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Tuesday 75°/62°

Partly Cloudy

New Renovations for Magill

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After a waiting period of several months, the approximately \$925,000 worth of renovations that were made to the Magill Commons dining hall are finally complete. The dining hall was closed for the summer to completely revamp the space shortly after class dismissal last May. According to Vice President for Student Services Mary Anne Nagy, the first meal since the closure was served on August 23 for summer residents, including athletes and resident assistants.

Now, instead of the bland dining hall that some students used to dread, Monmouth will welcome its students this fall with a warm and inviting place to eat and socialize. Although the main structure and basic layout remain the same, interior design has had a complete makeover that gives it an art-deco type vibe.

Nagy stated, "The project attempted to change the feel of the dining hall and move it from a cafeteria to a dining room. We changed how you enter the area so you are no longer going past the dish room, picking up a tray and then going 'down the line'. Instead, you enter a dining room, choose a seat, and then decide on the multitude of choices for your dining experience."



PHOTO COURTESY OF Samantha Young

Upon the start of the academic year, students are welcomed back to a newly renovated Magill Commons Dining Hall.

Monmouth University officials and Aramark staff worked together with architects to create a distinctive dining hall. Director Eric Savoie personally sat in on all meetings pertaining to the renovations, ensuring the design and reconstruction of the dining hall met with Monmouth University specifications, rather than a generic layout.

The new dining hall features a combination of hardwood floors and a section of tile, which replaced the carpeting. There is also an exhibition-style cooking section in the center of the main dining room. Walls are now displayed in warmer tones, and

lighting is much more suitable for a dining atmosphere. One of the most exciting changes Magill Commons dining hall now boasts are three 42-inch, ceiling-mounted flat-screen televisions which further add to the modern environment.

In addition, students will now have many more seating options, courtesy of newly-sectioned areas. There are booths, as well as regular tables at a various height levels which make one feel like they are eating in a local restaurant, rather than an ordinary college dining hall.

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FYE program guides First Year Students

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The First Year Experience Program [FYE], created last spring, is geared towards ensuring a successful college experience for first-year students.

Dr. Judith Nye, Associate Vice President of FYE, said, "FYE is charged with ensuring that first-year students experience the challenges, opportunities, and support they need to succeed at Monmouth. We collaborate with all University offices and organizations that serve first-year students in an effort to create a more coherent first-year experience for our students."

She added that the program also handles the advising of first-year students and Freshman Seminar classes.

Eight individuals make up the FYE department. Dr. Nye was made Associate Vice President in November of 2005. Bea Rogers holds the position of Assistant Vice President. Deborah Kavourias is Director. Daniella Schrama is Coordinator. Deborah Molinaro is University Special Services Representative. Jeanette Villanueva is the Assistant to the Assistant Vice President. Jo Ann Migliara is Operations Manager for Advising, and Billie Jean Kamin is Secretary.

The idea for the program came to fruition after looking at research that showed what happens when attention is specifically turned toward the first year students. The success rate is high, according to Dr. Nye.

"Research reveals that first-year students are the most vulnerable of all undergraduate students. However, research also tells us that providing first-year students with a strong support system has positive effects on student success," explained Dr. Nye.

"Many folks at the University pay attention to such research, and over time we realized that we needed an office that was able to focus exclusively upon the needs of first-year students."

Marilyn McNeil, who was a co-chair of the FYE task force, said "First-year students, I hope, will make important connections. Research tells all of us, and anecdotal evidence supports this, that if a student makes some kind of personal connection on a campus, then they will feel welcome. It is the isolation that often makes that first year a tough one. I hope the emphasis on first-year students will empower them to make good decisions and to make connections that will be useful and lifelong for them."

Dr. Nye also added that the University's offering of Freshman Seminar classes for the past 20 years has put it "ahead of the

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Ready or Not...School's Back



PHOTO COURTESY OF Rae Carson

Incoming freshmen unpacked and settled onto campus on September 3.

RAE CARSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Handheld stop signs, policemen directing traffic, and golf carts packed from front to back with televisions, clothes, and fuzzy slippers all began the move-in process at Elmwood. First-year Monmouth students and family members moved dorm room necessities into what will be their homes away from home.

Not a single parking spot was left vacant, and not a hand left empty. Neither the heat nor the endless lines of cars and movers seemed to put frowns on this year's incoming freshman class. Everyone was either laughing or smiling, despite the fact that the sun had barely risen.

"It was very hectic, but exciting at the same time," comments Alexa Baglivo, an incoming biology major.

Move-in day began with the

lines for freshman to receive what was most likely their first ever room key, along with student ID, and laundry card. However, the wake up call was really when everyone realized that they had packed at least four times more than what would actually fit in the residence halls. Aside from the lack of space and elevator, most were pretty pleased that the move-in day had finally arrived.

"There's three flights of stairs, it's hot, but I've been waiting for this for a long time," said Katie O'Brian, an incoming marketing major.

For many, the most exciting part of the move-in day was meeting new people. "The one thing I'm looking forward to most at Monmouth is meeting new people," said Kayla Gambino.

Many of the students have high hopes for Monmouth and the many experiences they will encounter over the next four years. "It's been great so far. My roommate is nice, and everyone just seems really friendly," comments Courtney Kirllard.

The welcomed feeling lasted throughout the entire day,

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MU President

Dear Monmouth University Students:

Where have you been?

We have been waiting for your return.

Welcome back to campus.

It has been an uncharacteristically busy summer at Monmouth, something we intend to keep up. Our plan is to gradually, but significantly increase course offerings here each summer. We want more top high school students to gain early college credits here, more courses for our traditional student population, and more courses that will interest students from other colleges who are home at the Shore for the summer, or who would like to come to Shore for its summer opportunities and pick up some credits along the way. Many of you were here. Many more will choose to be here next summer.

For those of you who were at home or traveling, let me tell you we have made a few changes: a huge up-grade to your resident dining hall, new floors and TVs in the student center dining area and in the fitness center, some classroom conversions, progress in our multi-year schedule to improve residence halls, a new left turn signal into the resident parking lot, return of all books to the renovated library, a new library café, some additional apartments along Ocean Boulevard in Long Branch, resurfacing of the Art buildings’ exteriors and upgrades throughout Bey Hall including new floors, to name a few.

Professors Judy Nye and David Strohmetz have been asked to join the Administration as Associate Vice Presidents for “First Year Experience” and Outcomes Assessment, respectively.

The University and the faculty have been discussing collective bargaining matters this summer. I am impressed that collegiality and mutual-understanding characterized these once-every-three-years talks.

The *Princeton Review* has again selected Monmouth as a top American university, and our *US News and World Report* ranking improved for the seventh year in a row.

A new class – the Class of 2010 – has joined us. Like its predecessor classes in recent years, it is a top academic achieving class. Best GPAs ever. And, we admitted our largest EOF class.

We won two awards for facilities: the Top County Planning Award for the restoration and preservation of Wilson Hall’s roof, and the State Award for Energy in recognition of the new roof-top solar panel system that was installed on four buildings over the summer.

Students and faculty have won honors or significant grants in biology, computer science, nursing, and communication over the past few months.

We are just learning of other accomplishments, like Sigma Pi’s winning honors as top chapter in America. Our much-heralded wide receiver from last football season, Miles Austin, made the best catch of the NFL pre-season for the Dallas Cowboys.

Please keep your fingers crossed and be ready over the next month or so to support our zoning requests for a new residence hall and our new multi-purpose activity center.

Our athletes are back and in good form, with promising seasons just now starting. The first home football game is Saturday, September 9th, against Morgan State from Baltimore.

So, the energy level is high. Professors, staff, and administrators have been eager to see you back on campus. We have talked a great deal about respect as we awaited your return. You will hear me speaking about self-respect: that is taking care of yourself and doing things that enhance pride in yourself. Peer respect comes next. Frankly, I want to see you taking care of each other: that means students looking out for fellow students and, generally, Monmouth community members taking care of other Monmouth community members. Yes, it goes for everyone. If you paid attention to news reports this summer, you know that there are serious troubles in some parts of our world. We, as a civilized people, can rise above those who seek to destroy themselves and others. We can do it bit-by-bit by being responsible to ourselves and to our peers.

In a campus full of leaders, I look forward to the Class of 2007, my first class, leading you through a great academic year.

I’ll see you on the campus. Welcome back.

Paul Gaffney
President



Dear Fellow Member of the Monmouth University Community:

Five years ago.
So long ago, we sat glued to the news as America was attacked in lower Manhattan, Washington DC and in the air above Western Pennsylvania. So long ago.
For many -- many of us here -- it seems like just yesterday. We saw the flames, we lost friends, our jobs were scrambled, our perspective on a troubled world changed.

Whether long ago or seemingly yesterday, we paused, like we do on this September 11th in 2006, to reflect on a dangerous world. And then we began again to “look forward.”

Today, we continue to look forward with hope. Because we know Americans are reaffirmed as patriots. We are resilient. Business is back. Yes, gas prices are up. But Americans are investing, learning, traveling, and living.

We do watch more carefully, these days. We decry war. But, we are unfaltering in our support for those “over there” who have been asked to take the fight to terrorists on their ground, away from our ground. We are not a nation united in its foreign policy or in its defense policy. But, unlike prior times, we cheer for the young American women and men abroad who are trying their best daily to deflect energy from a repeat of a 9-11 attack. And, fellow Americans, we are still free to debate those foreign and defense policies and free to elect those who oversee it.

This geographic area of our great nation understands the horror of terrorism better than most. It is not an abstract concept only brought to life by the evening news. We have seen it up close, just a few miles away. Yet, we have moved forward.

Stop with me and remember, meditate over, pray, if you wish, for those lost five years ago to that inhumane, cowardly crime against us. Take moment, then look forward again. We are not to be deterred.

Sincerely,

Paul Gaffney
President

VP Student Services

Dear Students:

To the newest members of the Monmouth University community, the Class of 2010, 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 another outstanding year here at Monmouth.

Over the past several months, much has been done to get ready for your arrival to campus. The library renovation and the new addition are complete, and the dedication ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2006. There is a radically different look to the resident dining hall for both our resident and commuter students.

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 that you already have and that 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.

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



University appeal coming to a close

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Almost two and a half years after the initial proposal, Monmouth University and citizens of the surrounding area will find out whether the final plan for a new residence hall has been approved. On September 18, a preemptive trial, presided over by Judge Alexander Lehrer, will decide the victor in the civil case of *Hughes, et al., vs. Monmouth University, et al.*

In January 2004, Monmouth University made an application to the West Long Branch Zoning Board for variances to redevelop a portion of their land, known as Kilkare Farms, into another residence hall. This would provide a solution to the bed shortage seen in recent years.

This year, due to insufficient housing, more than 100 freshmen and 33 continuing students are on a waiting list, said James Pillar, Director of Residential Life.

After the announcement for the addition to the University was made public, subsequent public hearings were held on various dates from February 2004 to August 2005. During these meetings, surrounding residents were able to present their concerns over the proposed project. Conversation and debate encompassed 14 meetings and finally resulted in a preliminary approval of the plan (a vote of five to one) by the Zoning Board.

Following this approval, 39 members of the community opposed to the project filed a lawsuit against Monmouth University and the West Long Branch Board of Adjustment. Among the evidence cited in the lawsuit against the defendant (Monmouth) are: failure to make a proper showing at the public hearing, actions taken in violation of NJ case law, and impartiality on the part of certain board members.

The first grievance states the University "did not provide sufficient evidence to support the relief it was requesting from the [Zoning Board]," said Grey Dimenna, Vice President and General Counsel. The relief in this case refers to "site plan approval, variances, etc."

One of the more pronounced contentions among the plaintiffs is the fact that the lot on which the farm currently resides has been earmarked as R-22, or residential zoning. The University, by filing variances with the Board, is attempting to gain permission to build a new residence hall, a parking lot accommodating 126 cars and tennis courts in the space first allotted only for single family homes. The project would cost between \$12-14 million, according to President Paul Gaffney II.

"I live across the street from the deterrent basin," said Joseph Hughes, resident since May 2001. "Students play wiffle ball, relax and it's beautiful. It's an open space for kids to recreate. [If the residence hall is constructed, the university is] going to pave over

the space with 56,000 square feet of blacktop."

The second grievance, relating to the violation of New Jersey case law, "is nothing more than a general statement that the [Zoning Board] decision violates previous court decisions," says Dimenna. Because no previous cases are listed against which to compare this particular ruling, the statement is "meaningless."

The last grievance questioning the objectivity of certain board members has, as a result of this query, been investigated.

Rocco Christopher, Chair of the Board, Irven Miller, Board Secretary, Susan Juliano and Robert Springman – those accused of bias – are Monmouth University alumni. According to the lawsuit, these members "failed to disqualify themselves for a conflict of interest and thus their participation and

preserving Wilson Hall and the recent renovation/construction of the University Library are recent evidence projects.

While it seems there are no commonalities between the feuding sides, the contrary more closely resembles the truth.

"I've met President Gaffney, Patricia Swannack, Susan Doctorian," said Hughes. "They're all nice people. I have nothing but good things to say about them. [The appeal] is nothing personal. We just disagree with one decision."

In keeping with the respect held for one another, President Gaffney has attempted to make the transition to a bigger University as seamless as possible.

"During the application process we made a number of changes in response to a few neighbors' desires," said Gaffney. "MU agreed to reduce the number of parking spaces and redirect the traffic and parking from an east-west direction to north-south."

Some though, believe the school's integrity is at stake.

"The University seems to put its priorities before those of the community in which it resides," says Rachel Creighton, West Long Branch resident of 30 years.

The nature of the resentment felt by a majority of the plaintiffs, dates back to 1995, when the University last expanded. Supposedly, after the last addition was completed, residents of the surrounding community were in a gentlemen's agreement with the University – they gave an oral promise to keep the land currently under appeal as open space. In addition, the residents were under the impression this agreement insinuated no more expansion projects would be proposed.

The seemingly forked tongue of the University is giving the residents yet another reason to worry.

Whatever they build on their property, they can change into whatever they want, agreed the plaintiffs. Now they want a residence hall. In five years from now, who knows what's going to happen.

In the event the plan for the new residence hall is approved, some say the remainder of their time in the community may be limited.

"I would consider moving if the new addition is built," said Wasser.

"We feel connected to you guys," said Hughes. "One day you guys will be homeowners and worrying about these same issues...If the addition is built we're going to move."

It is the expansion of a university versus the novelty of a community. Although the University claims more space is needed for the institution to grow and flourish, those forced to live with the consequence claim there is also a time for green grass and a quiet neighborhood. The decision between the two will soon be determined.

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eventual vote rendered the action to be taken by the Board to be null and void." However, the matter was, according to Dimenna, fully explored at the hearing on the record, including their contacts and giving records with the University. Ultimately, the Zoning Board's attorney, Thomas Klein, informed the Board that no conflict, in his opinion, was present.

Regardless, residents still see the proposed addition as intimidating.

"[The expansion] would be an intrusion, impacting everyday life," said Linda Wasser, whose lived in the area over 20 years. "The noise and traffic would change the neighborhood. I understand the University wants to grow, but there are other areas they could look at."

Rosemary Staba, resident since 1975, echoes these sentiments stating, "[The potential addition] is a threat. The University should utilize the facilities it already has...It doesn't need to expand into a residential area."

A direct consequence of the University expansion would be a fear of decreased property value. "A real estate appraiser has stated that the addition will impact the values of homes and of life," said Hughes.

