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New Parking Reforms for Students

WESLEY CHIN
NEWS EDITOR

Changes to parking prices for on-campus residents and commuter students falls under varying critique, as the new Monmouth University reform attempts to find a accommodated-common ground to remedy one of the college's longest debated issue.

The 2006-07 year parking reform offers commuter students free parking, along with the option of registering two different cars with the university. Additionally, Monmouth University administrators have created two pricing groups for parking, based on the student's year. Though pricing figures have not significantly changed, the reform decreases prices for underclassmen, while senior numbers have increased.

Currently, underclassmen will be paying \$330, a \$70 difference from last year's sophomore and new resident, and a \$20 difference from juniors. Parking increases for seniors will have them paying \$55 more than last year's \$250 rate.

This new initiative is an attempt to rectify students' ongoing parking problems. Amongst these claims, limited parking spaces, unregistered cars, and lot locations topped the list of priorities held by university officials.



PHOTO COURTESY of Suzanne Guarino

Will the new parking reforms compensate for the struggle each commuter faces to find a space in lots filled to capacity? The above is a sight all too familiar to students.

According to Captain of Police Dean Volpe, Monmouth University police and administrators have been taking the appropriate strides to assist and benefit their students.

"The University always tries to accommodate students, and make things easier," Volpe said. "Parking is a first-come, first served basis, and we heavily advertise in March [before the close of spring semester] at WMCX, email, letters, and voicemail to do so. Students are definitely made aware

of it well in advance."

The introduction of online registration through WebAdvisor also allows students to quickly obtain parking. Furthermore, parking registration was extended from August 1 to September 1, which Volpe states is another addition to help students.

According to Volpe, the University assists students in other ways, which go unnoticed or unknown. He and other officers are constantly on patrol through numerous lots, inspecting proper

identification tags and filling out surveys to accurately document and record parking situations for future records and reforms.

"We are out in the lots all the time," Volpe said. "We know that parking does exist. Parking valets assist students to open spots, and, as a last case scenario, will valet cars. Spaces in Lot 25/25a are always monitored, and students are alerted when it

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MU Ranks High

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Many believe that Monmouth is one of the best colleges in the nation and now there is proof. In the latest edition of *U.S. News and World Report*, Monmouth University climbed from number 74 to 62 in the Best Universities Master's North category.

According to Dr. Robert McCaig, Vice President for Enrollment Management, this category focuses on colleges that offer master level programs. Therefore, the ranking that Monmouth was recognized for is for the undergraduate program.

Dr. McCaig described the process that went into the actual ranking of the school.

"For *U.S. News and World Report*, in the academic year before the rankings come out, the president, provost, and I all get surveys of what we think of peer institutions-what we think of other schools in the area. We all have to fill them out and send them back in," he said.

In this particular ranking, Dr. McCaig added that this peer percentage is a quarter of the grade you receive that reflects the final ranking of the college.

"Ironically, of the seven criteria that represent the *U.S. News and World Report* ranking, what we fill out represents the 25

percent of our final grade," explained Dr. McCaig. "It's what your colleagues think. Some may find fault with that because it is a lot of your percentage."

There are seven characteristics that comprise the ranking. According to the article in *U.S. News and World Report*, those categories include peer assessment, graduation rate, freshman retention rate, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni donations.

"These seven characteristics comprise the ranking. Then they do a best national. We are in the category with best master's level. We are at 62. Aside from the peer assessment score, we actually provide News and World Report with information for each of these categories. They are the two major pieces of communication with the publication before the ranking comes out," explained Dr. McCaig.

According to Dr. McCaig, Monmouth University "scored fairly well amongst our peers."

In the survey they received, Dr. McCaig said they answered questions in such specific areas as faculty to student ratio and the graduation rate.

"We have to answer a survey for *U.S. News and World Report*

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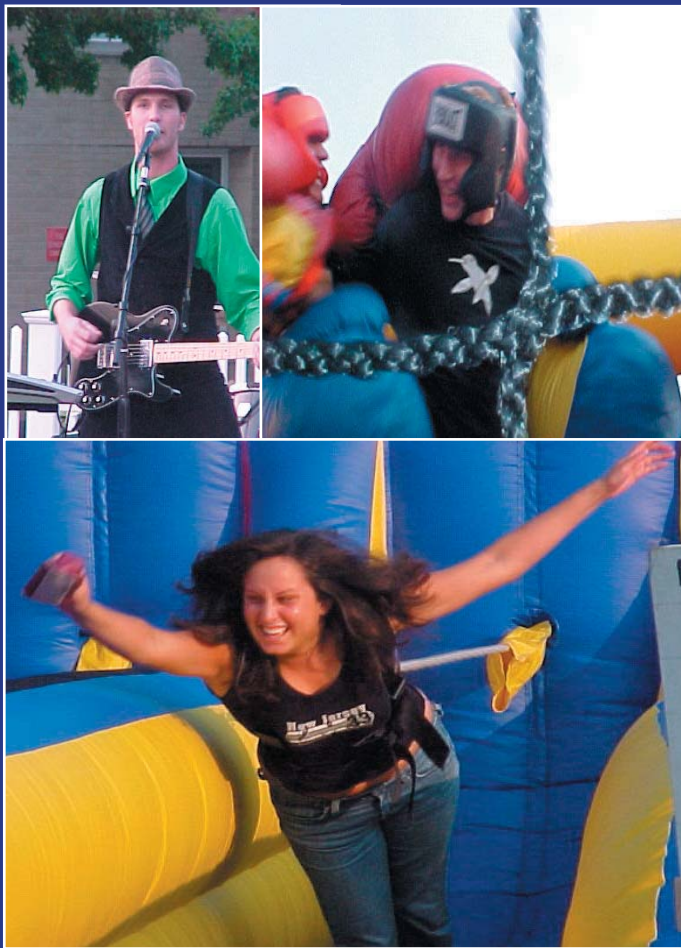


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Clockwise: Performer playing guitar; male student in boxing match; female student enjoys Bungee Run at Monmouthpalooza.

New Policy Encourages Students Helping Each Other

SEAN KENNY
CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR

The new school year is under-way, and each year brings new students, new class schedules, meetings with advisors, and, unfortunately, the occasional overindulgence by students in the form of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs.

In the United States, the words “college” and “student” go hand-in-hand with parties and alcohol. According to a PBS report, nearly 1,400 deaths occur each year due to binge drinking and extreme intoxication. The report also states that freshmen are especially prone to partying and drinking far beyond their tolerance. In some cases, the freshmen put themselves in positions where their lives are at serious risk. Alcohol-related deaths have occurred often on college campuses, according to this study, and in many cases, help was just a phone call away.

When underage students go out to parties and participate in the consumption of alcohol, the biggest fear they have is of the authorities. As a result, when a situation occurs when a drinking partner becomes overly intoxicated and needs medical attention, they may hesitate to help, or do nothing at all. Often, this is the result of the possible consequences of the involvement of authorities.

To combat against this problem, Monmouth University has put into place a policy known as the *Good Samaritan Practice*. The idea was formulated after the Sigma Pi Fraternity held a presentation concerning alcohol awareness and binge drinking at the end of last semester. Since the Spring, Monmouth’s administration has been constructing the *Good Samaritan Practice*, and now it has been put into policy.

The program is based around the idea of “students helping other students,” and is a policy that is

designed to save lives. After the alcohol and binge drinking presentation, the wheels were put into motion to create a program that will attempt to deal with the ever-growing problem of alcohol-related hospitalizations and deaths.

The premise of the new policy is the idea of helping students that are in need without worrying about punishment from the school judicial system. So if, for example, two underage students partake in binge drinking, and one becomes dangerously intoxicated and in need of medical attention, his or her friend can help him or her receive the necessary assistance without fear of either party being disciplined.

Although this plan may seem like a type of “get out of jail free card,” it has been designed to withstand abuse. Repeat offenders are subject to charges by the Monmouth Police Department. However, regardless of whether or not it is a first offense, there will be some consequences. These include alcohol and/or drug assessment by campus professionals, and counseling for both the victim and others involved in the situation.

All of these consequences remain separate from the possible punishments local townships may file concerning crimes such as disorderly conduct, noise violations and other crimes that may result from underage drinking.

The overall feeling within the administration, the judicial board, residential life, and even students about the *Good Samaritan Practice* have been mainly positive, and MU seems to be accepting the changes this program will bring.

“It is going to be a benefit to the university community and the student population,” said Tyler Havens, head chair of Greek Life. “It will help students realize their responsibility to themselves and others around them.”

The department of Residential Life will also be affected by the new policy because of their direct

connection with underage freshmen and sophomores living in campus dormitories.

“I think it is a positive step in passing the policy,” said Jim Pillar, Director of Residential Life. “We are providing students a tool to use to insure each others’ safety. It is the first step in creating a caring community on campus; students looking out for one another.”

Students from on-campus and off-campus housing have voiced their reactions as to how this will affect their future social outings.

“The program is a great idea,” said senior Chris Hurley. “The school is taking a step in the right direction regarding alcohol. This program is promoting the idea of students being responsible, and it is promoting safety. The students will definitely like this policy.”

“I think the students will think about safety before policy now that getting into trouble isn’t the first thought on their minds,” said junior Teriann Chiappardi, a Spruce Hall resident assisant.

Freshmen, who are new to life on campus, have also looked at this policy and have seen the benefits it will provide their fellow students.

“I think it is a good idea, because now instead of people being scared of getting caught, they will want to help someone out. That will save lives,” said Melanie Petulla.

“Instead of punishing us, MU is taking into account our well being,” added George Weisgerber.

Monmouth’s administration is hoping that this new policy will make a change within the student body and the Monmouth University experience. They also hope the installation of the *Good Samaritan Practice* will be a tool to curb the number of hospitalizations that will occur due to alcohol abuse.

Vice President of Student Services Mary Ann Nagy advised, “Be safe, be responsible, know your limit, and get help before it gets bad.”

Dear Students:

Alumni Stand Ready To Help Students!

Many former Monmouth graduates, known as alumni, volunteer their time and expertise to assist current students with career questions. They are members of the Mentoring Program. Mentors (career coaches) can sometimes come to campus to meet with students who request help or, if they want to help you but can’t get to campus, they provide information online about their careers, along with an e-mail address and phone number and leave it up to you to contact them directly. The Career Directory is on the Alumni Home Page - http://www.monmouth.edu/alumni/alu_keeptouch_businessnet.asp

Follow special student login directions and if you experience difficulty accessing it or just have questions about the directory, call the alumni office at 571-3489 during normal business hours.

To meet mentors in person, come to an orientation program on September 27th from 2:30-4:00 in the H.R. Young Auditorium, Bey Hall. Volunteer alumni mentors also will provide guidance and networking advice to students who attend the Fall Job Fair on November 1st.

Have a great year, and prepare for your future by joining the Mentor Program now. It’s never too early!

Sincerely,
The Alumni Office
320 Wilson Hall

Meal Plan Undergoes Minor Changes

RAE CARSON
STAFF WRITER

Many Monmouth students walk into the student center in the morning, and look longingly at the Java City sign. Well, if you are like every other early bird around campus, and looking for something to wake you up, Java City allows you to grab breakfast with your dining hall meals. Beginning this year, Monmouth University is allowing its students to make use of their unused meal plans by grabbing breakfast at Java City in the student center.

Generally, Monmouth students who have a meal plan, whether block or carte blanche (unlimited), must use cash or their declining balance dollars when eating on campus in places other than the dining hall. Each meal plan comes with declining balance dollars, but each one differs in amount, based on the plan. Also, guest passes are standard with dining hall meal plans, allowing students up to five meals for guests.

Students have had some difficulty with meal plans in the past, because if all are not used at the end of the semester, they are non-transferable.

Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President of Student Services, said, “If you do not use all of your meals at the end of the semester, you lose them, as well as the declining balance and guest meals. That’s why it is important to exhaust your plan each semester.”

This year, students are excited to be able to use their meal plans to grab breakfast on the go.

“I think it is great, because it gives you more options in the morning,” comments junior Aimee Babbins.

Students are not the only ones

who believe that their breakfast options are expanding.

“The breakfast at Bey Hall is a big change because we want students to use their meals up. We want meals to be convenient for them, and also it increases the variety of food options for students,” commented Nagy.

The concept of using meals instead of declining balance dollars seems to make breakfast just a little bit easier for students at Monmouth.

“This means that you can go there, get \$5.25 worth of food and beverages (bagel, muffin, fruit, coffee, etc.), and not take any cash out of your pocket, but use a meal. It’s a great feature for those who want to grab breakfast on the go, and it’s a great way to ensure that you are using your meals up!” she continued.

The changes to the meal plans this year are hopefully just the beginning to enhancing the choices at Monmouth. The University is always looking to help its students, and looks for changes that will ultimately work to their benefit.

“Obviously, we think that these changes benefit students tremendously,” said Nagy. “It adds value to (their) plan, and gives (them) options that weren’t here last year.”

Many students feel these changes could not have come at a better time. Now getting coffee in the morning is less of a hassle, and more convenient to those whose classes are near Bey Hall.

“More people will use it because they like to get coffee in the morning,” comments chemistry major Katie Field.

The changes have generated positive feedback from the student body, and many are ready for more changes to take place.

MU pays tribute on 9/11



PHOTO COURTESY of Paul Baker (left)
PHOTO COURTESY of google.com (right)

Right to left: Student remember those lost on 9/11; the tribute lights.

NICOLE STEVENS
MEGHAN SHAW
STAFF WRITERS

Monday night, the Student Government Association sponsored a candlelit vigil in remembrance of the five-year anniversary of September eleventh. Students gathered together in the residential quad, as members of SGA passed out candles and poppy seed flowers. At seven o’clock, SGA members lit the candles, and SGA Vice President Kevin Ligouri requested

a moment of silence. He then invited students and faculty members to come to the microphone and share their thoughts about the day that no one will ever forget.

SGA advisor Heather Kelly was the first to speak. She told the crowd about her memories of that day, remembering how she was decorating her classroom for her very first day of teaching. She had the television on and watched

the first and second planes hit the Twin Towers. She was worried about her brother, who worked in the city, and nervous about telling the other teachers and faculty members about the tragedy which she had just seen on television.

At the end of the ceremony, Liguori closed by wishing everyone good luck with the semester.

Monmouthpalooza Rocks Residential Quad

DAN ROTH
EDITOR-AT-LARGE

The new school year came into full swing on Saturday as the Student Activities Board (SAB) hosted the first annual "Monmouthpalooza." The event, the brainchild of SAB Vice President of Marketing and Membership Alex Abragamov, brought the campus to its feet with a wide variety of games, free food, stations, and talented local music.

The festivities began at 4 p.m. and picked up considerably at 4:30 when the first band, Chapter 11, took the stage. This coincided with the end of the Monmouth-Morgan State football game, which brought a flood of students from the field over to the quad.

Lines of people gravitated toward the activities, which included miniature golf, bouncy boxing, and a bungee run.

Perhaps the most popular attraction at Monmouthpalooza was the air brush tattoos, which had a constant swarm of students waiting to choose from the numerous designs.

Abragamov said it took a year of hard work to put the event together.

"The idea [for Monmouthpalooza] came around the end of the last school year," Abragamov said. "Contracts were done over the summer. It took about four people multitasking over a long period of time to get everything together."

Abragamov said the timing of the event was ideal.

"It's the first weekend of school, (so) everyone can go, hang out with friends and get excited about the new semester," Abragamov said.

There certainly appeared to be no shortage of excitement. Students could be seen enjoying snow cones, cotton candy, and



PHOTOS COURTESY of Jim Reme

Students enjoy festivities on Residential Quad at Monmouthpalooza.

hot dogs.

A couple of Monmouth students said the event was a great idea.

"(Monmouthpalooza had) lots to do and was fun," said freshman Jennifer Swan.

"I thought it was really great, especially for the first weekend back," agreed senior Amanda Hobert.

Monmouth's musical selection added to the festive atmosphere. In addition to Chapter 11, Woodfish and Status Green performed on a stage set up in the quad.

Each band played for approximately 45 minutes, mixing their own original songs with an oc-

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ALEX ABRAGAMOV

SAB Vice President of Marketing and Membership

casional cover of famous artists such as U2, Sublime, and Bon Jovi. Status Green drew the largest crowd, as they were the last to perform. Dressed in dark suits with colorful ties, they used a combination of classic singing and strong instrumentals to win over the audience.

"Bands were picked with the help of WMCX," Abragamov said. "Each were guests on our (radio) show during the summer."

