricia Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services

I am pleased to advise you that effective Fall 2007 we have made a number of modifications to on campus parking that we hope will make parking and accessing the Library more convenient for you.

Lot 2- Parking for commuter students participating in the Honors Program and Visitors to the North Campus which is denoted by signage.

Lot 4 – North Campus – adjacent to Birch Hall – Will be reserved for faculty, staff and administrators teaching or working on the North Campus or whose office is located on the North Campus. This is being done to reduce the number of employees who park in Lot 16.

Lot 6 – North Campus – reserved 28 parking spaces for Library patrons – Denoted by signage - These spaces can be used by anyone (commuter students) utilizing the Library with the exception of resident students.

Various parking lots – We have created several “30 minute parking unloading/loading spaces and Visitors parking spaces throughout the North Campus.

I hope that these modifications prove convenient for you.

A Monmouth Effort

Monmouth University graduate students join Habitat in Uganda

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Monmouth University students have shown an active role in reaching out to other people in foreign countries before, but two graduate students have stretched even further this summer.

Lynda Ziembra and Katie Truskowski are working on their Masters of Social Work and decided to conduct their field experiences in Africa during the summer vacation.

Ziembra spent her time working with Habitat for Humanity in Ibanda, Uganda and Truskowski devoted her time in Ghana interning with a non-governmental organization called Street Girl Aid.

Both Ziembra and Truskowski are part-time graduate students in the Social Work Department's concentration of International and Community Development.

"The International and Community Development concentration offers a variety of field experiences in New Jersey and abroad," said Leah Lazzaro, Coordinator of Field and Professional Education for the Department of Social Work. "All of our students are working to move forward with human rights and social justice."

Ziembra, a mother of five and grandmother of two, is a Habitat for Humanity veteran and has been to Ghana prior to her more recent work in Uganda. She spent three weeks in the small village of Ibanda helping the other Habitat for Humanity volunteers put up structures to accommodate local residents.

Ziembra described life in the small African village as hard work.

"There are no breaks," Ziembra said. "It is an everyday hard, hard existence."

The village seemed to have adequate enough education, but Ziembra said the water quality and health care are very poor. While the people may live in poverty in this area of Uganda, Ziembra explained, the children remain the most hope inspiring.

"I really felt a connection with the children," Ziembra recalled. Assigning disposable cameras to seven primary school students, Ziembra modeled a photographic journal project from a local photography project in her town, Asbury Park. Ziembra told the stu-



PHOTO COURTESY of Lynda Ziembra

The group of Habitat for Humanity volunteers took a ride to their work-site in Uganda.

dents to take pictures of things that they thought were beautiful. Photographs taken consisted of not only Ugandan landscapes, but also women in markets and even children playing in schoolyards.

Ziembra hopes to continue her work in Africa after completing the masters program; specifically focusing on the HIV infected population when she returns to Ghana

months after their deliveries.

"I am changed in that I value what I have more, [such as] clean drinking water and access to good health care," Truskowski said.

Truskowski explained that the town she was living in regularly ran on only one of the six generators because the dam that powered the generators was usually too dry. The hospital in the commu-

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KATIE TRUSKOWSKI
MU Grad Student

in February. "It was a wonderful experience and more people should do it," she said. "Just apply and go!"

Katie Truskowski, 29, also spent her field experience in Africa. Truskowski, of Forked River, enlisted as an intern for a non-governmental organization named Street Girl Aid and worked at their refuge, aiding homeless girls six months pregnant until about two

nity was overcrowded and often unsanitary.

Truskowski listed HIV/AIDS as a problem within Ghana. "Ghana is said to have a 3.5 % HIV/AIDS population. From what I witnessed and heard, it's hard to believe those statistics because not many people will get tested due to the stigma of the disease," Truskowski explained. "Some people in the community and the NGO could tell [local citizens] what to do to prevent the disease but a lot of the girls there could not avoid it. If a girl turns to prostitution for money to buy food, she will make more money if a condom is not used."

But for Katie Truskowski, the experience in Ghana was more enlightening than the statistics alone.

"Ghana is a beautiful country with incredibly beautiful people," she said. "The people are struggling with poverty, corrupt police and government, and disease, but they are thankful and happy for what they have."

With students like Truskowski and Ziembra, Monmouth University can reach beyond West Long Branch, New Jersey and across borders. For more information on the International and Community concentration of the Social Work Department, visit the department webpage at www.monmouth.edu/academics/departments/social-work.asp.



PHOTO COURTESY of Lynda Ziembra

A Ugandan woman stands near the entrance to welcome the Habitat volunteers.

Students Wanted

Help recruit the class of 2012 by working the annual fall open house on Sunday, October 7th.

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Using the Federal Work Study award enables students to earn extra money while gaining a variety of job experiences that can be added to their resumes! Each year over 80 on campus departments hire student employees and over 30 community service agencies participate in Monmouth's Federal Work Study Program. Students may choose where they would like to work either on- or off-campus. Last year over 600 students chose to work on campus where they are able to obtain references, make a difference and have fun! Office assistants are needed in nearly every office and first choice is given to FWS award holders. Other popular jobs include: bookstore staff, Phonathon associates, life-guarding, Athletic game management workers, Athletic equipment room workers and lab assistants for Instructional Technology Services and Software Engineering.

The most commonly asked student question regarding FWS is: *what is it and how does it affect me?* Having a Federal Work Study Award makes a student eligible for a student job before anyone else. All jobs are paid based upon job description, however the department where the student works only has to pay 25% of the hourly wage and the Federal government funds the rest. Therefore, it is much less expensive for departments to hire a FWS student rather than someone without a FWS award. Generally, hourly pay ranges from \$7.15 to \$8.50 and even up to \$12.00 per hour at some off-campus agencies.

Over fifty-five students chose to work at off-campus community service agencies last year. The interaction with future employers really makes a difference. Many of the students are social work, education, psychology and criminal justice majors and find working off-campus rewarding. The positions range from one-on-one tutoring and mentoring to office jobs to working with animals. Agencies that are looking to hire students this fall include the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission, Girl Scouts of the New Jersey Shore, Planned Parenthood, Red Bank River Center, Monmouth County Day Care, Prevention First, Mental Health Association, School for Children, Monmouth Cares, SPCA, Family & Children Services, America Reads tutoring at local elementary schools and many, many more. If students are interested in using their FWS award to work at other agencies, the Student Employment Office is able to do an outreach for the student!

Additional rewards of working through the Federal Work Study program include meeting and working with faculty and staff, meeting other students and participating in Student Employee Appreciation Week. This week in April is dedicated to students and give-a-ways. This past April 2007, over \$5,000 in prizes were given away to students from over 70 area businesses.

If you are still not convinced about using your Federal Work Study award, ask a student who is currently working and what they do or stop by the Office of Student Employment located on the third floor Student Center. Please ask to speak with Aimee Parks or Nancy Gallo or call 263-5706 or 571-3471. We hope to speak with you soon.

Dear Students,

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to Monmouth University and tell you some exciting news about the Gender Studies Program. I and Dr. Janice Stapley are the new co-directors of the Program. On Friday, November 16th, we will be hosting a conference on gender issues entitled "Our Daughters, Our Sons, Ourselves: Creating a Healthy Image." This conference is a collaborative effort between Gender Studies, Counseling and Psychological Services, Athletics, and many other departments and programs on campus. I encourage you to find out more about this conference and other events and activities we are planning at our website www.monmouth.edu/academics/gender_studies.

If you have any questions about Gender Studies, feel free to contact me at mmele@monmouth.edu.

Have a great start to the semester!

Dr. Marie Mele
Department of Criminal Justice

SERVICE LEARNING AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Contact: Marilyn Ward, LCAC 732-571-4411

Dear Students,

Welcome back! We're here to help you get off to a great start and there's no better way to meet people, have fun, and learn about careers than volunteering. The office of Service Learning and Community Programs is located on the third floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Room 301C. Please stop by or call (732-571-4411) to find out how you can get involved in the community. You can also check the volunteer directory on the Monmouth University website to find out how you can help. Whatever your schedule, whatever your interests, the right volunteer opportunity is waiting for you.

Here are just a few of the ways you or your group can get involved:

- **Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Monmouth County** has requested mentors for their school-based programs. Volunteers meet with a child every week or every other week at schools in Asbury Park, Eatontown and other nearby locations. To request an application, contact Sue Walker at sawalker@bbbsmonmouth.org
- Support the troops by donating snacks, toiletries and other items to the Wild Deuce platoon in Iraq. For details, contact Donald Reynolds at dreynold@monmouth.edu
- Help the graduates of **Manna House**, a transitional housing facility for women and children, on a one-time or ongoing basis. Volunteers are needed to organize a special activity for the children while the mothers are in a meeting. For further information contact Rose at Manna House – rose-manna@verizon.net
- The **Long Branch Senior Center** welcomes volunteers for all types of activities: Help out in the kitchen, teach computer skills or learn how to make cookie boxes. For information contact Pat Scinto-Krosnicki at 732-571-6542.
- **New York Blood Services** would like a club or organization to hold a blood drive this fall. To arrange a blood drive contact the Student Services office and email Rita Zepka at RZepka@NYBloodCenter.org
- The **Alzheimer's Association** is sponsoring a Memory Walk in Point Pleasant Beach on Saturday, September 29. To volunteer or to participate in the Walk go to the website www.alznj.org
- Volunteer during your meetings by making fleece blankets for **Project Linus** or for patients in the **Visiting Nurse Association's Hospice Program**. Materials and directions are available in the Service Learning Office, Room 301C, RSSC.

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Incoming Freshmen Move Onto Campus



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With the help of their families, incoming freshmen move into their residential halls on Sunday, September 2.

JACQUELYN BODMER
OPINION EDITOR

On Sunday, September 2nd Monmouth Freshmen moved on to campus. Arriving around 8:30 am, students and their families were trying to adjust quickly to the life of college students. With beautiful weather, it was a nice welcoming to the freshmen students.

This year freshmen students will be living in Cedar, Laurel, Spruce, Elmwood, and Pinewood Halls. Emotions were in full gear Sunday as some students could not help but to have a smile on their face. Freshman football player, Dan Avento, was feeling, “Great!” as well as “looking forward to the Football season”. While academics were far from everyone’s mind on move-in day, students could not help but to notice the volleyball court while moving into Elmwood. “I feel wonderful. I’m excited about the beach volleyball outside of the building,” commented freshman Rob Abolt.

A steady flow of students made their way to check in all throughout the afternoon. Upon arrival, students did their paper work, met a few Resident Assistants, were christened with their keys, and received their student ID’s, officially becoming a Monmouth student. Students and their families then proceeded moving in. Resident Assistant Katie Johnson felt that, “It was a rather smooth and exciting day. It was exciting as an upper classman to watch and know all the good experiences they have coming their way.” Freshman students will have a chance to take part in Welcome Week, the poster sale, and Monmouthpalooza the first week of class. Welcome Class of 2011!

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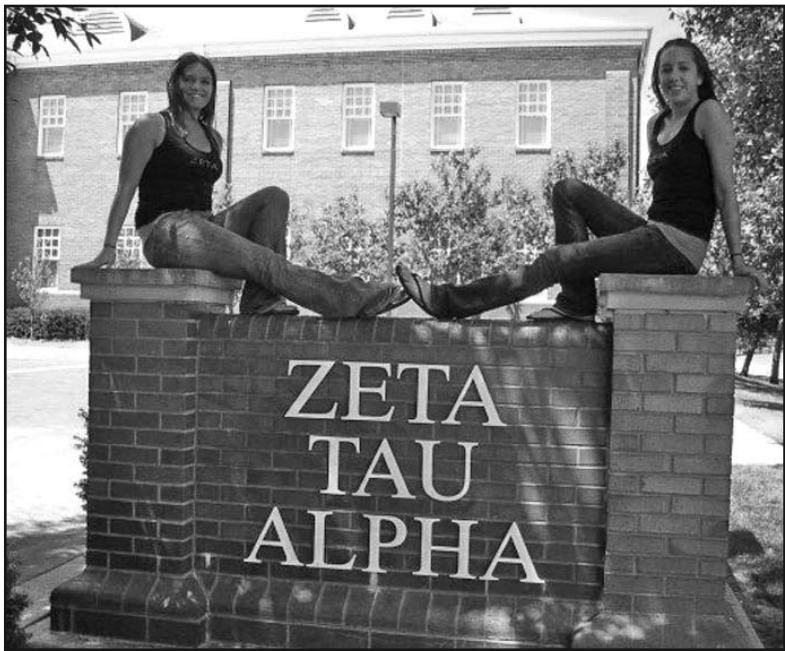


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(pictured left to right) Lauren Francis and Jennifer Cooley attended Zeta Tau Alpha's National Leadership Conference in Indianapolis.

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Two representatives from Monmouth University's Zeta Tau Alpha's Kappa Nu Chapter attended the Zeta Tau Alpha's National Leadership Conference in Indianapolis held July 12 to July 15.

Chapter President, Jennifer Cooley, a senior business management major and legal studies minor, and Vice President I, a senior mathematics major with an information technology minor participated in the four day conference. It included information sessions, the opportunity to meet with Zeta Tau Alpha sisters nationwide and an awards ceremony. The Kappa Nu Chapter received the Crown Chapter, Financial Excellence and Quota/Total awards during the conference.

Jennifer Cooley said the Crown Chapter Award is the most prominent award a chapter can receive. "In order to receive this award, a chapter must fulfill every part of a five category scoring system," she explained. "These five categories are Membership, Finances, Activities, Programming, and Fraternity Operations."

The Financial Excellence award was based on having a good financial standing on a national level with the organization. The Quota/Total award recognized the chapter that reached their quota for recruitment for the year.

Cooley described her reaction to the awards. "The Chapter and myself are extremely excited and feel honored for winning all these awards. It is a great start to the new year and we will work hard to receive the award against next year," she said.

Francis said the conference, which theme's this year was "Make A Difference", was attended by 130 national officers and 146 college chapters throughout the nation. "All attendees were able to take a closer look at our creed and its meaning, and on the final day of the conference we were all able to partake in a rededication ritual," she explained.

She added that during the duration of the conference ideas were also discussed on how to fundraise

for Zeta Tau Alpha's philanthropy Breast Cancer Awareness and Education. Cooley said they talked about an event in the works called "Save Lids to Save Lives."

Francis said that she took away much from the conference including a "new love" for her sorority. "I left with millions of ideas on how to fundraise for breast cancer. I talked to collegiate officers from all over and got to take away their ideas on what works in their chapters while sharing my own ideas, and now get to apply these great ideas to my own chapter."

Cooley echoed similar sentiments. "Not only did we bring some new ideas, new leadership skills, and tons of Fraternity information but we also were able to increase our networking y meeting the Zetas from around the country."

Tyler Havens, assistant director of Student Activities for Greek life, said national conferences like these are opportunities for leaders in organizations to gather information and apply it to making them better.