"I live in a historic area in a big old Victorian house. The details are unique and can't be replaced," adds Staba.

The University, on the other hand, believes the new addition will only add to the area's charisma.

"West Long Branch gains much of its charm, value and historic character from Monmouth University, our green campus and our national landmark buildings," said President Gaffney. "I believe West Long Branch is growing in value. The University's commitment to

*Welcome to the Start of a New Academic Year
From the Life and Career Advising Center*

Dear Students:

Welcome to the start of what I hope will be an exciting and rewarding academic year. As you enter into this new academic year, it is important to think about the goals you would like to accomplish while at Monmouth University.

To help you achieve your educational goals, Monmouth University has many academic support services. As Dean of Advising and Academic Support Services, I am pleased to be associated with the **Life and Career Advising Center (LCAC)**, which offers an array of academic, personal and career services and programs including:

- **Adult Learner Services** (Student Center, 1st floor; 732-571-3588)
- **Career Search (LC300)** (Student Center, 1st floor, 732-571-3471)
- **Cooperative Education** (Student Center, 3rd floor; 732-571-3582)
- **Counseling and Psychological Services** (Student Center, 1st floor, 732-571-7517)
- **Disability Services for Students** (College Skills Building, 732-571-7585)
- **Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)** (600 Building, 732-571-3462)
- **Placement Services** (Student Center, 3rd floor, 732-571-3471)
- **Pre-Health Advising** (Student Center, 1st floor, 732-571-3687)
- **Service Learning and Volunteer Programs** (Student Center, 3rd floor, 732-571-4411)
- **Student Employment** (Student Center, 3rd floor, 732-263-5706)
- **Transfer and Articulation Services** (Student Center, 1st floor, 732-571-3588)
- **Tutoring Center** (College Skills Building, 723-571-5721)
- **Undeclared Sophomore Advising** (Student Center, 1st floor, 732-571-3588)
- **Workshops** (Student Center, 1st floor, come in for information)

To learn more about these services and programs please visit the LCAC web site at www.monmouth.edu/academics/lcac.asp. I encourage you to take advantage of our programs. We want to help to make your college experience rich, meaningful and rewarding.

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Attention Financial Aid Students

The staff of the Financial Aid Office is pleased to welcome new and returning Monmouth University students to campus. Staff members have been very busy this summer advising students and families about financial aid options and processing financial aid applications. Applicants for the 2006 fall semester have enjoyed a faster financial aid application turn-around than in any other year. The Financial Aid Office has coordinated the use of technology to its best advantage to speedily process applications and to make time available for important matters like one-on-one advising with students.

Most students have completed their financial aid applications; however, it is not too late to apply for some types of assistance. Late applicants should submit their Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the Financial Aid Office or file on line at: www.fafsa.ed.gov right away. From time to time the Financial Aid Office will ask students to submit additional documents. Delays in submitting requested forms may result in the Office’s inability to credit financial aid funds to student billing accounts and cancellation of course registration.

The financial aid process will continue throughout a student’s enrollment at Monmouth. Students reapply each year by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). These forms should be completed as soon after January 1, 2006 as possible but not before. Students may obtain a FAFSA from the Financial Aid Office or may apply on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Maintaining financial aid from one year to the next is also contingent upon students maintaining the University’s Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress. The academic requirements are outlined in the Financial Aid Office’s web site and the University Catalog, and may be different for merit-based aid and other types of aid. Any students with concerns about academic progress or other financial aid issues are strongly encouraged to stop by the Financial Aid Office to speak with a financial aid counselor. The Office maintains an open door policy and appointments are not necessary.

The Financial Aid Office is located on the first floor of Wilson Hall. Office hours during the fall and spring semesters will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until 5pm and Wednesday until 7pm. Students may reach the Office by email at: finaid@monmouth.edu or by calling our office at 732-571-3463.

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 now on the third floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. Please stop by or call (732-571-4411) to find out how you can get involved in the community. Whatever your schedule, whatever your interests, the right volunteer opportunity is waiting for you.

YOU CAN HELP IN SO MANY WAYS:

One-time Activities:

- A special activity (arts & crafts, theater, sports) for a Girl Scout Troop
- Food Drives for the St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Construction for Habitat for Humanity
- Pop-Top Tab Collection for Ronald McDonald House

Special Projects

Arrange a project or activity for your floor or your organization. Suggestions include:

- Supporting the relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Katrina
- A pen pal program with an elementary school class
- Fundraising for the SPCA
- Adopting a family for the holidays
- Volunteering at a soup kitchen
- Making a “no sew” blanket for a child in a hospital or homeless shelter.

****Please note that volunteering does not meet the Experiential Education requirement.

September 2006

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. We are located on the first floor of Wilson Hall, Room 110, hours of operation are 8:45am to 5:00pm.

Please note that in order to speak about a Student’s account, with anyone other than the student, a FERPA release must be completed or an on line e-form submitted to the Office of Registration & Records. 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.

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

- You can view your account online through WebAdvisor at:
 - www.monmouth.edu
 - WebAdvisor
 - Account Summary
- You can also now pay your account online by electronic check or credit card by either:
 - 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.
 - OR visiting the Monmouth University home page at 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!!!!

Dear students:

The Placement and Student Employment offices welcome you back from what we hope was an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Here are some things to keep in mind as you being the new semester:

- Our offices have moved to the third floor of the Stafford Student Center. Come visit us at our new location.
- All students will receive a list of part-time jobs from local employers in their Hawkmall every other week. Check it if you’re looking to earn extra cash, get some great experience, or add a new job to your resume.
- Seniors and graduate students will also get a list of full-time professional jobs sent to their Hawkmall twice a month as well. As you get ready to tackle the “real world” these listings can help you locate a good job after graduation.
- Our office is the place to come if you’re looking for a job on campus. We place hundreds of students in jobs around campus every year in almost every department. Call us if you have been awarded Federal Work Student (FWS) financial aid for the year.
- Our first career day of the year – ‘Network 2006’ – will be held on November 1, 2006 in Anacon Hall starting at 12:30. Watch for news about this event in the Outlook, in your Hawkmall, and posted around campus.
- Our staff can help you with resumes, cover letters, interview preparation and just about any question related to the job search process. Call, email or visit us to make an appointment. Our main number is 732-571-3471 or you can email us at placementoffice@monmouth.edu

Have a safe and successful year.

Will Hill

Assistant Dean

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Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE)

The Fall 2006 WPE will be held on
Friday, December 15, 2006

5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Monday, December 18, 2006

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

<http://bluehawk.monmouth.edu/~eng/wp.html>

First Year Experience

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curve.”

“Our aim is to develop a distinctive Monmouth experience that enhances first-year students’ success and satisfaction with their university experience,” said Dr. Nye of the primary goal of FYE. She said that FYE takes notice of such topics as “developing intellectual and academic competence, establishing and maintaining personal and professional relationships, and exploring identity and career development.”

First Year Experience works hand-in-hand with various offices and organizations within the University that work with first-year students. Some examples of offices and organizations that they have worked with include Student Services, Admissions, the Life Career Advising Center [LCAC], Academic departments and deans, and the Athletics Department.

“Our aim is to collaborate with any office or organization that serves first year students; a tall order, because almost everyone at Monmouth serves first year students in some way,” said Dr. Nye.

At the time of the interview, Dr. Nye said that many of the plans

for the incoming freshman class of 2010 were already in action. She mentioned that during the summer months, students visited campus to take their placement test and make their fall semester schedules. They were also on hand during the first-year students’s move-in weekend to welcome them to the University.

Dr. Nye added that FYE will have a high percentage of students participating in the Freshman Seminar course this semester.

“Although it is not a required course, 85 percent of our students will take Freshman Seminar this fall. The Freshman Seminar is a one credit course designed to help students adjust to University life; our research indicates that taking this course contributes significantly to student success,” said Dr. Nye.

Advising is another major plan for FYE for this academic year. “Our program strives to build an advising relationship that works holistically to help students develop their academic, career, personal, and social interests. They want students to understand that the advising aspect of the FYE program is for more than simply receiving direction in to what courses they should take,” she

continued.

A final plan FYE has is to have workshops and programs concerning topics vital to first year students, such as study skills, career planning, and deciding on a major, according to Dr. Nye.

The First Year Experience Program does have some changes in their horizon.

Dr. Nye said, “This year we are enhancing our efforts to create a coherent first year experience for students, including forming an advisory committee, developing a five year plan, increasing campus-wide involvement in first year initiatives, exploring ways to use technology to streamline and enhance our work, and building more structured contacts with students into the entire first year.”

One hope Dr. Nye mentioned is that the Freshman Seminar class, which is currently a one credit course, will hopefully one day be a three credit course.

Provost Thomas Pearson, who also played a significant role in the development of the First Year Experience program, believes that students will benefit from what the FYE program has to offer.

“My hope is that first year students will find themselves more engaged at Monmouth, both in-

side and outside the classroom, as a result of the first year program,” said Provost Pearson.

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first connect with Monmouth University, even before they set foot on campus,” said Dr. Nye. “Once students have been accepted and choose to come to Monmouth, we hope to be in regular contact with them throughout the summer before they start classes.”

Dr. Nye also added that it is an extra bonus that the FYE office

“Our aim is to develop a distinctive Monmouth experience that enhances first-year students’ success and satisfaction with their university experience.”

DR. JUDITH NYE
Associate Vice President of First Year Experience Program

versity during the month of July for a few days and participate in campus orientation, pick out their courses, and take their placement tests, according to Dr. Nye.

In addition to maintaining correspondence with current first-year MU students, FYE also wants to make an impression on the prospective students that visit campus.

“We are working with the University’s Admissions office to inform prospective students about our services from the moment they

is located on the first floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. “We have the advantage of having our office in the student center, which makes it very easy for students to drop by,” she said.

Provost Pearson said, “Those of us who work at Monmouth have no more important professional goal than helping our students achieve success in their lives. Ultimately, it is the student’s responsibility to succeed. But it is our calling to provide the education and support to make that possible.”

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The Faculty of the Anthropology Program on Thursday, September 14th @ 4PM will be holding a Welcome Back Gathering at the newly renovated Monmouth University Library - in the Seminar Room.

In true anthro style this Gathering is totally egalitarian and is not only for our returning students but we are anxious to meet freshman class as well. Anyone on campus with an interest in anthropology is encouraged to attend. Come meet the anthropology majors and faculty who will bring you news of new course offerings, up-and-coming archaeological digs, and possible fieldtrips.

Also in true anthro style, food will be served but rest assured KSW is in charge of the menu. Be warned, rumor has it Prof. Schindler might bring along some of his “incredible edibles.”

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Good Luck this year,

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Meet MU: Matt Mastrorilli Adjunct Journalism Professor

COURTNEY MUIR
STAFF WRITER

Meet MU would like to give you an insider look into one of our own Journalism Professors Matt Mastrorilli.

Early on, Mastrorilli knew he wanted to be a journalist. “I always found the topics to be interesting, and you aren’t doing the same thing everyday. It’s really a ‘Jack of all Trades.’”

As a graduate from Monmouth in 2000, Mastrorilli contributed a lot to the university. He was a member of the LCAC, Student Ambassador, and even did a specialty show for WMCX during the Christmas season.

It was his involvement in the Outlook as an Entertainment Editor, though, that tremendously helped him with his career. In his senior year, he became Editor-in-Chief. It was during this time that Mastrorilli decided to take his passion and turn it into a profession. During his junior year, he believed he gained enough knowledge that he could start up his own entertainment magazine. After convincing his friend Kevin Borkoski to become his partner, they started a free entertainment publication called *Night and Day*.

This bold move attracted the attention of Fairleigh Dickinson University, who awarded Mastrorilli with the Collegiate Entrepreneur Award in 2000, and was recognized by Monmouth for the Outstanding Student Award in the same year.

Night and Day magazine covers all of Monmouth and Ocean County, and gives its readers information on everything ranging from the best restaurants and bars to patronize, to the best surf spots on the Jersey Shore. Other sections include stories about local bands and artists, as well as



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Professor Matt Mastrorilli, a Monmouth alum, is co-creator of *Night and Day* magazine.

a special section called “Chef’s Profile”, which gives information on chefs from popular restaurants, including information on their culinary history, and what specialty foods they serve. Anytime you are looking for a place to go to have fun, whether it be a bar, comedy club, or even miniature golfing, Mastrorilli has created *Night and Day* to be your guide to the Jersey Shore.

Since graduation, Mastrorilli has continued to contribute to Monmouth, teaching Freshman Seminar from 2000-2005. In January of 2005, Mastrorilli began teaching News Editing. A recipient of a Master’s Degree from Monmouth in 2002, Mastrorilli continues to take additional class-

es at MU with their Public Policy Program.

Aside from his teaching job and the magazine, Mastrorilli also works for his family business of Privatel Communications. “Privatel is geared toward college universities involving videos and cable, computers and cell phones,” he describes.

This past St. Patrick’s Day, Mastrorilli became a husband. He married his wife, Melissa, who also helps in the contribution of *Night and Day*.

With all of his accomplishments, he still continues to strive for more. “There are so many things to do with the magazine as far as topics and distribution,” Mastrorilli commented.

Incoming freshmen move onto campus

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whether it be from the upper-classman directing lost student, or police men picking up stragglers parking a mile away with a television in their hands.

The most difficult part of the day was saying goodbye to family members and friends. “I’m really going to miss my friends, and family back at home, it’s hard to adjust in a new place when only knowing a handful of people,” says Kristen Johnson.

The day was stressful for some, and relieving for others. However, moving away from home seemed to be the main struggle amongst incoming freshman at Elmwood. “It’s been challenging, it’s a change from home,” stated future business major, Stephanie Tucci.

After family and friends left, the day did not end. The freshmen had some time to adjust to new roommates, before heading over to hear some residence rules, and a “getting to know you” session with classmates. Afterwards, a barbecue was set up for dining and mingling, followed by guest speakers that seemed to put a smile on everyone’s face.

The day was eventful to say the least, and as confusing as move in days go, Elmwood’s ran pretty smoothly. What was comforting to those who knew no one was actu-

ally having someone to walk them to a building, or introduce them to another lost and confused freshman.

The day was a big stepping stone to those who were afraid, and also to those parents scared to say goodbye. The move in was chaotic, but then again, it is normal

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STEPHANIE TUCCI
MU Freshman

for hundreds of students carrying three suitcases worth of clothes, and a mini fridge up three flights of stairs to feel a little crazy.

Ian Craig, a junior, described his experience of being an Orientation Leader during the Freshman move-in weekend. “It was a really good experience. It was rewarding for the freshman that needed the additional guidance because as OL’s it made the week of training seem worthwhile. We created bonds with some of the freshman that will last throughout our time at Monmouth.”

Dining Hall Undergoes Changes

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The dining hall features new open area cooking stations, an expansion of previous “made-to-order” sections of the dining hall. Location Manager Kin Tang explains one of the main progressions being made is to provide food prepared “less behind the scenes”, and more out in the open. He stated that RFOC, or Real Food On Campus, will be a program expanding to other dining halls nationwide.

With the recent renovations now complete, Aramark will initiate new programs and an overall new feel to the campus cafeteria. Location Manager Kin Tang finds the new renovations extremely pleasing, and is excited to begin coordinating many new changes to the dining hall.