After numerous months of planning, Abragamov said the campus can expect more events starting this week and continuing

regularly throughout the semester.

Next on tap for the SAB is a musical performance by Ludo at the pit on Wednesday, followed by the Improv Comedy Jam on Saturday, which features comedians from the Stress Factory in New Brunswick.

As for Monmouthpalooza, Abragamov said the event was everything SAB hoped it would be.

"The turnout was really great," Abragamov said. "A lot of people came out. It sets the tone for the rest of the year. The SAB is coming back strong in '06."

SGA President's Corner

Hello Monmouth University! School is back in full swing and it almost feels like we never left. This year has so much potential to be amazing. The university is changing, with several constructions and remodeling projects, including the brand spankin' new dining hall, to make campus even more beautiful.

We finally got the big-name act we asked for, the All-American Rejects, to do a concert on campus. The pop-punkers from Oklahoma will get to see how we do it at the Jersey Shore on *October 18th*. Our calendar is loaded with events this year and the university administrators are working tirelessly to make campus even better every day.

With that said, I'm going to introduce a new aspect of the SGA President's Corner this year by asking **you** what would make school better. We need your help to make Monmouth University everything that you wanted and thought it would be when you chose it. Instead of simply writing a monotonous blog of the week's happenings at Monmouth, I want to address your questions, comments, and concerns in black and white

in this article. I'm a straightforward guy, and am not one to sugar-coat things, so you'll always get an honest answer from me.

Student Governments across the nation, from middle schools to colleges, always claim to be the voice of the students, but they don't always sound that voice effectively. So, this is one idea to project your voice as a Monmouth student, fight apathy, and, overall, make our generation care about the things that affect us.

To get the ball rolling, I'm going to pose a question to you which I'm personally very interested to see the response. *Since its launch in 2004, how do you feel Facebook has changed college life? How do you feel about Facebook, both positively and negatively? Do you think it's a fad for our decade or here to stay?*

Feel free to ask or comment on anything else besides this question, but I would appreciate a few responses to talk about in next week's *Outlook*. You can e-mail your responses to me at sga@monmouth.edu. Thanks for reading. Be smart. Be safe. Have fun.

- Brandon Bosque
SGA President

Rejects Accepted at Boylan

SAMANTHA YOUNG
CO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Verizon Wireless Campus Tour will make a stop at Monmouth on October 18 with its headliner, The All-American Rejects.

This event will attempt to assuage students' requests for more famous entertainers, much like those featured at larger colleges and universities.

"The students have been asking for a bigger named act for the last three years, and because of financial issues, we were never able to give the students what they requested," said Christine Schumann, President of the Student Activities Board. "...it is hard for a small school to find a perfect fit," said Jill Banholzer, Vice President of Major Events.

In order to bring such a popular artist to campus, SAB had to look no further than an advertisement. "We heard AAR was going to be doing a 15-college tour," continued Schumann. "The officers discussed the possibility in hosting the show here and...put a bid out for the concert....We were waiting to hear back from Verizon Wireless for close to a month or two...and found out in July it was official."

After exploring various institutions, Monmouth was selected due to its technological capacities and spacious accommodations for concertgoers, the band, security and any other administrators that will be present. Excluding other

"When we heard about the tour it was something that we thought would be definitely be different for SAB to do since we haven't had an artist in this capacity in years."

CHRISTINE SCHUMANN
President of SAB

expenses not yet accrued, the concert will cost \$27,500, Banholzer said.

Tickets for the event, which begins at 8 p.m. in Boylan Gymnasium, are \$10 and can be purchased starting at 12:01 a.m. on September 18 at the information desk in the student center. Contrary to events passed, only one ticket will be allotted to each student.

The biggest thing to come to Monmouth in years will hopefully live up to the hype.

"[Students should expect]

to have a good time and enjoy themselves and be proud of their school," said Alex Abragamov, SAB Vice President of Marketing and Membership.

Adds Banholzer, "I hope that the event is a hit with Monmouth students. I hope [the students] see all the work SAB puts into planning events for campus and become interested in joining the organization."

If SAB is able to put on a successful show, the possibility for other "big name" acts will increase, even perhaps on a yearly or bi-yearly basis, says Schumann.

In addition to The All-American Rejects, students will also be treated to opening acts by the Subways and Damone.

The air of anticipation amongst students, however, is mixed.

"I dig it," said Gerard Hanley, a junior criminal justice major. "I think [AAR coming] is cool....I'll probably go."

"They're not bad...If I'm not doing anything I'll probably stop by and watch," said Sonia Lucas, a freshman history major.

For it or against it, there's no doubt that the campus will be buzzing come mid-October. There is a very limited amount of tickets available so act fast.

Federal Work Study Job Fair



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID BEALES

Federal Work Study recipients look for on-campus employment at Anacon Hall

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Anacon Hall played host to the Federal Work Study Job Fair on Thursday, September 7. According to Aimee Parks, Assistant Director of Student Placement and Employment, about "60 departments and off-campus agencies" were represented at the fair.

Those agencies included Monmouth Housing Alliance, Arc of Monmouth, School for Children, Mental Health Association, Long Branch Concordance, Easter Seals, Borough of Eatontown, and Monmouth Cares.

"The purpose of the event was for Federal Work Study recipients to find a job so that they may earn their award money through a biweekly pay check," said Parks. "Per MU policy, FWS [Federal Work Study] students are eligible to look for employment on campus before any other students. That is why we hold a job fair exclusively for FWS recipients."

Parks added that many of the on-campus departments as well as the off-campus agencies are still seeking workers. For more information, call Parks at 732-263-5706.

Sigma Pi Receives Awards at Biennial Convocation

MU chapter recognized as the best

KATELYN MIRABELLI
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The Delta Beta Chapter of the International Fraternity Sigma Pi attended their 48th Biennial Convocation from August 2 to August 6, which was held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Five brothers attended the event, and they spent most of their time in meetings or out on the town, according to Brett Stevens, the fraternity's ACE Project and Recruitment Chairman.

Several awards were given out to all chapters at the conference. However, out of the 118 chapters, Monmouth University's Sigma Pi Fraternity received several of the most coveted and distinguished honors.

Eleven out of the 30 "All-Sigma Pi Collegiate Honors" awards were given to brothers of the Delta Beta Chapter. Scoring perfectly in their self-assessment analysis, they earned the Beyer-Fryburg Award for their chapter.

The most exciting award the chapter went home with was the Grand Sage's Cup. According to President of the Delta Beta Chapter, Warren Rotella, "The Grand Sage's Cup is a coveted award among Sigma Pi's. It simply means 'your chapter is the best.' In order for a chapter to win a Grand Sage's Cup, the chapter has to complete a number of philanthropy projects, hold brotherhood events, complete monthly reports on time, have a dedicated scholarship program, perform excellent recruitment, have dues paid on time, and have an overall dedication to the fraternity."

"This award truly meant a lot to the chapter because it took many years to build the chapter to where

it is today," he continued.

Furthermore, the chapter's "Sam Spady: Alcohol Awareness Week" ACE Project, which was held in April, was recognized as the top ACE Project in the nation. Joe Palazzolo received his second

"We have worked so hard during the past few years to make sure that we would be recognized among the best in the nation, and our hard work clearly paid off. It feels good to know that the effort we put in does not go unrecognized."

BRETT STEVENS

Sigma Pi ACE Project and Recruitment Chairman

consecutive award for the No. 1 Chapter Director at the conference.

The Delta Beta Chapter was also given a mark of distinction with their Grand Chapter and Grand Council Awards, as well as having two members serve on the prestigious International Philanthropy and International Nominating

Committees.

Finally, the chapter was awarded with certificates of excellence for exceeding pledge goals and exceeding initiate goals; Delta Beta increased their membership by more than 100 percent in the last year alone and has maintained 100 percent retention of pledges over the last two years.

"Receiving these awards was a huge honor for us," described Stevens. "We have worked so hard during the past few years to make sure that we would be recognized among the best in the nation, and our hard work clearly paid off. It feels good to know that the effort we put in does not go unrecognized."

"With so many negative stereotypes floating around about fraternities and fraternity guys, we feel like our accomplishments show that we are not a drinking club. The sooner people recognize that, the sooner Greek Life will prosper all around the nation with a good name," he continued.

Tyler Havens, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Greek Life, said, "I think it's a great accomplishment for themselves and the university to be recognized. It shows that our chapters are doing something right. And it works to demolish some of the stereotypes about Greek Life."

MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY Pollak Theatre Music & Arts Fest



Fri., Sept. 29, 8 p.m.

Dan Bern

with Melissa Ferrick,
Cheryl Wheeler
& Jane Siberry

SPECIAL GUEST EMCEE:
PETE FORNATALE
Nationally syndicated radio host on
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Sat., Sept. 30, 8 p.m.

Dar Williams

with Vance Gilbert,
Lucy Kaplansky
& Susan Werner

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BOB SANTELLI
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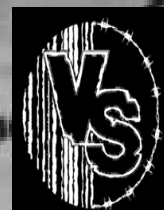
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Writing won't kill you

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Sooner or later everyone has to write something – a thank-you note, a complaint, an apology, a eulogy.

If you hate writing assignments in school, and if you dread putting pen to paper or fingers to keyboard, facing that empty page or screen is almost as frightening as a combined root canal and IRS audit. What to write? How to write it? Will anybody read it?

And yet lots of nonwriters do manage to write, and often do it very well. Writing is like cooking: You don't have to be a chef at a fancy restaurant to learn the fundamentals well enough to cook a tasty meal.

"Writing can be taught to anyone," says Dr. Nancy Castilla, who directs the creative writing program at North Lake College in Dallas. "I always try to find the strong point in somebody's writing. Nobody can write a page without writing something well."

The students in Judy Porter's social issues class at Bishop Lynch High School in Dallas, for example, didn't sign up for the weekly writing assignments. Mostly, she says, they hope to get a better idea of what's going on in the world and, if possible, to make a difference.

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A few years ago, one of her students got riled up over a letter to the editor of this newspaper. The letter disparaged teenagers, and the student decided she wanted to write a reply. With Porter's encouragement and help, she crafted a two-paragraph letter to the editor that was published within a week.

"She was like a local rock star," the teacher says. "I made a copy for all the seniors. I said, 'All right, this is going to be part of all my classes.' " About 20 percent of the students hate the weekly assignments, says Porter. But all have discovered that they, too, can write, and make their opinions known. "I guess about 20 get published per semester, which means 40 a year," she says, "One Thanksgiving we had five in one day."

You don't have to be writing for publication to write well. Diana Booher, a communications consultant, was teaching a course on writing novels when she discovered that many University of Houston students didn't want to write novels; they just wanted to be able to write clearly.

"A lot were engineers and lawyers, and they said they just needed help on their job, whether it was writing a legal brief or an engineering report." Now she teaches executives and professionals at Fortune 500 companies how to write, sell and communicate.

There's no mystery, she says. Clear writing is just clear thinking. Here are some tricks, techniques, and strategies Booher, Castilla, Porter and other writers and teachers use to get the ideas and sentences flowing:

BEFORE YOU WRITE

Get rid of distractions. Find a quiet place, turn off your cellphone. Get

your tools in order.

"I always have 5 or 6 sharpened No. 2 pencils," says Liz Spears, who left a career in corporate communications to write resumes for clients. "To get creative juices flowing. I start a document on a note pad, then revisit it as my thoughts develop. I write in longhand. That's very visual. I want to see those words."

THINKING ON PAPER

Former journalist Tom Geddie teaches creative writing at Richland College and at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas. "Sit down with pencil and paper or at the computer screen," he says, "and start outlining what you want to say, why it's important, why it matters, what its impact is on the reader."

Booher leads her clients through a thinking process: "What's your point? What do you want your reader to do? What are the essential details? Just get the ideas down.

"The next step is to go back and put them in order."

THE OUTLINE

"My writing's better when I do an outline," says Regina Montoya, whose job as CEO of the New America Alliance, a nonprofit organization of Latino business leaders, requires her to write lots of letters, speeches and the occasional article on Latino issues. An outline, she says, "forces you to put down which points are the more important ones. The more thorough the outline, the clearer and more to the point your writing will be.

"Then, I really hone that outline."

BEATING WRITER'S BLOCK

When they're blocked, Castilla tells her students, "Just write something. Don't let your pencil stop, don't worry about punctuation. Just keep writing. 'Free writing' is what we call it. For most of them, it overcomes inertia."

Change rhythms, says Terri Rimmer, who writes features for Associated Content, an online content provider. "When I'm stuck I try praying. I take a break, take a walk, take a nap. I'll read to get ideas, write down random thoughts."

THAT FIRST SENTENCE

"I always teach my students to make their first sentence catch the reader's eye," says Porter. "Because if it doesn't, the reader isn't going to read on."

Geddie says, "Get a good, clear lead sentence that summarizes your points, that answers the reader's question 'What's in it for me?' If you can't do it in one sentence, then do it in two or three," he says. "But keep them short."

BE SPECIFIC

Porter: "Refer to exactly what you're talking about, whether it's an article in the paper, or a television show. Make it detailed and specific so people know what you're talking about."

REMEMBER THE READER

Short, simple words are better than long words. Short sentences are better than long sentences, short paragraphs are better than long ones.

Castilla: "I try to make my students understand their goal is to communicate, not to express themselves. The

move for some years now has been to clear, simple, direct prose."

Spears: "Most people are so focused on what they want to say that they forget somebody else has to be able to read it and understand it and act on it. Too much information and you lose readers before they get to the meat of what you want to say. It's important to stay with the facts, maybe to bullet them or number them to help the reader understand."

READING AND REWRITING

Spears also reads what she's written out loud, listening for any awkward sentences. Montoya gives her work to her husband to read over.

All good writers read, then rewrite, says Booher. "People think that it has to be perfect the first time. They forget that people who've done it well do it well because they've rewritten and rewritten."

Geddie: "Back off a little bit from what you're writing. It's an old standard, but if you can, write something and come back a day later. Also, try to be objective about it."

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- Rank Artist Recording/Label**
- 1 THE DRAFT In A Million Pieces/Epitaph
 - 2 HEAVENS Patent Pending/Epitaph
 - 3 STRIKE ANYWHERE Dead FM/Fat Wreck Chords
 - 4 SONIC YOUTH Rather Ripped/Geffen
 - 5 RISE AGAINST The Sufferer And The Witness/Geffen
 - 6 DASHBOARD CONFESSIONAL Dusk And Summer/Vagrant
 - 7 EARLY NOVEMBER The Mother, The Mechanic, and The Path Drive-Thru
 - 8 PETE YORN Nightcrawler/Columbia
 - 9 SPITALFIELD Better Than Knowing Where You Are/Victory
 - 10 BUGS MULTIPLY Bugs Multiply/Coma Gun
 - 11 MEW And The Glass Handed Kites/Columbia
 - 12 MUSE Black Holes And Revelations/Warner Bros.
 - 13 THE RAPTURE Pieces of The People We Love/Universal
 - 14 SPARTA Threes Sampler/Hollywood
 - 15 RADIO BIRDMAN Zeno Beach/Yep Roc
 - 16 TV ON THE RADIO Return To Cookie Mountain/4AD
 - 17 BOYS LIKE GIRLS Boys Like Girls/Red Ink
 - 18 DIRTY PRETTY THINGS Waterloo To Anywhere/Interscope
 - 19 BLACK MARIA A Shared History Of Tragedy/Victory
 - 20 HELLOGOODBYE Zombies! Aliens! Vampires! Dinosaurs! Drive-Thru
 - 21 TAKING BACK SUNDAY Louder Now/Warner Bros.
 - 22 BLACK KEYS "Your Touch" [Single]/Nonesuch
 - 23 TOWERS OF LONDON Blood, Sweat And Towers/TVT
 - 24 SUGARCULT "Do It Alone" [Single]/V2
 - 25 THOM YORKE The Eraser/XL
 - 26 IN REVERENT FEAR Stomacher/Anxiety
 - 27 THE ESPERANTOS The Esperantos/Red Car
 - 28 MAXEEN Hello Echo/Warner Bros.
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Gear Up For Another Year

Editorial

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
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Well, the first week of school is behind us. Now, it is time to dive back into the wonderful world of projects, papers, and homework. Sounds fun, right? It's hard to believe that it is that time of the year again. As for all of you incoming freshmen, congratulations on completing your first week at college. Hopefully, it was all that you hoped and dreamt it would be. If not, get use to being disappointed, as that is life.