"These conferences are important to the organizations not just for the awards they receive, but also the valuable information about how their national organizations conduct business and how the undergraduate chapters are a large part of that business." He added that the workshops that are available for those that attend are advantageous in learning more leadership skills.

"They also provide our students with the opportunity to connect with their fraternal brothers and sisters nationwide to share ideas and stories about their experience," said Havens.

Francis said that was one of many beneficial parts of attending the conference. "When you attend such a conference and can see so many amazing girls, it is easy to tell that in Zeta Tau Alpha, we are making a difference."

Through this conference, Cooley said that both Francis and herself were able to improve their skills in leadership. "We both learned new ways to handle difficult situations and lead our chapter in the most beneficial way possible."

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Editorial

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Is it really September already? First off, welcome back! And welcome to the incoming freshmen and new students to Monmouth University. But back to my question, yes it is September which means its time to get back into the groove of school and saying good bye to the leisure and relaxation of summer. We can't say goodbye to the beach because, well, our school is located a mile from the Atlantic. Lucky us! At least while the weather permits we can still pretend its summer and utilize the beach for a couple more weeks. I know I will or at least try to.

I hope everybody enjoyed their summer vacation and is ready to start another year here at MU. For those returning students, if you haven't had the chance to walk across campus yet take a look around and check out the changes that were made during the summer months. Remember "The Pit" as we called it outside the student center? We never really knew what it was for but it always was there. Well, the pit is history and in its place is a patio area. I walked by it the other day picking up my books and I was amazed at how much it opened the outside area of the Student Center. It will be a great space while the weather is still nice for students to enjoy either just eating lunch or talking in between classes. I think this is a great addition on campus and will allow us students to take in the landscape of our campus more. Also, the fountains in front of Wilson Hall and across from the Student Center were removed as well. It's going to be strange not seeing the fountains running anymore. They were usually in use anytime there was a big event occurring on campus that day or that weekend. They were always operating during Open House or Family Weekend for example and always one of the many photo op-

portunities our campus offers.

A recent change that was made this year that I think was a good one was the time Freshman Orientation was held. Rather than it being held the weekend incoming freshmen move in, it was held for a few days during the month of July. I know when I was a freshman I wish it was held sometime during the summer months. It was difficult trying to get unpacked and settled in your new room and

So to the incoming freshmen, my words of wisdom as a senior to you is to make these the best four years of your life.

building and trying to get to know your roommate all at the same time when you had to rush to orientation sessions. It is stressful enough being a freshman and adjusting to your new life in college. I think this just assisted in easing the pressures a little. It allows you to focus more on adjusting to college life and getting a feel for what it's like to take up residency on campus.

Being that it's my last year, this editorial is bittersweet. You, the reader, may ask why but for me it's my last first editorial I will write for The Outlook. Doesn't make sense right? I know after this one I have more than twenty to write but this one is special. Throughout this summer, I couldn't help but think of all the lasts I will experience this year. Last Homecoming, last time working Open House as an

ambassador, last year at the newspaper, and last year moving in just to name a few. Thinking about it now, I won't be missing moving in to school for the semester after my college career is complete and in the books.

As I take the reigns of *The Outlook* for another year, I can't believe how quickly my time here has gone. It felt like yesterday that I was a freshman, lugging my belongings into Pinewood Hall with the help of my mom and dad and my sister against her wishes. Of course it was the hottest day of the year that Saturday, but that what's makes memories. At that time, I was going through the motions of Freshman Orientation, trying to meet new friends, and adjusting to the fact that I'm in college and on my own. Then I blinked and now it's senior year. How did that happen?

I guess as the saying goes, time flies when you're having fun. What an experience it has been and what I'd give to do it all over again. So to the incoming freshmen, my words of wisdom as a senior to you is to make these the best four years of your life. Enjoy every moment because in a blink of an eye, it's gone. Take advantage of everything our university has to offer like being involved in our many organizations. That's the best piece of advice I can give. Who knows? Maybe you'd be interested in joining *The Outlook*. Now I don't want to give a shameless plug but you never know. The same can be said to the seniors- Enjoy your last year or even semester if that's the case. Because before we know it May will be here and it will be that time to walk to the sound of Pomp and Circumstance in our caps and gowns. I don't want to be sappy and sound like I'm saying goodbye before even formally saying hello.

With that said, I hope everyone has a good first week of classes and once again-Welcome Back!



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The Failing American Quasi-Socialist System

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The United States of America is slipping towards becoming a socialist system. With the increasing gap between the upper and lower classes, and welfare/healthcare dollars being spent viciously, America is failing. In this article I intend to evaluate the current situation the American nation finds itself in and provide my diagnosis.

Now to get this article started, it is often said that a society is judged by the manner in which it treats its most vulnerable members. So I ask the reader, how should America treat its most vulnerable?

In my opinion there are two ways to help Americans, direct welfare and indirect welfare. Please understand the true definition of **welfare** from the Encarta Dictionary, "the physical, social, and financial conditions under which somebody may live satisfactorily". The term "welfare" in the United States is *not* the true definition of the word **welfare** but merely an association of ideas. Our system of welfare would be considered *direct welfare* under my definition. Democrats tend to provide direct welfare and Republicans tend to lean towards providing a half complete version of indirect welfare.

Direct welfare is the belief that by giving individuals resources directly they will be able to survive sufficiently. This is put to use in the form of welfare paychecks, social security paychecks, and is discussed in the possibility of universal healthcare requirements. This same idea of giving money to the populace also exists in the form of oversized bureaucracies in the United States.

It is true that a government can provide for its people in this way. It is being done right now in this country. It is easy to understand how direct welfare works and can be summed up in one sentence: government passes down a paycheck to its people.

Indirect welfare is the belief that by providing resources to an individual indirectly they will be able to survive sufficiently. This idea is practiced less in the United States because it is less understood, and because of this I will spend more time explaining it. Indirect welfare is based on the idea that by ensuring an availability of jobs people will be able to sustain

themselves sufficiently. After all, the primary means of survival for an individual is a job. Jobs provide money which secure food, shelter and medical care. This is very simple to understand so I will not further elaborate here.

Next we must understand how a government should provide people with jobs. With elevated outsourcing over the past few decades, middle and lower class jobs have become scarce in the United States. Based on the indirect welfare idea, it would be the responsibility of the United States government to bring these outsourced jobs back to America. For this to happen, the United States must raise tariffs on imported goods to a high level, high enough so that businesses would be forced to locate within our country again. By bringing companies back to the United States, many benefits will be realized. Jobs will be available for the working people (factories, transportation, management), and exports will grow substantially (putting our country fiscally in the green). The United States still has immense buying power, and *companies will come back* to tap this source of money. The indirect welfare model also includes that the government will have the lowest necessary taxes on the people. By not being burdened with direct welfare programs ("welfare", social security, universal healthcare, bloated bureaucracy), less governmental income will be necessary. This is why indirect welfare has the potential to be better than direct welfare. Indirect welfare, and its lower taxes, will allow people to spend more into the economy, which will only further the security of their jobs.

The difference between indirect welfare and the current conservative platform lies in the Republican relations with big businesses. Republicans need to realize that big business must come second to the American people and the Democrats must realize that indirect welfare is truly a much better alternative.

The hands off, "laissez-faire", economy system is a very respectable thing to strive for. However, when a government must choose between more business regulation (which also can lead to a cleaner environment) and extensive social programs (which eventually leads to business control anyway), the control of business entities is a

lesser evil than the control, the dependency, and the high taxation of individual human beings. An added benefit under the indirect welfare system is that wealthy people are not burdened for *more than half of their income*, which is something that I cannot comprehend as being fair using any practice of logic.

A government that directly gives money to its people, and jobs, is a government seeking a temporary solution to a growing problem. I ask our government to fix the underlying problem, a lack of suitable jobs. This will allow for further growth of the United States of America and the comeback of the middle class. Direct welfare helps people, but does not fix the problem. Direct welfare should exist but to a very limited extent, only applying to the truly sick, diseased and elderly.

Listen up government! Cut spending, lower taxes, raise the minimum wage, and raise tariffs on imports. My message to the government in New Jersey: do not sell our assets! My message to government in general: strive for indirect welfare!

What needs to be done before indirect welfare is accomplished? First, Republicans need to disassociate themselves with the poor image of supporting big business and actually promote the general wellbeing of the American populace by bringing back jobs to Americans. Simply lowering taxes is not enough! Second, Democrats need to stop giving direct welfare so liberally. No pun intended. Lower socioeconomic groups are not actually being helped by this welfare but are only being locked into their low status. They are not truly given an opportunity to improve their situation (have their American dream), because they are being artificially supported. It is sad to say, but these people are being paid for a vote essentially. They deserve more!

Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians, Green Partisans, Constitutional Unionists (no Socialists) unite and give Americans jobs!

In closing, I hope America comes to its senses, drops its partisan differences and searches for a true solution! If you remember anything from this article remember this: a sign which reads "do not feed the ducks" is not intended to starve the ducks, but rather is intended to prevent a dependency. Just like indirect welfare.

Gender Discrimination and Car Insurance?

RON GHIRALDI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Automobile insurance is one expense that college students are all too familiar with. While some students may find themselves lucky enough to be added onto their parent's automobile insurance policy, many students have an independent policy of their own. While there are many factors that determine a student's premium rate, has it ever been considered that certain factors can be considered discriminatory? While something can be said for age, as it does determine a driver's experience, gender is one factor that can be found to be discriminatory. To set up a hypothetical case, consider two students that are twins. The twins just passed their driving tests and both have a clean record. They live in the same home, drive the same car, (year, make and model) and drive the same amount of miles. Basically, all condi-

tions are exactly the same yet their premiums will be different. Why? The reason is that one twin is male, and the other is female. While statistics may show that more male drivers get into accidents and/or commit more violations than females, would it not be reasonable to adjust premium rates based on those individuals who are involved in these costly outcomes. When money is the focus of policy, why does discrimination take a back seat? Would it not make more sense to have a standard flat premium rate for all new drivers? Once an individual commits a violation or is involved in an accident, then he or she will be responsible for paying a higher premium. If the insurance industry ran statistics that revealed occurrences of accidents and violation based on ethnicity, in which there would be different premium rates based on an individual's nationality, would this be tolerated and accepted? What's your opinion?

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SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON
ASSISTANT OPINION EDITOR

Hello Monmouth University students! Welcome to a new school year; '07, '08! Here, in the Opinion Section, we are looking for students' state of minds or viewpoints on issues that you find interesting and important for life here on campus. We are open to students' feelings and wish for you all to voice your opinions. State how you feel so there can be changes made in campus life that will serve a purpose. Please tell us how you all feel. Voice your opinion!

How students are involved around campus

COMPILED BY: SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON

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sophomore
Sigma Tau Gamma, int. sports, sailing team



Jimmy
sophomore
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Graduate Assistant for Men's Soccer team



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\$HOPPING TO FIT A \$TUDENT BUDGET



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Students can take advantage of student discounts at Great Clips Hair Salon located in West Long Branch.

THERESA A. MOORE
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Being a student is an accomplishment in itself. But managing one's finances on a tight budget might be just as difficult as working towards that degree. Teresa Mancini, 23, W. Long Branch, a Monmouth University graduate student and off-campus Spanish teacher, searches for bargains when shopping and considers herself to be quite thrifty. "You have to worry about loans and (buying) books, besides going to class. So, during the year, there's not a lot of shopping," she admitted. "I think (students' budgets vary) from student to student, because there's a diverse student background from where they're coming from."

Mancini usually shops during the beginning of the semester at New York & Co. and J.C. Penney in Monmouth Mall, Eatontown, where you can purchase "a lot for a little - quality stuff. I'll go where there's a sale," she said. She tends to find used books at the campus bookstore, yet also wades through the options available at Half.com, an on-line shopping website, a place where many students turn for their texts.

Andrew Amendola, 27, a 2002 graduate, savored the culinary choices that the nearby off-campus restaurants extended when he attended the school. "You could always get a \$5 pizza or good

Chinese food," he pointed out. "And, everything around here, when I was here, was relatively inexpensive." He cited the Ming Ying Chinese Restaurant, 80 Montgomery Ave., Long Branch, as "by far," his favorite place to dine. "They have delivery in five minutes. It's quick; it's good." He said he never had trouble juggling his budget.

Jessica Torsiello, 19, Moonachie, a sophomore communications major, prefers "to buy (my) own books, but I use the bookstore here extensively." High on her list of selected area clothing shops is Hot Topic in the Monmouth Mall. She enjoys eating at The Windmill, 200 Ocean Ave., Long Branch, Nelly's Restaurant, 589 Cedar Ave., and Papa John's Pizza, 355A Monmouth Road, both in W. Long Branch.

All within a 20-minute drive, some restaurant discoveries in the Long Branch and W. Long Branch areas cater to the wallet of the average college student. One area service-oriented business and several specialty shops offer Monmouth University Hawks the opportunity to get what they need conveniently.

One need not drink alcohol to patronize Ron's West End Pub, a historic tavern-restaurant located approximately one mile from campus. With a kitchen open daily from 5 p.m. until midnight,

this eatery at 103 W. End Ave., Long Branch, is decorated with a huge collection of knickknacks and photographs of famous individuals who have visited the site, according to Manager Elissa. Owned for the last 25 years by Ron Heinzman, who was not available for comment, Elissa described the "charming" place as "New England-like" with rocking chairs on a porch and a patio for smokers. "It's got a homey feeling. It's the best well-hidden place," situated across from the West End Elementary School, she said. "It's where everybody knows your name."

The dining selections feature an approximately \$12 mouth-watering chicken Caesar salad that could feed up to three people, Elissa boasted. "It's well known as one of the best in the area." All foods there range from \$5-\$12. Burgers are sold for about \$8, and the menu also includes shrimp cocktail and an assortment of fried foods, such as chicken fingers and poppers. Live piano music melodies can be heard there Friday nights.

Also in the West End section of Long Branch, at 148 Brighton Ave., is Brighton Pizza, a part of the Primavera Plaza. Owner Luis Giron promises year-round student discounts of \$7 per large plain pie, regularly priced at \$9.50 plus tax. While the pizzas are "pretty good," Giron was quick to mention his other prized entrees, like his favorite penne pasta with shrimp and vodka sauce. "You try it one time, and you want to keep going!" Located near neighboring West End Pharmacy, the pizzeria also serves pasta primavera and chicken dishes with marsala, alfredo and francis sauces. Entrees start at about \$10, and his combination platters, a mix of eggplant, shrimp and chicken parmesan cost approximately \$14.

The thrifty college student instead might choose a submarine sandwich for between \$7-\$8.75, a wrap (either grilled chicken, turkey club, BLT, or tuna) for about \$6.50, or a salad. Customers at the restaurant, which has been in the location for five years, order "the best" cheesecakes, and take-out is available as well as a small dining area, according to Giron. Brighton Pizza is open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m., and Sundays from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Giron advertises with coupons in The Link newspaper and Val-Pak through the mail.