“(I have) mixed feelings (about) the renovations. It’s tough, not really knowing what to expect. But, it’s exciting, because we’re expecting lots of changes: more fresh products, more open cooking, and a lot more programs,” Tang said.

Apart from changes in food, the dining hall will operate on a changing station routine as well. Rather than finding food in many of the same locations, rotations will be put in place for stations. Tang uses an example in which

pizza will be coming out of an oven one day, while another day meatball parmigiana on toasted bread will be served at that station.

Aramark will be utilizing the new renovations as a platform for a new campus program campaign. With a new look and new opportunities, Tang plans on being an equally significant part of campus life, just as much as any other organization.

“This semester, I’m looking to do big programs,” he explains. “We’ll be running movies towards the back of the dining hall on a projection screen, have a boardwalk bash with some outdoor activities, (and) a ‘Fear Factor’ type program”.

Future plans for the dining hall include a monthly spotlight on student submitted recipes. Suggestions will be selected once a month, and become featured as a course on the menu. Dining hall regulars will be excited to hear deep discussions in adding a long sought after item: grilled chicken. In general, Aramark will be making positive strides in meeting the requests of the students.

“Any feedback is welcomed, whether good or bad,” Tang says. “Everything helps progress, even the bad. It tells us what we need to do to improve.”

The project has received positive responses from administra-

tors and students alike. “I’ve been watching the project every day for the last month,” remarked President Gaffney. It’s terrific, especially the new flooring and the better seating options.”

“The dining hall is much more classy and up-to-date than it was before,” added Jessica Jones, a sophomore elementary education and history major.

“I think it came out terrific!” Nagy said of the project. “I was there the night we opened, and to see and hear student’s positive reactions was great. It’s a totally different experience, more ‘grown up,’ and reminds me of a Panera Bread store. I am delighted that we were able to get it done in the short amount of time that we had and can’t wait to see it in its full operation. It will also be a place that you will see activity programming in this year because it’s so versatile.”

Although Magill Commons unofficially reopened on August 23 for summer residents, Aramark plans to hold a gala opening that they have dubbed, “The Red Carpet Event”, Tuesday, September 6. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., students should expect giveaways, waiter-served hors d’oeuvres, a “mocktail” section, and New York radio station 95.5 WPLJ on location.

Artist Lecture: Tanja Softic'

Friday, September 8, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Wilson Hall Auditorium

Internationally acclaimed artist Tanja Softic' will deliver a slide lecture of her own work as well as the work featured in the National Juried Print Exhibition.

National Juried Print Exhibition

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Gear Up For Another Year

Editorial

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
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EDITORS-IN-CHIEF

In case it hasn't been made clear enough from all the letters in this issue...Welcome Back. We know some of you are freshmen, eager to get started and absorb the college experience. But others have already been there and wished summer vacation was just a little longer.

There was a changing of the guards for this year at *The Outlook*. Lauren Benedetti, our Editor-in-Chief last year, has moved to Brooklyn to flaunt her Monmouth charm and use her communication degree for all it's worth. Although the first issue just came out, we miss her terribly and hope to make her proud.

Your new Editors-in-Chief this year are us. Our names? Jackie and Sam. You can usually find us in *The Outlook* office laying out on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you feel so inclined, come on up and talk to us. We are always open to new suggestions. And we are always looking for new writers, photographers, and those interested in layout. So if you fall in any category, feel free to stop by on Monday nights during our meetings.

The basis for this column is for us, the EICs, to give our two cents on what's in the paper this week. So here we go, let's give it a try.

First, we have the new dining hall, the atmosphere comparable to Panera Bread (thanks Lindsey Pino). Although the food might be the same, give or take a level of mediocrity, the new renovations

look more like a café than what it was before - a cafeteria.

Next up, move-in day. For all of you who live on-campus, that was a little rough. Ever noticed it's hottest out when you have to move a majority of your belongings across a parking lot? Nevertheless, a collective sigh of relief was felt across campus Monday night. A

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piece of advice for the freshmen: pack lighter next year! It only took us two years to figure that out, but trust us, it will ease the craziness that comes with move-in day.

The last big story of the week would have to be the appeal against the University. Having reported on the story ourselves, we really can't say without being biased to one side, but we do hope things can work out in the most amicable way.

As you can probably tell, we don't want to insult the intelligence of the MU community. It was a light week here at *The Outlook*. So, the rest of this column will be dedicated to what we plan to do in future issues.

Hopefully, there won't be too

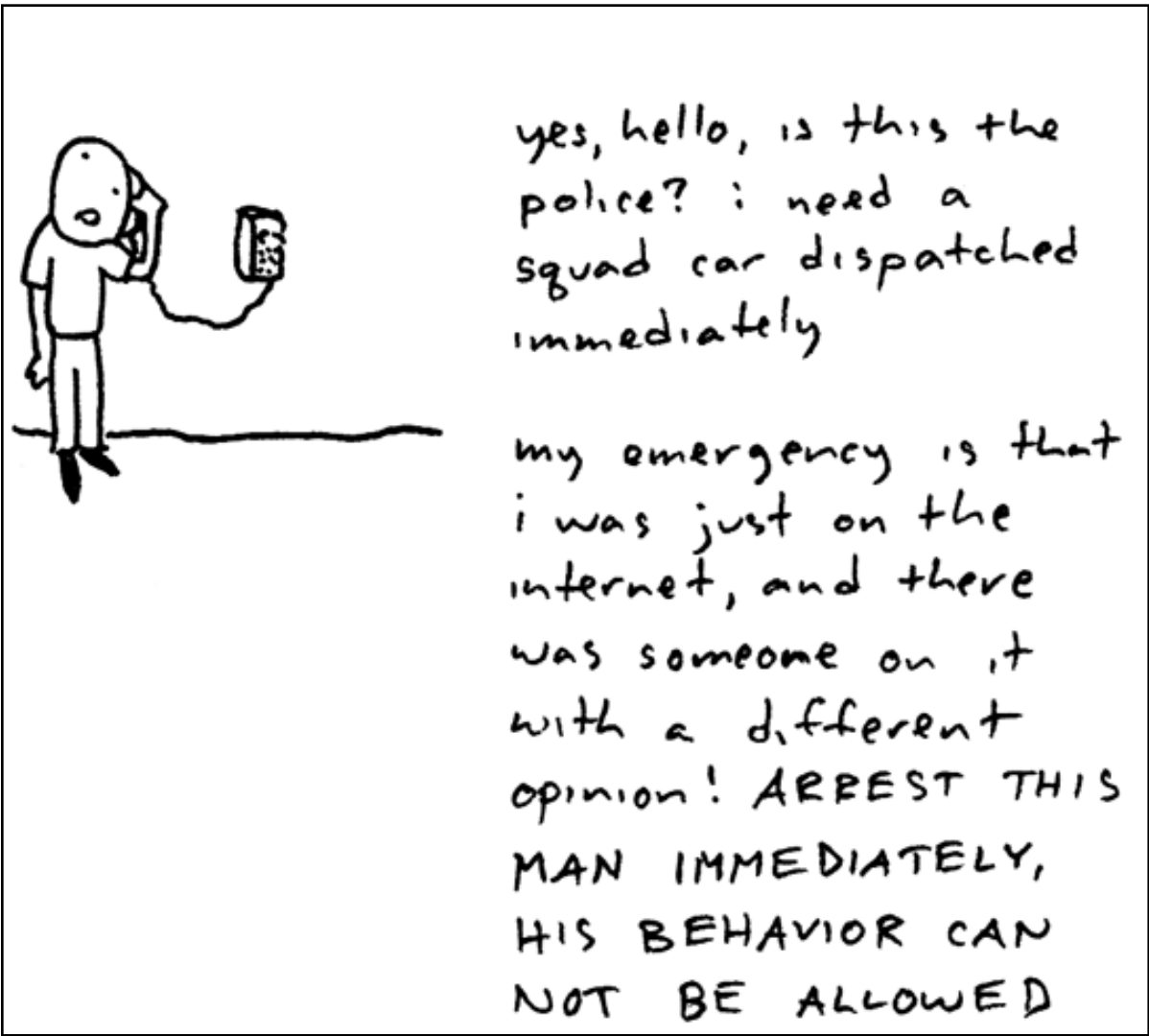
many scandals this year. But, if there are, we will handle them with the greatest care and respect possible. However, you guys could cut down our work by not doing anything illegal.

Other than that, our goal is to put out a good paper every week. Now, before the emails start rolling in, there are going to be mistakes in the paper. We're not perfect and don't claim to be. While reading one of our issues, if a layout or grammar mistake jumps off the page, shoot us an email. There have been instances before of people who continually send mail criticizing us. To this end we say, in all honesty, come join the paper and do better. That is not meant in a cruel or malicious way. If you have ideas on how to improve the paper - come show us!

On a final note, we just want to recognize that *The Outlook* was awarded first place from the American Scholastic Press Association this past spring. We want to extend our thanks and appreciation for all of the hard work and dedication from the staff. Our advisor John Morano said it best, "No other club continually publishes their homework for all of campus to see." The writers, photographers, layout people, and section editors all sacrifice hours of their time every week in order to put together an issue for the MU community to have every week.

Even if you don't like the work we do or read the paper at all, the work done by this staff every week is truly admirable.

Until next time, enjoy your first week back on campus!



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Codependency Gets a Bad Rap

MEAGHAN DOYLE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Okay, so my best friend and I are freakishly linked. I admit it. We’re closer than “regular best friends” are and I suppose that threatens some people. And I get that, I really do. What I don’t get is why people think it’s their right to voice that opinion or to suggest that this “college thing”, our first separation since... well, ever, could possibly be good.

Allow me to back up. A couple of months ago, my best friend and I made the decision to not go to the same college. What she wanted in a college was more prevalent at another school and what I wanted was here at Monmouth. This was *not*, by any thin stretch of the word, an easy decision. In fact, it very well may have topped on The Hardest Decisions of My Life list and that list wasn’t exactly filled with “which lipstick works best with my skin tone?”-type questions. But it *was* the right decision. We had to do what was best for us, individually, even if it may be detrimental to us, together.

Now, most of our friends were extremely supportive, understanding that this was going to be an extremely hard summer for us and we may be a little exclusive; *most of them*. One friend, however, who’s always been slightly *opinionated*, has made a couple

of choice comments and I’m writing this article because, frankly, they’ve set me off.

This friend is a bit younger and dramatically less mature. She’s always liked to run with us big kids, but only has a fan in a few. In fact, my best friend and I were basically the only seniors in our class that liked her. She’s an underclassman, though she is smart for her age, but she doesn’t quite get “it” yet. “It” is that thing that none of us got when we were younger; that while it seems like all the big kids are partying and having sex, our parents were telling the truth. They’re not.

Anyway, besides all of this, another marked difference between myself and this girl, and perhaps myself and all people, is our definition of a best friend. My best friend is not just the best of all my friends, as the title suggests. She is in fact the best of all...period. In my opinion, she is a Grade A, world class, wonderful human being. The best person I know. She is my other half as the saying goes. The one I don’t make sense without. She completes my sentences, formulates my thoughts into actual words. She keeps me sane, you know? And I’ve never seen why that could be a bad thing.

But this girl recently said she did. In a bout of what I could only guess was jealousy because she doesn’t have a relationship in

her life like mine with my best friend, she told me, “you know, this may be a good thing... not going to the same school. You two are *way* too dependent on each other. Maybe this will give you a chance to build your own personalities”.

My only thought? Oh, no, she *didn’t*. As a representative of best friends everywhere, I was outraged. I mean, I understand that

there for the brightest moments of my life. She’s basically just been there. And while we’re very in sync, we’re complete opposites. I’m bookish and shy. She’s flighty and more outgoing. I want to be a journalist. She wants to be an actress. (And she will be an actress, you bet your bottom dollar) We are very, very different, but together, we create a balance.. a whole person. She’s an

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being too dependent on someone can be a bad thing. I completely understand that. But I only see fault if that person you’re depending so heavily on is not worthy of it. My best friend is. So, I pose the question, what’s wrong with being codependent when you know, without any reservation, that you can always depend on that person anyway?

My best friend has proven herself for years. She’s been there for me through the absolute blackest moments of my life. She’s been

optimist; I’m a cynic. She trusts everyone; I trust no one. She’s forgetful; I have an eye for detail. It’s these things that make us work. We don’t pursue the same things, so we’re not competitive. But we have enough shared interests that we always understand the other’s passion. We’re like clockwork.

We work and we will forever work. I know it and she knows it and that’s all that matters. So as for you, Nameless Friend? Butt out.

Guiding students away from junk foods will help trim fat from U.S. waistlines

ARTHUR GARSON JR.
KRT ARCHIVES

For the first time since the Civil War, life expectancy of Americans is likely to decrease. Why? More people are obese, and obesity is linked with several diseases, including diabetes, heart and blood vessel disease, and colon cancer.

All kinds of tactics are being used to reverse the trend. The American Medical Association recently recommended a comprehensive analysis on the effect of a tax on unhealthy drinks. Bravo! At the University of Virginia Medical Center, we already have shown that a “tax” along with education works.

We introduced healthier snacks to vending machines and healthier choices to cafeteria selections. We didn’t do away with the junk food, but we did educate our employees and the other primary users of our vending machines: our patients and their families.

For the vending machine program, we color-coded different snacks in vending machines. Items with more than 40 percent fat and 200 calories were coded with a red sticker, items with 35-40 percent fat and 140-200 calories were coded yellow and items with less than 5 percent fat and 140 calories were coded green.

Baked chips and trail mix are examples of green items. Colorful educational posters next to the machines explained the program and the preferred choices for healthier eating. We added a 5-cent surcharge to the red items.

Results from the first year of sales showed sales of the red items went down 5 percent; the yellow went up 30 percent and the green items went up 15 percent.

Overall sales increased by 4.5 percent. We collected over \$7,000 in nickels that were contributed to the Children’s Fitness Center.

This was a “triple win”: Consumers are eating healthier food, the vending machine companies are selling more product, and the Fitness Center started a new exercise program.

In other words, consumers are eating healthier food, while the vending machine companies are selling more products.

The program demonstrates that consumers made healthier choices when given the opportunity. They didn’t have to be forced down that route.

As a physician with a keen interest in public health and public health policy, I’ve come to believe that in the long run, educated consumers are more likely to make better choices than coerced consumers.

Our next plan in Virginia is to move the project into the school system _ again with education and choices, not an outright ban.

The most important point about the school program will be the message that children will take home with them. This is an opportunity for children to learn and even to educate the adults in their lives.

There’s a market for all this learning. We hear a lot about employers who want to cut health care costs.

One way to do this is to persuade employees to eat healthier foods and get moving. If employees are healthier, they will make fewer visits to the doctor and will file fewer medical claims. My phone keeps ringing and my inbox is full of requests from employers and other medical centers that want to know what kind of program will help people make healthier choices at work or in school and keep their resolve when they get home.

Obesity is killing us. Let’s try education _ and maybe a tax _ just like cigarettes.