Even though it is the beginning of the school year, our great Monmouth University has made headlines and is creating a buzz to boost the reputation of our school. In reference to the article written on the topic, Monmouth was recognized in the *U.S. News and World Report* climbing to 62 after being ranked 74 just last year and in addition to that, was also featured in *The Princeton Review's* Best 361 Colleges. Both of these distinct honors do a lot to set our university far apart from the rest. We made quite a leap in only one year. That just goes to show our school is on the rise.

With all of the skeptics out there, you may not believe that Monmouth is one of the best schools in the nation, but let's face it. We have proof backing it up that it is. We had to have done something right to lead us to being recognized in two prestigious, national publications. Monmouth may be a small university in New Jersey, but it shows that we are making strides to become known on a larger scale.

As mentioned in the first editorial last week, I am going to take some time to reflect on a couple of the top stories of the week.

In case you did not check your hawk mail, or the student activities calendar, or may not have taken a peek at the huge ad featuring it in *The Outlook* last week, the All-

American Rejects are coming to Monmouth University next month. Probably one of the most exciting events to have taken over the campus in awhile, it is hard to believe that such a widely known band is coming to our school. It is a little surreal to think that a band that is shown on MTV is actually coming to our school. However, it is exciting all the same.

Now, if we could only get Dane Cook here, Monmouth's stock would sky rocket!

The next topic I will reflect on is something that is on the minds of everybody on campus. A topic that is constantly up for debate and that everyone has an opinion on. Have you guessed it? That's right, it's parking. No matter what seems to be done to solve the ongoing parking issue there are still complaints.

As a student who has a car on campus, I took advantage of the online registration that was mentioned in this week's article about the parking reforms. I found this to be very fast and efficient in obtaining parking on campus. It was certainly much easier than filling out a form and mailing it away. I remember receiving the e-mail about this towards the conclusion of the spring semester. I knew I had to take advantage of it. Though I may have waited a little longer than some to get parking to ensure I got a good number, I still was fortunate thanks to this new option.

As the years pass, more and more students will walk the Monmouth University campus. However, with a school on the rise, parking will always be an issue we will contest with. So, in conclusion there is no dodging this issue.

On a final note, I wanted to write a quick blurb about student activities on campus. Last Thursday, my friends and I attended Thursday Night Alternative on campus. TNA, as it is called, featured performances from students.

It was a lot of fun and offered something different to kick off the weekend here at school. To get to the point, it made me realize that students should take advantage of the events that are offered on campus. It may not be the "cool thing to do" as some may say. But what is the cool thing anyway? Everyone complains how there is nothing to do around campus during the week, when in fact there is. So next time there is something on campus that may spark an interest, why not check it out? You never know. You may have fun.

So, this week, as a way of turning over your too-cool-for-school leaf, try going to some events. There is an improv jam, salsa dancing, and movies on the weekends. And if you are so picky, none of these tickle your fancy, go to the beach (it's still warm), have a picnic. Just do something.

School is important, yes. It helps you get a job, a salary and conveniently enough, comes with a piece of paper saying you are in fact, able to write papers and give speeches (this would be called a diploma. However, and I knew at least some of you saw this coming, it's not the most important thing - grades are not the most important thing, not even close.

To me, college is about exploring a bunch of different things and finding something you love to do. No one comes into college knowing exactly what they want to do with the rest of their lives. If they do, they are living the lives of their parents or someone living vicariously through them.

When you do get a job, believe me, no one will ask you want you got in Western Civilizations, but they may ask you for some memories. If you've spent your entire college career in the library or studying in your dorm room, what will you tell them?

Until next week - find something to do (even if it's joining the paper).

Photo of the Week

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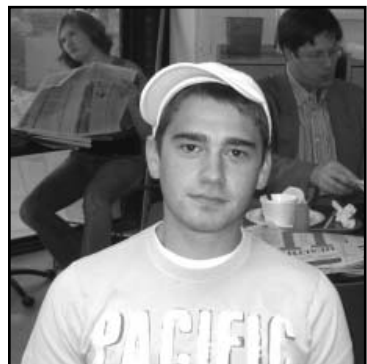
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BY SUZANNE GUARINO

“Does September 11th still evoke the same emotional response or have the same impact on you that it did five years ago or do you see it fading as the years pass?”



Greg junior

“My dad knew a lot of people there so it has some impact on me. Also, I intern across the street and I see happy tourists taking pictures by the memorial as if it’s a landmark. To this day, it still hurts a little to know they smile where 3,000 people died.



Ji freshman

“September 11th will always be remembered but nowadays, society isn’t so concerned with the seriousness of the tragedy that occurred on that day five years ago. It’s a shame how the emotions of that day are slowly fading.”



Pete junior

“People don’t seem to have the patriotism they possessed right after 9/11. I still do.”



Monmouth Female freshman

“I had family that worked there but one was late because they stopped and got coffee and one had just walked in as the plane hit. I never lost anyone on 9/11 but I do have an emotional response to it because it was just such a horrible tragedy. Watching videos of people jumping from the buildings was heartbreaking for me to see. From a journalistic point of view, since I want to be a journalist, it’s important to keep documenting history and to not let people forget it’s impact.”

SEAN QUINN
STAFF WRITER

Anyone who has read my work in *The Outlook* knows that I tend to write about political and social issues exclusively. Considering that I am a History, Education, and Political Science major, not to mention the host of my own political talk show on WMCX (Wednesdays 1-2), this makes sense. Yet, I feel that I must break from my typical rhetoric and complain about a certain phenomenon that has always plagued our campus.

This phenomenon goes on everyday and has doubtlessly happened to all of us who have to drive and park on campus. It is one of the most aggravating, infuriating, and just plain rude occurrences that a commuter can undergo when trying to park right before class.

I am, of course, talking about when you are circling the parking lot desperately looking for a space and then you

see a student walking back to their car. You begin to stalk them like a lioness stalking a gazelle, you speed up to follow just behind them and flip your blinker on to mark your territory.

Your prey gets into the car and maybe even starts it, your heart begins to slow down a bit from all

dozen seconds or so you notice that the car is not moving from your space... the anticipation begins to boil back again as you si- here and grip the steering wheel tighter and tighter waiting for the space to open.

You begin to wonder; is this right car? Did I somehow miss

your mind has manifested a hallucination of this event?

You wait a little longer then give a slight tap on the horn... maybe they just forgot that you were back there, after all they couldn’t be THAT rude as to hold up a line of cars and make a fellow student late for class, could they? Then it hits you: they are NOT leaving! They are just sitting in the car and eating lunch or listening to the radio or catching a nap for a while. Meanwhile they are in their own little world and oblivious to the fact that you have just wasted invaluable time.

I don’t begrudge anyone these things and I wouldn’t want to give up a primo space only to have to search for another one in an hour, yet when this happened to me last-week I was incensed. I was not angry because the two, that’s right two, people who did this to me didn’t want to move their cars, but that they did not have the common decency to yell or give a hand gesture or whatever to let me know that they were not leaving.

This sort of thing makes our already irritating parking system even worse, and I hope that this little narrative will remind the small minority who do this dastardly deed to be a little more sensitive to the world around them and for the love of God, give a guy a hint!

I am talking about when you are circling the parking lot desperately looking for a space and then you see a student walking back to their car. You begin to stalk them like a lioness stalking a gazelle, you speed up to follow just behind them and flip your blinker on to mark your territory. Your prey gets into the car and maybe even starts it...But after a dozen seconds or so you notice that the car is not moving from your space...

the excitement and you thank the patron saint of parking lots for your good fortune. But after a

the person getting into another car nearby? Or are you merely so desperate for a parking space that

What do YOU think?

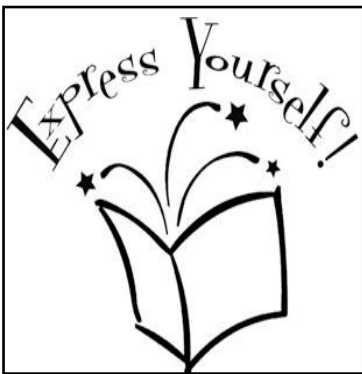


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The Op/Ed section is *your place* to express yourself. It’s a fun section to write for because you can just be yourself and write what is on your mind (just like you were writing in a diary, journal, or a blog). The difference is that there should be some facts thrown in there to back up your opinion, but also that I’ll be able to edit it for you and it will be printed in the newspaper for people to read and hopefully respond to!

The theme of the section this year is simply self-expression. Express yourself. What’s on your mind? What’s bothering you? What are your views on controversial issues? What are your views on events in the news? In what ways do you think Monmouth is doing well as an institution? In what ways do you think Monmouth should change? What is a good life lesson that you have learned recently?

It’s great to get stuff off of your mind/chest and printed on paper. I want to encourage people to be themselves and open up and express what they believe. It’s a good way for people to connect through common beliefs. Last year the section had to do with politics mostly; but, I want this year’s to be almost like an open forum.. like a message board. You can write about anything that’s bothering you, life, school, people, religion, politics, the world, your roommate, etc.

Don’t be afraid to share your thoughts with others. You may be surprised how many people think the way you do. If they don’t, so

what? Be an individual. Stand up for yourself. Back your thoughts up with facts to make yourself sound more knowledgeable. The bottom line is, if you don’t take a risk and express what you think, no one will ever know. Also, you’ll never be able to change any one else’s mind. Take a look at the quotes for the week on the next page.

It is perfectly fine to offer suggestions on how our school can improve. We’ve all had experiences that we could have lived without. Let these pages be your outlet. You don’t have to write every week, but you certainly can if you want. If you are interested in writing a column (which means that we save you a spot every week in the section for your article), let me know! Expressing your opinions is natural. So, let it be a natural thing. When you feel something, write it down. This is a great way to write a powerful article. When you are angry at something, it means that you are motivated to do something about it. So, write about it! I guarantee your article will be great if you are passionate about what you write. The only thing I ask is that you are respectful to our school and to other’s opinions. Everybody is entitled to their own opinion.

I have a few pages to fill every week with *your* feelings, so write to me! You can send articles to outlook@monmouth.edu with a subject line of “opinion”. Please attach the article as a Word document if possible. If you need some ideas, you can check out www.outlook.monmouth.edu to see some of last year’s issues.

What’s on your mind?



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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!

If Mario is god, then who is QBert?

DAVE RUDA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I think everything we do as servants in our own little bubble that we live in can be traced back to some sort of original Nintendo game. If you could break it down piece by piece, our lives, and the things we enjoy doing really do correlate to some sort of double point score or finishing move from an RPG (role-playing game) that we used to play back in middle school. Boy wants girl: Super Mario Brothers. Jealousy: Donkey Kong. Tactical Assaults on a pack of ninjas in the middle of the jungle: Contra. It's no surprise to me that children of our generation and beyond have found placated comfort and often friendship in consoles that can be bought in every shopping mall across America.

I for one am no less innocent than the next. As a child growing up in what is, no doubt, the dead of suburbia, I found myself drawn toward the warm and inviting glow of a 32" TV split into multiplayer mode for hours on end (in the bunker, golden gun rules

applying). I feel that it's from this need for competition that we Americans are drawn into the multiplayer reality that is our society today. I mean, honestly, where do you think kids are learning cooperative skills nowadays? Toys are becoming more and more virtual, where LEGOS and Slinky's are an anachronistic piece of a generation forgotten. We'd much rather blow the head off of some Azuka ninja (who I personally never had a beef with, never met, never had a problem with) because that's how you get 2.5 bazillion points and a triple word score. And the funny thing is, we actually learn from this. It may not be the infinite wisdom of the

Tao Te Ching, or the values of Machiavelli, but more along the

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lines of a need to finish what we start. It is because the powers that be (the creators of the game) say so. So, for the success we crave in games, and in the tasks we under-

take each day, why not blow up a few ninjas or cobras to feel that sweet, sweet feeling of victory?

It's the American way after all. We as Americans love violence. (And in no way am I saying these games are a bad idea, because well I'm an American too. And I love violence.) Look at the holiday in which we celebrate the conception of our country, The Fourth of July. We consume BBQ and blow things up. It really doesn't get any better than that. Americans also love to compete. So here we are, the best of both worlds: blowing things up while we compete. I mean isn't that the American way? Similar to our love of football.

We are a nation fixated on destruction and pain. "Okay Johnny, I want you to run down the field and take that kids head off!" "But why Dad?" "Because you must!" And it's the same reason that we teach young Americans how to deal with the world. We do things because we must. We must kill, kill, kill or *be* killed. And no one wants that. I mean honestly, who wants to fail? Uncle Mario wouldn't approve of that.

The Past is Prologue

SEAN QUINN
STAFF WRITER

William Shakespeare once wrote "What is past is prologue". What old Bill meant was that what has happened before will happen again and that history works in cycles. If we fail to recognize these patterns and fail to learn from our own history, we are doomed to repeat it and make the same mistakes.

Several hundred years later, another Britt, and Prime Minister of England named Neville Chamberlain, declared that he had achieved a lasting "peace in our time". Adolph Hitler had promised Chamberlain that he would not invade any more nations if the world would let him keep the land he had conquered and leave him alone.

Of course history recalls that Hitler did not in fact keep his word and invaded Poland mere months later which set off the Second World War and the most costly conflict in history. Appeasement did not work in 1939 and it will not work today, and we would do well to remember the words of Shakespeare and the lessons of Chamberlain in dealing with current conflicts.

Today, there are those in our great nation and in the rest of the world who think that by burying our collective heads in the sand that our problems will go away. Worse; there are those who think that if we have soft-ball negotiations, make threats without backing them up or by "asking nicely" that our enemies will somehow be deterred.

The sad, sorry truth of the matter is that the enemies of freedom and civilized people everywhere will not be swayed by talk or empty threats with no consequences. Those that wish to decapitate anyone who doesn't agree with their radical and selective interpretation of their faith

can not be stopped with talk, but with action.

Peace can only be truly achieved after a decisive victory.

I applaud the President and the members of his cabinet who are finally starting to call the enemy what they are: evil men who are the ideological descendants of the fascists of the WWII era.

Five years after the cowardly attacks on 9/11, it is sad to me that many people still don't get it.

Read a book folks, do some critical thinking and, most importantly, debate an issue with your head, not your heart.

They complain that enemy combatants captured on the battlefield are not issued access to lawyers a "right" that not only doesn't exist in the Constitution, the Geneva Convention, or common sense and has never been done in our past wars.

They complain that the NSA is listening to all of our private phone calls, when in fact they are only listening to foreign calls from between those who are on a terrorist watch list or numbers that are found in Al-Qaeda computers. Then when this and other intelligence programs work in conjunction with our allies to prevent further attacks (like the British airliner plot) they still refuse to acknowledge that the programs and the administrations did a good job.

Lastly they read and learn about history all of their academic lives, yet don't remember some of histories truths and best lessons. Read a book folks, do some critical thinking and, most importantly, debate an issue with your head, not your heart.

“Quotes” of the week

“To live is to suffer, to survive is to find some meaning in the suffering.”
-Roberta Flack

“I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love.”
-Leo Buscaglia

“Adversity often activates a strength we did not know we had.”
-Joan Walsh Anglund

“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved.”
-Helen Keller

“Without emotion, man would be nothing but a biological computer. Love, joy, sorrow, fear, apprehension, anger, satisfaction, and discontent provide the meaning of human existence.”
-Arnold M. Ludwig

“I laugh, I love, I hope, I try, I hurt, I need, I fear, I cry. And I know you do the same things too, So we're really not that different, me and you.”
-Colin Raye

“Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.”
-Maria Robinson

“You haven't lost your smile at all, it's right under your nose. You just forgot it was there.”
-unknown

“Perhaps our eyes need to be washed by our tears once in a while, so that we can see Life with a clearer view again.”
-Alex Tan

“When we long for life without difficulties, remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure.”
-Peter Marshall

“We have no right to ask when a sorrow comes, ‘Why did this happen to me?’ unless we ask the same question for every joy that comes our way.”
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Blair says he will resign within a year, but remains vague on details

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Fighting to prolong his political life and preserve his legacy in the face of an escalating Labor Party revolt, Prime Minister Tony Blair announced Thursday that he would resign within a year.

But Blair, whose standing with voters has suffered because of his close alliance with President Bush, refused to set a specific timetable for his departure. And his assurance that this month's annual Labor Party conference would be his last as the party's leader might not be enough to quell the mutiny.

Blair, who just 16 months ago led Labor to an unprecedented third consecutive term in power, sounded slightly bitter and looked uncomfortable when he made his announcement in a northwest London schoolyard.