Other competing pizzerias in W. Long Branch include Pizza Hut and Attilio's Restaurant, both on State

Highway 36.

Also within a short drive from campus are several shops where the student can purchase merchandise to suit his or her needs, and a popular hair salon where college-oriented individuals can get groomed. The Consumer Plaza connects The Sports Authority, Great Clips Hair Salon and Barnes & Noble, three businesses (all situated at 310 State Highway 36) that are sure to fit into the to-do list of our academic shoppers.

Whether you fish, dance, play basketball, or strive to win at football, The Sports Authority, a sports apparel and equipment store has almost everything for the collegiate competitor, both female and male. This large center carries dancewear and clothing necessary for yoga, basketball, tennis, and equipment/gear for exercising, golfing, and camping. Cleats there cost between \$50-\$100, and sneakers range in price from \$10-\$120, according to Store Manager Kimberley Nathaniel. Also available are sauna suits, home gyms, weights, golf clubs, tackle boxes, rods and reels. Among the items consumers seek are treadmills valued at \$800-\$1,200 and stationary bikes. Some well-known brand merchandise in stock are Columbia, Nike, Champion, Puma, Russell, Adidas, and New Balance.

"We are the only really good sporting good spot around," she said.

Summer hours, through Labor Day, are Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Regular hours are Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Although the university takes

es, music boxes, framed pictures, plaques and large prints.

The shop, owned by Joseph Catalino for approximately 10 years, is located at the Carriage Square Mall. Popular book titles now being sold include "The Confident Woman," by Television Evangelist Joyce Meyer and "The Purpose Driven Life," by Rick Warren, according to Miller, who is a church youth director at the Full Gospel Church, Wall. Some of the Christian musical preferences regularly selling are "True Beauty" by Mandisa and "V2" by J Moss, she said. The books and musical choices are apt to help individuals attain growth through spiritual worship and devotion, she added.

Hours of operation are from 9:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Mondays through Saturdays.

Now and then, every student needs a trim or an entirely new coiffure, so he or she could take advantage of the \$2 discounts that Great Clips Hair Salon offers to those enrolled in college (student identification is required). There, a team of almost a dozen professional hair stylists cut hair at any length for only \$11 (without student discounts). Also given are permanents priced from about \$39 for short hair up to about \$59 for longer hair. Frequented by "a lot of students," the shop is "very convenient. We're huge on customer service," said Katherine Howard, who has been the store manager for two years.

The MU student body creates a large part of the Great Clips clientele, so the beauty parlor especially provides for its needs, Howard said. "It's the community that we try to do things for. The students are very loyal. Things are so ex-



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pride in its on-campus bookstore in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, shoppers also may decide to visit the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at The Consumer Plaza to browse through a variety of books, musical compact disks, DVDs, audiotapes and stationery supplies. A \$25 annual sales fee guarantees for readers 40 percent discounts for bestsellers, 20 percent off for adult hardcover books, and 10 percent discounts for everything else in the store. Hours are between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. from Mondays through Saturdays and 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Sundays.

Should the avid reader or music enthusiast want to immerse himself in the comfort that Christianity can bring, Jesus Books & Gifts, 175 Monmouth Road, W. Long Branch, provides in a small environment "a friendly atmosphere (where) most of the customers are pretty nice that come in," 23-year-old Sales Associate Joanna Miller acknowledged. Aside from the "wide" selection of books and music, the shop also sells wall cross-

pensive out there, so we try to help them out as much as we can," she explained. No appointments are necessary. "Whenever is convenient for you is convenient for us," she promised.

Store hours are Monday through Fridays from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. A \$6.99 special coupon can be found in the Savvy Shopper section of the August issue of The Clipper Magazine, mailed to the homes of residents; the coupon expires after Sept. 16. Great Clips has 2600 salons throughout the U.S. and Canada.

MU students also can benefit from experiencing a shopping spree at Monmouth Mall, about 15-20 minutes away from campus. To combat hunger pangs, one could satisfy his appetite by going to Chili's, Fridays, Ruby Tuesdays, or The Old Town Buffet, four restaurants adjoining the mall.

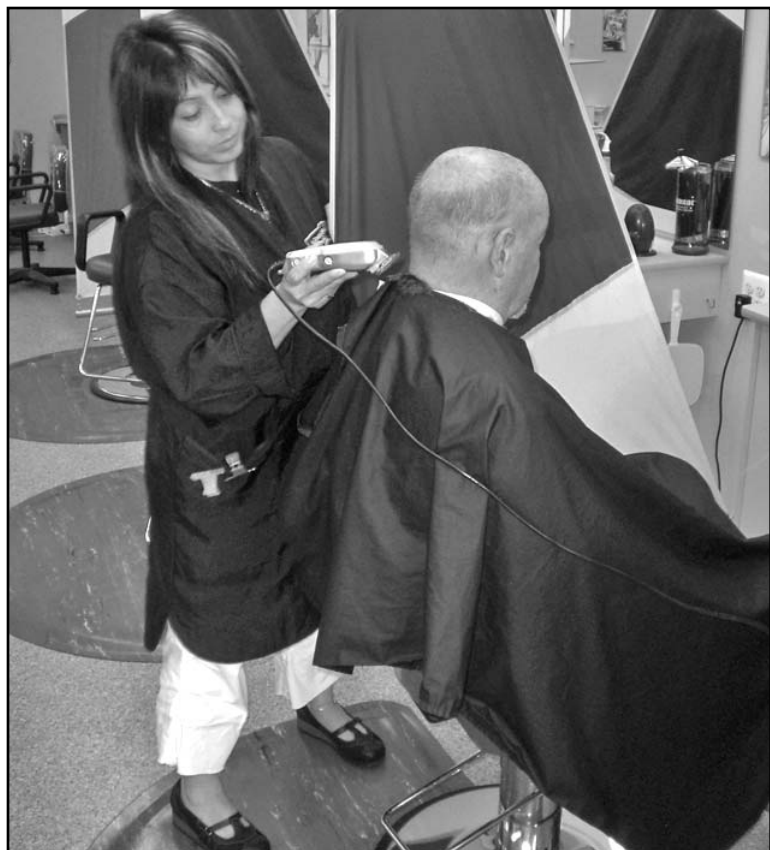


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THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

Students share their experiences in Florence, Italy

TIFFANY HAHN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I had always wanted to study abroad. With my demanding schedule of all year round training and my track and field seasons running through both semesters, I thought that studying abroad was not an option for me. When I was offered a chance to attend Lorenzo de' Medici in Florence, Italy in the summer of 2007, I couldn't pass up the chance. The summer session was the only time that I had available to experience such a great opportunity.

For the longest time, my family and I thought that we had a German background since our last name is Hahn. We recently discovered that my great grandfather was adopted when he was a baby into the Hahn family in Germany and came to the United States a few years later. His original birth name was Thomas Vincetti but his name was changed to Hahn. Once I was made aware of my change in background, I had always wanted to visit Italy. When I saw that one of my options for studying abroad was Italy, it was the perfect opportunity not only to visit the country, but to experience the actual culture there and get a feel of the place in which my family was from. I definitely made the best decision of my life.

The months approaching the trip were complete excitement. I was in total disbelief that I was going to be studying on the other side of the world. I had been to Mexico once for a vacation with my family for a week but that was the only other time I had been out of the country. This was going to be the first time that I went overseas and I was so excited. The day that I was leaving was a whole other story. The entire day I was anxious and nervous. I didn't know the language at all other than a few words. I did know a few people rather well that I was traveling with which eased my mind a bit but going to a whole other country without my parents and living there for an entire month shook me up a bit. I knew it was normal to feel this way and once I got on the airplane and began my journey with my friends I was completely fine and couldn't wait to get there.

Once we arrived and got settled into our apartments, we had a few days to travel before classes began. My friends and I took full advantage of that and traveled to Pisa to see the leaning tower and we took a wine tasting/bike tour through Tuscany which began with a walk through tour of a castle. I also visited Assisi, hiked the beaches and mountains of Cinque Terre, rode a gondola through Venice, and saw the incredible sites of Rome. Cinque Terre was by far the best thing I've ever done. If you are a beach lover and an outdoors kind of person, Cinque Terre is definitely the place to visit. I had never in my life seen something so beautiful. The Mediterranean was crystal clear, the palm trees lines the cliffs along the coast along with cactuses and other plants that were gorgeous. The views from on top of the cliffs were absolutely breathtaking. Every trip I took was an amazing adventure and allowed me to experience Italian culture first hand and appreciate history. Assisi, Venice, and Rome taught me so much about the past and sparked a new interest for me about it.

Classes were rather easy. I studied Intercultural Communications and Hidden Meanings to Renaissance

Art. Intercultural Communications enabled me to understand Italian culture much more quickly than everyone else that was not familiar with it. It taught me the stereotypes in which Italians have for Americans and brought to my attention the way in which Italians live their lives which made it much easier to interact with the Italian people. For me, being a Psychology major, I'm very interested in how people interact with one another. By taking this class and experiencing Italian culture contributed to my learning in the Psychology field. I learned from my Italian Intercultural Communications teacher and my classmates from Mexico, that Americans are viewed as entirely too work oriented and not family oriented enough. This opened my eyes to our working habits and I believe they are right. I love my culture and I appreciate what it means to be an American but by hearing the views of people from other cultures made me also appreciate their cultures as well. I admire the fact that Italians "work to live" rather than "live to work" as we do. I also admire how Mexican and Italian families hold their families as top priorities. Family time is an extremely important aspect which is dwindling in our culture due to our working habits.

I was not familiar with art work at all which inspired me to take Hidden Meanings to Renaissance Art. It was by far one of the most interesting classes I've ever taken. It amazed me how every painting was put together so strategically to tell a story that no normal individual could read. Every part of the paintings I learned about had a specific meaning and significance to what was going on at the time the painting was done. By taking this class, I learned to appreciate the hard work done by the Renaissance painters and the history behind them.

I feel as though living in Italy for an entire month completely changed my life. I'm used to living by a schedule each and every day and rushing to get everything I need to get done out of the way. I live a high paced life and sometimes I get lost in all of it not allowing me to enjoy my surroundings. Since Italians' lifestyles are more laid back, I learned how to slow down life's motions, stop, take all of it in, and appreciate where I am and what I'm doing. Italians don't live by a watch the way in which Americans do. They have a long period in the middle of the day in which they eat lunch and take naps, they stay and relax at restaurants after they eat, and they are always out and about the city. They seem to fully enjoy life instead of going through the motions every day.

Living in Italy also made me more aware of the importance of conserving energy and that I could do without the many luxuries that I have in life. In Italy, people rely on public transportation such as trains, busses, and taxis. Few people have their own cars. Instead, they have vespas which require less gas and produce less pollution. They don't use air conditioning despite the extreme humidity and heat the summer months provide and they don't rely on dryers and dishwashers to make regular chores an easier task. This was definitely something I had to get used to but once I arrived back home in the states, I appreciated having those luxuries much more but I am definitely more aware of being wasteful and I try to keep it to a minimum.



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The Ponte Vecchio bridge located in Florence, Italy.

Italians are also slow on technological advancements. It's very difficult to access the internet at times. Many Italians don't have internet access because it seems as though they view it as unnecessary. This was difficult to get used to at first because the internet is such an important factor in our culture but I saw that Italians would rather spend their time outside with friends and family enjoying the city rather than sitting inside in front of a computer. In a big way, I agree with their lifestyle.

It's absolutely amazing how each and everyday I spent in Italy brought something new to my life. Florence is very rich in culture and can be seen in the artwork that lines the streets and the buildings that make up the city. I met so many people from different countries around the world. I learned and incredible amount about these people and made some great friends along the way. Not only did it allow me to meet people from foreign countries but it also brought me closer to 20 or so other individuals that attend Monmouth University. I'm sure I could speak for them in saying that that all of us had the time of our lives and we will always have the memories we shared with each other for the rest of our lives.

The language barrier can be difficult at times. It is hard being in a place where English is not the main language. One day a woman was trying to ask me how to get in touch with our landlord and she knew strictly Italian. I was alone and by not having any background in Italian at all, I had to rely on hand gestures to help her. I didn't run into problems with this too often. Most Italians know English or at the very least, they can speak a few words in order to communicate with them. The next time I travel to a foreign country, I will definitely become more familiarized with the native language.

Of course, I could go on and on about the thousands of experiences that I had while I was there. June 26th to July 28th of 2007 was by far the best experience of my entire life. I made life long friends, went to unbelievable places, learned new things, and all of it changed my life for the better. I became a more independent person and learned that anything I want to do is achievable. I also learned that I'm going to make mistakes in life but learn from each and every one of them. It enabled me to take a step back and appreciate other cultures as well as my own. It is truly the greatest decision I've ever made and I hope that someday I have the opportunity to something like this again!

ALEXANDRA RICCO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I had the opportunity to study abroad this summer in Italy. It was by far the best experience of my life. I have wanted to go to Italy ever since I was young because that is where my father's family is from. I wanted to study abroad my sophomore year in London, but my schedule was always conflicting and I could never manage to make it into the program. When the study abroad office opened the choice to study in Italy for a month in the summer, I jumped on the opportunity immediately. I wrote my essay and received my recommendations as quickly as I

have to worry about transportation, living arrangements, and schooling prior to leaving.

Being a business major, having the opportunity to study abroad is so beneficial. Companies will be more interested in an employee who is cultured and well rounded individual. Studying abroad in another country helps you to have a better understanding of the world and it lets you open up your mind to other possibilities and ways of doing things. I have a better understanding of what I want to do in the business world mainly because I went to Italy and I have taken so much of what I have learned from just a month abroad. It is truthfully a life

I loved every minute of my experience and because of studying abroad it has open so many other doors for me that I thought did not seem possible.

could because there was limited space. After I got accepted into the program, I could not believe that my dream of going to Italy would finally come true.

I consider myself an independent and adventurous person but I am also very close to my family and home. When I told my mother about getting into the program to study abroad in Italy, my mom could not be any happier. She told me that I have to go and that my dad would be so excited for me if I went. After my dad passed away my freshman year, I told myself that I was going to do everything I could to make him proud and not let him down. So with the help of my mom and siblings supporting me, I decided that I was going to spend my summer month of July in Italy.

Prior to leaving, the study abroad office was so helpful in taking care of each student who was going to Italy. They had a checklist which was very useful for everything that was needed to be handed in as well as what was needed for living. I felt that I was very prepared for a lot of things when I was Italy because of the excellent guidance of our study abroad program. I did not

changing experience. I loved traveling to all the different cities.