“Quotes” of the week

“The moment we begin to fear the opinions of others and hesitate to tell the truth that is in us, and from motives of policy are silent when we should speak, the divine floods of light and life no longer flow into our souls.”
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton

“There are thousands of causes for stress, and one antidote to stress is self-expression. That’s what happens to me every day. My thoughts get off my chest, down my sleeves and onto my pad.”
- Garson Kanin

“We are healed of a suffering only by expressing it to the fullest.”
- Marcel Proust

“People do not seem to realize that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character.”
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

“I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend.”
- Thomas Jefferson

“If you don’t like my opinion of you, you can always improve.”
-Ashleigh Brilliant

“He never chooses an opinion; he just wears whatever happens to be in style.”
- Leo Tolstoy

“Patterning your life around other’s opinions is nothing more than slavery.”
- Lawana Blackwell

“We are so vain that we even care for the opinion of those we don’t care for.”
- Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach

“Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought.”
- John F. Kennedy

“When I want your opinion I’ll give it to you.”
- Laurence J. Peter

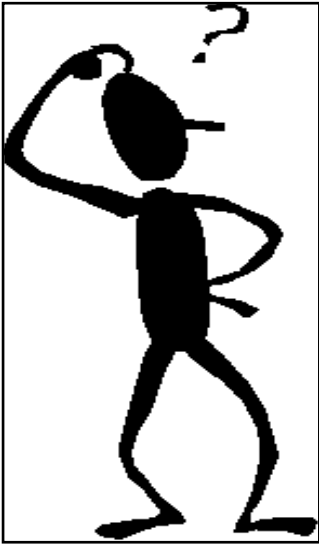
“Conventional opinion is the ruin of our souls.”
- Mevlana Rumi

“Listen, everyone is entitled to my opinion.”
- Madonna

“Opinions cannot survive if one has no chance to fight for them.”
- Thomas Mann

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What’s on your mind?



To Whom It May Concern;

I am in need of some advice and don’t know where to turn. Where could I get some quality advice and remain anonymous?

- Need Advice

Dear Need Advice—

Look no further; you have come to the right place. The Op/Ed section of your school newspaper is here for you and your personal dilemmas. Every week you can find helpful advice right here in this advice column. So, feel free to e-mail your questions to outlook@monmouth.edu any time. Make sure to put “opinion advice” as the subject.

You don’t have to worry because this is the one part of the paper where you *can* be anonymous. That means that you don’t have to sign your name when you write to me. None of your friends will have to know your inner concerns. You won’t have to spend money on or worry about the stigma of talking to a “professional”. No one will be judging you. And, it’s better than getting advice from a friend because I will do some research to back up my answers.

So, next time you are dealing with a roommate conflict, relationship issue, or just need some advice about life in general, take advantage and use your school newspaper!

Study Abroad

GET OUT THERE!

Live and learn in London, England or Sydney, Australia
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Sydney, Australia



London, England

Attend a '1st Step Meeting' for more information, including applications and class offerings abroad. Please note that Monday & Wednesday meetings will focus on the London Program and Tuesday & Thursday meetings will focus on the Sydney program. Friday meetings will be of general interest to students unsure about where they may want to study abroad. We offer Monmouth students the option of 80+ programs in 30 countries through our membership in C.C.I.S. Meetings will be held in the Student Center Conference Room 3rd floor.

September 2006				
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Score Your Dream Internship

AMANDA PAINTER
FEATURES EDITOR

“This is so cool,” I thought to myself. I looked around in awe as I sat on a sofa in front of the receptionist’s desk. Hanging on the wall in front of me in a glass case was a guitar along with sheet music for “Heart of Glass” signed by music legend Blondie. The lobby I was waiting in was too small to hold all of the excitement that was building anxiously inside of me.

“Hello Amanda, sorry to keep you waiting.” The petite woman who would soon decide my fate opened the door wearing a bright orange headband and ripped jeans, an awkward contrast to my heels and fancy blouse. “It’s no problem,” I stood up quickly with a smile and extended my arm to shake her hand.

I didn’t sit down until I was asked to as we entered her office. She directed me to the maroon sofa in front of the window overlooking New York City. I sat up straight with my hands folded. A flutter of nervousness moved through my stomach but I quickly reminded myself to ignore it and focus on the interview. “So Amanda, why do you want to intern for MTV?”

Now the question is: what do you need to know for your interview for an internship?

An internship is your ticket to a job after you graduate. It gives you real world experience that you don’t typically acquire in classrooms. Without any hands-on experience in a professional work

environment, landing a job in the real world is going to be pretty tough. Here’s what you need to know to nail the interview:

Rule #1: Prepare, prepare, prepare!

Research the company and industry. Find a company that interests you and check out their website. What do you have in common with the company’s job description? What kind of candidates are they are looking for?

Research yourself. What are your strengths and weaknesses? Remember; there are a dozen others trying to get the same internship, what do you have to offer that the other candidates don’t? What can you do for the company that they can’t?

Talk to other interns who worked there. Ask other interns what their interview was like and about the company. Additional knowledge about the company will impress your interviewer and can compensate for lack of experience.

Rule #2: Practice!
It’s important for you to hear yourself speaking and to hear how you answer potential questions. We sound much differently in our heads than we do out loud.

Make a list of possible questions the interviewer might ask.

What are your goals for this internship?

Why did you choose your major?

What qualifies you for this position?

What kind of work environment do you perform best in?

What do you know about our company?

What extracurricular activities are you involved in?

What are your strengths?

Interviewing is a skill that will improve with practice. Record yourself answering possible questions on a tape and play it back, or have a friend act as an interviewer to help you practice.

Rule #3: Remember that you are selling yourself. There are a few things that your interviewer will be looking for. Don’t forget to:

- ✓ Make eye contact.
- ✓ Be confident.
- ✓ Show that you are listening by occasionally nodding your head when your interviewer is speaking.
- ✓ Dress as professionally and conservatively as possible, but don’t overdo it.
- ✓ Be at least 10-15 minutes early.
- ✓ Bring your resume and be prepared to explain what is on it.
- ✓ Bring samples of your work if you have them.
- ✓ Ask questions when appropriate; it shows you are prepared.
- ✓ Follow up with a thank you letter or email the day of the interview.

WELCOME TO FALL 2006! BENEFITS OF USING YOUR FEDERAL WORK STUDY AWARD:

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 550 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 \$15.00 PER HOUR AT SOME OFF-CAMPUS AGENCIES.

OVER SIXTY 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, MONMOUTH COUNCIL OF GIRL SCOUTS, 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 2006, NEARLY \$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.

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FEDERAL WORK-STUDY STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND INTERVIEW WITH OVER 70 EMPLOYERS ON SEPTEMBER 7TH IN ANACON HALL IN THE STUDENT CENTER. THE JOB FAIR WILL BE HELD FROM 1:30 – 3:30 PM.

THEREAFTER, ALL FEDERAL WORK-STUDY STUDENTS MAY MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO LOOK FOR A JOB WITH THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLACEMENT FOR STUDENT EMPLOYMENT. STUDENT HELP STUDENTS MAY FILL OUT AN APPLICATION CARD FOR THE WAITING LIST BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES, SEPTEMBER 5TH.

JOBS MAY OPEN UP TO STUDENT HELP AFTER ALL FEDERAL WORK STUDY APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN SEEN.

A REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS AND SUPERVISORS: NO STUDENT CAN BEGIN WORKING WITHOUT THE PROPER PAPERWORK AND FILING A FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID) FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR!

THE STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE HAS OPEN HOURS FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE AND UPDATE ALL PAPERWORK. TENTATIVE OPEN HOURS ARE: MONDAY 9:00 – 11:00, TUESDAY 12:00 – 1:00, WEDNESDAY 2:15 – 4:15 (EXCEPT 9/13), THURSDAY 1:00 – 3:00 (EXCEPT 9/7), AND FRIDAYS 12:00 – 2:00. MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY HOURS WILL BE HELD IN THE CARROL AFFLITO CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE STUDENT CENTER. WEDNESDAY HOURS WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE THE STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE WHICH IS ALSO LOCATED ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE STUDENT CENTER.

AS ALWAYS, IF THE HOURS ARE INCONVENIENT AN APPOINTMENT CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 571-3471.

THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

London, England

Madrid, Spain

ERIN LUCAS
STAFF WRITER

Hello everyone, my name is Erin, I'm a senior at Monmouth, and by the time you are reading this I will be a week into my journey in London. My time here is lasting for three and a half months but the experience and memories will probably last for my lifetime.

As of right now, my plane leaves in one week exactly, and it's somewhat hard to explain what I am feeling. I won't lie; there is a big part of me that is scared. I'm scared of the unknown, leaving my family, friends, and boyfriend,

I believe this trip is going to help me grow in ways that I look forward to experiencing. I will be leaving the way of living life that I have known for twenty-one years to live life a different way and I can't wait.

scared of being lost, and of course being homesick. Yet, underneath that fear is this underlying feeling of pure excitement for all of the same things.

For the first time in my life I will be completely on my own, not like college, where within an hour I can be home with my family. I am a person who is big on family so leaving mine was a big decision when it came time to decide if I was really going to do this. I thought about the parties I would miss out on, my niece being born, and the holiday get togethers and I began to feel doubtful. Yet, everyone in my family tried to tell me that there would be plenty more when I got home, realizing the opportunity I had in front of me.

The same went for my friends and boyfriend here at Monmouth, who told me nothing would be different when I got home. Don't get me wrong; I will miss them so much that it scares me to think about.

Whether it is a normal night of hanging out or a silly night at Jack's, being without my friends will probably be one of the hardest things about this trip. Yet, after the many orientations put together by Robyn and meeting students who went to London in the past, I know that everything I am leaving will be in the exact spot I left it when I come home.

So, when I knew I was definitely going to be living in London come September I immediately began to make plans in my head. I thought it would be fun, as well as reflective, to share all the places I want to go and look back in the end to see if I hit all the destinations I planned for.

The place I have my heart set on is Greece, ever since I took an art history class I have been dying to see the Parthenon, the Pantheon, and many other places. It would be a dream come true for me to be able to see these places with my own eyes instead of looking at pictures in a book. Paris is definitely up there too; of course I want to see the Eiffel Tower and other sights. Barcelona, Prague, Italy, Ireland, and Germany are also other places I intend on traveling to. Then of course there is Abbey Road and Jim Morrison's grave, sights I've

wanted to see ever since I was introduced to their music.

Besides the traveling aspect of this trip, which I absolutely cannot wait for, there is a lot more I wish to get out of it. I believe this trip is going to help me grow in ways that I look forward to experiencing. I will be leaving the way of living life that I have known for twenty-one years to live life a different way and I can't wait. I feel that living in a different country will enrich my life and it is an opportunity I can't be more thankful for. In London, I will be able to meet many different people opening doors to different opinions

and lifestyles and these are things I look forward to. I hope that the group of us going will get to know each other well since we are going through the same things together. More than anything, I hope this experience gives me the chance to learn more about myself, other cultures, and to come away with an appreciation for the difference.

Hopefully next week I will be able to update you and be able to share something exciting I did. I look forward to sharing my experience with everyone at Monmouth, an experience that wouldn't be possible without Robyn Asaro, so much thanks to her. See you guys next week!

ROBYN L. ASARO
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF STUDY ABROAD

Have You Considered a Study Abroad Experience?

Monmouth University has sent well over 300 students on study abroad semesters or summer programs since the inception of our London program at Regent's College in Fall 2001. Since then, we have added a second semester program in Sydney, Australia through Macquarie University and a summer program in Madrid, Spain through Estudio Sampere. We are currently initiating a new summer program in Italy to start in 2007, so stay tuned.

Study abroad can fulfill your Experiential Education requirement and, even if you are in a major with specific ExEd requirements (like student teaching for Ed majors), you will eventually discover that having a study abroad experience on your résumé will give you an incredible edge when it comes time to find your career path. In addition to a diploma, college graduates need solid experiences outside the classroom, and many companies are looking for employees that are internationally competent. Monmouth University wants to prepare its undergraduates to live and work in a global

LORRAINE LESCHHORN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

While studying abroad in Spain, I had the opportunity of visiting many interesting places. My favorite of all was the Salvador Dali Museum in Figueres, Spain. The museum is Dali's former home and is where he is buried. The main part of the museum is the theater in which Dali had his work showcased as a child. It had been bombed in the Spanish Civil War and was severely damaged for decades until Dali and the mayor of Figueres worked to restore it. The museum opened in 1974 and contains everything from paintings from all the decades of Dali's career to a living room that when looked at from a distance, is the face of Mae West. My favorite piece in the museum was "Gala Contemplating the Mediterranean Sea", a painting that at first glance is, Gala, Dali's wife looking at the Mediterranean but when you look from further away or through a camera lens, is Abraham Lincoln. Dali gives the audience a clue by having a small picture of Abraham Lincoln in the bottom right corner of the painting. Dali had the goal of making visitors of his museum have the sensation of just experiencing a theatrical dream. In my opinion, his goal was completed.

MEGHAN MORATELLI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Studying abroad was, by far, the best decision I have made so far in my life. The thought of studying abroad coming in as a freshmen was the last thing on my mind, but as time went on, I knew that I would regret it if I didn't take this great opportunity that Monmouth was offering. So, I filled out all the

necessary papers, sent my deposit in, and before you knew it I was on a plane with 15 other Monmouth students that I never knew before. I also never knew how great of a bond all 16 of us would have at the end of this trip. But, I'm getting too far ahead. Let's take this from the beginning...

Going into this trip I knew very little Spanish, which made me nervous. I was not sure how I was going to communicate with the people of Spain, especially my host family! Sure enough, my host mother knew ABSOLUTELY NO English and I thought I was in a bit of a situation. Well, I was wrong. My host mother was so understanding and great about it and I actually learned a great amount from her during my time in Spain. Oftentimes, as we all sat down for *comida*, the biggest meal of the day, Mama Lupe (this is what we called her) would lift up a fork, spoon, and knife and ask me to say the Spanish word for each. If I got it right, I was commended. If I got it wrong, I got a finger pointed at me and, "El culo!" yelled to me by Mama Lupe. Needless to say, I will never forget the words *tenedor*, *cuchara*, and *cuchillo* ever again! It was all in great fun for sure! Communicating with the rest of the people I came in contact with was frustrating in the beginning, but I immersed myself in the culture so quickly that before I knew it, I was speaking pretty good Spanish. I was so proud of myself!

Taking classes was a great experience. For me, it was the most interesting part of the day. I was surprised how much I remembered from my high school Spanish classes which helped me learn more of the language at a faster pace. The professors were awe-

some as well. It felt as though they were our friends instead of our teachers. I learned a great amount and had fun doing it!

If I had to choose which aspect of this entire study abroad experience was the most mind-blowing and life-changing for me, it would be the opportunity to travel to other parts of Spain. I saw some of the most amazing things during that six week trip than most people will ever witness in their life time. Every Saturday during those six weeks brought on a new perspective and scene. Whether it was the amazing aqueduct of Segovia, the great *Valle de los Caídos* in El Escorial, the beautiful Mediterranean beaches of Mallorca, or the beautiful *La Alhambra* in Granada, it left the biggest impression upon me and I know that I will never forget each place as long as I live.

It was these experiences that made me forget all of the small problems. Yes, I did not like taking the Metro. Yes, I did not like how hot it was outside certain days. Yes, I hated airplanes. But, I did not let these situations take me away from doing and seeing the great country of Spain and all that it had to offer for me. I would recommend the study abroad program to ANYONE! Even if you are afraid of airplanes, or hate the heat, or don't like subways, study abroad can still be for you. I GUARANTEE it will change your life!

Keep up with our students overseas. Every week they'll be sharing their experiences with the MU community.