He said he would have preferred to orchestrate his departure "in my own way" and insisted peevishly that the "precise timetable has to be left up to me."

The end has not quite arrived for Blair, but Thursday's announcement signals the beginning of the final chapter and most likely a period of uncertainty in which Blair will struggle against the paralysis that comes with being a lame duck.

Few political analysts here believe Blair will last the full 12 months. Most expect he will resign as party leader sometime in May, triggering a six-week leadership battle that Gordon Brown, the chancellor of the exchequer, is expected to win. Blair would then step aside as prime minister in favor of Brown.

Blair and Brown are the co-architects of the New Labor strategy that led the party back to power after 18 years in the wilderness, but beneath a facade of party unity and bonhomie, the two are fierce political rivals.

From the first day that Blair took up residence at No. 10 Downing Street, it was understood that someday he would step aside for Brown, who occupies No. 11. The "when" and "how" of this handover has been one of the enduring subplots of Blair's nine-year premiership.

Blair will undoubtedly go down as one of Britain's most successful politicians, but his approval rating plummeted when he aligned Britain with the U.S. against Iraq and sent British troops to fight in a deeply unpopular war. His unwavering loyalty to President Bush has been viewed with distaste by many Britons.

He was reminded of this Thursday when some students at the school he visited greeted him with anti-war chants and placards that said "time to go." One student held aloft a large replica of a dog biscuit, recalling the frequent jibe that Blair is "Bush's poodle."

Brown spent Thursday visiting a sports training ground in Glasgow and made a statement of his own about an hour before Blair spoke in London.

"I want to make it absolutely clear today, that when I met the prime minister yesterday, I said to him _ as I've said on many occasions and I repeat today _ it is for him to make the decision," said the chancellor, who lacks his rival's charisma.

"I said also to him . . . that I will support him in the decision he makes," Brown added, trying hard to give the impression that nothing was amiss between the two.

When Labor lost ground in the last general election and Blair's approval ratings continued to sag, the question of succession gained more urgency.

Blair tried to put the issue to rest Sunday in a lengthy interview with the Times newspaper in which he said it would be a mistake to set a specific timetable and urged his opponents in the party to "stop obsessing" on the matter.

The interview backfired spectacularly. Instead of mollifying the critics, it galvanized them. Labor backbenchers, many of them worried about their own electoral prospects in the face of polls that show Labor trailing the Conservatives by 9 or 10 points, began circulating letters demanding that Blair set a specific date for his departure.

Things quickly spiraled out of control. By Wednesday one junior minister and seven parliamentary aides had quit in protest and more were threatening to follow. Blair and Brown had had at least one face-to-face meeting that featured a "ferocious shouting match between the two men," according to The Guardian newspaper.

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FRESHMAN SURVIVAL GUIDE

AMANDA PAINTER
FEATURES EDITOR

So you finally finished unpacking. Your mother *would not* stop organizing your closet-sized room, and it took your dad about 30 minutes to pry her away. You officially share a bathroom with the 20 others on your floor, and wearing sandals in the shower is apparently an unwritten rule. Your new roommate creeps you out and is nothing like your friends at home. What now?

Prepare yourself; your first year of college can get sticky.

American College Testing (ACT) says that one in every four college students leaves before completing their sophomore year, and almost half of all freshmen will either drop out before earning a degree or transfer to another school.

Here's the deal; although most of you are going to end up having a blast your freshman year, the first few weeks can be pretty nerve-racking. It might feel as if this is the beginning of your new life. Well, it is. What you did or who you were in high school means nothing here. You are now starting on a clean slate.

Not to worry - everyone around you is going through the same exact thing. Everyone is just as concerned about making friends as you are. They don't know how to get from Elmwood to Howard Hall, and they aren't looking forward to their first 8:30 a.m. English class any more than you are.

Take these tips from me; a se-

nior and successful freshman year survivor at MU.

Tip 1: Attend all orientations. Another orientation? Yup! They have those for a reason. Attending them is going to make your transition into college life that much smoother.

Tip 2: Get ready to feel totally overwhelmed. There are going to be times when you feel frustrated and lost. Just remember that everyone goes through it and it's going to get easier. You will be going through a lot of changes. Relax and be open to the new experience.

Tip 3: Get to know your roommate and the others in your residence hall. MU is going to be your home away from home; the friends you make will serve as your support system, maybe even for the next four years.

Tip 4: GET INVOLVED ON CAMPUS. Think about what really interests you. Whether it's the basketball team, school paper, a Greek organization, or the ski club, go for it! All of the clubs on campus are here for *you* to take advantage of. Joining will instantly connect you to a whole network of other students. You'll learn stuff that will benefit you in ways you can't even imagine.

Tip 5: Be prepared to feel homesick. Feeling homesick might occur right away or towards the end of your second semester, even if you couldn't wait to get out of your house. One way to cope with this is through email, phone, and care packages from home. Also, getting in-

involved with activities and clubs will keep you busy, and if you're busy, you won't have time to be homesick!

Tip 6: Go to class! It sounds easy, but skipping your 8:30 is going to be *really* tempting. Aside from learning the material of the course, your professor will give other small assignments during class that will count towards your participation grade. Your professor will also change due dates, test material, etc.

Tip 7: Read the syllabus and use your planner. The syllabus your professor hands out for each class is vital. This is your guide to getting an A in the class. This is an advantage because everything you need to do is right there on the paper. Write down all of the due dates of the assignments and tests in your planner because *there is no way* you'll remember when everything is due. Trust me, I tried.

Tip 8: Don't use your room to study. As a former resident of the very lovely Pinewood Hall, there were numerous occasions in which I attempted to write a paper or study for a midterm in my room. Each attempt failed miserably because my roommate would either talk to me, watch TV, listen to music, or eat a bag of chips. Even if my roommate wasn't around, the girls across the hall busted out a dance party daily

and the girl next to me was usually fighting with her boyfriend. There are too many distractions in the dorms so if you seriously need to get something done, find a quiet place and get to it.

Tip 9: Learn how to manage your time. In high school, you

Spanish homework? Go to your professor's office hours. If you can't make it, email them and ask to meet another time. Talking to your professor not only will help you with the material, but will let the professor know that you care about your grades.

Tip 12: Don't feel pressured to make a career decision. It seems like everyone else knows exactly what they want to do, right? Wrong! No one goes into college knowing EXACTLY what they want to do. Start exploring your options and use some elective credits to take different classes. Interested in music? Take a class to learn the different careers in the music industry. Interested in marketing? Take a marketing course. Check out the clubs that can help you learn more about what you're inter-

ested in: that's why they are there - to help you learn more. Talking to different professors in your field of interest can also be helpful.

So just think - you got into the college you wanted. MU is a great place to be, so enjoy it while you can. You always hear that college can be the best four years of your life, and, speaking as a senior, that couldn't be more true.

College is really what you make of it. Keep a positive mindset and you'll be sure to fly through this year. Take advantage of all there is to offer in college, because it goes by fast.

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had a set schedule. Now, instead of having someone make your schedule for you, you get to do it. Example: If you know you have to work during the day, register for night classes. Planning your days in advance is also a good way to manage your time more effectively.

Tip 10: Stay on campus as much as possible. Try your best not to go home on the weekends. The more time you spend with friends at school, the more it will feel like home.

Tip 11: Meet with your professors. Don't understand that

Not Abroad... Just In Florida

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

When most people at Monmouth University think of studying abroad, they think of London, Australia, and some even think of Spain. However, this semester I am studying abroad in the happiest place on Earth—Walt Disney World.

I moved into an apartment with seven other girls in an apartment complex right off of Disney property at the beginning of September. The

on the ride, and I seriously looked at the ride in a whole new way. After that, I had to take an in-depth tour of Fantasyland, since that is where I will be working, and had to go on some more rides.

An interesting fact for all of you is that Magic Kingdom is actually built on the second floor. Walt Disney didn't want a cowboy from Frontierland walking into Tomorrowland, where everything is future-oriented, to leave work, because he would look out of place. So he decided to build a tunnel system so that the "cast members" could move about the park freely without worrying about being out of character. Since Florida is all swamp-land, he couldn't build the tunnels underground. So, he built those on the first floor, and Magic Kingdom above them on the second floor.

I had to take a tour of the tunnels as well, which gets a little confusing. But I think I've got it figured out.

The next day, I started my training. I'm working on the attractions in Fantasyland, and I've been training on Dumbo the Flying Elephant and Mickey's Philharmagic.

Most people think that it would get boring being down here because all there is to do in Disney World is go to the parks. Those people are wrong. Yes, on days off, and after morning shifts, my roommates and I go to the parks. But we can also get a season pass to Universal Studios and go there, and we also have gone to Pleasure Island. Pleasure Island is a section in Downtown Disney full of different clubs.

This program so far has been a blast, and if any of you are even slightly considering going on the program, check out www.collegeprogram.com. I guarantee you won't be disappointed.

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first two days that I was here was basically just an orientation, where they had to go through where in Walt Disney World I would be working, and where and when I would be taking classes. The third day consisted of a very long class called Traditions. Traditions is a class that tells you all about the history of the Disney Company, starting from the very beginning before Mickey Mouse was even a thought, and going to right now as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Disneyland theme park.

I found out that I am working in the Magic Kingdom theme park in Walt Disney World, so the next day I had to take a tour of it. They even forced me to go on a couple rides! My trainer told me a story about the haunted mansion and then took me



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Top to bottom: Orlando, Florida: entrance to the Magic Kingdom; Main Street USA, leading up to castle.

THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

London, England

ERIN LUCAS
STAFF WRITER

Hello again, I hope everyone's first week back was good. I've now been in London for almost a week and a half. Although that is not a substantial amount of time to some, there are a number of things I have learned already.

I figured I would start where I left off last week, right before I was leaving. The airport is something I would have rather missed, it was harder than I thought to say goodbye. However, as I saw my family, boyfriend, and friends for the last time as I headed to my plane, I told myself I would be home before I knew it. When I got to the gate, I saw all of the students from Monmouth together in large circle introducing themselves to each other and almost immediately felt a sense of relief. I think most people are so scared of being alone they don't realize the group already has something in common, we're all in the same boat and we're all scared of the same things.

The plane ride was smooth and before we knew it we were landing in Heathrow Airport. I'll spare you the boring details about immigration officers and long lines, but soon enough we were outside, getting on our bus to school. At first glance, nothing seems different. Then we got on the bus and it was almost like everything was opposite. Our bus driver was on the right side, the door on the left, and even though I will be here for almost four months, I don't believe I will ever understand the traffic pattern. Usually, I wait until a large group crosses, something about that makes me feel extremely safer.

Because of jet lag and a flurry of activities, the first few hours of the day are blurry. That passed quickly and since, I have had an amazing time. That's the thing about London: there is always something to do, always something to see, and I have never been so curious to find these things. The thing I have realized most is the large amount

of diversity I see every day, and I begin to realize the bubble I have somewhat lived in at home. In Jersey, I read the news, I watch the news, and I hear about different countries and the hardships they are having. Here in London, I am in class with people from these

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countries: people who know the true story. For example, my friend from Lebanon was evacuated by the British. There is no spun stories from these people, just the truth, something we could use more of. I've met people who have fascinated me purely based on their stories

of where they have travelled and what they have learned.

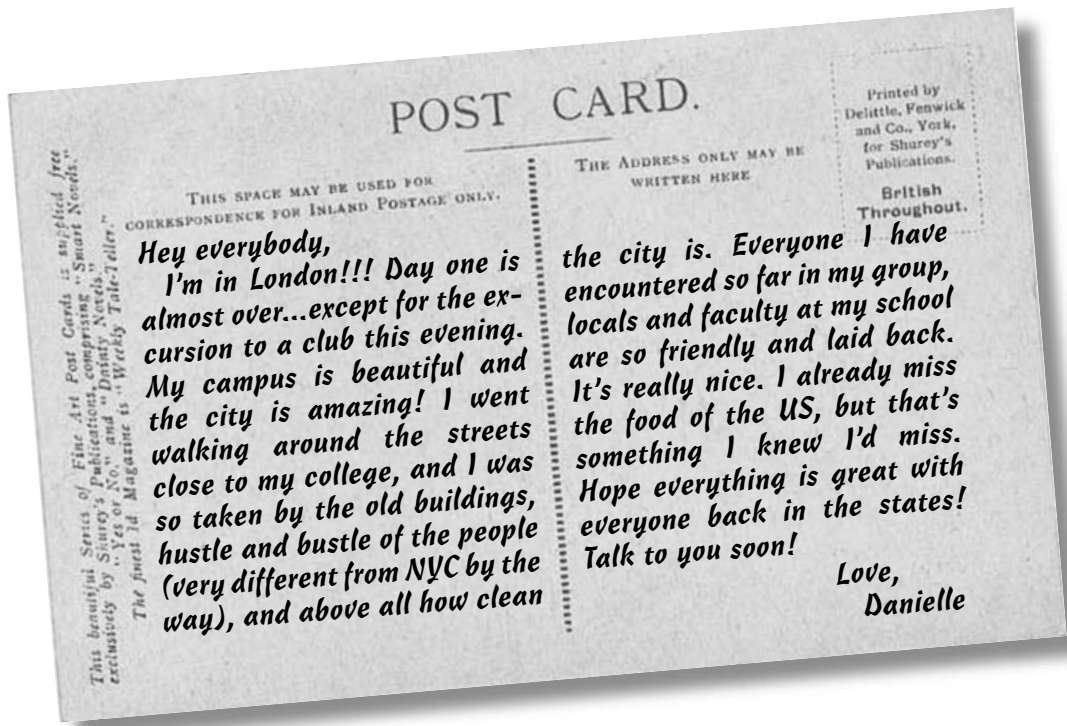
For those who are thinking about going abroad but are scared they will not make friends or to homesick, I have this to say: It has only been a week, but the friends I have made are great. There is some sort of unspoken understanding between us. We are all in this together. I won't lie and say that I am never homesick. I think about everyone at home often. But there's a catch: when you are in London, it is very easy to keep yourself constantly busy, so you don't have time to think about it. And say you are extremely homesick, and can't stay that busy? You are only a phone call away from your loved ones.

On to my list of places I hope to travel to: me and the girls who have become friends booked our trip to Amsterdam last night, and we're also in the process of booking Dublin. I took the tube to Abbey Road,

and because I am a huge Beatles fan, it's hard to explain how much it meant to me. There aren't enough pictures to look at to ever capture the feeling you get when you're actually standing in the middle of Abbey Road. Outside of Abbey Studio, there is a large wall filled with messages from fans all over the world. So far, nothing has topped my visit there.

Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, and the London Eye are sights everyone should see with their own two eyes. I don't think I actually realize what I am experiencing until a few hours or days later, when I look at my pictures.

This is an opportunity where there are no words to explain the happiness I feel that I took this trip. Sure, the food may be bad and my legs hurt from walking so much, but I wake up every day and feel on top of the world. I'll see you guys next week!



A note from the Assistant Director of Study Abroad, Robyn Asaro

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Who helps me plan this and what is my first step?

The Study Abroad Office is located in the Student Center, Room 301D and you will find the assistance you need to make a study abroad experience a reality. Be sure to attend a 'First Step Meeting.' They are held nearly every day at various times during the first few weeks of each semester. Check your student e-mail account and/or the Outlook Student Newspaper for specific dates/times.

These meetings are run by the Assistant Director of Study Abroad, Ms. Robyn Asaro, who will give you all the pertinent details and answers to questions. 'Initial Information Packets' that contain everything you need to apply for a program are available at these meetings.

Can a student of any major participate in a study abroad semester or summer program?

Yes, a student of any major can participate in a study abroad experience. For some students, however, it may require more careful planning. For example, if you are an education major, it may be better to go abroad during your sophomore year when you are still taking many of the General Education requirements. Or, you can 'save' a few elective credits or General Education requirements, such as the aesthetics or social science requirements. Generally, these types of courses are easier to find abroad than your major requirements. Check with the Study Abroad Office for class offerings abroad.

How far in advance do I apply?

You should begin the academic planning for study abroad from the time you enter the University as a first-year student. It's important to work with your

advisor and the Study Abroad Office regarding available courses well before the departure semester. You would apply for a spring program at the start of the prior fall semester and for fall and summer programs at the start of the prior spring semester.

How will I be graded?

All grades earned in study abroad will appear on your Monmouth University transcript, but will NOT factor into your Monmouth GPA. Although grades earned abroad will not affect your GPA positively or negatively, it is still very important to manage your time well and work hard while abroad. If you apply to graduate schools, law schools, and medical schools, they will be interested in your grades earned abroad, and may decide to factor them into your overall GPA. So doing well academically is always important.