Some of the places that I traveled to in Italy were Pisa, Cinque Terre, Venice, Rome, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast, Positano, Capri, Pompeii, and all different parts of Florence/Tuscany. I wish I was able to stay longer because there is so much more I want to see. I was not homesick or anxious about being in a place so far away from home. I loved every minute of my experience and because of studying abroad it has open so many other doors for me that I thought did not seem possible. I hope you take the chance that I did and jump on the opportunity to study abroad. If you are an individual who cannot stay away from home long, then study abroad in Italy for just a month; however, if you are more like me and love taking risks I suggest studying abroad for a semester in London. You will have more time to travel and see all the wonderful things in Europe! I wish I was able to do that in my prior semesters. It is truly an experience that you will **never forget** and I consider myself so lucky that I was able to travel to Italy this summer!!!

Student reflects on time in Florence

SHANNON MONACO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Studying abroad in Florence, Italy was the most wonderful opportunity I have ever been given. In those short four weeks, I had learned more about myself and the world than I ever thought possible. Every minute of the trip was a learning experience, and I would do it again in a heart beat. The two major things I learned on this trip were not lessons that could be taught in a classroom. Through this experience I learned to always be open to the unfamiliar and that patience truly is a virtue.

Going to any foreign country is

This was a once in a lifetime experience that I would not trade for the world.

a challenge. Before our group left we were told multiple times to not go to Italy and compare and judge the Italian culture. This is the best advice that I received, and this would be the most important advice I would give someone else. I went to Italy entirely open to learning about their culture, but I never thought that I would fall in love with it like I did. The feeling that came over me almost daily in Italy was complete and utter amazement. It was so unbelievable to me that I was walking down the same cobblestone streets that Michelangelo walked on so long before. I went from reading and seeing movies about Rome to actual

being there and seeing everything with my own eyes. I stood in the same coliseum as the gladiators did centuries ago, and though it is very old and not completely intact it still has the same stairs and walls, it really is an indescribable feeling.

Traveling in Italy was very challenging, but wholly worth it in the end. During the experiences of our travels, is where I learned how to truly be patient. There is nothing harder than being in an airport or train station and not seeing anything in your native language. It is very frustrating trying to get the tickets to the train, knowing where the stop is, what train you are on, and knowing where to go from the train station. The first weekend in Italy nine of us went on a trip to Venice. It took us hours to get our tickets, and then the day of our trip we found our train purely by luck. The three guys that went with us had gotten their tickets on a different day so when the six of us girls arrived at the station in Venice we could not find them. They said that they were looking at Gondolas and we looking at walls filled with graffiti. It ended up that we got the wrong tickets, and we had to board another train to get to the San Luca stop. When we arrived there after much confusion with the water taxi men, we realized that our hotel was on the outskirts. We then had to go back on the train and get off at the same station that we originally got off at. At this point everyone was frustrated, and we finally found our hotel. Although there was a lot of confusion and stress we still found that we just had to be patient with each other and just laugh. Venice ended up being my favorite place that we traveled to.



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Twenty-one students participated in the Summer study abroad program in Florence, Italy.

Through this experience I made so many great friends not only from Monmouth, but from all over. This was a once in a lifetime experience that I would not trade for the world. Studying abroad in Florence not only left me with a thousand great memories, but also a new found confidence in myself. I know that I can do anything now, and I will never be the person to not do something because it is unfamiliar. I would recommend to anyone and everyone to study abroad because it is not like any vacation, the city you live in truly becomes to feel like home.

Greetings from London

A student recalls her first week abroad

LESLIE WEINBERG
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

As it turns out London wasn't the city for us after all, so we pulled all our tuition money together and bought a small island off the coast of Greece. We won't charge Monmouth students much money to stay there and we can really be quite accommodating.

London is absolutely wonderful! The food has been pretty good so far (especially Wagamamas) and it hasn't rained once! It has only been a few days but we have already done so much! More on that later but first let's fill you in on Regents. The staff here is wonderful and very helpful. There are about 250 students here from America living on campus and around lots of students attending the university from all over the world. It's a very small school situated right in the middle of an enormous and gorgeous park. All the buildings are connected for ultimate convenience. It is a royal park so it has a few more flowers than Wilson Hall does. There are several beautiful rose gardens, a boating lake with paddleboats and canoes, a tearoom, cricket and sports fields, huge trails, the London Zoo, an open-air theatre, several coffee shops, statues, fountains and even swans! You walk five minutes out of the park and find yourself on Baker Street station which will take you anywhere in the city in no time flat. We are only minutes



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Leslie will be sharing her stories and experiences of her fall semester in London, England. away from great shopping opportunities, Piccadilly Square and many other fabulous places.

This weekend we took a Jack the Ripper tour and a double-decker "hey look at me I am a tourist" tour. Both were great tours, which took us all over the city. We saw everything from Piccadilly Circus to Buckingham Palace to Big Ben, Parliament and the London Eye. London is such a beautiful city with a mix of fascinating architecture. It is a hybrid of contemporary architecture and buildings hundreds of years old. There are very few skyscrapers and the ones that are here looking nothing like American skyscrapers. The city is pretty quiet, clean and the people

are friendly for the most part. Some Monmouth students have already went to Soho to the hottest clubs, met the English rugby team, shopped in Camden Markets, visited the queen, been to the theatre and booked trips throughout Europe.

It has only been a few days, but I can already tell this was such a wise decision. If you are remotely thinking about studying abroad, go do it! If you aren't thinking of doing it than change your mind. There are so many places out there to see and people to meet, so make sure you go to the first step meetings. Thanks so much to everyone who made this possible (especially Robyn). Till then, Cheers!

Life Across the Pond Back on the Other Side...

DANIELLE DECARLO
FEATURES EDITOR

Welcome back Monmouth University! I hope that you all had awesome summers! I can hardly believe it's over. If you are incoming freshman, welcome to Monmouth! If you are a returning student, you may have read my articles last semester about my study abroad experience at Regent's College in London.

You have probably read various other students' articles about studying abroad before mine. We all get to (very briefly) discuss how amazing our adventures are as we're having them, but I get the feeling that no one ever got to express their feelings about returning to the USA, unless it was with their fellow study-abroad friends!

I have been home since May 6, and I have to say this summer flew by rather quickly. In fact, I can honestly say I can't believe that I've already gone to London and come back already! They were the fastest (and best) four months of my life. About a year ago at this time I was counting down the days until I got to start my study abroad experience and it felt as if it would never arrive.

Getting on the plane to leave for London was difficult (and not only because I had a fear of flying), but I didn't think that getting on the flight back would be even more difficult. It was so bitter sweet. At the same time I wanted to see my family and friends and simply lay in my own bed, I could hardly believe that I had to say goodbye to my second home at Regent's College and all of the wonderful friends that I made. Since we've all been home, we try to keep in touch as much as we can amidst our busy schedules, but it's still not the same without the beautiful surroundings of Regent's Park. In four months I made friends that I may have never met without this

experience, and I'm so glad that I did!

One warning I will give to those of you who are embarking on their study abroad adventure...be prepared for everyone to get really bored with you constantly talking about your experience once you get home! Don't take it personally...it's just that they don't understand all of the exciting things you've experienced over the last few months. If it starts to get you down, simply call up one of your study abroad buddies and remember you always have them to turn to when you want to reminisce!

Another thing that was difficult for me was that I was a little bit bored this summer. After living in one of the most exciting, diverse cities in the world and traveling around Europe on the weekends, coming back to my daily routine in New Jersey got a little bit old after a week or two. It's easy to take being home for granted after being in such a wonderful place, but when you start feeling this way just remember how great the opportunity was that you had. I have to say, it is really great to be closer to my family than a whole ocean away! I was fortunate enough to start an internship in NYC this summer so that kept me pretty occupied. Working is a great way to keep yourself from getting too bored (and to re-build your finances from being broke from your amazing study abroad experience!).

It's tough adjusting to life back at home after having a crazy, fun, exciting time overseas. It took me about a month to be fully adjusted, and I definitely needed my study abroad friends to help me out since most of them were feeling the same way about it. Just always remember to appreciate the wonderful opportunity that you were given and keep in touch with the friends you made overseas!



Art or Music?

LISA PIKAARD
MANAGING/ ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Only Now Existing’s newest album is entitled *Escape Artist*, and it is appropriate for so many reasons ranging from the tracks sounding like they belong in some action suspense thriller movie soundtrack, to the fact that the artist really escapes everything conventional and expected when it comes to an album. More than that, the album is really and truly artistic.

Escape Artist really reaches a level and maintains it throughout the entire course of the album. The sound is solid and the songs are defined, not like most music by the vocals, but by the usage of the actual instrumental music to help build tension. Musically, *Escape Artist*, isn’t something many have heard before which is the basis for its appeal.

The fourth track on the album really helps prove that music can build tension in a song just as easily as vocals on any given song. The guitar is a driving force in the track in the beginning and the vocals do not need to drive the tune. Midway through the song the vocals really take over making the song undeniably different and unique.

Another track displaying the cool, calming, yet intense vocals of ONE is the fifth on the album. The song seems almost soothing but gets intense nearing the conclusion. The sound, I can only describe as Enigma (calming almost yoga music) meets Linkin Park, not necessarily because ONE sounds like either band, but but because of the intense, original musical composition. The content and music is intense as a song begins with a 911 call. Intensity, art, and musically creative is the only way to describe *Escape Artist*.

To accompany the new album, ONE has recorded a new music video for “Instinct”. The video opens to a beautiful shot of the ocean. The beach seems calming yet disturbed just as the music is calming yet the lyrics have very heavy content. The chorus brings about a flashing eerie lighting scheme which brings you right to the core of the song.

Escape Artist as a whole, and on yet another level, ONE, is an artistic journey. ONE proves to be an artist, not only a musician. The video for “Instinct” as well *Escape Artist* are more creative and truly artistic than any video or song hitting the radio today.

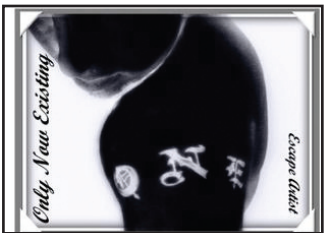


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ONE’s new album *Escape Artist* is art.

Sounds of Summer

LISA PIKAARD
MANAGING/ ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

As the new school year begins, summer winds down and, as usual, it has been a crazy summer for music. From the typical Jersey concerts at PNC which are now changed forever to a musician entering rehab even though she said she’d never go, the music world has been far from quiet.

Certain summer concerts are typical and expected in New Jersey like Ozzfest, O.A.R., Projekt Revolution, Beatstock, and the Warped Tour. Even these shows are permanently changed. PNC Bank Arts Center, one of the great open air concert venues in New Jersey has banned alcohol from their summer concert series because of death at the Ozzfest concert. Fall Out Boy’s concert also brought up many arrests of underage drinkers as well. Without tailgating, PNC may lose a little business and the typical Jersey summer concerts at PNC may never be the same.



PHOTO COURTESY of yahoo.com
O.A.R. returned to PNC again this summer and put on a fantastic show.

I was fortunate enough this summer to catch O.A.R. as well as Linkin

Park’s Projekt Revolution tour. O.A.R. really makes sure you get what you pay for. An O.A.R. concert experience consists of their greatest hits like “That was a Crazy Game of Poker,” “Night Shift,” and “Love and Memories,” as well as a few new songs. O.A.R. plays, on average, for a good two hours or more. They also allow post boards online for concertgoers to trade live recordings of their shows. At any given O.A.R. show at PNC there will be many Monmouth University students. I have yet to attend an O.A.R. show at PNC and not run into an MU student.

Projekt Revolution is one of the biggest and longest events of the summer. The tour has been occurring yearly since 2004 and gives an opportunity to smaller bands to play at a larger venue. This year, New Jersey’s own, My Chemical Romance had an opportunity to play a long set just before Linkin Park. The first thing they mention is that they are from New Jersey which is not something they seem to boast about. Linkin Park, however, pointed out that New Jersey people are loyal and proud to be from New Jersey.

I was very familiar with MCR with the exception of their singles but they certainly knew how to put on a show. It’s not often that you will get the entire crowd throwing their arms up or all the men in the crowd (including the 7 year old boy next to me) to take off their shirts and spin them over their head.

Linkin Park puts on, by far, one of the best live shows I’ve seen. The set included four blocks at the front of the stage that the entire band was

bouncing on and off of so the entire audience could see them even better. Overall, it was worth the high ticket price for an entire day of music.



PHOTO COURTESY of yahoo.com
Linkin Park’s Projekt Revolution tour was a success for the fourth year in a row.

There have been a lot of happenings in the music world. Musician Amy Winehouse, most famous for her song “Rehab” in which she says she’ll never go to rehab has done just that, entered rehab and cancelled numerous tour dates. Howie Dorough, a member of the Backstreet Boys who just released a new single, has recently gotten engaged to a local girl from Monmouth County. And for those of you who missed the announcement, Britney Spears is taking time off from her crazy lifestyle and her custody battle to make a music comeback. She has plans to perform at this year’s Video Music Awards in an attempt to revive her career and hopefully kick start her life again.

Even though PNC concerts are now strictly alcohol free, overall, the life of a celebrity, music or otherwise, is always entertaining.

Live Earth Concert Goes “Green” to Benefit Global Warming

PAIGE SODANO
NEW EDITOR

Taking place on 7.7.07, Live Earth was a 24-hour (because of time differences), 7-continent concert series that brought together more than 100 music artists and 2 billion people watching – obviously – live. Founded by Kevin Wall, the Worldwide Executive Producer of Live 8, and a formed partnership with Al Gore and the Alliance for Climate Protection, this event was brought about to raise awareness for the global warming issues that are currently occurring.

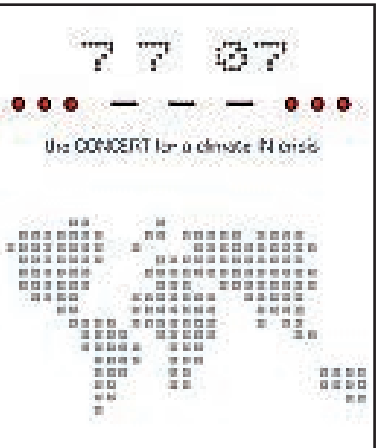


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The Live Earth concert took over Giants Stadium on July 7, 2007.

Also called The Concerts for a Climate in Crisis, there were 8 concerts in the cities of East Rutherford, London, Johannesburg, Rio de Janeiro, Shanghai, Tokyo, Sydney, and Hamburg. I was lucky enough to attend the concert in East Rutherford, New Jersey at Giants Stadium.

With opening act Kenna, the performances included artists John Mayer, Dave Matthews Band, Kelly Clarkson, Bon Jovi, Melissa Etheridge, Alicia Keys, Ludacris, Kanye West, AFI, Taking Back Sunday, KT Tunstall, Akon, Fall Out Boy, Keith Urban, Roger Waters, Smashing Pumpkins, and The Police.

Starting at 2:30 p.m., and ending at almost 11:00 p.m., Live Earth turned into the biggest international rock event in history, while each artist performed for about 20-25 minutes each. If all that was not enough, there were famous guests that kept the audience entertained while the next act was getting ready to come on. Some of these surprises, who gave some of their own speeches on global warming, included Al Gore, Randy Jackson, Zach Braff, Cameron Diaz, Leonardo DiCaprio and Jane Goodall.