A note from the Assistant Director of Study Abroad

ROBYN L. ASARO
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF STUDY ABROAD

society and study abroad is one of the ways in which this can be accomplished.

Generally, students do not give a study abroad opportunity much thought until they are seniors or even in graduate school. It is sad to see how many students are regretful that they missed out on this once-in-a-lifetime chance. Nearly 100% of our returnees rate the study abroad as 'the best experience' of their lives. It almost sounds like we are making this up because returning students all tend to say the same thing year after year. However, I can tell you from personal experience that my study abroad in the south of France STILL remains one of the most memorable times in my life.

The best way to find out more information is to attend a 'First Step Meeting'. The calendar is printed in *The Outlook* for the first few weeks of each semester and an email is also sent each week inviting you to attend. These are informational meetings, and we often have returning students there to answer your questions. I would also recommend that you check our web site with information on each program and photo galleries.

I realize that is not always easy to take this leap, to have the courage to leave the safe haven of

'home', but I can almost guarantee to you that it is worth it and will be extremely rewarding to you personally, academically, and culturally.

Have a great fall semester!

When can I go and what are the requirements?

- You must have sophomore status
- Minimum GPA of 2.75
- Study Abroad during the fall, spring, or summer

Where can I go?

Monmouth University currently offers two semester programs. You can choose to study abroad in London, England, at Regent's College, and/or in Sydney, Australia, at Macquarie University. The England semesters run along similar times as our own. In Australia, the fall semester begins in late July and runs through late November; the spring semester begins in late February and ends in late June.

During the summer (typically from mid-June through July), we offer a six-week Madrid, Spain, program. Students take 6 credits while receiving excellent instruction in Spanish courses, ranging from beginner to advanced level. Classes are kept small and intimate for optimal language learning. Beginning in summer 2007,

there will be a five-week program in Italy focusing on language and culture.

The College Consortium of International Studies (CCIS) also provides over 80 study abroad programs offered in more than 30 countries. Monmouth University is a member of this highly respected partnership of colleges and universities.

How much will it cost?

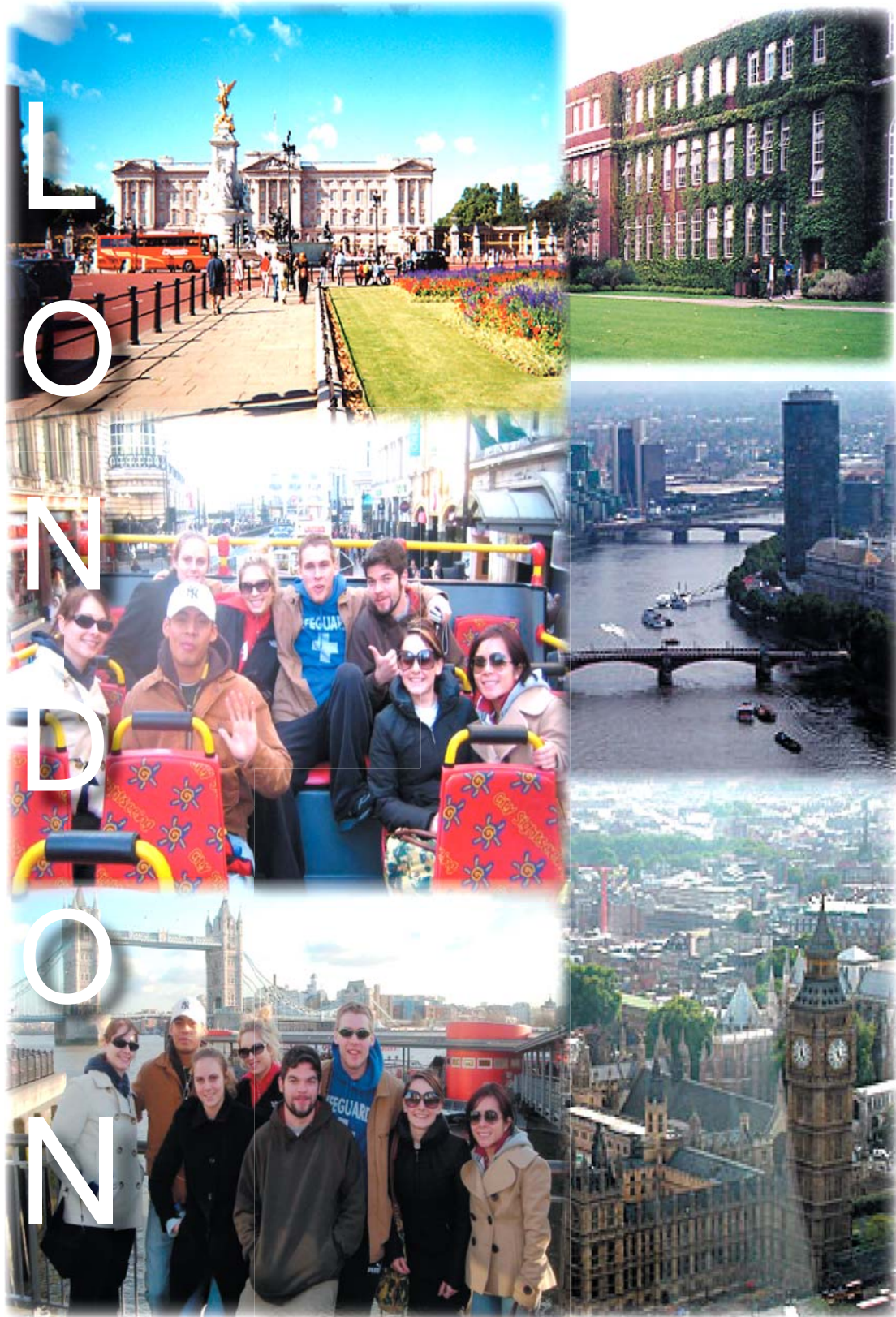
- Monmouth University semester programs have the same tuition and fee costs as on-campus. Room and board rates also are similar.
- There is a study abroad fee of \$250.00 for semester programs and \$125.00 for summer programs.
- Your current financial aid travels with you for both Monmouth semester programs. This means you can use your Monmouth grants, merit awards, and scholarship money.
- Athletic scholarships cannot be used toward a study abroad semester.
- If you go through CCIS or any other outside study abroad program, you can apply all financial aid, except your institutional aid.
- Airfare and spending money will make up the bulk of your expenses outside of tuition and room and board.

More FAQs next week...



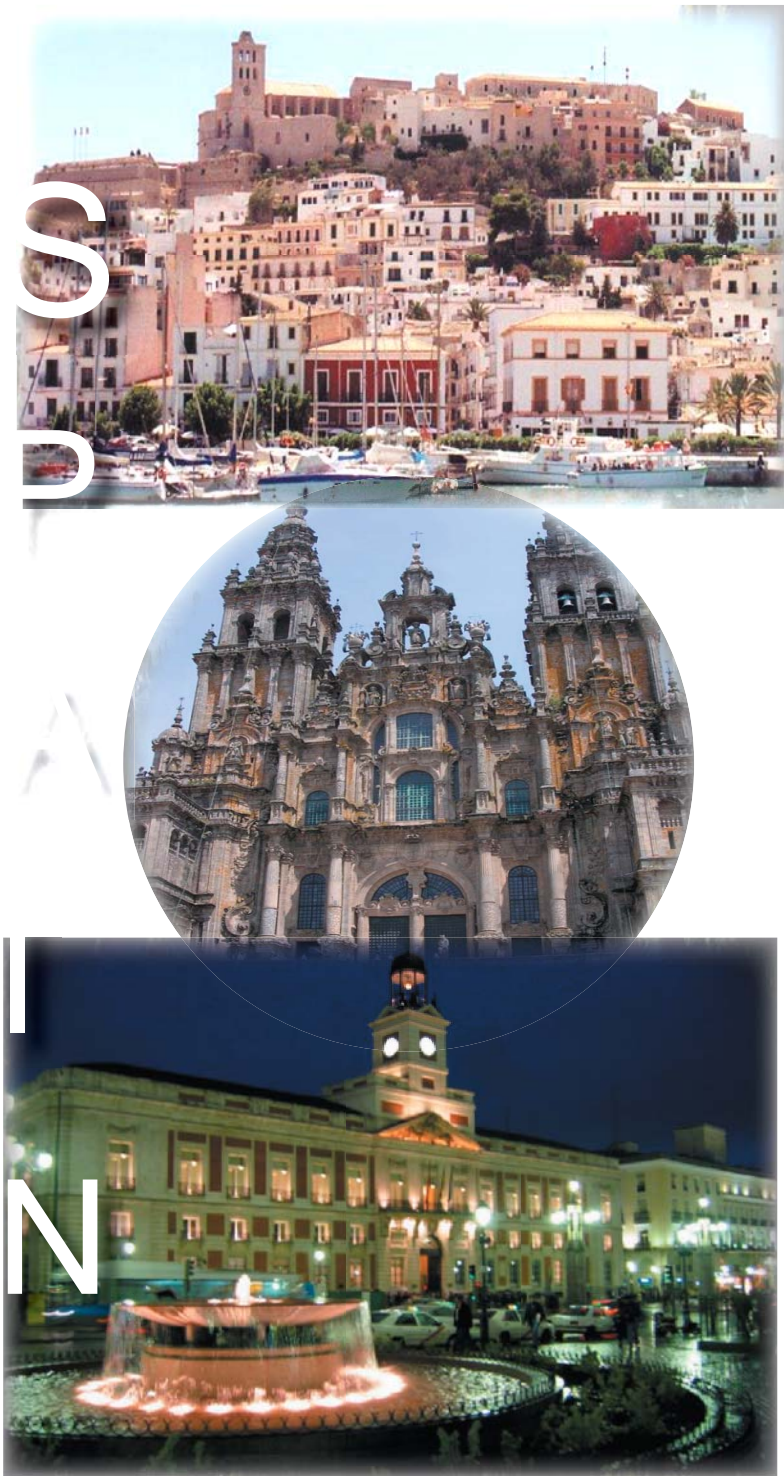
Clockwise from top left: Lisa Pikaard with kangaroo at the Australia Zoo, 12 Apostles on Great Ocean Road in Melbourne, Bondi Beach, skydiving in Cairns, koala bear at the Australia Zoo, students at Darling Harbor, Sydney Opera House, students in North Sydney overlooking Sydney Harbor.

PHOTOS COURTESY of Lisa Pikaard



Clockwise from top left: Regents College, Regent College (different view), view of London skyline, arial shot of Big Ben, overlooking Tower Bridge, riding through the streets of London on a bus.

PHOTOS COURTESY of Robyn Asaro



From top: Baleares-Eivissa, Santiago de Compostela, Puerta de Sol in Madrid. Background: Magical Granada.

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Sounds of Summer

LYRIC LOUNGE

LISA PIKAARD
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Usually in the summer, everyone is driving with their windows or tops down, blasting the hot new tracks of the season. This past summer, however, there has been more drama, gossip, and major failures in the music world than hit records - with a few surprises along the way!

One of the few successful songs of the later part of the summer was Justin Timberlake's "Sexy Back." This is his first release since his surgery to remove his throat nodules. It was thought that he may not continue in music after the surgery, but is now back and releasing what is bound to be yet another success for Timberlake, *FutureSex/LoveSongs*. The new album is due out on September 12.

In other *NSYNC news, it is out and official - for those of you who missed the blaringly loud announcements across the country - Lance Bass is gay. Lastly, keeping with the boy band news, a shocker to Backstreet fans everywhere, Kevin Richardson has decided to leave one of the most successful music groups of all time. He stated, "It was a very tough decision for me but one that was necessary in order to move on with the next chapter of my life. Howard, Brian, Alex, and Nick will always be my little brothers, and have my utmost love and support" (backstreetboys.com). Richardson went on to wish the boys luck on their newest al-

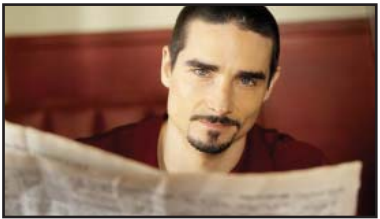


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Kevin Richardson - former Backstreet Boy.

bum, due out in November. The summer welcomed new music from many artists, but some of the music was highly detrimental and unaccepted into the current music scene. One of the most famous collaborators, Pharrell, released his own album, *In My Mind*, on July 25. He has achieved immense success with his music group N.E.R.D, producing and recording with his production team, the Neptunes, and his many famous and successful collaborations with Britney Spears, Justin Timberlake, Snoop Dogg, and many other performers. This solo effort, however, was certainly not as warmly received as he hoped and expected. On the album, Pharrell collaborates with artists

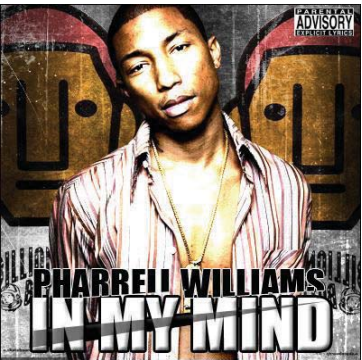


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Pharrell Williams

such as Gwen Stefani and Kanye West, but it simply is not up to par with his past hits.

One other artist that decided to go solo was Fergie from the Black Eyed Peas. That was by far the worst decision possible for her. Her solo single, "London Bridge," is the worst song of this summer. The lyrics are far from inventive and are more repetitive than any other song on the radio. Fergie just doesn't have what it takes to go solo.

A surprising hit of the summer is the band, Panic at the Disco. Though their album, *A Fever You Can't Sweat Out*, was released last September,

they finally found success this summer with their hit, "I Write Sins Not Tragedies." The past year has been filled with touring and finally popu-



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Panic! At The Disco

lar radio stations now have Panic! on permanent repeat.

With the music world constantly changing, there are bound to be a few shockers. Paris Hilton's musical debut, with a sound very much like Gwen Stefani, is actually being considered a success. Her single, "Stars are Blind," certainly is gaining airtime on popular radio station rotations. One final shocker in the music scene was the return of Nelly Furtado with her single, "Promiscuous." Her last successful single and tour was from 2001 with "I'm Like a Bird." Since leaving the music scene, she had a child. Her return to music was highly unexpected. Even her record company was highly skeptic of her return. However, she came back with a smash hit.

Although the music scene this summer did not live up to the expectations laid out by the previous few summers, the coming season is going to be a time for musical evolution, with many smash albums being anticipated, such as Justin Timberlake's highly-awaited return album, John Mayer's newest sounds, Evanescence, Janet Jackson, and even Elton John. Although the summer seemed to be lacking its usual big hits and shocking successes, the coming fall promises to bring what has been lacking.

LISA PIKAARD
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Hootie and the Blowfish may have appeared to vanish off the music scene, but apparently that is not the case. Their most recent album is a live disc entitled *Live in Charleston*. The album proves that Hootie can still rock a live audience. The fact that it's a live disc generally means that there will be mistakes or lesser quality, but that simply isn't the case. The seemingly forgotten classic band of our younger years seems to still have it with fantastic versions of their hits and some lesser known tracks of the past. The album is a great compilation of their work from their very first album, *Cracked Rear View* from 1994 through their most recent full length disc, the 2005 release, *Looking for Lucky*. The biggest reward for purchasing this is reliving the songs of the past decade or so and enjoying some forgotten tracks of our lives. The album, however, is lacking new material and promotions. For a great live disc with a large number of hit songs like "Time," "I Go Blind," "Only Wanna be With You," and many more, the album is worth having only if you do not have their greatest hits album.