Does study abroad satisfy my Experiential Education requirement?

Yes, provided that you enroll in and pass a minimum of 6 credits.

What types of classes can I take?

Just about anything you need to fulfill your curriculum requirements for your Monmouth degree. You can take General Education courses, as well as major and minor requirements.

Madrid, Spain

EMEL SENMAN
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An entire summer filled with work and more work; regular shifts turning into double shifts with a simple word. Depositing money left and right, while making sure not to spend much of it. This was my summer of 2005. Why, you ask? So that I would be able to go to Spain the next summer and have the time of my life, which is exactly what I did.

We lived in a home with Mama Lupe, our host mother, who helped us very much with adjusting to the new culture, as well as enhancing our Spain experience overall.

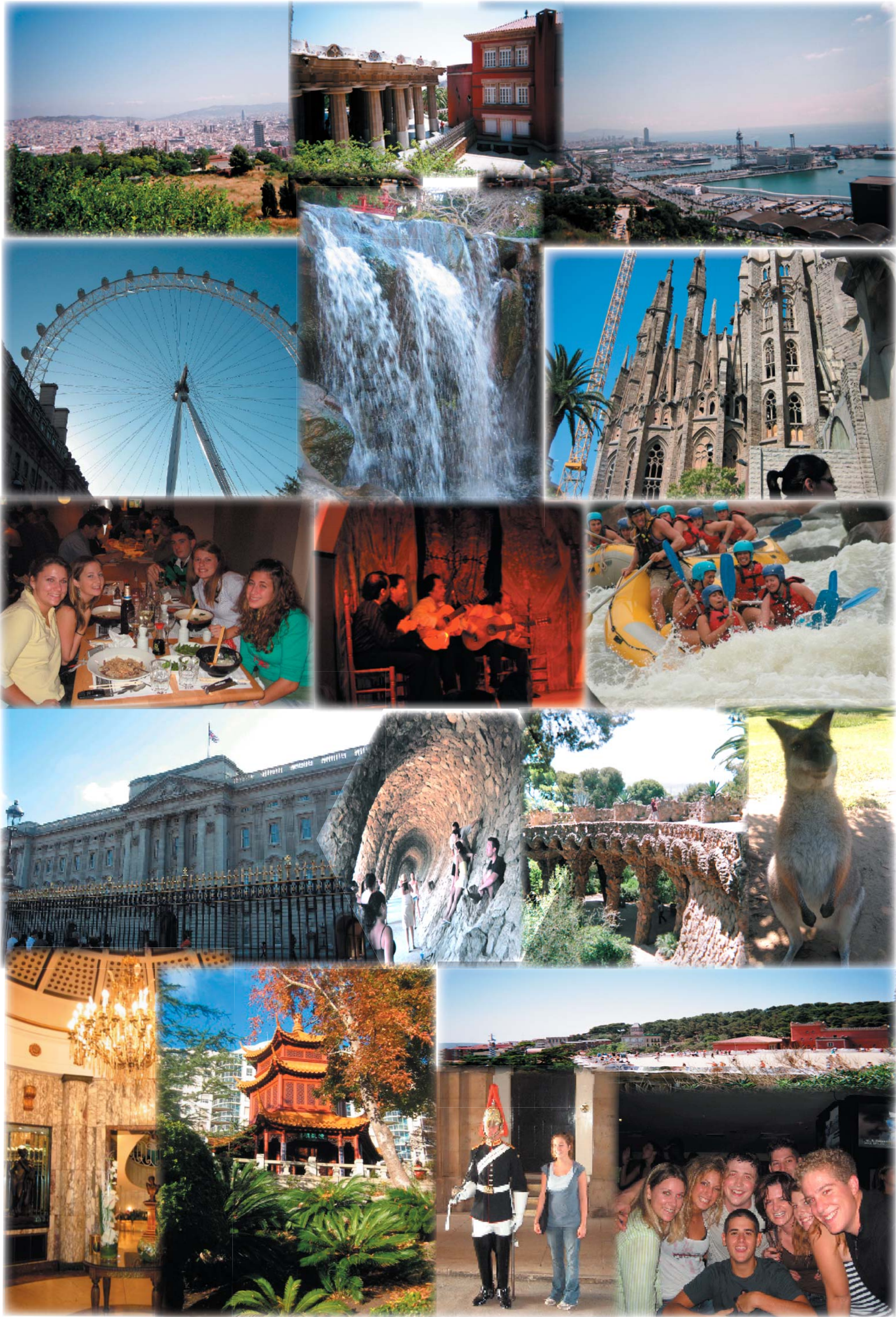
The study abroad program in Madrid, Spain was a six week long adventure of every sort. From the minute I stepped off the plane in Madrid in June, to the minute I stepped back on the plane at the end of July, I was very excited to experience everything that I could.

My roommate, Meghan Moratelli and I, the only person I knew before going on the trip, encountered everything together. We lived in a home with Mama Lupe, our host mother, who helped us very much with adjusting to the new culture, as well as enhancing our Spain experience overall. From the first day when she gave us the house rules, making us try new Spanish foods (that may have ended up with Nala, the German Sheppard), telling us about her political thoughts for hours everyday, to the minute she put us in a taxi to the airport with tears in her eyes.

Even with a language barrier, the compassion and love was there. She was truly a mother to us in every sense, and I will consider her an influence in my life forever.

Other than the home life in Spain, I had an amazing time visiting museums, cities, towns, historical palaces and castles, and restaurants, to name a few. My favorite part of my six week adventure, however, would not be what Monmouth University actually planned for us (although each trip being fantastic), but the free weekend that Meghan and I ventured on. We took a four-day weekend and visited three major cities in Southern Spain. It was an amazing experience. To visit Granada, Sevilla, and Cordoba, as well as all of their major sites was breathtaking. Researching and planning our trip was fun, but seeing the astounding architecture and remains of history that no one can find living in the United States was worth every penny of the trip; from the *La Alhambra* in Granada, to an outdoor flamenco show in Sevilla, to the *Mezquita* in Cordoba. Getting lost, buying overpriced souvenirs from several different gift shops, and adjusting to the "Southern Spain" accent were all stresses of the weekend. However, each of those aspects are what helped shape and define our experience.

For six weeks, I was immersed in a completely different culture, with a mediocre knowledge of the language, and with 15 people I had never met before. I did take classes, although I believe most of the learning took place outside of the classes in Spain, and in what and where you were willing to explore. It was challenging, not just academically, but within yourself, pushing yourself and each other to limits of learning and open-mindedness. Studying abroad is a fantastic time for students to get to know themselves, as well as exploring what is outside of their comfort zones. I would recommend the program to anyone; it is absolutely worth every shift, every hour that you may have worked this past summer.



Students experience the various aspects of English, Spanish and Australian cultures.

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Myspace and Music

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So let’s just say it, everyone has a MySpace page, right? If not, you were probably thinking about it. Even though MySpace has recently obtained a reputation for being too cliché and a welcome mat for unwanted stalking, it is a great medium source for publicity. If you want to be seen and heard, MySpace is perfect. This simplistic website allows anyone to create their own personal page for just about anything, whether it’s for personal or business reasons. One great thing about MySpace is their music. Whether you’re searching for Sean Paul’s “Temperature” or Joan Baez’s “Coconuts” to add to your profile, MySpace has almost everything, and it’s all neatly categorized into genres.

MySpace caters to everyone, and it’s been a great resource for unknown solo artists and bands from all over to get their music out there. The artist(s) are able to upload their own music, list upcoming gigs, post photos, advertise by attaching other clickable links to other websites, and so much more. MySpace is a great way to get noticed and hopefully put oneself or one’s group in the lead with many of today’s “A” list artists. Beyond that, MySpace is a great resume tool for record labels and future business partners to look at. It’s like a portfolio for executives who are not only able to sample some of the artist(s)’s work, but it also allows them to see and understand the love so many fans have for the talent. Musicians’ MySpace pages make many re-

cord executives’ jobs easier. It almost makes one wonder if records labels are even necessary at this point. Several bands and solo artist like, All American Rejects, AFI, David Gray, Corinne Bailey Rae, Dave Matthews Band, and many more, have developed and run their own MySpace sites. Thanks to MySpace, fans can keep in contact with their favorite unknown and celebrity artists on a more personal basis and sample some of their latest music; while the artist(s) is able to keep their fans updated and in touch with everything and anything with just a few key strokes. All and all, MySpace is more than just a source of amusement: it’s a business as well. Except, you don’t have to leave your house wearing a suit; no, pajamas and a bed is way more acceptable; even encouraged.

Three Albums Everyone Should Know About

MEAGHAN DOYLE
STAFF WRITER

Matthew Ryan is a singer/songwriter in the way of Tom Waits or a young Bruce Springsteen. With a gravelly voice that is both very lived and *incredibly* sexy, his music immediately speaks to you. And with lyrics like, “I have been the worst of kind/A sorrowed heart/A cluttered mind/And I’m thinking that I could change this/ But I can’t change this,” you understand that this guy has been through something. Something agonizing, and yet it must have been immensely beautiful if it inspired him to write these songs. His album is not a journey for the faint of heart. If you are looking for love, romance, etc., look elsewhere. Each song is full of a very sad, very small promise, found only when *really* listened to. Some might call this album bitter and too self-reflective, and perhaps it is. But when you find you are at the end of your rope, Matthew is the kind of musician who you can always find grasping the end of his own right next to you. Any album of his is a wonder to listen to, but this, I believe, is the best. As it’s always been said, in music, you either listen to the beat or the lyrics. For all those lyricists out there, buy this. Best Songs: Return to Me and Trouble Doll.

Plain White T’s is a band you have probably heard of. One of those “I think I know them” bands. Could the average person name a song? Probably not. But one of their friends probably knows their discography by heart. To my friends, I am that person. Plain White T’s are a good band. No, they do not write like Dylan, but they are better than most of their competition. “Hey There Delilah,” one of my favorites, is a song about longing, almost reminiscent lyrically of something Springsteenian. One of those, “hey, little girl, I’ll take you away” type songs that The Boss is known for. Musically, the comparison stops there. Plain White T’s is emo by most standards, except the one that makes them pathetic. They are not whiny, but they have probably all taken a shot of their profile for MySpace. Give them a listen. They might just win you over. With lyrics, “Delilah/I can promise you/That by the time that we get through/The world will never ever be the same/And you’re to blame,” they melt our hearts and sneak into them all at the same time. Plain White T’s may not change the world, but they might just change your mind about emo. Best Song: Hey There Delilah

Okay, so we all know “Absolutely (Story of a Girl),” but this album by hidden gem Nine Days contains many more songs just as catchy and clever. With lyrics that blur pop and folk, and beats that keep you listening all the way through, this album is the thinking girl’s car sing-along CD. Don’t let the lack of airplay these other songs received deter you from listening to them. The lyrics may not be anything new, but they’re nothing we mind rehearing. A strange breed of part Duncan Sheik and part Yellowcard, Nine Days sometimes falls in the category of unoriginal, but it’s their blend of both of these types of music that *does* make them original. Thoughtful like Duncan and irritated like Card (just slightly, I don’t kid myself and think of Yellowcard as punk), this band is like the boyfriend we all *wish* we had. Straightforward and honest and always, always there. They tell us, “If I am only here to watch you as you suffer/I will let you down,” while the guys in our real lives either A, tell us to get over it or B, don’t notice when we’re upset at all. Nine Days may not be anything new, but with these endearing, sweet lyrics... We’re not tired of them yet. Best Songs: If I Am and So Far Away.

Band Alert

LISA PIKAARD
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Vanishing after making a big splash in the music scene with “I Hate Everything About You,” and “Just Like You,” Three Days Grace has finally returned to the airwaves. Few people even realized what band masterminded these great hits before they disappeared from the United States music world. Their newest single is a well-built and long awaited effort to bring back the success that was once theirs. This time, they are making sure the public knows who is responsible for the music which was something they didn’t do first time around. Their newest hit is a strong, powerful, addicting song entitled, “Animal I have become.” Their most recent album, *One-X*, was released just as the summer was about to begin and is finally making waves (and hitting the waves) thanks to this song. The song was originally released in March but is now really making an impact. Their second single from their sophomore disc, “Pain,” is expected to be released shortly.

The band’s following may have dispersed with their lack of continuing success, but they are back and plan on reclaiming all that was lost as well as capturing an even larger audience. Three Days Grace has been and is still strong in Canada (where the band originally formed), and is trying to match that success in the US. The band has a lot of talent, but not a lot of publicity. The only attempt to capture the public was their performance in the Hilary Duff movie, *Raise Your Voice*. Though the effort was bold, it was not enough to capture the audience they wanted and expected. *One-X* represents the band well with lyrics laced with turmoil and pain. The feel of the album, however, is surprisingly upbeat. The music backing the vocals really uplifts the agonizing and expressive lyrics. Three Days Grace is certainly back with vengeance and will regain and push past the level of success they had in the past.



Canadian rockers: Three Days Grace

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The Music that Surrounds Us:

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9/15 Def Leppard & Journey 7:30 p.m.
9/17 Santana 7:00 p.m.
9/21 The Who 7:30 p.m.
9/28 Brad Paisley 8:00 p.m.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN:
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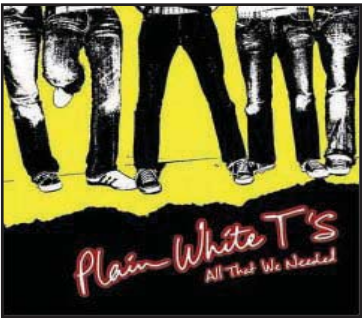
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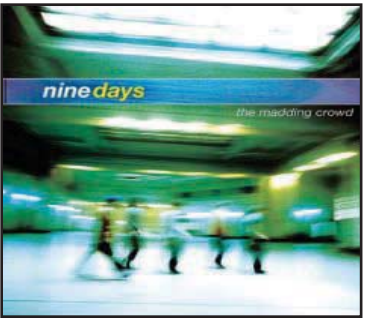
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Matthew Ryan
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Plain White T's
All That We Needed
Fearless Records 2005



Nine Days
The Maddening Crowd
Sony 2000

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Sad News...

Signing Off In Style

KRISTEN RENDA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

People in Hollywood are usually looked at with the assumption that they live perfect glamorous lives, and nothing could ever go wrong. Unfortunately, just after celebrating what should have been one of the best days in her life, Anna Nicole Smith is going through one of the worst.

On Thursday, September 7, Smith gave birth to a baby girl in the Bahamas. Her son, Daniel flew down to the Bahamas to be with his mom, and to meet his new baby sister. He wanted to be a part of such a special time in the life of his family.

Details are still unclear, but what is known is that just days later, on September 10, Daniel, collapsed in the maternity ward of the hospital and died of a massive heart attack.

It was said that Smith tried unsuccessfully to revive her 20-year-old son, and when he was pronounced dead, a hearse came to the hospital through a side exit, and transported his body to a different location as to avoid the press that was outside.

Though a cause for the heart attack has not been confirmed, a statement on Smith's website said that it is that drugs or alcohol are not believed to be a factor.

"The new mother was never seen, as she was reportedly whisked out of a backdoor exit. Photos of the baby wrapped in a pink and white blanket could not be taken, as all cameramen were diverted into the hospital conference room."

Information provided by www.perezhilton.com and www.annanicole.com



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Anna Nicole Smith and her son, Daniel on a press line.

LISA PIKAARD
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The WB is officially signing off on September 17, and is going out with a bang. It is finally time to relive the hit shows of the 90's all over again. The network responsible for airing shows like *What I Like About You*, *7th Heaven*, *Gilmore Girls*, *One Tree Hill*, and *Smallville*, is signing off. With the merging of the WB and UPN in a new network, the new CW, many shows are being lost and left behind, and so the network is doing a tribute night of sorts to the lost shows of the past. A night of pilots of the WB's greatest hits that are no longer running is how the WB decided to bow out. The chosen shows are *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Angel*, *Felicity*, and *Dawson's Creek*. These are the shows our generation grew up on and are going to be shown one last time before the merger happens.

The first show the WB is airing for the night is also the shortest-lived of the classic hits the station has had. *Felicity* lasted for three and a half years, a total of four seasons with 84 episodes following *Felicity* (Kerri Russell) from her high school graduation to New York on her quest to find love

with her high school dream guy Ben (Scott Speedman). The WB is bringing us back to *Felicity*'s decision to chase the man of her dreams one last time on Sunday night.