During the artists’ time on stage, some of them incorporated the concert’s environmental

theme into their performances. Melissa Etheridge sang a song entitled “I Need to Wake up”, which was from Al Gore’s documentary about global warming, “An Inconvenient Truth”.

Alicia Keys sat at the piano for an emotional rendition of Marvin Gaye’s “Mercy Mercy Me (The Ecology)”. John Mayer performed his hit, “Waiting on the World to Change” which was quite appropriate for the night, not to mention Dave Matthews Band’s “One Sweet World”.

“The best part about Live Earth was hearing and seeing all the different bands play for such a good cause. My favorite performer was either Kelly Clarkson or Bon Jovi”, as noted by junior Alexa DiGiorio.

Although there were still the same types of concession stands consisting of the usual hot dogs, hamburgers, and soda, the stadium did provide EcoLogo-certified napkins, and three bins marked RECYCLED, COMPOST, and OTHER WASTE. Towards the end of the show, Roger Waters let go of a giant inflatable pig emblazoned with “Save our Sausage”, which then circled the entire audience.

The finale included The Police, who haven’t officially been a group since the late 80s, joined by John Mayer playing guitar with Sting,

and finally, Kanye West, who added some hip-hop to the impressive performance of “Message in a Bottle”. To note on that, Junior Kevin Stroebe comments, “For me, the highlights were The Police and Dave Matthews Band. The Police was the perfect band to end the night, and it was great how John Mayer and Kanye West came out and performed with them. It was cool for not only the bands, but also all the celebrities to come out and speak about something that needs to be paid more attention to.”

However, Bon Jovi’s “Living on a Prayer” was the song that got just about the entire audience out of their seats and singing along. Senior Megan Mazza said about the performance, “I really loved Bon Jovi, especially since he is a Jersey boy. When he was on stage the entire stadium stood up and



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“Together We Stand, Divided We Fall” was a dominant message at Live Earth 2007.

started dancing - it was pretty cool to watch.” According to MSN.com, July 7, 2007 was the greatest day in the history of MSN. The website delivered more than 30 million video streams and reached for than 8 million people around the world, which is a milestone in online history.

With being such a success, Live Earth will have hopefully motivated all its concertgoers to become more “green” and start helping to make a difference for a better future.

Sneak Peak at the Fall Lineup

KRISTEN RENDA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

It's that time of year again, the time when everyone gets back into the nightly routine of watching television. With many new shows this season, here's a glimpse of a few of them.

Cavemen- Based on the Geico Cavemen from the commercials, ABC has made a series beginning on Tuesday October 2nd at eight o'clock. The premise of the show is three cavemen who move to San Diego and are simply trying to fit in. Two of them are brothers and one is their best friend, and together they will have to overcome the prejudice that they will receive and the stereotypes that the "homo sapien world" has about cavemen.

Gossip Girl- Based on the best selling books by Cecily von Zieglar, the new show for the CW is about Manhattan's biggest party girl returning home from boarding school, but no one knows why. Fights ensue between friends and obviously lots of drama comes out of it as well. Starring Blake Lively (*Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*), *Gossip Girl* will be on Wednesday nights at nine.

Back To You- Sitcom alumni Patricia Heaton and Kelsey Grammer return to primetime with their new show on FOX. The sitcom is about two news anchors in Pittsburgh. They have great chemistry on screen, but not so much off screen. What happens when one of them gets a promotion?? You'll

have to tune in on Wednesday September 19th at eight o'clock to find out.

Private Practice- Just like in the 90's when *Beverly Hills, 90210* made a spin-off show, *Melrose Place*, with one of their characters; *Grey's Anatomy* has made a spin-off with its most hated doctor, Addison Montgomery. Centering around Dr. Montgomery, the new drama is about her going to Santa Monica and getting together with her old

Addison and Dr Burke gone, what will Seattle Grace Hospital be like? How will Christina cope with losing Burke? Two new interns will be joining the cast, how will they fit in? You can all find out on Thursday September 27th at nine o'clock.

Dancing With the Stars- The newest cast of DWTS has been announced, and here are the stars that will be dancing this season. Melanie "Scary Spice" Brown, Sabrina Bryan, Helio Castroneves, Mark Cuban, Jennie Garth, Josie Maran, Cameron Mathison, Floyd Mayweather, Wayne Newton, Marie Osmond, Albert Reed, and Jane Seymour will all be competing against each other. Hopefully this season will be just as exciting as that past four have been.

The Office- With Jim and Pam finally admitting their feelings

for each other, how will it be around the office with the two of them dating? Ever since the season finale *Office* fans everywhere have been anxiously awaiting what will happen to "Jam." *The Office* returns on Thursday September 27th at a new time, nine o'clock.



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The cast of The Office tortures their boss.

friends from med school. Hopefully her position in Santa Monica will be more welcoming than that in Seattle.

Now that we've covered some of the newer shows, let's look at some popular returning shows.

Grey's Anatomy- With both

This Season on entourage

KRISTEN RENDA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Season four of *Entourage* is basically all about *Medellin*. The season begins with them in Colombia filming the movie, and ends with them going to Cannes, France to premier it at the world famous Cannes Film Festival. Of course everything that happens in the middle builds up a lot of drama and excitement for the show.

The producers of *Medellin* (Vince and E) have different view points on how the picture turned out; one of



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Ari, Turtle, E and Drama are all behind their boy Vinnie Chase.

them thinks it's awesome, the other thinks it's so terrible it won't get a buyer. Together they produce an awesome trailer that gets the film into Cannes and hopefully into the arms of a company to put out the movie.

As always E and Billy Walsh butt heads at work and don't expect to ever work together again, however Ari has a deal up his sleeve and gets Vince a role in a new movie called *Lost in the Clouds*. Sounds great

right? Except when you find out that Ari promised the distributor a packaged deal; Vince acting, E and Vince producing, and Walsh directing. Will this work out or will E sit out on the sidelines on this one?

Realizing that people don't take him seriously as a manager, E gets an office and takes out an ad in *Variety* to let Hollywood know that Eric Murphy is a significant manager. Shortly after this, he gets into a fender bender with none other than *Scary Movie* star Anna Faris. They get to talking and he becomes her new manager. He also starts to fall for her a little bit. Will there be a little romance for E in season five now that he and Sloan are over?

Meanwhile, the rest of the guys are worrying about how to get to Cannes because LAX has shut down due to a high terror alert. Ari scurries around trying to get them a private jet, but all of them are gone. Never fear though, you know these boys can always work something out. Turtle happens to come across his buddy Kanye West who ends up taking them.

I know what you're thinking, now that they've made it to Cannes what's next for the fab five?

Well, you're just going to have to wait for season five to find out.



ANTHONY ESPOSITO
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A movie that everyone thought would be nothing, blew us all away with its major success, but can the sequel live up to it?

About a year and a half ago, Disney released *High School Musical* as one of its new original movies of the year. It was jam packed with stars that no one had really ever heard of, and most people thought it was just going to be another film. However, everyone was wrong, *High School Musical* was the biggest movie Disney had ever released on television. It was viewed by millions, and finally, the *High School Musical* phenomenon began.



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Gabriella and Troy are finally a couple and can't wait to spend the summer together.

WHAT TIME IS IT? SEQUEL TIME!



Soon after the release of the first, the Disney Channel gathered up its original stars, and began filming the sequel, but would the second installment be as huge as the first?

It was! *High School Musical 2* was a bigger phenomenon than the first. In fact, the premier of *HSM2* drew an audience of 17.2 million viewers, more than double the original

movie, which drew in 7.7 million in 2006. *HSM2*'s viewership was so big that it broke records, making it the most watched basic cable program ever!

I will absolutely say that I was one of those 17 million that tuned in to see what was going on in the lives of those kids that in the past I had never even heard of, but now can't go anywhere without seeing their names.

For those of you that haven't

seen the sequel yet, here is my take on it. The second installment begins a few months after the original one left off. It's minutes before the school bell rings, signaling the beginning of summer. The kids all stare at the clock patiently, listening to the beat of the tapping pencils and the ticking clock (I think I hear a song coming), then BAM! The bell rings, the kids sing, and summer has officially begun. After the beginning farce to move the movie in the direction that it needs to go in, we find the new couple, Troy and Gabriella (Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens) working at a ritzy country club, which ironically is owned by Ryan and Sharpay Evans (Lucas Grabeel and Ashley Tisdale).

After some more singing and dancing we learn that at the end of the summer, the country club has an annual talent show, that Sharpay wins every year. But this year she has a trick up her sleeve, not only does she want to break Troy and Gabriella up, she wants to steal Troy and perform with him in the competition.

So what happens? Go watch the movie and find out! You didn't really

think I would give away the ending that easily did you?

As far as what I thought about the movie, there were things I loved, things I hated, and things I could go either way with. I think the flow of the movie was perfect, it picked up in the right place, and the fact that all of the original stars came back made it feel a little more believable. The songs for me however were a hit or miss. I loved some, and would be happy if I never heard the others again.

Some of the songs were very well performed and actually advanced the movie, whereas the others were obviously thrown in just to give some relief of what was actually happening (and if you ask me, it was more painful than a relief). I also must question who let these kids put on so much bronzer? I understand it was supposed to be summer, and these kids would obviously be tan, but their coloring was as unnatural

as kids singing and dancing at random in the real world.

So I guess the real question is, did I like it? I didn't like it; I loved it. I enjoyed seeing what would happen next. I will say that I did not like it as much as I liked the original, but I feel that that is usually the case when any movie makes a sequel. Nonetheless, Disney knows how to capitalize on a good thing and a third install-



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The cast of High School Musical 2 hang out by the pool.

ment is scheduled, this time to be released in theaters, centering on prom and graduation. And yes, believe it or not, there are rumors of a fourth.

CLUB and GREEK

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GREEK CALENDAR

September

- 8th- Monmouth Palooza
- 18th- Greek Life Workshop
- 19th- Meet the Greeks
- 21st- IFC Round Robin
- 23rd- PHC Round Robin
- 27th- Bid Day

October

- 6th- The Big Event
- 7th- Annual Heartwalk Charity Event
- 12-13th- Homecomming
- 15th- Zeta Tau Alpha National Founding Date

November

- 4th- Alpha Sigma Tau National Founding Date
- 16th- New Initiative Roster Due
- 26th- Phi Sigma Sigma National Founding Date
- 28th- Theta Phi Guy

December

- 1st- Lamba Theta Phi National Founding Date
- 12th- Last Day of Classes

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Sigma Tau Gamma

What Up Monmouth,
Welcome back everyone! We hope everyone had a great summer, and wish all the students a happy Syllabus Week!
Sig Tau will be having plenty of events coming up soon, so keep your ears to the ground. We hope that plenty of people come out to Greek events this year, even if you aren't interested just give it a shot and see what you think.
This is going to be an exciting year for Sig Tau you'll be seeing a lot of the brothers and our events. We'll keep it short this week, so everyone enjoy the new semester!

Alpha Xi Delta

As college reopens, some adventures are ending, others beginning, the ladies of Alpha Xi Delta would like to say welcome back and good luck! We hope that everyone had a great summer. For those of you new to Monmouth University, welcome and we look forward to meeting you and seeing you all around campus.
Now that school is back in session, you know what that means, time to see old friends and fresh faces. We hope to see yours! Keep an eye on this space for Alpha Xi Delta updates or check out our facebook profile, Interested in Joining Alpha Xi Delta.
Best of luck to everyone in your new classes, to the freshmen, don't get too lost on campus!
Much Xi love to everyone and we hope everyone had a fantastic summer of sun, smiles, and good times.

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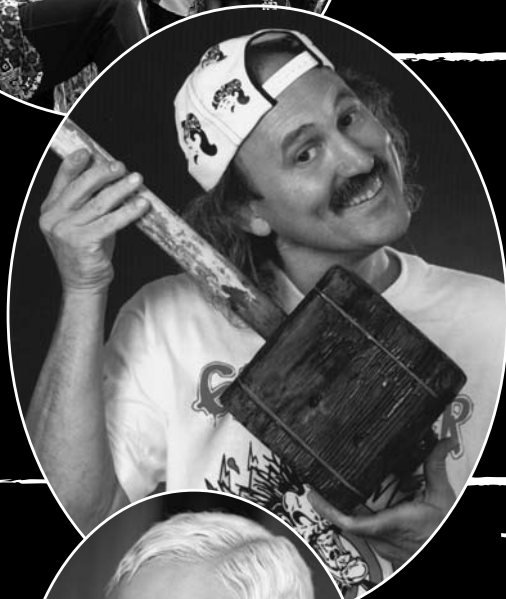
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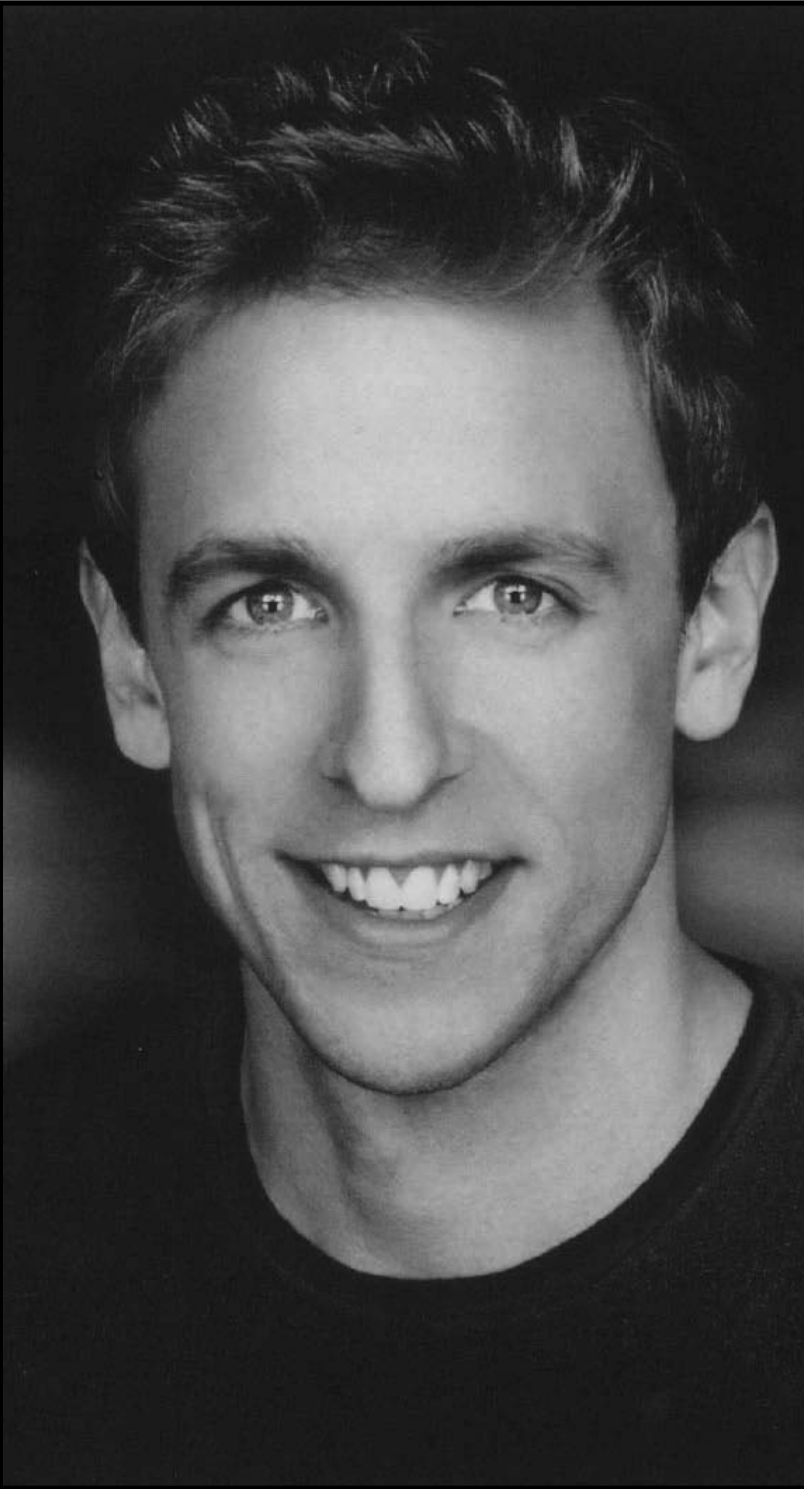
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Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations

732-571-3586 • 2nd Floor, Rebecca Stafford Student Center • activities@monmouth.edu

Campus Events This Week

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Poster Sale • 9 AM - 5 PM • Erlanger Gardens

Alcohol 101 • 12 PM - 4 PM • Residential Quad

New Student Academic Orientation • 2:30 PM • Pollak Theatre

Wilson Hall Candlelight Tours • 8 PM • Wilson Auditorium

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Poster Sale • 9 AM - 5 PM • Erlanger Gardens

Federal Work-Study Job Fair • 2 PM - 4 PM • Anacon Hall

Late Night Lounge • 10 PM • The Underground, Elmwood Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Living Off-Campus 101 • 1:30 PM • Wilson Auditorium

Men's Soccer vs. Manhattan • 4 PM • Great Lawn

Phyllis Smith Exhibit • 6 PM • Wilson Auditorium (reception to follow)

Superfunny Comedy Festival • 7 PM • Pollak Theatre

Movie - Shrek the Third • 9 PM • The Underground, Elmwood Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Football vs. Robert Morris • 1 PM • Kessler Field

Movie - Shrek the Third • 3 PM • The Underground, Elmwood Hall

Monmouthpalooza "ALOHA" • 4 PM - 8 PM • Residential Quad

Movie - Knocked Up • 9 PM • The Underground, Elmwood Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Men's Soccer vs. St. Peter's College • 1 PM • Great Lawn

Shuttles to Point Pleasant Boardwalk & Monmouth Mall • Start at 12 PM •
Depart from the Health Center Loop

Movie - Knocked Up • 3 PM • The Underground, Elmwood Hall

Catholic Centre BBQ • 3 PM - 6 PM • Catholic Centre

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Student Research Opportunities - Operation Wallacea • 11:30 AM • Turrell

Study Abroad 1st Step • 2:30 PM • Student Center 202A

Living Off-Campus 101 • 3:30 PM • Anacon Hall B

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Sin Fronteras Chile Project Info. Session • 3:45 PM • McAllan 315

Karaoke Night • 8 PM - 11 PM • The Underground, Elmwood Hall

• To have your campus-wide events included, send an e-mail to activities@monmouth.edu.
We do not list club or program meeting times in this schedule. •

CANDLELIGHT TOURS of WILSON HALL

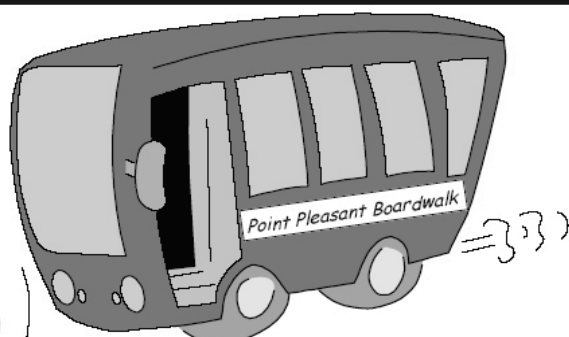
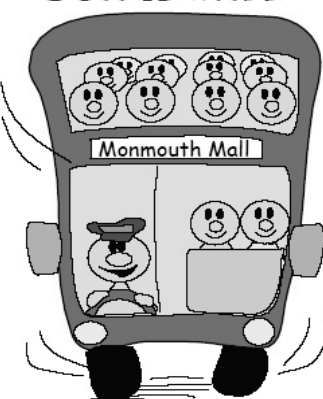


**Wed, Sept. 5
8 PM
Wilson Auditorium**

Psychic Fair

*Friday, Sept. 14
7 - 10 PM
Magill Dining
Commons*

**FREE SHUTTLES
TO
MONMOUTH
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AND
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PLEASANT
BOARDWALK**

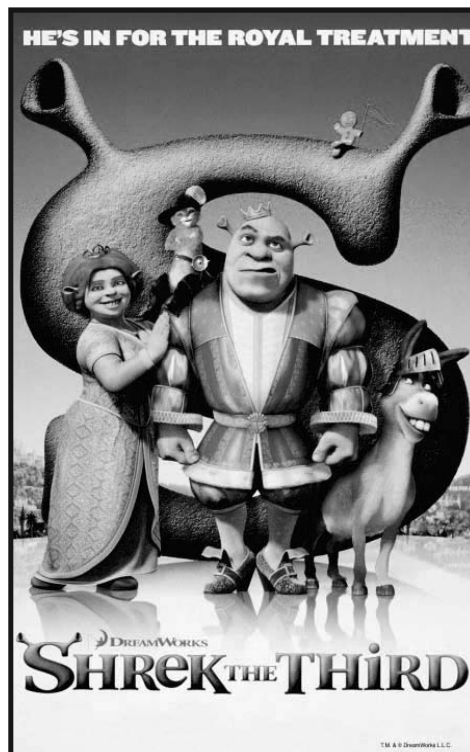


**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
BEGINNING AT 12NOON**

**SHUTTLES WILL LEAVE FROM THE
BIRCH HALL LOOP**
(located on the Residential Side of Campus)

For more information on the *Monmouth Mall* visit:
www.monmouthmallonline.com

For more information on the *Point Pleasant Boardwalk* visit:
www.jenkinsons.com



THE UNDERGROUND at Elmwood Hall

Always free popcorn!
Soda and Snacks Available.

WEEKEND FILM SERIES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Shrek the Third, 9 PM

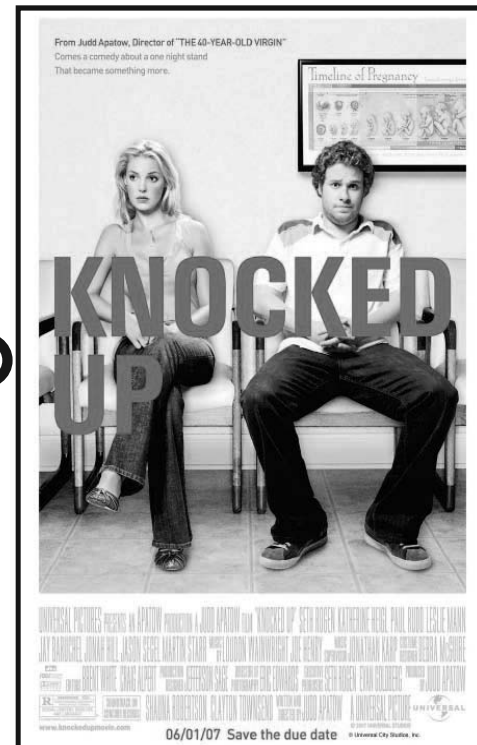
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Don't miss out on the POSTER SALE

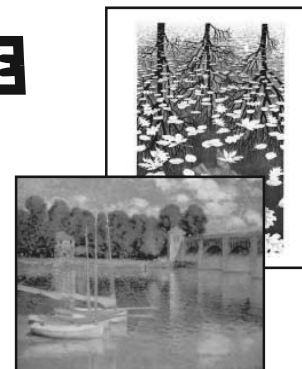


Erlanger Gardens

9 AM - 5 PM

Today and Tomorrow

FINAL DAYS



A portion of all sales will go back to
student activities to support campus programming.

INVOLVEMENT FAIR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Erlanger Gardens

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

(Raindate: Wed. 9/26)

SAVE THE DATE!!



Clubs and Organizations that
would like to participate must
register with the Office of Student
Activities by Monday, September 17.

ATTENTION SENIORS...

Are you intested in being on the
Senior Class and being a part of
determining the Senior Class Gift
and Senior Week?

**Look for details next week in
our ad in The Outlook.**

Class of '08



CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

FALL SEMESTER 2007

Program	Dates	Times	Location
Operation I.D.	September 18	7:30pm	Beechwood
Operation I.D.	September 18	8:00pm	Elmwood Hall
Operation I.D.	September 18	8:30pm	Pinewood Hall
Operation I.D.	September 18	9:00pm	Oakwood, Redwood, Maplewood Halls
Operation I.D.	September 19	8:00pm	Cedar Hall
Operation I.D.	September 19	8:30pm	Spruce Hall
Operation I.D.	September 19	9:00pm	Laurel Hall
Operation I.D.	September 19	9:30pm	Willow Hall
* Other dates and times can be set up upon request.			

What is Operation Identification?

Operation I.D. is a program of property identification and inventory that works to protect your property.

The program involves marking and inventorying your property. Property marked conspicuously with your student identification number will not be readily resalable.

Use a property record form to inventory your valuable theft sensitive property. This record will document necessary information to give the police if your property is stolen. Keep the form in a safe place where it can be referred to if necessary.

How do the Police Mark My Property?

For hard objects an engraving tool is used mark a permanent part of the item. For soft or porous objects use a contrasting permanent marking pen. For items that cannot be marked, place the object against a plain background and take several color photographs from different angles. Include a ruler in the photograph for scale.

Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE)

The Fall 2007 WPE will be held on

Friday, December 14, 2007
5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Monday, December 17, 2007
9:45 p.m. to 12 noon

Check-in is in the lobby of Pollak Theatre one hour before the start of the exam.

For more information about the WPE, please contact the Writing Office at 732-263-5491 or visit our website at www.monmouth.edu/writing_office

Counseling and Psychological Services
Fall 2007 Program Schedule

September

- Tuesday, 9/25-2:30PM to 4:00PM. *You the Man*. Pollak Auditorium. One actor depicts several scenarios on the topic of relationship violence and sexual assault. Presented by Addverb Productions. Interactive discussion with representatives from 180-Turning Lives Around and counseling staff to follow.

October

- Thursday, 10/4-11:00AM to 4:00PM. *National Depression Screening Day*. Stafford Student Center, Conference Room 202A. Free screenings for depression and other mood disorders, videos, literature, consultation with a mental health professional.
- Thursday, 10/4-1:00PM to 2:00PM. *In Her Own Voice*. Stafford Student Center, Conference Room 202B. An alum and representative from the National Association for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) shares her personal experience as an individual living with mental illness.
- Wednesday, 10/17-1:00PM to 4:00PM. *College Students and Mental Health: Risks, Warning Signs and Resilience*. Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall A. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college age students. This mini-conference, is hosted by IEP Youth Services and Counseling and Psychological Services. Keynote speaker Maureen Underwood, LCSW and specialist in the area of suicide prevention, will address the risks, warning signs and self-care tips that can make a difference, and possibly save a life. Discussion with panel to follow.
- Wednesday, 10/24-2:30PM to 4:30PM. *More Self Than Self*. Bey Hall, Young Auditorium. Henry Kong, M.D., diagnosed with Asperger’s syndrome at age 31 and author of the book “More Self Than Self: At Autism’s Edge,” will speak about living with autism, becoming a doctor, and opening his own private practice.
- Tuesday, 10/30-7:30PM to 9:30PM. *CPS Fall Film Series: I Am Sam*. Bey Hall, Young Auditorium. Does a mentally challenged father have the right to custody of his young daughter? Who determines what is “in the best interest of the child?” Interactive discussion with counseling staff to follow.

November

- Tuesday, 11/6-2:30PM-4:00PM. *Diversity Panel*. Wilson Auditorium. Representatives from the campus community including faculty, students and administrators frankly discuss the state of diversity at Monmouth.
- Wednesday, 11/28-2:30PM-4:00PM. *Tough Guise*. Bey Hall, Young Auditorium. Social videographer Jackson Katz explores the “crisis in masculinity” that is so pervasive in today’s society. The film is narrated by Katz with ample illustrations from pop culture. Interactive discussion with counseling staff to follow.

December

- Wednesday, 12/12-1:00PM-4:00PM. *Fall De-Stress Fest*. Anacon Hall A and B. Before final exams, take a break and enjoy yoga, relaxing massage, games, prizes, food and fun.

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Counseling and Psychological Services
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September 2007

Welcome all new and returning Students!

The Bursar's staff is available to assist you and your parents with your student account. If you have any questions, you may reach us at 732-571-3454 or email us at Bursar@monmouth.edu. We are located on the first floor of Wilson Hall, Room 110, hours of operation are 8:45a to 5:00p.

Please note that in order to speak about a Student's account, with anyone other than the student, a FERPA release e-FORM must be completed on your WebAdvisor. FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of student's financial/educational records.

Visit our web page for all Bursar information, including our frequently Asked Questions section. You may also want to familiarize yourself with our withdrawal Refund Policy <http://www.monmouth.edu/campus_life/bursar/refund.asp> .

Please note these additional services that you can access 24hours/7days a week from your own computer.

You can view your account online as follows:

- www.Monmouth.edu <<http://www.monmouth.edu/>>
- WEBstudent
- Account Summary

* You can also now pay your account online by electronic check, credit card or savings account by either:

o logging into your WebAdvisor account and selecting "Account Summary". If you have a balance due, a button will appear at the bottom of the screen to allow you to make an online payment.

o OR visiting the Monmouth University home page at www.monmouth.edu <<http://www.monmouth.edu/>> , select either the Parent or Student link at the top of the page, and then, the Pay Your Bill link at the top of the page.

Please be advised that it may take up to one business day for a payment made over the web to be posted to your student account. Therefore, please allow 24 hours for your transaction to be posted.

Have a wonderful year!!!!

Office of the Bursar

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Thursday, September 20, 2007 • 9:00 - 11:15 a.m.

Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University

Free Admission to Students and Faculty

- **Myron Kandel**
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- **David Kansas**
- **George Kolber**
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Superfunny! Comedy Festival

Friday, September 7th @ 7pm

Pollak Theatre

Bernadette Pauley, Steve Cauoette, & Lamar Williams
show their hysterical antics on stage.