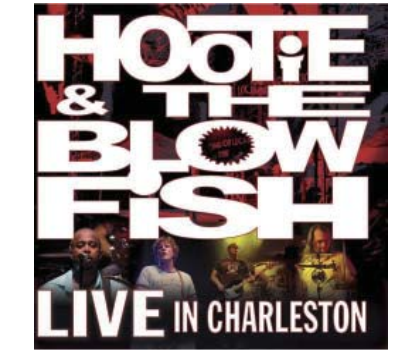


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Hootie and the Blowfish
Live in Charleston
2006



Finally, one of Diddy's bands made it to the public, and to number one for that matter. Danity Kane comes from the MTV "reality" series *Making the Band*'s most recent season, *Making the Band 3*, and finally Diddy did it. Danity Kane has released a promising video and an even more promising sound. The album is a cross between pop and hip-hop, and seems to be infringing on the current success of the Pussycat Dolls. The first track on the album, "One Shot," could have been a Pussycat Dolls song. With their first single, "Showstopper" taking the charts by storm, their future seems bright. Songs featured on the show made it to the album which certainly helped with promotion. The first song on the show, "Sleep on it," made the album and is something to hear. Overall the album is well put together between the ballads and the upbeat tracks. "Hold Me Down" one of the most original sounding tracks of the album certainly deserves a listen.

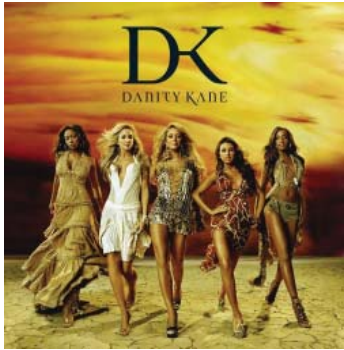


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Danity Kane
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2006



THE BEST ALBUM NEVER WRITTEN

MEAGHAN DOYLE
STAFF WRITER

While not the best album ever recorded, the Fray's debut cd *How to Save a Life* can boast this: It is perfect. With just enough romance, bitterness, and hope, it's the type of CD that could become the soundtracks of anyone's life. Isaac Slade's vocals, which are eerily reminiscent of Switchfoot's Jonathon Foreman, carry melodies so comfortably you almost get the impression this man speaks in song. The band, who all play well and confidently, seem to know his voice like it is shared among them, playing so complementarily, the E Street Band would be impressed. These guys are good together. Very good. Each song is pleasing, and leaves

you torn between the decision to repeat it again and again or to play the next. The lyrics, while not Shakespearean, possess a simplicity that, combined with Isaac's unique voice, drives each word deep into your heart so that you are not just listening to the CD, you are living it. His voice is like a male version of Fiona Apple's, and where she fails, he succeeds. If the songs were too clever, as hers often are, it would be overkill. He knows what he can do, and he does not overdo it. Instead of trying to sing out a million SAT words, he sticks to simple refrains and hooks, and big, sweeping accompaniments from his band. Isaac himself plays the piano, which adds a little twinkle to each song.

While Switchfoot goes a similar route, The Fray seems to be a little more mainstream. Jonathon Foreman has written songs that equal and eclipse anything on this album, though not with as much commercial success. He need not be threatened, for as great as "Look After You" and "How to Save a Life" are, and they are very, very great songs, they do not match Switchfoot's "On Fire" or "Let That Be Enough." The marked difference between the two bands is that while Switchfoot sprinkles every album with one or two amazing songs, The Fray keep it consistent. Nothing is spectacular, but nothing is a filler. Each song has heart and a raw, true sound. Jonathon Foreman should not be jealous, but he, and most all musicians alike, probably wishes he made this album.

Hot Tickets of the Week

September 8th and 9th Shakira is performing at Madison Square Garden

September 9th Snow Patrol is performing at Roseland Ballroom

September 12th Bernard Fanning will be performing at The Mercury Lounge

September 12th Everclear will be performing at Irving Plaza

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Clerks 2

CAROLYN BODMER AND DAVID DOWNING
STAFF WRITERS

They're back! It's been 12 years and the Jersey duo of Dante Hicks and Randal Graves has returned! The original film, *Clerks*, written and directed by Kevin Smith (a New Jersey native), is a low-budget black and white "classic" of our time that everyone should see. Smith created *Clerks* maxing out 10 credit cards spending \$27,000 and wanting it to have "no meaning whatsoever- just a lot of (four-letter) jokes." Any Kevin Smith fan should own this movie and if you're looking for a good witty laugh it's worth renting. Even Monmouth "College" is mentioned from back in the day.

It's 2006, 12 years later, and the adventure of Dante and Randal continues. The cast including of Brian O'Halloran as Dante Hicks, and Jeff Anderson as Randal Graves, along with Jay and Silent Bob, (Jason Mewes and Kevin Smith) were back adding, Rosario Dawson. A variety of other famous faces managed to appear in the film as well including Ben Affleck, Lason Lee, and Wanda Sykes. With a budget of \$5 million this time around the film is in color and the film quality is much better. The humor and wit throughout the movie are just as insulting and hilarious as the original film. One particular instance is of Jay's version of Buffalo Bill's dance from *The Silence of the Lambs*. There is enough material in this film to offend just about anyone but makes everyone laugh. This film is 97 minutes of non-stop fun, humor, and sarcasm. Be sure to check out *Clerks* before *Clerks II* to fully appreciate the jokes. To all the guys out there, if your girl likes the movie then she is definitely a keeper! If you're a fan of any Kevin Smith films be sure to check out The Secret Stash at 35 Broad Street in Red Bank.

You, Me and Dupree

CAROLYN BODMER
STAFF WRITER

THE STORY: In the comedy *You, Me, and Dupree* – Owen Wilson plays Dupree the free-spirited best friend/best man to Carl Peterson (Matt Dillon). Carl has enough on his plate with Dupree as what seems to be a permanent house guest, not to mention his new father – in – law (Michael Douglas) is his boss and trying break up his marriage to Molly (Kate Hudson). When Carl's marriage is on the rocks Dupree turns into the Ex – Best Friend. Dupree tries to change his ways after setting Carl and Molly's living room on fire, by saving Carl's marriage and saving his friendship.

WHAT'S GOOD: A secret guest appearance.

WHAT'S BAD: Not the typical funny Owen Wilson movie. Long story short, save your \$9 for another Owen Wilson movie.



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Kate Hudson, Owen Wilson, and Matt Dillon
You, Me, and Dupree
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An Idol Experience

MEAGHAN DOYLE
STAFF WRITER

Ah, American Idol. The show that launched a whopping... One career. Every year, thousands audition hoping to make it to California to win the coveted title, but a very select few actually do. This year, I, myself was coerced into auditioning by my older sister and with my best friend in tow, I embarked upon the journey to the top. On Saturday, August the 12th, we woke up at 2 AM to register at Continental Airlines Arena. After waiting in line for some six hours, we finally made it to the registration table, registered and were told to return again the following Monday at another ungodly hour. And so we did, wide eyed and innocent.

We're fairly good singers and though never avid watchers of the show, we were aware of the handful of untalented contestants that make it through to the judges. Confident we were standing among a thousand William Hungs, we waited in the line to audition.

However, what we didn't understand about this whole process was the one word at the root of every single entertainment show: Marketability. When auditioning for American Idol, and I would imagine most reality shows alike, you don't immediately strut your stuff

for the famous judges. You first audition for a series of producers who decide who will go through to the next round of more producers who then decide who will go through to the next round of even more producers who then decide, among those still conscious, who will go through to the judges. And what is not explained in the commercial or on the website or the release form is that while a great voice is a nice resource, it is not the key skill needed. The producers are looking for the 'best of the best' and alas, the 'worst of the worst.' Among the 300 who auditioned before me, a total of maybe ten were given the golden ticket to the next round of producers. I, unfortunately, was not one of the lucky ones.

So maybe I'm not cut out to be the next Kelly Clarkson and maybe my naïve belief in the Cinderella Story-like reputation of American Idol has been crushed. I still met a lot of awesome people and my best friend and I have a story to tell our friends. And even though my face may not be blown up on buses, billboards and MTV alike anytime soon, I did make it into my local newspaper and I was interviewed for an AM radio station. So maybe not my fifteen minutes? Eh, ten seconds in Woodbridge Proper is about all I'd like anyway.

Fish Film Finds Fame

KRISTEN RENDA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Boy meets girl, boy gets engaged to girl, boy falls in love with another girl. This is the story of the film *I'm Reed Fish*, which made its world premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival in April.

This coming-of-age story is an independent film about a small town boy, Reed Fish, in his hometown of Mud Meadows. Reed is engaged to the town beauty, and his life seems great until he encounters a brush from his past. On a surprise visit back to Mud Meadows, Reed's former flame Jill returns to his life. With his feelings for Jill beginning to resurface, Reed now has to decide whom he wants in his life—his fiancée, Kate, or the love of his life, Jill.

The movie is very cleverly told. It starts off like most romantic

comedies, but what makes it different is a giant twist about half way through. The movie is actually a film within a film. Reed decides to make a movie about this crucial part of his life, and what the audience is actually watching, is the premiere of his own movie.

Casting in the film was great. Schuyler Fisk used her talents of not only acting, but singing as well. With her beautiful voice, she performed and even wrote a few songs in the film. DJ Qualls used his comedic talent throughout the entire film, which really added something special to it. Jay Baruchel was very convincing as the confused lovesick kid, although Alexis Bledel desperately needs to take some acting classes.

The scenery helps to further the story. Filmed in Big Bear Lake, California, it aided in the portrayal of a small town where everyone's in your business. The set was very

Future Flick

original as well. For instance, Reed's studio, where he works as a local deejay, is located inside of a barn near his house.

The novelty and originality of this film has not been overlooked. It is already getting international distribution. Hopefully, the film will get a national release very soon. According to the blog of writer, Reed Fish, there is big news involving the film that he will announce soon.

To learn more about *I'm Reed Fish*, visit www.imreedfish.com.

WHAT'S GOOD: An original story, with an all star cast.

WHAT'S BAD: Alexis Bledel's less than stellar performance.



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I'm Reed Fish cast (left to right): Shiri Appleby, DJ Qualls, Alexis Bledel, Jay Baruchel, Victor Rasuk, Valerie Azlynn, Reed Fish, Zackary Adler

Scandals of Summer

KRISTEN RENDA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

This summer has been a crazy one for romance in celebrity land. The curse of the MTV reality shows come through in full force with four break-ups this summer. Dave Navarro and Carmen Electra are getting divorced after 2 years of marriage. The couple, whose reality show *'Til Death to Us Part*, covered all of their engagement details up to and including their wedding, became separated in July. Dave has been quoted saying that they are still best friends and continue to support each other through this difficult time.

The next couple to go was Travis and Shana Barker. After two seasons of *Meet the Barkers*, and two kids, Travis filed for divorce citing "irreconcilable differences."

The next two couples were both featured on MTV's hit show *Laguna Beach*. Lauren "LC" Conrad, and Jason Wahler along with Kristin Cavallari and Brody Jenner, have all broken up. Apparently it didn't take Brody too long to get over Kristin, because for the past month he has been seen with Nicole Richie, and it has been confirmed that "Bichie" is officially a couple.

New Couple Alert! Jessica Simpson and John Mayer are the new couple in Hollywood. Rumor

has it that he is the reason for Jess' recent bout of laryngitis, which caused her to cancel almost all of her promotional interviews for her new album *A Public Affair*. Her doctor has ordered her not to even speak, in fear of damaging her vocal chords. Mayer is currently getting over laryngitis himself. He had to cancel his concert in Connecticut last weekend, and has offered refunds for all ticket holders.

McArmstrong (Matthew McConaughey and Lance Armstrong) was spotted in Miami last weekend, and from pictures that have surfaced, it looks like Matthew may have gotten hitched! There is a ring on his left ring finger, but no one knows for sure if it's a wedding ring, or who the lucky girl could be.

It's already been over four months since TomKitten was born, and there still has been no sighting of the famous baby. For all of you out there that have been dying in anticipation, you just have to wait a little bit longer. A photo shoot of Suri Holmes-Cruise was taken last week for Vanity Fair magazine, and will be featured in their November issue.

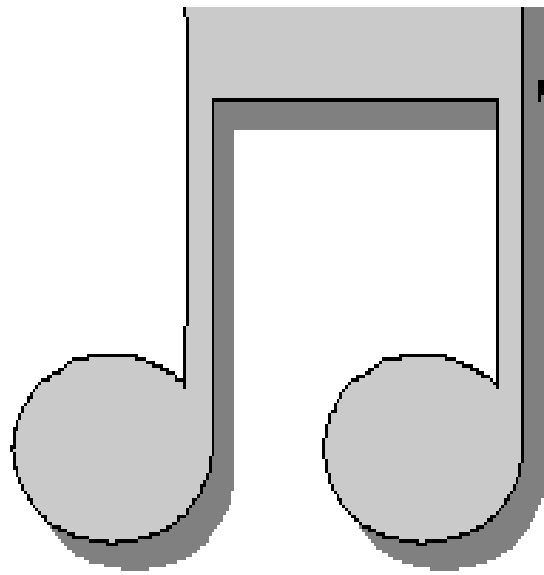
In other baby news, Sean Preston Federline has finally said his first word at eleven months old—"Dada." Speaking of his Dada,



after Kevin Federline's less than stellar performance at the Teen Choice Awards last month, he has been offered a guest spot on the hit CBS show *CSI*. Let's hope he is a much better actor than he is rapper.

That's all for this week, make sure to check out next week's issue for more exciting gossip. Why? Because their lives are just...better.

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♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is an 6
New problems appear, but that's OK. You're in no danger of dying of boredom.

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 8
You make it look easy, and this time it is, but don't let that go to your head. Make sure you let the others know how much you appreciate them.

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 6
There are a couple of old promises to keep, before you advance. Make a list. Checking things off it will propel you forward. It's amazing.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 9
You can solve the difficulties you're facing, one step at a time. It's also good to allow yourself an occasional leap of faith.

♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - Today is a 6
You're making a lot of money, but it's foolish to assume this will go on forever. It might, but it might not. Don't throw it all away.

♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 7
You have an extra advantage, just because you're so darned cute! Don't let this go to your head, however. Also use your common sense.

♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 6
Your subconscious mind is working all the time, even when you're sleeping. The trick is to figure out what it's come up with, that might be useful. Practice remembering.

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is a 7
The less you say or otherwise let on, the greater your advantage. Wear your very best poker face, and listen carefully. Don't tell them what you know, or suspect.

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 6
You seem like a happy-go-lucky person and, of course, you are. You're also a shrewd negotiator. Don't trust it all to luck.

♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is a 7
You have several ways to make up the difference. You could break out the credit cards, or tap into your savings account. Or you could sell something. Obviously, the latter's better.

♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a6
You'll have a lot of ways, during the next few weeks, to meet with fascinating people and share exciting ideas. This game doesn't have to be expensive, but it sure is a lot of fun.

♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is a 7
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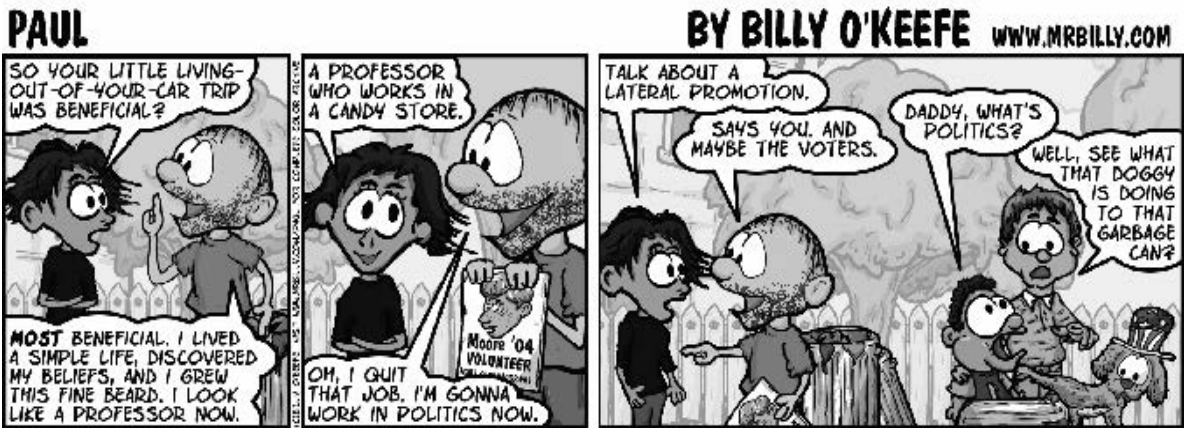
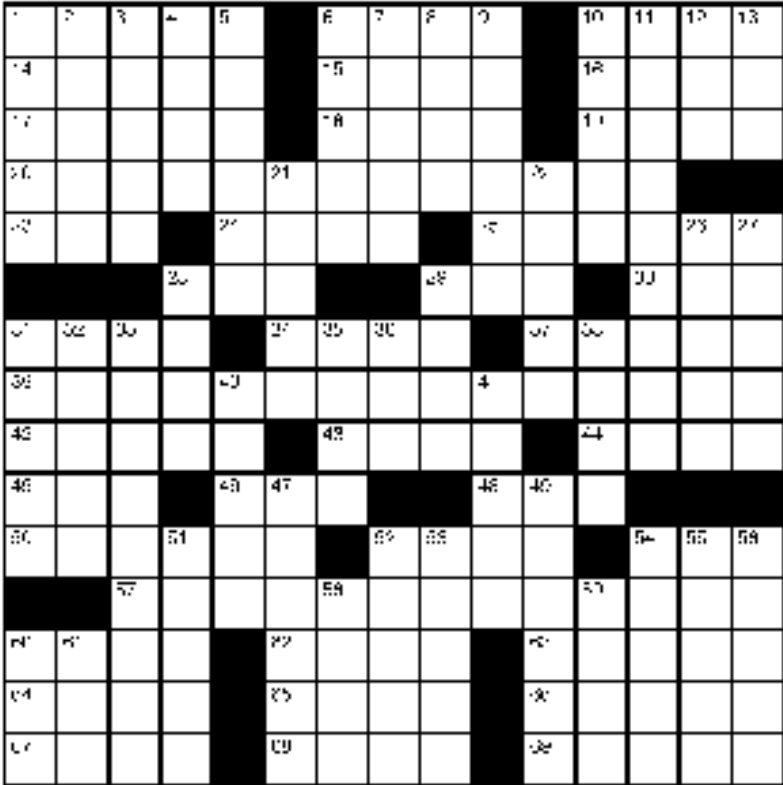
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- 16 Amazes
- 17 Fight site
- 18 Put on
- 19 Bee of Mayberry
- 20 Co-star of 39A
- 23 Krazy
- 24 Facilitate
- 25 Leaflets
- 28 Mork's planet
- 29 Can. province
- 30 Hee follower
- 31 Let's go!
- 34 Jacob's twin
- 37 Flora and fauna
- 39 Classic TV sitcom
- 42 Amtrak's express train
- 43 Radar's favorite drink
- 44 Track figures
- 45 Basic education trio
- 46 Large vessel
- 48 Writer Follett
- 50 Ritually pure, in Judaism
- 52 At any time
- 54 CIA adversary, once
- 57 Co-star of 39A
- 60 High spot
- 62 Comment from a klutz
- 63 Hawk's home
- 64 Ancient Greek weight
- 65 Pear-shaped instrument
- 66 One-for-one deal
- 67 Melville's Billy
- 68 Prohibitionists
- 69 Divided into sectors

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- 3 Emissary
- 4 Repair
- 5 Supplication
- 6 John L. or Jerry Lee
- 7 Fred Astaire's sister
- 8 Use a rotary phone
- 9 Vigorous conflict
- 10 Madras mystic
- 11 Domestic unit
- 12 Possess
- 13 Winter hours in L.A.
- 21 Respond to an alarm
- 22 Suspect story
- 26 Evaluated
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- 29 Blackjack tie
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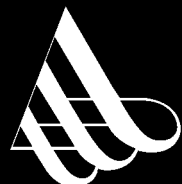
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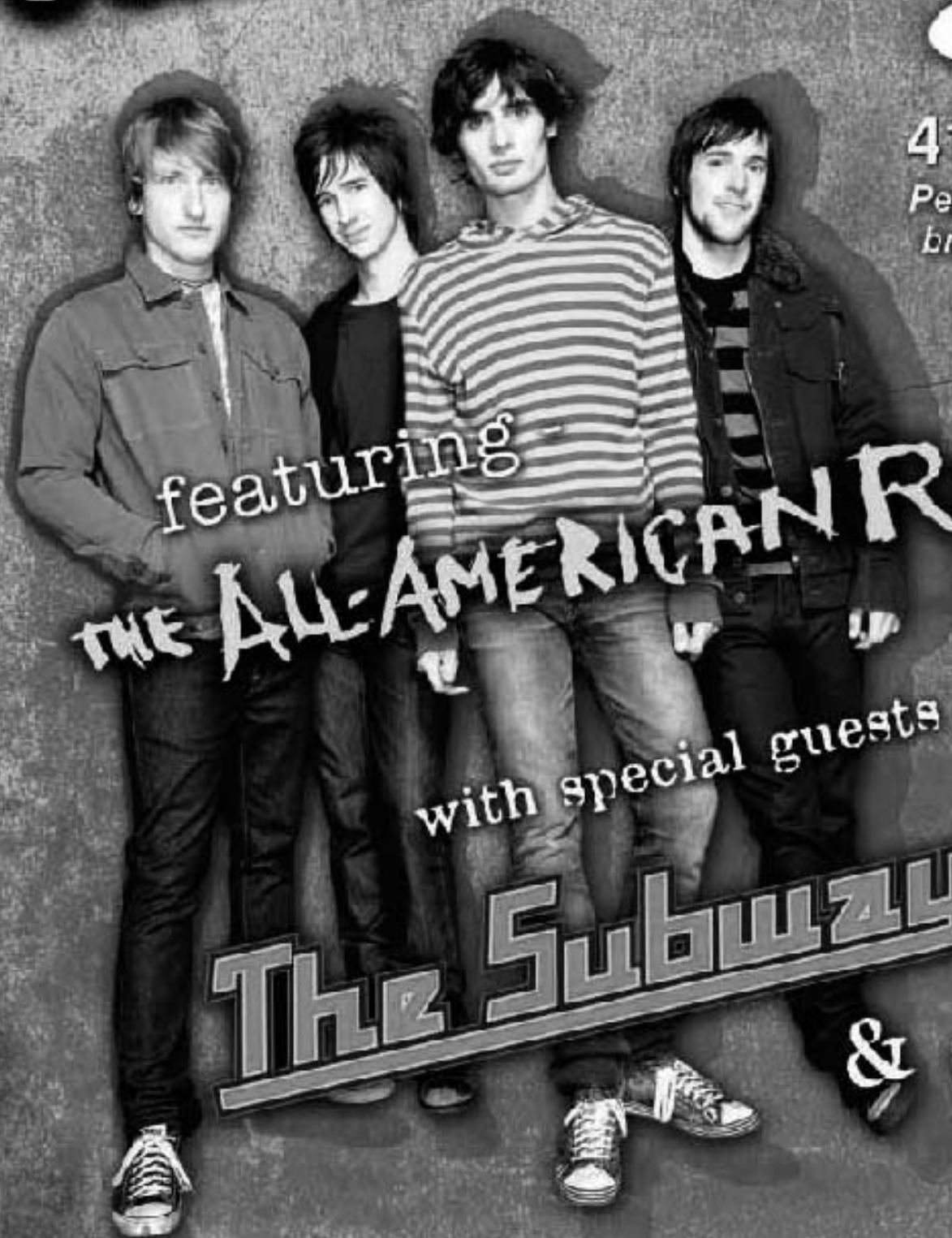
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Welcome!

The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations would like to welcome everyone to or back to campus! There are a lot of exciting events coming up this fall and make sure you take advantage of them! If you would like to learn more about upcoming event or how to get involved, please contact us (listed above) or check out our Calendar of Events. You should make it regular habit to check out our page in the Outlook every week to learn more about campus involvement and activities. Also, take the opportunity to visit the student clubs located on the 3rd Floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center and come to the involvement fair on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 2:30 PM in Erlanger Gardens. Our office coordinates the following areas of student life:

- Student Involvement Opportunities
- Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Student Center Operations
- Multicultural and Diversity Initiatives
- Programming and Activities
- New Student Orientation
- Leadership Development

Should you have a question about any of these areas, please feel free to contact us. Again, welcome and have a great semester!

Your Activities Crew,

Amy, Mike, Tyler, Heather, Noreen, Brad and Eric

This Weeks Campus Events

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

Academic Orientation for New Students
2:30 PM, as per your Orientation Schedule

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

Federal Work-Study Job Fair
1:30 PM, Anacon Hall - Student Center

Behind-the-Scene Tours of Wilson Hall
8:00 PM, Wilson Auditorium - Wilson Hall

Thursday Night Alternative (TNA)
10:00 PM, Oakwood Lounge - Oakwood Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2006

Outdoor Movie - X-Men: The Last Stand
~8:30 PM, Great Lawn Behind Wilson

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

Monmouthpalooza
4:00 - 8:00 PM, Residential Quad

The DaVinci Code
9:00 PM, Young Auditorium - Bay Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2006

Red Bank STREETFAIR Shuttles
1:00 PM Shuttles Start, Birch Hall Loop (Last Return - 6:30)

Catholic Centre BBQ
3:00 PM, Catholic Centre (Via Gate Behind Health Center)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

Poster Sale (Thru Wednesday)
All day, Erlanger Gardens (Rainsite - Back of SC Cafeteria)

9/11 Vigil
7:00 PM, Residential Quad

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

Michelle Garb: Skinny Body, Fat Brain
8:00 PM, Wilson Auditorium - Wilson Hall

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Weekend Movie Series

Friday, September 8 @ ~8:30 PM
(Outside - Great Lawn) &
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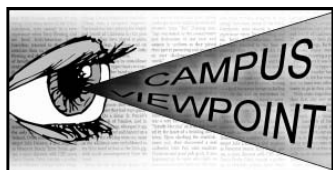
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Saturday, September 9 @ 9:00 PM
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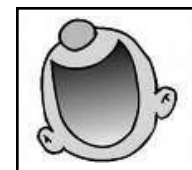
Young Auditorium, Bay Hall
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“What is the funniest thing that happened to you this summer?”

BY: SUZANNE GUARINO



Tom
sophomore

“I went to Disney World and rode on the Teacups. It was the best time of my life.”



Gary
junior

“I got a little out of hand at a buddy's party and found myself laying in my underwear on rocks in the backyard with about 150 people around.”



Kelly
freshman

“When we were moving into Pine-wood, we witnessed a man walk into a glass wall instead of the door.. and he like, bounced.”



John
sophomore

“I drove to the city with friends and we took the ferry and I didn't think it was important to remember which port we parked at ...until we wanted to go home.”



Dave
freshman

“I got my private area stuck in a barbed wire fence and I just laughed.”



Clark
sophomore

“A chick dared me to take my clothes off in front of a group of people saying if I did, she would too. I did it but she found my friend better looking naked.”



Christian
freshman

“Somebody stole my Birkenstocks at a music fest in the city and I had to walk around barefoot for 48 blocks.”



Jessica
freshman

“I was here for EOF and I was walking through the tunnel and my friend came out of nowhere and jumped behind me. I got so scared that I screamed. Then a guy came over and asked if I was okay.”



Retep
freshman

“I got chased out of a girl's house naked at 3 a.m. by her father with a shot gun.”



Metal Greg
sophomore

“Went on a rock n' roll tour with my band... me in short shorts, g-strings, and rednecks... most triumphant!”

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THE END ZONE

Hawks kick off the new season on the right foot

Open 2006 season with 23-9 victory at Fordham

CRAIG D'AMICO
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Prior to Saturday's season opener in the Bronx against Fordham, to kick off the 14th season of Monmouth Hawks Football, the Hawks had been 3-10 in season openers and only 1-7 in openers on the road.

The good news was that two out of the three times the Blue and White have won their opener, they have gone on to win a share of the Northeast Conference title. Plus, the lone opening win on the road, started off their last NEC crown in 2004. So perhaps the Hawks 23-9 victory over the Fordham Rams on a wet and windy Saturday night in the Bronx was the start of something special.

The Hawks got a great omen on the very first play of the season from scrimmage. Fordham quarterback Derric Daniels attempted to unleash a bomb deep downfield, however with Daniels throwing into the wind, which was gusting in the upwards of 25-30 mph, the ball hung in the air and was tipped by Hawks defensive back Ayo Falae into the hands of his teammate Matt Hill. Hill returned the pick 38 yards to the Ram 30-yard line.

The Hawks took over on offense and it didn't take long for them to take advantage. After an incomplete pass to Mike McClelland on first down, Hawks quarterback Brian Boland found a wide open Adam San Miguel in the middle of the field at the goal line for the touchdown and the first points of the season just 47 seconds into the game.

After the defense forced Fordham to go three and out on the next series, Monmouth took over at their own 16 as they continued to flex their mussels on offense. Boland completed three consecutive screen passes to San Miguel before running back David Sinisi took off down the near sideline on a screen pass 71 yards to the house for the touchdown. Kicker Fred Weingart missed his first career extra point after starting his career a perfect 31 for 31, a Hawks record, but Monmouth still was in control with a 13-0 lead less than four minutes in.

The next Hawk possession was a much quicker strike as Boland, with the luxury of throwing with the wind in the first quarter, connected on a bomb on first down again with San Miguel, 71 yards for another touchdown. On this play the Hawks took advantage of the wind and the inexperienced Ram secondary.

Boland started the game five for

six with 185 yards and three touchdown passes, while his new favorite target, San Miguel, tallied seven receptions for 114 yards and two touchdowns. San Miguel also had a monster opener last year at Lehigh,



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

Brian Boland led the Hawks through the air with three touchdowns.

catching 10 balls for 160 yards and a touchdown.

Ten minutes in, Monmouth controlled with a 20-0 lead, and took a 23-0 lead into halftime after We-

ingart had added a 23 yard field goal midway through the second quarter. At halftime, Fordham's quarterback Daniels had the same amount of passes caught by the Hawks as his own team, one interception thrown and only one completion. He was 1-8 for only 34 yards in the air.

At this point, the game had slowed down considerably since the first 10 minutes with the wind and rain continuing to make its presence felt, and Fordham's offense showed no signs of life. They didn't just need a spark they needed to have the defibrillator on standby.