PHOTO COURTESY of google.com
Network hit stars Buffy and Angel: played by Sarah Michelle Gellar and David Boreanaz.

Buffy the Vampire Slayer first aired in March 1997 and lasted 144 episodes (seven seasons). Buffy discovers she is a vampire slayer and the show follows her attempts of dealing with her duties to protect the world and her love of a vampire with a soul.

The show also formed a spinoff that came out in 1999 following

Buffy's love, Angel, played by David Boreanaz. This show didn't last as long as *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* did; however, it ended long after the original show ended. The final show of *Angel* was aired in May 2004 while *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* last aired a year earlier in May 2003. Now the WB is providing the audience with an opportunity to see how Buffy became the slayer and then jumps two seasons in to see Angel standing on his own.

Dawson's Creek was one of the first successful soap opera shows with teen audiences. The show never lacked confusing vocabulary and dramatic relationships. With the competition between Pacey and Dawson over Joey Potter's love, the show was a huge success, explaining why it aired for six seasons. Even though the show ended in 2003, it is still a hit today. The show evolved taking the Capeside kids through high school and college and now the show is returning to the creek one last time.

The WB is officially signing off, but before they go, they are flashing back a decade for one last night, one last presentation of the shows that shaped the teens of the 1990s in a tribute to the successes of the past.

What's the Scoop?

KRISTEN RENDA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

As I said last week, we wouldn't have to wait long to finally see pictures of TomKitten, and I was right. In fact, we were able to see the pictures sooner than expected! On Tuesday night, September 5th, Katie Couric showed pictures of Suri Holmes-Cruise during her premiere with CBS news. Some people say the baby looks like Tom, while others think she's all Katie. Still, others think she may be Chris Kline's! Some people see a big resemblance between little Suri and Katie Holmes' ex, but most likely, this is just a rumor that someone started to cause some more drama in the lives of this family.

When Victoria Beckham landed in New York City over the weekend, many people asked her about the famous baby as well as her daddy. Posh only had this to say about Tom, "People say he's strange or whatever, but he's not. He's just a genuinely lovely, caring person. And Katie? I have to say she's one of the most down-to-earth celebrities I've ever met and they really are great. I couldn't imagine a better person for Tom,

and it's brilliant that she's made him so happy."

It's good to know that despite what people say, that couple isn't crazy at all...or are they? I guess we'll never really know for sure.

Kirsten Dunst seems to still be slightly heartbroken over the demise of her relationship with ex-boyfriend Jake Gyllenhaal. In a recent interview with England's *News of the World*, she said,



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Ex-lovers Kirsten Dunst and Jake Gyllenhaal.

"Jake and I couldn't last. He's a stay-at-home boy, and I'm an out-on-the-town girl. We tried to spice things up—we had sex in cars, in the bathroom, and even by the sea. The only place we didn't have the guts to try was in a walkway in a hotel, because we thought we might get kicked out if we were caught."

I think I speak for everyone when I say, that that was more than any of us really wanted to hear. It amazes me when I think about what crazy things celebrities will say just to get some press. Dunst also said that she doesn't think her and Gyllenhaal are broken up for good, and doesn't think he believes that either.

On to another couple—already John Mayer and Jessica Simpson are dunzo. They weren't even together long enough to get a cute nickname! A friend of Mayer told *Us Weekly* that Mayer has lost all

respect for the recently divorced singer. Mayer accused Simpson of using him just for publicity.

Most likely, this was another plot on behalf of Jessica's father Joe Simpson. Apparently he wasn't happy with the way this whole thing blew up in his face, and it was said that he fired Jessica's publicist, Rob Shuter. Later, Jessica released a statement saying that he was not fired, but Shuter would not comment on whether or not he was still working for Simpson.

Lindsay Lohan was robbed on Thursday, September 7 at London's Heathrow airport. Her orange Hermès Birkin purse, which contained over one million dollars worth of jewelry, was noticed to be missing from the rest of her luggage while in the airport. Lohan had to wait over two years to get this highly in-demand purse, and was begging for it to be returned to her. Fortunately, only a day later the purse was retrieved by a member of the public with nothing missing. Lindsay can now stop crying and enjoy her visit to London.

Last but not least, Paris Hilton was taken into police custody last Wednesday night in Hollywood for being intoxicated while driving. According to celebrity blogger, and friend of Ms. Hilton, Perez Hilton (not related to Paris), Paris was not drunk. "She had one drink - a margarita, mixed at the table - minutes before getting into her Mercedes on her way to In 'N Out Burger to get something to eat...." Police pulled the heiress over and gave her a breathalyzer test, and she blew a .08, which is the minimum level for getting a DUI in California. Fortunately for Hilton, police did not charge her for a DUI, and was not arrested.

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

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Box Office: Bets and Bombs

Clerks 2

JACQUELYN 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 consisting 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, joined by 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 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 it 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.



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Baby Suri with her parents, Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes.

CLUB and GREEK

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Phi Sigma Kappa

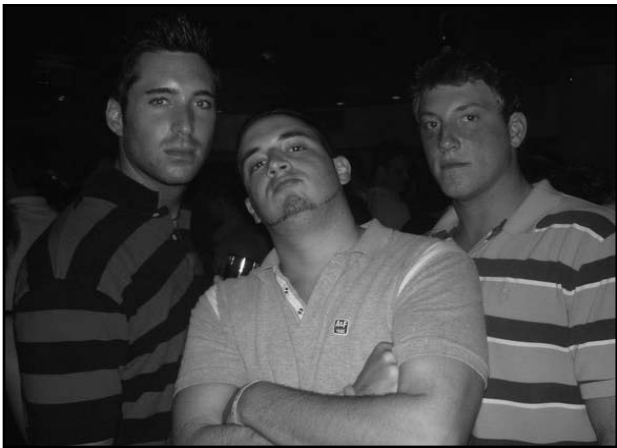


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Pictured (from left): Chris Hurley, Louis DeMarco, Ben Brenner

Brothers! Someone write a good article for next week because we need to keep filling this space up. And I'm not doing it because I'm not funny and I don't want to hear all your complaints on how stupid my articles are. So, next week someone write something and send it to me whenever possible so we can keep doing this. In the meantime, happy birthday Jihad and Donkeylips. This is Launchpad signing off.... DAMN PROUD!

Sigma Tau Gamma

Hey Monmouth, we hope you all had a great summer and want to welcome you back. We'll be sure to tell you guys about any recruitment events we have coming up as soon as they're planned. It's going to be a great year for Sig Tau, we're psyched up for Homecoming, and looking forward to winning it three years in a row. If anyone is interested in joining Sigma Tau Gamma just search for us on Facebook; we have a group called "Interested in Joining Sigma Tau Gamma" pretty straight forward. That'll keep you up to date on any events or activities we're having. If you have any questions there's contact info there, or if you see anyone wearing our letters around campus just talk to them, we're always happy to meet new people and make new connections. We hope you guys have a great semester, see you around.

Community Service Club

Welcome back everyone. The Community Service Club is getting ready to start another great year of volunteer activities. This year we are planning on collecting pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House, as well as sponsoring a girl scout science day event for local girls. We will be involved in the annual Big Event sponsored by the Student Government Association and we will be involved in other small activities in the area and across campus. We are looking forward to another great year and need all the help we can get. If you are interested in joining the Community Service Club we will be holding our meetings on Mondays at 7:00 pm. Please email Ian C. Craig, president at s0533583@monmouth.edu or Katie Field, vice president at s0558522@monmouth.edu, if you have any questions or are interested about learning more about our organization.

Chemistry Club

Another year has started! The Chemistry Club is prepping for a wonderful semester. This year, we are planning many activities, including chemistry demonstrations for elementary and high school students, trips to seminars, and our annual Mole Day celebration. We also participate in the National Chemistry Week in October. Previously, the Chem Club has planted a tree on campus for Earth Day – you can see our tree when you enter the South Side of campus.

The Chemistry Club is open to students of all majors who have an interest in chemistry. We meet twice a month, usually the first Wednesday at 2:30 and the third Wednesday in the early evening. Keep an eye out for notices of our next meeting! We have a fantastic advisor, Dr. Carolyn Supplee, and often work in conjunction with the chemistry department. For more information, contact Aimee Babbin at s0545542@monmouth.edu. Have a fantastic semester!

Delta Phi Epsilon

Welcome back! I hope everyone's summer was well and looking forward to the great year ahead of you. To introduce our Sorority for those that may not know, we are Delta Phi Epsilon, commonly called D-Phi-E. You may see some of the fun performances we have in Pollack such as Singled Out and Lip Sync, which everyone is free to participate in. Yet we don't do all of that just for the fun and games. We have these performances to raise money for our philanthropies Cystic Fibrosis and Anorexia Nervosa. Any money raised goes to these foundations to help them fight these diseases. We also do a lot for the community by helping out in any ways we can whether it be a walk or helping in a soup kitchen. We do know how to have fun though. Each semester we have tons of mixers (themed parties) with other fraternities and at the end of each semester we have a formal. So for what you put into the sorority you get a lot out of. This fall semester during Round Robin, make sure to stop by and check out what we have to offer. So if you would like to be a part of us be sure to rush this spring semester. You'll be sure to learn life lessons that you won't learn in a class room, not to mention the life long bonds you will have with your fellow sisters.

Phi Sigma Sigma

oh no this is my last first time writing the outlook...(you guys better get used to that)...so happy to be back!! 307-oooh the crazy times to come...deltas-too much love for all of u...here comes anoooter bangin semester <3 DeZire So happy to be back with my lovely Phi Sigs! Crazy first weekend back with my 215 loves (thanks for taking care of me on Saturday!)-Capri Welcome back Phi Sigs! I missed all of you! Looking forward to a great semester. Love, Serendipity-Missed all of my Phi Sigs-Little I love you Your beautiful-Amore. Thrilled to be back! 307-you complete me Big I love you-Amadora To my beautiful and crazily retarded Saphy & Little, I adore you nut jobs. Sunshine- you make my heart smile. 307-Love Us, Love Jacinta. Missed all my beautiful Phi Sigs over the summer! I love you Little you're my life!-Dream So happy to be back and see all my Phi Sigs Love You-Tropix Missed all my sexy phi sigs....So happy to be back xoxo Toxxxix To my sexy little....I missed your life like no other. So glad to be back with all my Phi Sigs...Suga love you Dolce. I am so excited to see my lovely Phi Sigs I missed you more than life. Love you all the sister w/out a pledge name. Phi Sigs- great to be back! Love Devia This semester is going to be amazing with my 254 favs. I love you both to death!!! Big you are my heart love Dolce. So excited for this year, lovin my 254 and all my sisters. Xoxo Lex. 38 Dwight-never a dull moment lovee you...Phi Sigs missed you too much...Love you Little!- Sunset Roxxxxstar loves Toxxxix and Suga sooo much! Alize loves her DeZire All Phi Sigs...sooo happy to be back...cant wait for a great semester. Love my Dwighties so much! This year is goin to be insane, this past week's craziness was just a preview!- Caliente Happy to be back with my lovely Phi Sig Sisters. Love you all and I cant wait for this semester! Im so happy to be rooming with Alize and Electra-Love XaniParis So happy to be back with all my beautiful sisters. Cant wait for this semester! Xoxo Glamour. We're finally back my sexxiizzz!! Love my luna-belle-n-Blahnixx love my kraziiz xanip & Alize!!!-Electra Little Exquisite loves her big Paradise so much!!! So excited & happy to be back with all my phi sigs! Love my saphs to death. Cant wait for this year!!-exquisite Luminous loves her big Dream and all her Phi Sexis! So happy to be back- Love you all always xoxo. Love my Phi Sigs and big Tinxxx xoxo Perfexxxion. So excited to see all my Phi Sigs. Dwight- amazing roomies- luv u girls soo much. Perfexxxion- thanx for always being their esp for picking me up hahah I luv u. Love Tinxxx

Alpha Xi Delta

Hello everyone! The Alpha Xi Delta Monmouth Colony would love to welcome everyone back and we hope that all of you had an amazing summer. We are proud and honored to still be apart of the Monmouth University campus and we look forward to a great year with our sisters, the Greek community, but also with the Monmouth community. So far, as all Greeks are aware, September is a busy month for us, but we are excited to start the year off right. Look for us around campus and don't be afraid to wave or come talk to us because we love meeting new people. In fact, if you really want to get to know us better, along with the rest of the Greek community, come out to Meet the Greeks on Tuesday, September 19th at 10pm in the Anacon Hall (Student Center). Also, look for us at the Involvement Fair on September 20th at 2:30pm on Erlanger Gardens. Beyond that, we hope to see everyone around campus. AXiD love to all!

Andrea Johnson
Recording Secretary

Alpha Sigma Tau

WELCOME BACK TO THE AMAZING MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY. AST LOVES seeing everyone back in action. SMALLS- I LOVE YOU to pieces. You better live with me always this semester- <3 Gia. PEARL- JUST ME + YOU MAN <3 your pledge sister. <3 YOU LADIES - GIA. SECRET- I MISS YOU <3 SEC. SHHHH... IT'S MY SECRET'S BIRTHDAY. YOU'RE THE BEST- Love Grandlittle Secret. Paradise & Twinkle... original duo back in action at our old stomping grounds. Don't tell Spice Secrets. I <3 Twinkle!. If she has a hit put on her Spice will cover for her. Hi Honey! The house features Riff, Blaze, Cleo, Electra, Scky, Glamour, Stitch, and Gia- it's OOC. Electra took Cleo, Gia, Glamour, Riff and Stitch for a wild ride. I missed everyone! <3 Honey. Kaprice good times about to happen, or very odd things! Can't wait. <3 Honey. I <3 U twin! Shout out to the sisters and my Housemate Girlies! This year is gunna be ridiculous! Party like rockstars and try not to go home with bartenders- xoxo Stitch p.s. REUNITED and it feels so goooooood! Way excited to be back at Monmouth! Living with Luna rocks! I love my GRANDBIG aka Lady! And Glamour is hot! <3 Always Cyprus! Oh Boy... another year of AST crazy life! Thanks, Lucky Star, for forcing me into AST-ing weekend numero uno, Love Matey. "I'm bringing Belle Back, all those other Blurrs don't know how to act!" Lady, Catalina & Glamour were inseparable all weekend! Glamour had a small tear when Catalina left Sunday. But not to be too worried she'll be back midweek. Cyprus is the cutest... even though she makes Glamour drive her through the drive-thru. Stitch made Glamour spend all her money at the mall. Glamour may look good this semester, but thanks to Stitch she is broke. The final four dine together. Soon to come... Pinky & the Brain. Cyprus, Good Luck on Wednesday with the surgery... I love you roomie, Love always Luna. Lucky Star, Luna and Matey go on a pilgrimage to see Marcel and Storm. Good Times love you girls Love Lucky Star. Cleo you are officially my new partner in crime, Love you, Lucky Star. Biggy I <3 you love Smalls. We would like to dedicate this week in loving memory of our sister, Dana.

Student Activities Board

Hey, hey, hey!! Welcome back to all of our members!! And on behalf of the Student Activities Board, welcome to Monmouth, class of 2010!! We have a very exciting semester planned. Hopefully, you helped kick off the semester at Monmouthpalooza in the residential quad this past Saturday! (A big congrats and a pat on the back to the organizers, Alex, Dave, Nicole, & Nicole..thank you everyone else that came out and ran a table for us :))Some of our upcoming events are Salsa Magic on September 15th at 7:00pm. ImprovJam which we are co-sponsoring with the Greek Senate on Saturday, September 16th. Tickets will be on sale for the All American Rejects show starting at 12:01am on September 18th, so get your tickets as soon as you can, they are going to sell out quick!!! Be sure to visit our table at the Involvement Fair on September 20th going on between 2:30 and 4, we will be serving mini melts (just like dippin dots, but better!)! Then, that night come join us for a laugh with comedian Kelly Taylor at 8:30pm. All of our events are listed on the "Have a Great Fall" posters that you can find on any campus or res life bulletin board :) Come check us out at our first meeting this Thursday, the 15th at 4pm in Anacon Hall - 2nd floor of the Student Center!

Everybody at Monmouthpalooza did an amazing job. Thanks for everybodys help . I know this year we have a great executive board that will accomplish many great things when we work together. This year for SAB has already started on a high note and all we need to do is keep the momentum going. There are many great events to come and we will have an amazing year. Thanks for all your help and being your cool individual people...Peace n Love --- Sexy Alexei

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By Linda C. Black,
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Today's Birthday (Sept. 13th)

. Take on more responsibilities this year, but keep track of your earnings. The money's going out almost as fast as it's coming in.