Monmouthpalooza

Saturday, September 8th 4-8pm

Residential Quad (Rain site: Anacon Hall)

Enjoy a BBQ filled with fantastic food, amazing live
music & endless activities & giveaways!

Karaoke Night

Tuesday, September 11th 8-11pm

The Underground

Come show us your skills on the mic!

Message in a Bottle & Band Wicker Hollow

Wednesday, September 19th @ 2:30pm

Rain date: September 26

Erlanger Gardens

Create a message that will forever
be frozen in time!

Major Comedy Event: Seth Meyers from SNL

Friday, September 21st @ 8 pm

Pollak Theatre

The Co-Anchor of Weekend Update on Saturday Night
Live! Tickets go on sale Monday, September 10 at the
Student Center Information Desk.

\$5 for students limit 2 per ID; \$10 all others.



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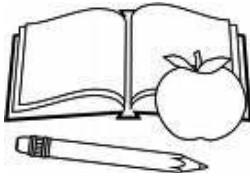
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Join us at our first meeting
September 13th!





What is your main goal this semester?

COMPILED BY: SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON



Christine
sophomore

"To do better than last year!"



Meaghan
sophomore

"To be more outgoing!!"



Bryan
freshman

"To do well and have fun!!"



Katie
freshman

"To end up marrying Joey Manone"



Alicen
freshman

"To make lots of friends and do well!"



Lauren
freshman

"To fully live the college experience!"



Carly
sophomore

"To do better than last year!"



Angela
sophomore

"To not get kicked out of school!"



Mike and Mike
sophomores

"To keep the memory of Roy Diliberto alive and well here at Monmouth University!"



Doug
super senior

"To Graduate!!!"

To all New and Returning Students:

The WMCX News Department would like to welcome all new students, and welcome back returning students. Monmouth University has so much to offer its students including: state of the Communication: Radio & Television training, award winning athletics and academics, along with our outstanding clubs and student run organizations. We are all truly lucky to be attending Monmouth University.

As Co-News Directors of WMCX "The X" 88.9-fm The student run radio station here at Monmouth, we invite all students, regardless of major or area of study to come and join our great organization. Have you ever wanted to be on the radio but didn't quite want to be a DJ? Or do you need audio clips for your reel, but don't have time for a full shift? Then the WMCX News Department is perfect for you! If you do a simple three to five minute news story, you are guaranteed airtime during our news magazine show that airs every Wednesday from 12noon-1pm.

The news department is not just for political and news junkies either; there are dozens of stories on campus and the surrounding communities that can fit the interest and passions of any student. For instance, a Criminal Justice or pre-law major can cover criminal actives and judicial issues for the department. Or let's say that you love entertainment or the arts, there are great stories out that about that too. Or if you are an education major,

The public speaking aspects and diction connected to reporting a news story or reading the news live on the air will be invaluable in the classroom. Our department can help those of us who can be undecided about a career path or major; report on one type of news story one week and another the next, choose your own topic or we will assign you one and find out what you like, it's your choice.

Any student with any major can have a great time, gain invaluable experience and have a diversified resume to show for it by joining our department. The News Department meets at the conclusion of the general WMCX meeting normally around 3:30 in the interview room on the second floor of the Jules Plangere Center for Communication.

WMCX is hosting a 12 hour live music festival. 12 bands in 12 hours on Wednesday September 12th, make sure to stop by and see what it's all about. This is a great opportunity to get involved at WMCX, come on down and lend a hand.

We wish you the best of luck for another year,

Joe Palmer & Peter Torlucci

News Directors

WMCX 88.9-fm

Modern Rock with an Edge

September 5, 2007

Dear Off-Campus Students:

Welcome back after what I hope was a great summer break. While you were probably working, taking classes, and hopefully enjoying some time away from campus, the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services (OCCS) was busy getting ready for the fall 2007 semester.

Over the next few weeks, OCCS will be working with representatives from the local communities, and members from SGA to carry out our **7th Annual Welcome to the Neighborhood** visits to student rentals in **Long Branch, Ocean Township, and Deal, NJ**. We look forward to meeting you and providing you with information that will help you make the most of your off-campus experience this year.

OCCS and the Office of Substance Awareness will also be sponsoring a new program called **Living Off-Campus 101** on September 7, 10 and 12. In short, we hope to assist student tenants avoid many of the common off-campus and quality of life issues that occur every year. We'll show you how to make sure that you don't get a summons or have a problem with your neighbors while living off-campus. All you need to do is make sure someone from your rental attends the workshop.

Living Off-Campus 101 is a program that will give students some common sense information so they don't run into any issues with their landlord, roommates, neighbors, and/or community this year. You'll also learn more about tenant rights and responsibilities as well as substance awareness issues that are affecting college students today.

Get credit for attending! That's right! We want to make this worth your time! If your rental sends at least one person to the program, the Division of Student Services will give the entire rental credit for attending. That credit can be used in the event an incident at your rental occurs during the school year. The Division of Student Services will take into consideration the fact that your rental was represented at the Living Off-Campus 101 workshop. Furthermore, students will also have a chance to win a \$100 gift card to a local grocery store.

Listed below are the dates, times, and locations of our Living Off-Campus 101 workshops. We look forward to seeing you at the program so we can help you have a positive year off-campus.

Living Off-Campus 101

- Friday, September 7 at 1:30 p.m. in Wilson Auditorium
- Monday, September 10 at 3:30 p.m. in Anacon Hall - B
- Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. in Anacon Hall - B

Should you or your roommates ever have any questions or need assistance in addressing an off-campus matter, please feel free to contact me by calling 732-263-5651, sending an email to: occs@monmouth.edu or go online to the OCCS website at www.monmouth.edu/commuter.

Sincerely,

Vaughn Clay
Director, Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services



THE END ZONE

Hawks Start 2007 with Loss

Fall to Maine Black Bears 21-14

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
STAFF WRITER

After coming off the most successful year in the 15 season history of the program in 2006 that included their first appearance in a post season game, the Monmouth

back was Brett Burke, who on a third and six, found receiver Chris Kiley down the sideline for a 16 yard pickup. A 15 yard roughing the passer penalty tacked on at the end of the play put the Hawks in business at the Maine 28.

On the next play, running back

iels to get off a low, short punt that was taken by Maine’s Mark Masterston all the way to the end zone to give the Black Bears a 14-7 lead. After the game, head coach Kevin Callahan pointed to that and the opening kickoff as special teams mistakes that cost the Hawks a victory. “Two special teams breakdowns led directly to scores. When you’re playing against a good football team, you can’t do those things.”

On MU’s next offensive position Burke hit tight end John Nalbone for gains of 14 and 16 yards. That set up the Hawks at the Black Bear 28 yard line. But again, the drive would stall, and a drive that Monmouth hoped would be an answer to Maine’s last touchdown turned out to be fruitless, as Fred Weingart’s 42 yard field goal attempt was no good.

After the two teams exchanged punts, the Black Bears started their drive at their own 44, aided by a 15 yard fair catch interference penalty on Monmouth. Maine went to a no-huddle offense and was able to move the ball effectively. But a clipping penalty on a screen pass negated a touchdown, and after Monmouth’s defense stiffened, and Maine was forced to punt. Monmouth was unable to capitalize on offense either, as Burke was sacked on a third and nine, forcing the Blue and White to give the ball right back.

Maine was able to move the ball to the Hawks 32 but their drive also fizzled. The Hawks took possession and ran out the clock on the first half, down 14-7.

Because Monmouth won the toss and elected to defer to the second half, they received the ball after the break. This time, the Hawks offense clicked. After a 14 yard shovel pass to Nalbone moved the ball out to the Hawks 42, Burke found star receiver Adam San Miguel for a 58 yard hook up to tie the game at 14-14.

Energized after the quick scoring strike, the Hawks defense held the Black Bears on the ensuing drive, forcing them to punt. Burke led the offense down the field, hitting Kiley for a first down strike, then for a 20 yard completion to put the

the majority of the drive on his own shoulders, with runs of 18 and 12, the latter being the scoring strike and giving the Black Bears a 21-14 lead.

But the Hawks would not go away. Monmouth return man Brian Robinson took the ensuing kickoff 38 yards to the midfield stripe. But again, the Hawks were stifled by the Black Bear defense, which recorded its eighth consecutive game without allowing 20 or more points.

After the teams again traded punts, Monmouth had one more chance to tie the game with 4:15 left in the fourth quarter. On first down, Burke was sacked for a loss of seven back to their own 14. Burke’s scrambled for eight yards to set up a critical third and nine from the 22. A false start penalty pushed Monmouth back to the 17 and Burke and the offense faced a third and 14. Burke’s pass was deflected by Andrew Downey, and the Hawks were forced to punt the ball away. With 2:29 to go in the game, the home team took possession and successfully ran out the clock, behind the scampering ability of both Fluellen and Brusko.

The Hawks would have two opportunities to get even with Black Bears in the final eight minutes of the game, but had difficulty moving the ball all day, and were forced to punt nine times. They also had five penalties for thirty-five yards.

In his debut in Blue and White, Brett Burke went 14-of-25 with 173 yards and one touchdown, the 58 yard connection to San Miguel. He was also sacked three times. Sinisi led the Hawks on the ground with 67 yards on 12 carries. Kiley led all receivers with 55 yards on five catches. On the defensive side of the ball, Matt Sterner led the way with 14 tackles.

The two stories of the game were the Hawks two special teams blunders that led to two Maine scores, and the inability of the Hawks to stop the two-headed rushing attack of Fluellen and Brusko. Fluellen led the way

with 13 stops of his own.

Next week, the Hawks will look to rebound from the season opening loss as they begin their NEC schedule against Robert Morris at 1 pm at Kessler Field.



PHOTO COURTESY of David Beales

Adam San Miguel was on the receiving end of a touchdown pass from quarterback Brett Burke early in the third quarter that tied the game at 14.

Hawks football team fell in their 2007 opener to the University of Maine 21-14 in Orono, Maine. Led by Jhamal Fluellen’s 125 yard rushing performance, and aided by two special teams mistakes by Monmouth, Maine was able to hold off the Hawks and escape the game with a victory.

It took less than two minutes in the game for the Black Bears to strike first. After Maine’s Lamir Whetstone took the opening kickoff 69 yards to the Hawks 22 yard line, it took just four plays until sophomore quarterback Michael Brusko, in his first career start, called his own number on a draw play to give Maine the early 7-0 lead.

The Hawks would answer back. After the ensuing kickoff sailed out of bounds, Monmouth started on its own 35. Also making the first start of his career at quarter-

back David Sinisi ran off right tackle and took it the distance to tie the game at 7-7. He also extended his streak of consecutive games with a touchdown to 15.

The Black Bears received the ball back, and after a 15-yard scramble by Brusko on third down gave them a new set of downs, Maine was faced with a fourth and four. Pressured by defensive end Chris Reed, Brusko’s pass fell short of its intended target, and the Hawks took the ball back.

But Monmouth was unable to move the football, and was forced to punt. Two plays later the Hawks defense forced a turnover, as Ayo Falae picked off a Brusko pass. But once again, Monmouth’s offense sputtered and they were forced punt.

Another special teams blunder would cost the Hawks seven. A bad snap forced punter Jack Dan-

“Two special teams breakdowns led directly to scores. When you’re playing against a good football team, you can’t do those things.”

KEVIN CALLAHAN
Head Coach Football

Hawks in Maine territory. But the momentum quickly diminished as Burke was not able to convert on a third and four. Daniels’ punt pinned the Black Bears at their own five.

Maine quickly got out of the shadow of their own goal post as Fluellen took a handoff and ran twenty yards. Fluellen would put

with 125 yards on 25 carries and one score, while Brusko had a score of his own, along with 109 yards on 16 carries, averaging almost seven yards a touch.

Brusko also led the way through the air for the Black Bears, completing eleven of 19 passes for 64 yards and did throw one interception. Javon Belcher led Maine

Football Upcoming Schedule

9/8- Robert Morris 1:00

9/22 at Stony Brook 6:00

9/29 at Delaware 7:00

10/6 at Sacred Heart 1:00

10/13 - Wagner 1:00

10/27 at CCSU 11:00

Soccer

Men Seek Third Consecutive NEC Title

ERIC WALSH
SPORTS EDITOR

After losing NEC Player of the Year and third-team All-American Steve Holloway, and NEC Defensive Player of the Year Hugh McDonald, the men’s soccer team has two very big spots to fill. But with the talented incoming freshman class and some seasoned veterans, the Hawks will look to duplicate their 2006 campaign with an NEC Championship and return trip to the NCAA Tournament.

With a non-conference schedule that includes two national powerhouses, Monmouth will have a competitive start to their 2007 season. The opening two games include the 16th ranked North Carolina Tarheels and the 3rd ranked Wake Forrest Demon Deacons, which are Monmouth’s only opponents in the Carolina Nike Classic.

The seven games following the trip to Chapel Hill will match the Hawks up against non-conference opponents that include Delaware, Princeton, and NJIT. The final nine games of the season for MU will be against foes in the Northeast Conference, in which Monmouth should be the favorite to win after their preseason number one selection. The poll takes votes from all ten NEC head coaches, in which the Blue and White earned 7 first place votes (FDU received the other 3).

“It is wonderful to receive this recognition from your peers,” stated head coach Robert McCourt. “It is a tribute to our players and their commitment to the program. We are fully aware that each NEC match is a battle and we will need to be at our best every match if we are going to be one of the top NEC teams in 2007.”

Following a great season (14-4-3, 7-0-2 NEC) in 2006 that included a second consecutive regular season title, the first NEC Tournament Championship since 1990, and the first NCAA Tournament

appearance in school history, the team will have high hopes for 2007 with the return of 7 starters including senior standouts Tom Gray, Damon Wilson and Daniel Schenkel, and defensive specialist Angelo Amato. Recently Gray was named to the College News preseason All-American list.

“It is an honor to have someone named as a pre-season All-American,” said head coach Robert McCourt. “Tommy’s play over the past two seasons has provided both him and Monmouth Soccer positive national exposure. It is a tremendous honor for him, however I am sure he is now just excited about getting on the field and



PHOTO COURTESY of David Beales
Preseason All-American Tom Gray will lead the attack up front for a talented Hawks offense.

playing matches.”

Adding two NSCAA/Adidas All-Americans to the incoming freshman class will also help the squad. In addition to the players on the field, under two-time NEC Coach of the Year and 2006 NSCAA North Atlantic Region Coach of the Year Robert McCourt, MU is 14-0-5 in their last 19 regular season games.

With the preseason exhibition matches behind them, the Hawks

will set their sights on the huge opening weekend in North Carolina.

Opening the season, the Blue and White traveled to Chapel Hill, North Carolina to participate in the Carolina Nike Classic where they would play two nationally ranked teams.