However, they got the lift they needed out of nowhere as their senior running back James Prydatko powered his way up the middle and past the entire Hawks defense for an 89 yard touchdown run for the first Ram points of the game. Their two point conversion attempt failed, and the Hawks held on to a three possession lead at 23-6.

Throughout the second half, the Rams would have their chances to get back into the game but every time they had an opportunity, they couldn't take advantage of it. Fumbles, untimely penalties, and a failed onside kick did the Rams in. The Hawks defense was able to put the game away and the Hawks won the "Rumble in the Bronx" 23-9.

For the Hawks, Boland finished 13-24 with three touchdowns and an interception. Sinisi and Leonard Brice got the bulk of the carries on the ground for the Blue and White, as they accumulated 73 and 35 yards, respectively.

San Miguel led the receiving

corps with his seven receptions, 115 yards and two touchdowns. On the defensive side, linebacker Mike Castellano led the team with six tackles, an interception, and a fumble recovery.

Monmouth will open up its home slate this weekend with the first of six home games in 2006 at Kessler Field against Morgan State. The two schools have only collided once before on the gridiron, a 35-20 Bear win at Morgan State back in 2002.

Hawk Football Notes:

*Brian Boland came into the season eight touchdown passes shy of setting the Monmouth all-time touchdown pass record. With three against the Rams in Week 1, Boland now has 47 career touchdown passes, five away from the record.

*This season WMCX 88.9 FM will be doing a football pre-game show live from the Kessler Field parking lot prior to each Hawks home game one hour before kickoff. The premiere of "Pre Game in the Parking Lot" will be this Saturday at noon prior to the Hawks taking on the Morgan State Bears.

Hawks Football Schedule

- 9/9/2006 Morgan State 1:00
- 9/16/2006 St. Peter's 1:00
- 9/23/2006 at Colgate 1:00
- 9/30/2006 Stony Brook 1:00
- 10/7/2006 Sacred Heart 1:00
- 10/14/2006 at Wagner 1:00
- 10/21/2006 at Robert Morris 1:00
- 10/28/2006 CCSU. 12:00
- 11/4/2006 St. Francis (PA) 1:00
- 11/11/2006 at Albany 1:00

Miles Austin makes Cowboys final roster

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
SPORTS EDITOR

It is official. Former Monmouth University football standout Miles Austin, who impressed NFL scouts at last years pre-draft combine, has landed a roster spot with the Dallas Cowboys as a reserve wide receiver. The Cowboys announced their final cuts on Saturday afternoon.

Coming into camp as an undrafted free agent, Austin had a tough road ahead of him. The Cowboys already had Terrell Owens and Terry Glenn on their roster, and had just used their fourth-round draft pick on Skyler Green, a wide receiver from Louisiana State University. Throughout training camp, Austin had been battling with Green and veteran Terrance

Copper, a special teams star, for the team's final wide receiver roster spot. While Green's release comes as no surprise due to his sub-par camp, the same cannot be said for Cooper, who was the Cowboys' special teams ace last season.

Austin's preseason performance was highlighted by a 48-yard touchdown against the New Orleans Saints. It is likely he will take Cooper's spot as a contributor on special teams this season. Austin will make his debut as the first Hawk to play in the NFL on September 10th, as the Cowboys taken on the Jacksonville Jaguars.



PHOTO COURTESY of TheRanchReport.com

Miles Austin's performance in training camp is what landed him a spot on the Dallas Cowboys final roster.

Cross-Country

Hawks Cross-Country look for more success in 2006

JACQUELYN BODMER
STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth University men's and women's cross-country teams continue to dominate the competition. Under head coach Joe Compagni, the team is poised for another winning season, as they try to capture another Northeast Conference title.

The Hawks are fortunate to have Malia Lyles (Team Captain), Jessica Jones, Melissa Vientos, and Lindsey Rutter returning on the women's side and Larry Schau, Martin Suarez, Matt Caporaso, Randy Hadzor, Dustin Coleman, Ryan Madrid, and Dave Gaines returning on the men's side. Coach Compagni is looking forward to the 2006 season.

"We are very excited for the season. Both teams are capable of being stronger than they were in 2005. The key will be for us to get stronger from week to week and to be at our best for the championship meets in late October and November."

Coach Joe Compagni will be returning for his 12th year as head coach for the Hawks.

Here's a look at some of the highlights from the end of last season:

April 27-29- At Penn Relays, the Hawks competed in front of a crowd of more than 114,000 over the three days. Two new school records were set with Katina Alexander running 9:58.94 in the 3,000 and the 4x200 team of Deanna Paulson, Joanne Shia, Illiana Blackshear, and Tisifenee Taylor running 1:41.21. The woman's 4x400 team of Williams,

Blackshear, Paulson, and Latasha Dickson ran 3:49.60 to become the sixth winning relay team at Penn Relays in Monmouth school history and qualified for ECAC's for the fifth year in a row. For the men, Bobby Smith finished second in the Championship of America javelin, with a heave of 238' 9" Smith broke his own school record.

May 6-7- The Hawks competed in the NEC Championships at Mt. St. Mary's, and the men won for the 3rd year in a row. MU scored 165.5 points beating second place St. Francis, PA by 36.5 points. With 27 different MU men scoring, Fabrice St. Elme placed first in the 100, anchor of the second place 4x100, fourth in the 200 and fifth in the high jump. Bobby Smith and Marion Easley went 1-2 in the javelin, Ed Skowronski and Ryan Connell went 1-2 in the hammer, and second place finishers, Jeff Elisca in the 400 hurdles, Matt Dahms in the 110 hurdles, and Kyle Hirschklau in the shot put.

The Monmouth women's team, led by Katina Alexander, took third. Alexander broke the school record in the 10,000 for the second time in her first two tries at the event. She ran 36:47.68, winning the 6.2 mile event, and finished fourth in the 5K the next day. Williams, Dickson and Blackshear went 1-2-3 in the 400, Dickson later won the 400 hurdles and anchored the second place 4x400 relay team. Nikki Zwartjes went 11'1" and placed second in the pole vault 1 of 4 MU women to place in the event.

May 12-14- IC 4A/ECAC Championships- MU finished seventh overall out of 106 member schools.

Smith and Easley -1st and 4th in the javelin

St. Elme -2nd in the 100 in a school record of 10.62

Senior David Wiley -6th in the 400-his last race for MU

Nick Williams -6th in the discus

Ed Skowronski -8th in the hammer.

On the women's side, Latasha Dickson set a school record, running a 60.85 in the 400 meter hurdle trials also took 6th in the finals

May 26-27- NCAA East Regional Championships at NC AT&T. Bobby Smith threw a 240' 8" in the javelin, breaking a school record. Freshman Marion Easley finished ninth at the Regionals. The men finished 29th out of 110 schools in the East Region.

June 22-25- NCAA Div. I Championships in Sacramento. Smith finished 13th overall, unable to maintain his fifth spot from 2005. Both Tisifenee Taylor and Bobby Smith qualified for the USA Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis. It was there that Taylor and Smith competed amongst Olympians and world champions. Still, Smith finished 11th in the javelin, second among collegiate throwers, and Taylor finished 16th in the long jump. Taylor became the first female athlete in Monmouth's history to compete at the U.S. Championships.

Passarella's goal leads field hockey to 1-0 victory over West Chester

PRESS RELEASE

Sophomore Molly Passarella (Atco, N.J./Hammonton) [pictured right] took a feed from senior Bridget Greene (Atco, N.J./Hammonton) and found the back of the cage to lead the Monmouth University field hockey team to its first victory of the season, 1-0 over West Chester University.

The Atco, N.J. duo connected off a penalty corner at the 24:06 mark of the first half to score the game's only goal. Monmouth improves to 1-3 for the season, while West Chester falls to 1-3.

The Blue and White controlled the game throughout as the ball was constantly in the Hawks' half of the field. Monmouth outshot the Golden Rams, 14-7 for the game, including 5-1 in the second half.

"We played a great team game today," head coach Monica Morgan-Levy said. "Our bench created a lot of energy that transferred over to our play on the field."

Greene, Annie LoPresti (Middletown, N.J./Middletown North) and Maeve Hagen (Hummelstown, Pa./Hershey) constantly put pressure on WCU's goaltender, Joelle Zarefoss, as each player had at least two shots on goal in the contest.

"We were able to execute our passing game, which allowed

us to capitalize on the opportunities we created," said Levy.

Freshman netminder Chelsea Farley (Sykesville, Md./Centennial) logged her first collegiate shutout as she faced seven shots and recorded two saves in the contest.


















































The Blue and White return to action next Sunday as they travel to Providence to take on the Friars in a 1 p.m. contest.



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Athletics

Molly Passarella scored the only goal in the Hawks 1-0 win over West Chester. It was the Hawks first win in this young season.

Outlook's Weekly NFL Picks - Week 1

	Away	Indianapolis Colts	Philadelphia Eagles	New York Jets	Miami Dolphins	Buffalo Bills	Baltimore Ravens	Dallas Cowboys	Atlanta Falcons
	Home	New York Giants	Houston Texans	Tennessee Titans	Pittsburgh Steelers	New England Patriots	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Jacksonville Jaguars	Carolina Panthers
Alex (0-0 Last Wk) (0-0 Overall)									
Craig (0-0 Last Wk) (0-0 Overall)									
Jacqueline (0-0 Last Wk) (0-0 Overall)									
Lisa (0-0 Last Wk) (0-0 Overall)									
Sam (0-0 Last Wk) (0-0 Overall)									
Wes (0-0 Last Wk) (0-0 Overall)									

Women's Soccer

Women's soccer looks to make a name in a tough NEC

ERIC WALSH
STAFF WRITER

When you think Monmouth University fall athletics, football is the first sport that comes to mind. However, this year, it's the Hawks' women's soccer team that's making a name for itself on campus and around the Northeast Conference. Entering her eighth season as head coach of the women's soccer program, Krissy Turner looks to improve on last season's 5-9-3 record. Overall, this year's team is young, with 18 underclassmen and seven juniors and seniors.

"As we have a lot of younger players, the coaches in the league are going to be in for quite a surprise with the talent in our freshmen class."

KRISSY TURNER
Women's Soccer Coach

However, Coach Turner expects a great season as long as the team "stays healthy." There are several key returnees that helped fuel last year's attack on both offense and defense. Captain Tanya Earl will look to help out on the offensive side this year playing in the midfield or as a forward. Brittani Heller, the second captain of the Hawks, will be relied upon as a central defender for the squad. Amy Hoyer is the final key returnee and will be expected to have a strong season heading the offensive attack playing the midfield or forward position. The team also added some exciting fresh faces, being praised as the second best incoming freshman class in the NEC. Andrea Lopez

(Ocean Township), headlining the class of 2010, will help Hoyer on the front line with, as Coach Turner puts it, her "savvy and technical ability." Joining the defensive side of the ball will be newcomers Shannon Rogers and Brianna "Breezy" Salvia who have showed great promise in early summer practices.

In the preseason predictions, the Hawks have been selected to finish fourth in the Northeast Conference. When questioned on this subject, Coach Turner replied, "The conference preseason ranking of four is fair based on the last two years." She added, "As we have a lot of younger players, the coaches in the league are going to be in for quite a surprise with the talent in our freshmen class. Add in the mix with our veterans and we are looking forward to getting back into the conference tournament and winning the championship".

The first three games of the season will determine how much the Hawk's achieve this year. The opening game versus Albany is vital to begin the year in good form, particularly at home on the Great Lawn where the women look to gain an advantage on their opponents. Road games fill up the next two spots on the schedule against Big East opponents Seton Hall and Rutgers. Even though it's a difficult conference, Monmouth has fared well against Big East opponents in the past and is expected to this season as well. With the help of some new players and the experience of the veterans, the women's soccer team looks to get back to the conference tournament and winning the championship this season.



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

Amy Hoyer is one of the key players returning for the Hawks this season. She will play a big role in their quest to win the NEC Championship

2006 Northeast Conference Women's Soccer Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Central Connecticut State (7)
2. Long Island (3)
3. Sacred Heart
4. Monmouth
5. Saint Francis (PA)
6. Fairleigh Dickinson
7. Quinnipiac
8. Robert Morris
9. Mount St. Mary's
10. Mount St. Mary's



2006 Women's Soccer Schedule

- 9/10 St. Peter's @ 1
9/15 at Lehigh @ 7
9/20 Lafayette @ 4
9/22 at Rider @ 4
9/24 Temple @ 1
9/29 Fairleigh Dickinson @ 3
10/1 Sacred Heart @ 1
10/6 at 3
10/8 at Central Conn. St. @ 1
10/13 Robert Morris @ 2
10/15 St. Francis (PA) @ 1:00
10/19 at NJIT @ 7
10/22 at Mount St. Mary's @ 12
10/27 at Long Island University @ 6
10/29 at Wagner @ 1

Men's soccer falls to Seton Hall, 3-1 on the road

PRESS RELEASE

The Monmouth University men's soccer team dropped a 3-1 decision to Seton Hall University at Lubetkin Field on the campus of NJIT on Sunday afternoon. The Pirates' Eliseo Giusfredi netted two scores, including one just :41 seconds into the match, to pace Seton Hall (2-2) to the win.

From the opening touch, the Pirates' John Raus found Giusfredi for the score, the first for the sophomore this season. Just prior to the intermission, Raus scored a goal of his own, on a counter attack, giving the Pirates a 2-0 edge at the break.

"We were disappointed with our slow start," commented head coach Rob McCourt.

The Hawks (2-2) cut the lead to 2-1 in the 66th minute when sophomore Andreas Klang (Gothenberg, Sweden) directed a free kick to Steven Holloway (Hamilton, New Zealand/Hamilton), who nodded a pass to the feet of senior Hugh MacDonald (Kearny, N.J./Kearny), who found the back of the net.

Seton Hall, which finished the 2005 season ranked 24th in the country, continued the pressure as a bad Monmouth clearance allowed Austin Nyquist to find Giusfredi once again for a score in the 84th minute.

"The second half was a better reflection of who we can be as a

program," stated McCourt. "But by then it was too late. We created many good scoring chances in the second half, but just could not finish."

Monmouth junior netminder Daniel Schenkel (Campo Verde, Brazil) made five saves in the goal, while facing 12 shots. His counterpart, Paul McHenry made two saves, while seeing 15 Monmouth shots.

Monmouth returns to action on September 6 when it faces NJIT in Newark, at 7 p.m.



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Athletics

Hugh MacDonald scored the only goal in the Hawks 3-1 loss to Seton Hall.

SETON HALL (2-2-0) vs. MONMOUTH (2-2-0)
Date: 09/03/06 Attendance: 250

Goals by period 1 2 Tot

SETON HALL..... 2 1 - 3
MONMOUTH..... 0 1 - 1

SCORING SUMMARY:

1. 0:41 HALL GIUSFREDI, Eliseo (1) (RAUS, John)
2. 42:36 HALL RAUS, John (2) (unassisted)
3. 65:23 MU MACDONALD, Hugh (1) (HOLLOWAY, Steven;KLANG, Adreas)
4. 83:31 HALL GIUSFREDI, Eliseo (2) (NYQUIST, Austin)

Shots: SETON HALL 12, MONMOUTH 15
Saves: SETON HALL 2 (McHENRY, Paul 2), MONMOUTH 5 (SCHENKEL, Daniel 5)

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