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

♈ **Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is an 7**
At first, it seems like you've got everything figured out. Keep looking around, and asking questions.

♉ **Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 7**
You'll have to go shopping, but be careful now. Only buy things that will help you make more money, to buy more things for your family. You're good at this.

♊ **Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 7**
The more chores you get checked off your list, the better you'll feel, as you know. So, cheerfully keep chugging away. This game never ends, so enjoy it.

♋ **Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 6**
You're in a pretty good mood, but everybody isn't. Be gracious to a person who's lost objectivity. Postpone an outing to provide support.

♌ **Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - Today is a 7**
You love to have the finest things that your money will buy. You don't have to pay more than others do for it, however. That's not good business.

♍ **Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 7**
Others might get giddy with success. Don't fall for that trick. Don't let your teammates forget the objective, either. You can still fail, if you get sloppy.

♎ **Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 8**
Accept the applause, but don't let it go to your head, that would be a mistake. It could also get in the way of expressing your talent, and that can be tragic.

♏ **Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is a 6**
You're not one to hold a grudge for long, you have other things to do. So, pay back a debt you owe, and then you can get on with your life.

♐ **Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 7**
Don't get stuck in repeating a procedure that doesn't work. Ask for input from others and listen to your own imagination.

♑ **Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is a 8**
Pay more attention to business now, things are starting to move quickly. It would be easy to make a mistake, so guard carefully against that.

♒ **Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 8**
Some people may think you're radical, but you're actually quite cautious. You like to play exciting games, but you sure don't like to lose. Make careful plans now.

♓ **Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is a 7**
It's always good to have enough on hand for emergencies. Don't expect somebody else to do it for you, but you can look out for the others.

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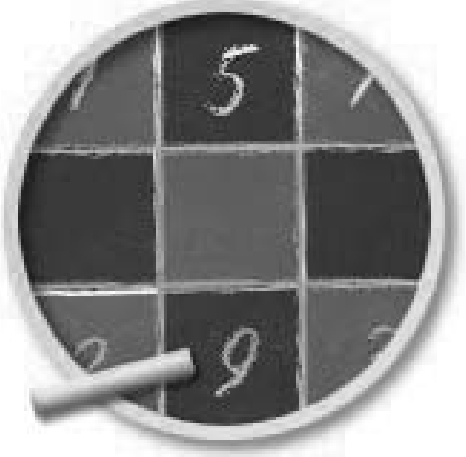
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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BY BILLY O'KEEFE MRBILLY.COM/PAUL

Falling wages create more working poor

RHONDA CHRISS LOKEMAN
KRT ARCHIVES

Leave it to the Economic Policy Institute to remind us that there are ways besides the unemployment rate to quantify our economic well-being. The widening gap between rich and poor and the booming “perma-temp” industry are but two examples.

Economics

According to the latest “State of Working America” report, the rich got richer faster between 2001 and 2004. Average income for the top 1 percent grew 184 percent, the Washington-based policy institute reported. People representing 1 percent of the wealth scale held over one-third of all wealth in 2004.

Nationally, median family income fell each year from 2000 to 2004 by 3 percent, or \$1,600.

Missourians have had it tough, too, according to the Missouri Citizen Education Fund, which used the EPI data for a state analysis.

Its “State of Working Missouri” report noted that from 2001 to 2005, Missouri median family income fell 10 percent, or \$5,088, adjusted for inflation. (www.missouriprovote.org) What’s happening in Missouri is typical of what’s happening nationally.

“As the wealthiest continue to thrive, many households are left behind with little or nothing in the way of assets and often have significant debt,” the Economic Policy Institute (www.epi.org) reported. One in six households had no real savings.

That’s why more payday loan outfits are migrating from the inner cities to suburbs. Needy middle-income families are more willing than before to go into debt to maintain their standard of living.

The EPI depoliticizes its analyses, unlike the Missouri group

that uses the data to mobilize voters and pressure politicians whose policies don’t help working families. At a protest outside a summer fundraiser for Jim Talent, one picket sign read, “It would take 97 weeks at minimum pay to equal 1 plate at your dinner tonight, Mr. Talent.”

According to “Working Missouri,” the percentage of children living below the poverty level rose from 12.9 percent to 17.7 percent from 2001 to 2005. Raising the minimum wage would help many Missouri families. State unemployment rose from 4.7 percent to 5.5 percent from 2001 to 2005.

The next time a politician preaches about family values, remind him or her that it’s hard to value your family if you’re too busy working to spend time with them. Or, you value family so much that you have several generations under one roof and work multiple jobs to support them.

Or you got laid off from a high-paying job with benefits but now

make minimum wage. Explain that new employers won’t pay what you’re worth when they can outsource white-collar jobs to India or hire or promote some upstart for less pay.

Since 2000, wages have fallen for entry-level workers, including college graduates, according to the economic institute. Furthermore, the percentage of temporary agency workers who have been at the same job for a year or more rose from 24.4 percent in 1995 to 33.7 percent in 2005. Company loyalty has vanished as more people become perma-temps who work multiple jobs over multiple years without benefits.

People who raised good kids who got good grades and got accepted at good colleges cannot pay for higher education. So they are taking out loans and going deeper in debt. This is their version of “No Child Left Behind.”

The institute reported that middle-income married couples with children added over 500 hours of

work to total family work hours from 1979 to 2000 and that key to their survival has been “for women in general and wives in particular to enter the labor market.”

Fewer middle-income women can afford to be stay-at-home moms. In 2005, 29.4 percent of working women were at the poverty level. Women still earn less than men.

Middle-income families are the working poor at food pantries and soup kitchens. Employer-provided health benefits dropped from 69 percent in 1979 to 55.9 percent in 2000.

Americans have a strong work ethic and would do jobs politicians say only undocumented workers will do.

But Americans aren’t willing to work in unsafe conditions or for next to nothing, and labor laws say they don’t have to. American families want the prosperity that comes with the American dream, not the despair of the American nightmare.

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On the Hill:

a student's experience at the Washington Center Program

DANA PANZONE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As my fellow Monmouth students went back to school last Tuesday, I went to work. Tuesdays were one of the best days of the week at Monmouth.

When my political science professor at Monmouth, Dr. Joseph Patten, told me about this opportunity, I couldn't pass on it. The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars is a nonprofit organization that offers college students a chance to work and learn in Washington, D.C. while earning academic credits.

This time I'm over 200 miles away, and it was certainly an adjustment. I felt like I should have a sign somewhere on me that says, "I'm from Jersey, and I have absolutely no idea what I'm doing."

The attire was another issue I was not prepared to deal with. I'd be lying if I said I didn't look in the mirror every morning and think, "Wow, this outfit definitely looked better on Gisele in that Victoria Secret magazine." But you learn to deal with it because, let's face it, you can't stay in college forever.

I don't look at the next few months as something I'm doing just to fulfill my Experiential Education requirement. I have always loved the city atmosphere. Everything is very fast pace and I'm a fast pace person. There is always something to see or do here.

I feel that I have adjusted to this new lifestyle pretty well for only being here a week. I've learned how to stand on the Metro without falling; that like the left lane is the passing lane and most importantly, to never wear heels to Capitol Hill ever, ever again.

It began to downpour as soon as I got off the Metro. It took me a while to find the office; of course, because I get lost every-

where I go. However, despite the rough start of my day, everything changed as soon as I entered the building for GalleryWatch. GalleryWatch is a legislative tracking and analysis provider. The company serves government agencies, trade associations, corporations, law and lobbying firms, and universities. Everyone was really friendly, especially my boss Charles. He has that "southern hospitality" disposition that makes working for him so enjoyable. He likes to feed everyone in the office a lot. He justifies it by telling me that I'll burn calories walking to Capitol Hill every day.

My main task at GalleryWatch is to write about Congressional hearings on Capitol Hill. Every Monday morning, I look over the committees' schedule and choose which hearings I would like to go to. On days when I am not sitting in on hearings, I'm still up on the Hill collecting testimony from whichever hearings will offer important information to our clients. Thus far, I have covered hearings regarding issues on national security and the state of rebuilding programs in Afghanistan.

I work four and a half days a week. On my half day, I am required to attend group meetings with my Mass Communications advisor, Robert Walter. He's had several interesting jobs, such as working on political campaigns and working in the White House Office of Public Liaison under the Clinton Administration.

That's all for now. Unfortunately, I really haven't had the chance to venture out and see much yet. I promise I will have much more interesting things to share next week!

If you would like more information about the Washington Center Program, visit their website, <http://twc.edu>, or contact Dr. Patten by e-mailing him at jpatten@monmouth.edu.

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Facebook users want about-face on tattle tool

AMY S. ROSENBERG AND DANIEL RUBIN
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Ben F. may have changed his relationship status to single, but, really, does every one of his friends on Facebook need to be informed of it in a headline at 4:35 in the morning?

Yes, this week, the hanging-all-our-laundry-out-there generation got a little too much face in its Facebook as the popular Web site added a feature that, like a personal news ticker, chronicles every online move they and their friends make.

"It brings Facebook stalking to a whole new level," said Chris Favilla, 21, as he sat on a leather couch outside the Phi Delta Theta fraternity on Locust Walk on the University of Pennsylvania campus Thursday, where the already-epic Facebook news-feed controversy was a hot topic.

Nine million students hang out online on Facebook, each with his or her own Facebook "wall" of pictures and posts. The new feature allows users leaves them no choice, really to find out what friends have been doing through "news feeds" and "mini feeds" that appear on their page automatically.

All day, every day, every last little blip in their online lives who posted on whose wall, who made a new online friend, who woke up tired like a personal CNN for every one of their designated friends.

"It's so extreme," said Mike Carley, 22, a Penn senior from Los Angeles. "I don't really need to know my friends at USC are going to a party. It's really too much information. A bunch of people don't care whose wall I posted on at 3:45 a.m. What if I reject a friend request, will it say that too? That's ugly."

So upset are users about the changes that as of yesterday more than a half-million of the sites' 9 million users had signed petitions against the change, or joined online groups against Facebook (actions which, of course, were instantly logged on all their friends' walls).

A Web site called A Day Without Facebook (<http://daywithoutfacebook.blogspot.com>) is calling for a mass boycott of the network on Tuesday which, given the addictive nature of the site, would be an impressively harsh protest strategy.

But Facebook users many of whom reject the more open-to-all MySpace feel betrayed (Facebook is the No. 2 social networking site after MySpace, owned by News Corp.) Facebook originally limited its membership to college students, but four months ago spread to the military, nonprofit organizations, and some corporations.

"What was so great about Facebook was that it was not as blatantly put in your face what everyone was doing," said Mary Calderone, a freshman at Penn. "MySpace was so stalkerish. People are joking and calling it MyFace now."

All this information was already available, but most of it was hidden deep within users' walls, accessible really only to people who had the idea to check out, say, how many friends had posted on someone's wall.

Now, the news feeds automatically let users know when their friends have added photographs, changed their lists of favorite movies, or taken someone off their friends list because of a breakup. And stuff like: "Five of your friends have posted on Meghan's wall." (Should you? Do you really need to know that?)

This made personal news travel faster and more awkwardly through their network of friends than a lot of Facebook fans were ready for.

"I absolutely hate it," said Nawad Maalouf, 19, a junior at Penn. "I don't want every detail out. It used to take some effort to stalk someone. Now the stalking just comes to you. You see if people have declined invitations, updated their relationship status, written on other people's walls."

But isn't sharing information the whole point of Facebook.com? That you can know all about people when they're online, who their friends are, what music they're into before you've even gone out for coffee?

Amanda Lenhart, senior research specialist with the Pew Internet & American Life Project, said the controversy underscores "the imperfect ideas" that users have about how their material is being used.

"All the things they are making public are things that are already public. What is also important is that Facebook took away a measure of their control."

The changes also brought up some serious privacy issues: Maalouf said she had friends who had accepted invitations to gay events who did not necessarily want their sexual orientation broadcast to a vast network of casual acquaintances.

Then again, the whole nature of what is a "friend" which on Facebook means you have authorized a person to hang on your online wall may be at the heart of the controversy.

"On Facebook, you only have one kind of friend," said Pew's Lenhart. "It assumes this intense level of friendship for everyone on the network. People can't do things that might not be noticed. What Facebook has assumed is that everyone cares. And they don't."

The fury of the backlash led Facebook's founder, a former Harvard University student named Mark Zuckerberg, to post an e-mail assuring the angry crowd that the company was "listening to all your suggestions about how to improve the product."

He headlined the post, "Calm down. Breathe. We hear you."

Yesterday, Facebook spokeswoman Melanie Deitch said the company was "aggressively evaluating" the change.

But she stressed that the news feed addressed "one of the main reasons people use Facebook, which is to find out what's happening with their friends." She said privacy controls were available to screen out information among categories of people.

And she added that at least one of the signature Facebook interactions was still and would always remain private that nonverbal heyhowyadoin' known, affectionately, as "the poke."

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Michigan affirmative action ban isn't black and white

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Michigan has a question for California: Was it a good idea to prohibit, as your voters did in 1996, the use of race- and gender-based affirmative action by public schools and government agencies for hiring, contracting and admissions decisions?

Ten years ago, the issue raged in California just as it does now in Michigan in the run-up to the Nov. 7 election and a vote on the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, or MCRI.

Like backers of the MCRI, proponents of the nearly identical California Civil Rights Initiative, known as Proposition 209, promised a pathway to a colorblind society. Its opponents forecast an end to opportunity for women and minorities.

A decade later, some results are tangible: fewer African Americans at elite state universities and an apparent reduction in cost for road contracts awarded without consideration of race and gender.

But would California do it again?

"In a heartbeat," said Ward Connerly, the former University of California regent who led the campaign to pass 209. Connerly is also a principal organizer of the MCRI campaign.

Even opponents agree that Californians aren't ready to repeal the proposition.

But Eva Paterson, who heads a coalition dedicated to doing away with 209, said she thinks that California voters someday will realize their mistake.

"There are fewer opportunities for minorities and women," Paterson said. "California is worse off."

Hard evidence about the effect of 209 is fragmentary and hard to interpret.

After its enactment, black and Hispanic enrollment declined sharply at the University of California system's elite schools Berkeley and UCLA.

At UCLA, this fall's freshman class includes just 96 African Americans (about 2 percent) — a 30-year low. Other reports have documented drops in minority and female faculty on some campuses and suggested a decline in the number of government contracts awarded to minority- and female-owned businesses.

But other research shows that overall minority enrollment at the elite schools has stabilized at lower levels, that overall minority enrollment is at or above pre-209 levels and that system-wide, California was among the national leaders in degrees awarded to nonwhite students.

Still, African Americans, 6 percent of California's population, did not keep pace with the increases in the attainment of college degrees by white, Asian or Hispanic Californians during the last 10 years.

On a broader scale, many of the traditional measures of progress income, educational attainment, poverty rates show that progress for California's minorities and women has outpaced that of whites and men during the last decade.

According to data from the California Demographic Research

Unit:

The median income for women rose slightly more than that for men between 1995 and 2003. The growth in median household income for blacks, Hispanics and Asians between 1995 and 2004 was significantly higher than it was for whites.

Poverty rates fell sharply for blacks, Hispanics and Asians while rising for whites between 1996 and 2004.

Hans Johnson, an economist at the Public Policy Institute of California, urged caution in linking the passage of 209 to those changes. The ban applied only to public schools and government agencies, Johnson said. In the larger, private California economy, affirmative action remains common — as it would in Michigan if the MCRI were adopted.

Deborah Reed, another researcher and a former associate professor at the University of Michigan, said economic trends for all groups in California were positive in the post-209 decade.

"Right now, the research on 209 is too scant to tell us if it was bad or good," Reed said.

Justin Marion, a professor of economics at the University of California at Santa Cruz, said he is reasonably confident that 209 has saved taxpayers money on road building.

Marion analyzed spending after 1996, when state and local road projects no longer required that a portion of all contracts be set aside for businesses owned by minorities and women. Since federal projects were still subject to set-asides, it was possible to test the effect on cost.

He found that removing race and gender preferences cut contract costs 3.7 percent to 6 percent.

Supporters of affirmative action argue that the premium for taxpayers is small and offset by greater opportunities for historically disadvantaged people. But measuring the effectiveness of affirmative-action programs and the impact of ending them has been tough.

The Discrimination Research Center, an affirmative-action advocacy organization founded in Berkeley in 1998, found fewer women in construction trades and attributed that to 209. But the authors cited shortcomings in data and acknowledged that even post-209 "women are better represented in the construction industry in California than nationally."