The first opponent was North Carolina, the host school and the sixteenth ranked team in the nation. Although the Hawks came into the contest as the underdog, obviously someone forgot to tell them. In the 55th minute MU senior forward Damon Wilson scored the lone goal of the game off a pass from freshman Ryan Kinne. Kinne successfully beat two defenders and hit Wilson for the score from twelve yards out. The Tar Heels had plenty of opportunities out-shooting MU 16-4, but Hawks goalkeeper Daniel Schenkel came up big with 7 saves to ensure the victory.

“What an unbelievable victory for the program,” commented head coach Robert McCourt. “I am so proud and impressed by our guys, with the character they showed and the professional way they carried themselves. We had to defend an awful lot to pull off a victory like this.”

The season-opening loss for UNC was its first since 1997 and marked the second time in two years that Monmouth defeated a nationally ranked team.

Coming off a huge victory over UNC, the Hawks regrouped and prepared to do battle with Wake Forrest, the third ranked team in the country. MU gave up two late first half goals to the Demon Deacons and could not overcome the 2-0 deficit, losing by the same tally. MU finished second out of four schools at the tournament and was honored to have Damon Wilson, Daniel Schenkel, and Michael Millar.

The Hawks will have their home opener on September 7 when they host Manhattan.

Women Selected to Finish Second in NEC

MIKE TIEDEMANN
STAFFWRITER

This is a time of year most college students dread. It is a time when you put away the sunscreen, beach chairs, and beach towels. Instead, it is a time to break out the backpacks, pens, and notebooks. You can hear the groans from here.

Summer has ended. And no student looks forward to that.

However, ask the members of Monmouth’s women’s soccer team and you might get a different answer.

The end of the summer, for them, means that the season is about to get started. To them, the end of summer means that there is another chance to capture the NEC championship that eluded them last year.

Last season saw the team reach the NEC championship game, only to fall to LIU. This year, Monmouth hopes for a different result. And they are in good shape to do so.

Returning 10 starters to a team that went 14-4-2 overall and 7-1-1 in the NEC, Monmouth was tabbed to finish second this season by the league’s head coaches. Monmouth received four first place votes.

The team that was picked to finish first? LIU. It’s a good thing that championships are won on the field and not on paper.

With those 10 starters returning, Monmouth seems to be ahead of the competition. With any sport, returning a percentage like that brings lofty expectations. Especially considering on of those starters is the conference’s returning player of the year.

Sophomore forward Andrea Lopez looks to continue her already impressive Monmouth career that started last year when she took home both the NEC Rookie of the Year and NEC Player of the Year. Finding the back of the net 13 times while as-

sisting on 10 others, Lopez will be a key to Monmouth’s success this season.

However, Lopez won’t be the only one that will be counted on throughout the season. First team All-NEC midfielder Amy Hoyer returns for her senior season and hopes to go out on top. Hoyer finished second in the conference in scoring with seven goals and six assists.

While the offense will be heavily counted on to produce, the defense may be what holds the team together. Having only let up 17 goals last season, Monmouth can only hope that they can have a performance of that same level. The fact that defender Brittani Heller, NEC Defensive Player of the Year, and goalkeeper Katie Buffa return will allow the coaching staff rest with ease.

The staff, led by NEC Coach of the Year Krissy Turner, will be looking to a group of players with experience as well as a will to succeed.

That journey begins on September 2 when Monmouth travels to La Salle University.










































On Sunday, in their first game of the 2007 season, the Blue and White traveled to Philadelphia to take on La Salle. The Hawks found themselves down early and could not match goals with La Salle, losing 4-1.

La Salle opened the scoring in the ninth minute on a free kick from 35 yards out that was knocked in by Kim Lisun.

Andrea Lopez tied the game in the 33rd minute with a shot from inside the box that kept the game knotted up until just before the half when the Explorers put in the eventual game-winner. The final score of the contest was 4-1 in favor of La Salle. Hawks goalkeeper Lia Fierro made five saves in the losing effort.

In their next match, the Hawks travel to St. Peter’s on Friday for a 3 p.m. start.

Outlook’s Weekly NFL Picks - Week 1

	Away	New Orleans Saints	Philadelphia Eagles	New England Patriots	Pittsburgh Steelers	Denver Broncos	Chicago Bears	New York Giants	Atlanta Falcons
	Home	Indianapolis Colts	Green Bay Packers	New York Jets	Cleveland Browns	Buffalo Bills	San Diego Chargers	Dallas Cowboys	Minnesota Vikings
Eric (0-0 Last Wk) (0-0 Overall)									
Alex (0-0 Last Wk) (0-0 Overall)									
Jacqueline (0-0 Last Wk) (0-0 Overall)									
Lisa (0-0 Last Wk) (0-0 Overall)									
Mike (0-0 Last Wk) (0-0 Overall)									

Baseball Wins NEC Championship, Play in CWS

Hawks set single-season records on their way to Tempe with victory over CCSU

ERIC WALSH
SPORTS EDITOR

As all the students were leaving the campus of Monmouth University for summer break last spring, the members of the MU baseball team were just getting started with their campaign to win the NEC championship.

On May 26 the Hawks took home their third NEC Championship in school history with a 7-1 victory over fourth-seeded Central Connecticut State University. Led by senior left-hander Matt Coulson, who pitched 7.2 innings and allowed just one run on five hits, third-seeded MU celebrated their first conference title since 1999. With his performance, Coulson was named MVP of the tournament. Teammates Kyle Messineo, Brad Brach, and Andy Myers were also honored by earning a selection to the All-Tournament Team.

With the victory in the NEC Tournament Championship game, the Blue and White traveled to Tempe, Arizona to compete in the College World Series (CWS). In the first fixture, MU battled gallantly in a 5-3 loss to the No. 5 national seed Arizona Sun Devils.

The host team, which was held to its lowest scoring output of the regional, found itself in trouble in the ninth inning as the Hawks had runners in scoring position on second and third with no outs. However, the Blue and White couldn't bring the runners home and fell in a heartbreaker.

In their second game of the CWS, MU was up 4-1 in the sixth inning against national power Nebraska after a three-run homer off the bat of Rick Niederhaus. The Cornhuskers clawed back into the contest and took a 6-5 lead going into the ninth inning. Down a run, the Blue and White once again had a runner in scoring position but failed to capitalize, coming up short.

"Our team went to Tempe really ready to compete and just played extremely hard," stated head coach Dean Ehehalt. "Our goal was to win a game and although that did not happen we certainly played two storied programs pitch for pitch."

"The environment was electric and our players played up to the challenge and fell a few runs short," added Ehehalt. "If you are a player, these are the game you dream of playing in."

With his efforts in the NCAA Regional, Kyle Messineo was named to the 2007 All-Tempe Regional Team. Messineo also set the MU single season record for stolen bases with 42 and led the NEC in runs scored with 69. Junior shortstop Kyle Higgins became the school record holder for most doubles in a season with 21, besting the previous record of 20. Teammate Andy Myers finished the season with a .395 batting average, which was good enough to rank sixth all-time in MU Division I history. He also led the NEC in hits (88) and helped the team establish a new season record of 591 base knocks. Pitcher Brad Brach was named NEC Pitcher of the Year and fellow rotation starter Ryan Buch was selected as the NEC Rookie of the Year. Buch was also honored as a member of the Collegiate Baseball/Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American Team and an All-Ping Baseball Second-Team Freshman All-American.

As a team, the Hawks finished the year with a school record 36 wins, which surpassed the old record of 30. The squad also set a single-season record for team batting average with .302.

Hawks Start Season at 4th Annual MU Cross Country Kick-Off

PRESS RELEASE

The MU men's and women's cross country teams began their 2007 season at the Fourth Annual Monmouth Cross Country Kick-Off at Thompson Park in Lincroft, N.J. on Saturday. Peter Forgach was the top MU men's finisher by claiming second place on the 3.7 mile course in a time of 19:05. Teammate Randy Hadzor was the next Hawks' finisher, coming in 10th place in a time of 19:33.

Three other MU women came in the top 15 as Courtney Spratford ran 15:44 and took 11th, Tiffany McKenna ran 15:52 and took 13th and Laura Embrey finished in 14th in a time of 15:58.

"The women are young, but showed that they can make an impact," said Compagni. "We have depth on the women's side and all of our runners are capable of having big days."

Ricardo Estremera from Albany won the men's title for the second straight year, running 18:51, while female teammate Laura

"We didn't run half of our men, but I thought the men did well, and Pete ran a good race."

JOE CAMPAGNI
HEAD COACH CROSS COUNTRY

The Monmouth women had three runners come in the top 10 as Meredith Malloy and Christine Altland took fifth and sixth place, running 15:10 and 15:19 respectively, and Corinne LaChac claimed ninth, running 15:41 on the 2.5 mile course.

"We didn't run half of our men, but I thought the men did well, and Pete ran a good race," said head coach Joe Compagni.

Cummings ran 14:15 and won the women's title for the Great Danes. Albany won last year's men's and women's team titles.

The meet marked the fourth straight year the Monmouth Cross Country Kick-Off has been held at Thompson Park, and also is the fourth time ever the Hawks have raced at the Lincroft park. The Hawks will compete next in the Fordham Invitational on 9/8.

A Word on Sports

The sports field guide to staying out of trouble and avoiding embarrassment

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
STAFF WRITER

What a terrible year it's been for sports. With so many illegal activities going on, including federal indictments, racketeering and gambling charges, and steroid allegations, it's hard to justify being a fan of anything other than golf (although South African golf legend Gary Player came out a month ago claiming to have information about certain PGA Tour players using steroids. Of course, he wouldn't name names. Thanks, Gary, you've been a big help).

Sports are at a crossroads right now, and I sense that people are getting tired of all the off the field garbage they see every time they turn on Sportscenter. Will people just give up on sports all together? Or will they look the other way when they read or hear of athletes indiscretions? People can only take so much negativity, and eventually they might just get fed up enough to dump sports altogether (though the possibility of that is highly unlikely). But, we should take advice from the Boy Scouts and be prepared. That is why I have created the Sports Guide to Staying Out of Trouble and Avoiding Embarrassment or the SGSOTAE, if you prefer. A few simple rules for today's sports stars that are easy to follow.

Rule Number 1: It's OK to go home after a game.

It's OK to rent a movie, read a book, or go to bed. When the game is over, there's nothing in your contract that says you have to go out to a nightclub at 2 AM. Nothing good ever happens at that time. No one's doing charity work. No one's finding a cure for cancer. No matter where you are

in the world, people are always doing questionable things at that hour. It's the devil's waiting room. Anytime I read an article about someone that includes the words "nightclub" and "2 AM", I stop reading. I can fill in the blanks. Somebody's either in handcuffs, being strip searched or dead.

Rule Number 2: If you're going to be involved in a dog fighting ring, don't use the name "Bad Newz Kennels."

If you are doing something as horrific as fighting dogs and then brutally killing them, the name Bad Newz Kennels doesn't exactly give you the kind of discretion you need. It only invites law enforcement to your house. And not the local cops you play softball with. We're talking the Feds, the big guys. We're talking the guys with three letters on their windbreakers. Anytime you see guys wearing jackets with three letters on them coming to your house, you know you're toast.

Rule Number 2a: If you are a marginal star on a crummy basketball team, and you want the fans to like you again, don't attempt to justify dog fighting.

One of the worst moves you can make. There are way too many dog lovers in this country (myself included). And when you try to convince those same people that fighting dogs is a sport and that electrocuting, slamming, drowning and hanging them is perfectly OK, no one will buy your sneakers, no matter how cheap they are.

Rule Number 3: It's not a good idea to throw \$81,000 in cash in the air at a strip club.

The night will not end well. I guarantee it. If, as your getting dressed for a night on the town, you think to yourself, "I'm going to take \$81,000 in cash so I can

throw it in the air at a strip club," and then think "Gee, that's a great idea! Nothing bad can come of this!" you need to seek professional help. Throwing money around a strip club is a great way to attract attention. The bad kind. Just like being out at 2 AM (see Rule Number 1) nothing good can happen from you "making it rain." After the recent flooding in the Midwest, and hurricane season underway, we will have all the rain we need right now, thank you.

Rule Number 3a: Don't go to a strip club the night before meeting with the commissioner of your league to talk about your questionable decision making (see Rule Number 3) at strip clubs.

You're meeting with the man who can single-handedly determine your fate as a professional athlete. You want to make a good impression on him. You want to be on your best behavior. Hanging out with women named Dakota, Cinnamon, and Ginger is not going to bode well for you. When the commish hears about this, you're a shoe-in to be suspended for the entire season.

Rule Number 4: If you're a referee, don't get involved with mob-run gambling.

You will probably end up in one of three places: In the trunk of a car, at the bottom of a river, or in prison. Couple that with the death threats you'll be receiving on your answering machine and you will be begging to go to jail. And anytime prison is your best option, you know you're in trouble. Anytime you have to choose prison in order to continue breathing, things just aren't going your way.

Armed with the SGSOTAE, you are sure to succeed in the world of professional sports. Pocket-sized edition available at a bookstore near you.

Field Hockey Starts Fresh

ERIC WALSH
SPORTS EDITOR

Under recently hired head coach Carli Figlio, the field hockey team hopes to get a kick start to a new season. While being

new chapter of success in 2007. On offense the team will have seniors Hollee Hooven and Annie LoPresti, and the team's leading scorer in sophomore forward Kelly Crist. All three attackers were atop the team's scoring lists from a year ago, which will hopefully translate into greater point totals this year.

In their first matchup against La Salle, the squad battled to a hard fought loss. With 17 saves from MU goalkeeper Melissa Katz, the Hawks stayed in the contest throughout, but could not put one passed the Explorer's goalie. The contest went 2-0 in favor of La Salle. La Salle dominated with 27 shots on goal compared to Monmouth's 9. La Salle also held a small advantage in corners, 8-7.

On Saturday the Hawks traveled to Lewisburg, PA to take on Bucknell. Despite two goals from sophomre Kelly Crist, MU could not come up with their first win of the year.

Bucknell got off to a fast start with two first-half goals. Crist put in her first score just before the half, putting the Blue and White down just one going into intermission.

In the second half Bucknell came out firing scoring six unanswered goals. Crist was able to stop the bleeding with her second score of the game, but in the end Bucknell was just too much for the MU defense, coming away with an 8-2 victory.

The squad will play in West Chester on Saturday at 12:00.



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme
Senior Annie LoPresti will play a pivotal role in Head Coach Carli Figlio's gameplan this season.

selected to finish just below mid-pack at number five, the Blue and White have some work to do in order to prove their doubters wrong.

Last season, MU went 6-12 and 4-4 in NEC play, which landed them just one spot below the top four teams that made it to the postseason NEC Tournament. Under new leadership, including new assistant coaches and staff, the Hawks will look to write a



Congratulations Hawks Baseball



Brad Brach (top) and the MU baseball team captured the NEC title on their way to the NCAA Regional of the College World Series in Tempe, Arizona. *Story on page 27*