On the other hand, the race and gender composition of the California state government workforce has changed little.

Whites and African Americans, both shrinking portions of the population, are also a declining portion of the state workforce; Hispanics and Asians, both increasing, occupy a larger share.

Connerly said the measure of 209's success is in the way individuals are treated.

"The vision should be, 'Did you have a fair and equal chance to compete?'"

More important, he said, is that 209's biggest impact was cultural.

"The weight of the law was no longer in favor of using preferences. That is an attitudinal change that may take decades to be absorbed. But it's in the fabric of everyday life now."

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October

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- Tuesday, 10/17 - **CPS Fall Film Series: Prozac Nation**. Timely film about a college student's struggle to negotiate family, life, school and unrealistic expectations. 7:30pm-9:30pm. **Stafford Student Center, Anacon A**.
- Wednesday, 10/25 - **Thinking It Through**. A panel presentation on the connection between depression, suicide and the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. Presented with the collaboration of the Monmouth County Alliance for Drug and Alcohol Prevention. 1:00pm-2:30pm. **Stafford Student Center, Anacon A**.

November

- Thursday, 11/9 - **High Tech Dangers**. Forum on internet risks with presentation by an investigator from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office. Interactive panel discussion to follow. 2:30pm-4:30pm. **Wilson Auditorium**.
- Thursday, 11/16 - **February One-The Story of the Greensboro Four**. Film and interactive discussion with General Joe McNeil, member of the *Greensboro Four*. This small group of idealistic college freshmen from North Carolina A&T University changed the course of history in 1960 when they decided to *sit-in* at a "whites-only" lunch counter in downtown Greensboro, NC. The rest is history! 7:30pm-9:30pm. **Stafford Student Center, Anacon A**.
- Friday, 11/17 - **Annual NCCJ-NJ Conference** featuring keynote speaker General Joe McNeil. **Times and locations of the day's programs to be announced**.

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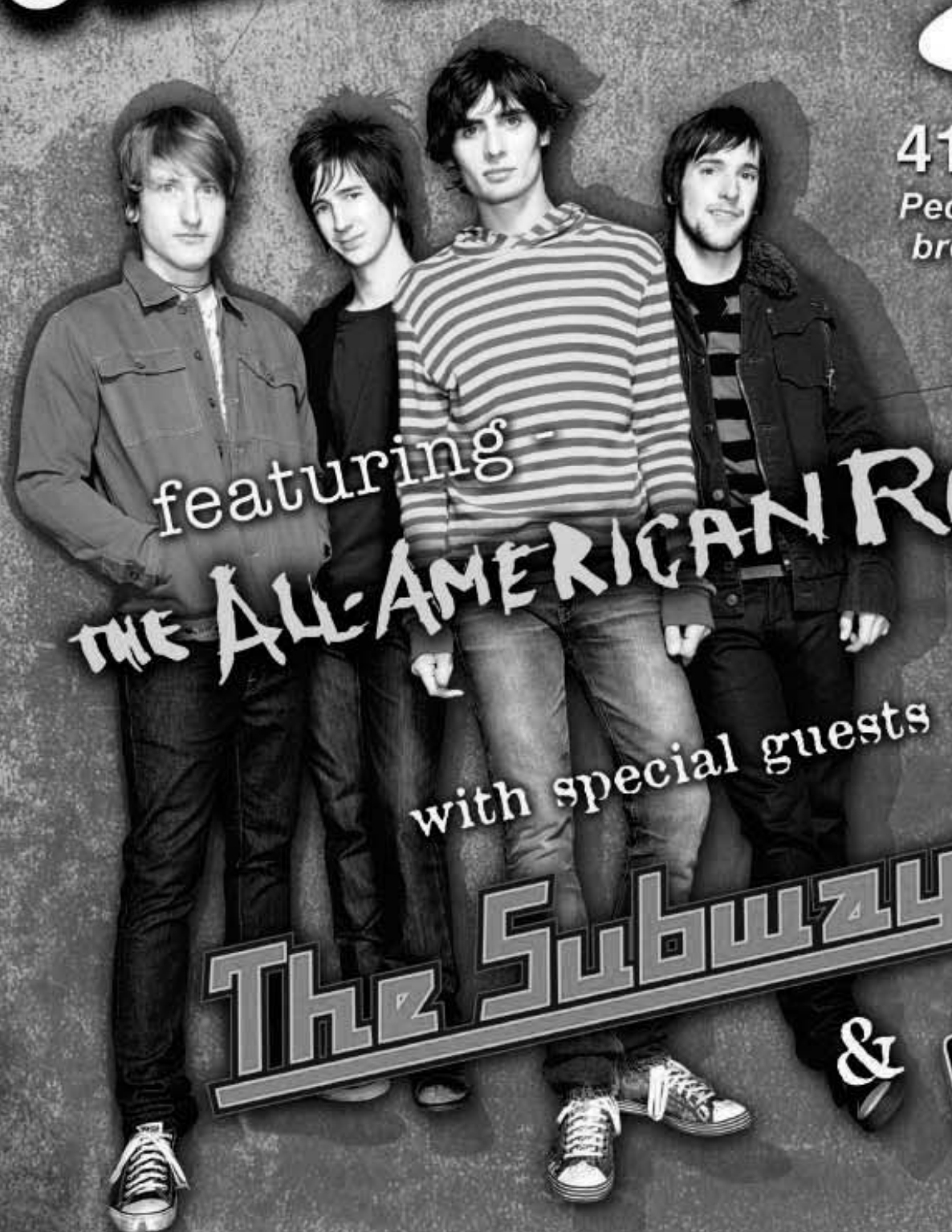
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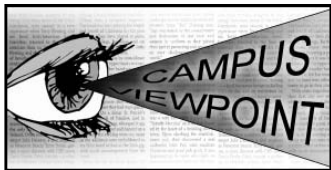
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a member of The Christian
Ambassadors.”



Lindsay
senior

“I work in the Political Science De-
partment as an office assistant. And,
over the summer I worked for the
Urban Coast Institute on campus.”



Brendan
senior

“I’m a wide receiver on the football
team here and I’m in the finance club
where I follow the lead of president
Chris Stanley.”



Lauren
junior

“I’m the Scholarship Chair for ZTA
and Treasurer & Campus Safety
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Rachael
sophomore

“I’m involved at the radio station
and I work for the Phonathon.”



Megan
freshman

“I work in the Education Certification
office and I’m in the Pep Band.”



Alix & Kimberly
seniors

“We run the photo lab on campus!”



Kris
freshman

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super senior

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American Sign Language Class
7:30 PM, Java City Cafe (Student Center)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2006

Salsa Magic (Latin Dance Party)
7:00 PM, Anacon Hall

MOVIE - Click

8:00 PM, Young Auditorium, Bey Hall (Plays again Saturday @ 3:00 PM)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2006

Football vs. St. Peter’s College
1:00 PM, Kessler Field

Improv Jam
7:00 PM, Pollak Theatre

MOVIE - Nacho Libre

9:00 PM, Young Auditorium, Bey Hall (Plays again Sunday @ 1:00 PM)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

Shuttles to Seven President’s Beach
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Depart from Birch Hall Loop

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

TICKETS ONSALE - Verizon Wireless Campus Tour featuring All American Rejects
12:01 AM, Student Center 1st Floor (Look for signage to lineup)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

Meet the Greeks
10:00 PM, Anacon Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

Mini-Melt Ice Cream Giveaway
12:00 - 4:00 PM, Erlanger Gardens

Student Involvement Fair
2:30 - 4:00 PM, Erlanger Gardens

Kelly Taylor (Comedian)
8:30 PM, Anacon Hall

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Tuesday, September 19th
Anacon Hall — 10pm

Any questions? Contact the Office of Student Activities
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NOTE: All students are welcome to attend, however, first
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Wednesday, September
20th, 2006

2:30pm—4:00pm

Erlanger Gardens

between Wilson Hall and
Student Center

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Come visit all of the great student clubs and organizations
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Saturday, 9/16 @ 9:00 PM &

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Young Auditorium, Bey Hall. All Movies are Free! Free popcorn, too!!!



THE END ZONE

Hawks tackle Bears, improve to 2-0 on season

Monmouth victorious in its 2006 home opener at Kessler Field

CRAIG D'AMICO
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Returning home for the first of six home games at Kessler Field this season, the Monmouth Hawks improved to 2-0 on the young season with a 26-9 victory over the Morgan State Bears Saturday afternoon.

The key to the Hawks victory the previous week at Fordham was a strong start as they scored on their first four possessions. Looking to get off to a similar hot start against the Bears, the Hawks received the kickoff to start the game. Hawks kick returner Brian Robinson set up Monmouth in excellent starting field position with a 39-yard return to set up his offense at the Morgan State 38 yard line.

The Hawks took advantage of the return with a Fred Weingart 25 yard field goal to give them the early 3-0 lead. Morgan St. would answer right back with a field goal themselves to tie, with a slow and methodical 13 play, 66 yard drive that took just over seven minutes off of the clock.

On Monmouth's first full possession of the second quarter, they took advantage of more fantastic starting field position, at their own 42 yard line, and drove down the field for the go-ahead score.

The scoring drive featured the Hawks converting a fourth down on a Brian Boland quarterback keeper, a Chris Kiley 18 yard end around that set up a David Sinisi four yard touchdown run. It was Sinisi's first career rushing touchdown and it gave the Hawks a 10-3 lead.

"There were big holes to run through," said Sinisi. "It opened up and I was able to find the end zone."

After a Morgan St. three and out, the Hawks took over at the Bears 32. Four plays later, Brian Boland connected to a wide open Mike McClelland in the end zone, as the entire Bear defense bit on a playaction fake, for a 19 yard touchdown pass. The ensuing extra point by Weingart was blocked, the second consecutive week he's

missed an extra point, however the Hawks still controlled with a 16-3 lead. "Special teams are a thing we spend a lot of time on," said Monmouth head coach Kevin Callahan, "We just didn't perform well. That is one of things that we will have to address, because those are the type of things that will cost you a game eventually."



PHOTO COURTESY of David Beales

Brian Boland dives for a touchdown in the Hawks win over Morgan State.

Morgan State, coming off a 30-2 loss the week before to Towson, continued to shoot themselves in the foot. Against Towson, the Bears had three plays of 40 plus yards called back due to penalties. This week against the Hawks, Morgan State already had six penalties at the half.

The Bears only managed 79 yards of total offense in half number one, as they had to deal with issues to their starting quarterback, Byron Selby. Selby took a hard hit on the first series of the game, and felt dazed and not quite right. His throws were short and off the mark, as he went only 3 for 6 for only 33 yards passing in the first half.

It got to the point where Bears head coach Donald Hill-Eley had to replace Selby for a series in the second quarter with backup quarterback Mario Melton.

After a three and out to start the second half by a Melton led Bear offense, the Hawks continued to pounce. Boland threw the way of Shane Sharpley, who missed the Fordham game due to injury, and Sharpley sprinted 49 yards to the Bear eight yard line on his first reception of the season.

Two plays later, Boland called his own number and dove seven yards to the goal line for a touchdown and a 23-3 lead. With the Hawks leading 26-3 midway through the fourth quarter, Byron Selby returned to the field and shook off any cobwebs from his head and tried to spark his offense by scampering 29 yards to the end zone for a much needed score, however the two point try failed and the Hawks maintained a three possession lead.

After Monmouth went three and out, the Bears got the football back, and seemed to be threatening a comeback run, but a 35 yard completion from Selby to Aaron Moore that would have set up the Bears on the Monmouth four yard line was called back due to a holding call. "They didn't do anything that we didn't prepare for," said Hill-Eley, "They just let us self destruct."

The Bears couldn't convert on fourth and long, and the Hawks were able to run out the clock for a 23-9 victory to improve to 2-0 on the young season. Boland led the way, going 14 for 24 passing, with 184 yards, and a touchdown through the air and a touchdown on the ground. Sinisi and Leonard Brice took the bulk of the carries, each earning 49 yards on the ground.

Defensively, Anthony Addonizio led Monmouth with six tackles, and a sack. Mike Castellano and Brian Sweeny each recorded a sack as well, and Ayo Falae's first career interception, coming in the final moments, sealed the victory.

Monmouth, Central Connecticut State, and Wagner stand as the only unbeaten teams remaining in the Northeast Conference. The Hawks will put their unbeaten record on the line on Saturday when the St. Peter's Peacocks come to Kessler Field for a 1 p.m. kickoff.

Hawk Football Notes:

* Monmouth leads the all-time series with the St. Peter's Peacocks 4-0. They last met on September 4, 2004 in Jersey City, a 34-0 Monmouth victory. Up until this year's opening victory at Fordham that was the only time the Hawks have won their season opener on the road.

* The Hawks have moved up from number six to number four in this week's Sports Network 1-AA Mid-Major Poll. CCSU is the only NEC team ranked higher than the Hawks at number two.

* Kessler Field has been a great home field advantage over the last couple of years for the Blue and White. Monmouth hasn't lost a non-conference game at home since November of 2002, and they are 14-2 overall since the start of the 2003 season at Kessler.

Castellano and Sinisi Earn NEC Weekly Football Honors

Senior linebacker earns third conference weekly award

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth linebacker Mike Castellano and running back David Sinisi were named Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week, respectively, league officials announced on Tuesday.

Castellano, a senior inside linebacker, led a Hawks defense that held Fordham to 64 yards in the air and forced four turnovers. Castellano led all MU defenders in tackles with four solo takedowns and four assisted. The Freehold, N.J., native single-handedly stopped two Ram drives with an interception and a fumble recovery to help Monmouth improve to 1-0 on the season. This marks the first time since 2004 that Castellano earned a NEC weekly award, with him picking up Rookie of the Week

honors twice as freshman.

"Mike has been the heart of our defense for the last two seasons," said head coach Kevin Callahan. "On Saturday night, he performed at a high level once again"

Sinisi was a major part of the Hawks offensive attack in the 23-9 road win over the Rams. On Monmouth's second possession, the redshirt freshman caught a screen pass and scampered 72 yards to put MU up by two touchdowns. He also carried the load on the ground, running the ball 20 times for 67 yards. No Monmouth back carried the ball more than 18 times all of last season.

"Dave performed very well considering it was his first collegiate game," said Callahan. "He played hard and showed that he is capable of making the big play for our offense."

The Fordham win marked just the fourth time in school history that Monmouth started the season with a victory. Two out of the other three times, the Blue & White went on to win a share of the Northeast Conference Championship.



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Athletics

Mike Castellano was named NEC player of the week.

Sports Network's 1-AA Mid Major poll as of September 12.

(Parentheses indicate number of first place votes)

1. San Diego Toreros (15) 2-0
2. Central Connecticut State Blue Devils (7) 2-0
3. Dayton Flyers 2-0
4. Monmouth Hawks 2-0
5. Albany Great Danes 1-1
6. Duquesne Dukes 1-1
7. Drake Bulldogs 1-1
8. Wagner Seahawks 2-0
9. Marist Red Foxes 1-1
10. St. Francis (PA) Red Flash 1-1

Others receiving votes: Stony Brook 5.

Field Hockey

Hawks drop 6-0 decision at Providence

PRESS RELEASE

The Monmouth University field hockey team, coming off its first win of the season, fell at Providence College, 6-0, on Sunday afternoon. The loss drops the Hawks record to 1-4.

The Friars came out aggressive early, firing 23 of their 36 shots in the first half. Monmouth freshman goalkeeper Chelsea Farley, surrendered three first half goals, but did make 18 saves in the game.

Providence got the scoring started early as Emily Ewens deposited a Melissa McGow pass into the cage to give the Friars a 1-0 lead 21:43 into the first half. Ewens then assisted teammate Abby Maguire for Providence's second goal, and McGow and Michalagh

Stoddard both assisted Nellie Poulin's direct shot off a corner goal before the half to give the Friars a 3-0 intermission lead.

Monmouth's defense then tightened up for the next twenty game minutes until the Friars broke through again as Poulin scored an unassisted goal at the 52:33 mark. Jessica Lane then scored on a penalty stroke at 61:24, and assisted on Meghan Holden's goal at 67:43 to wrap up the game's scoring.

Sophomore Janine Rini led the Hawks offense by getting off two shots on goal, but neither was able to find the back of the net.

The Hawks return to action this Wednesday, September 13 as they travel to Philadelphia, Pa. for a 4:00 p.m road tilt against La Salle.

Box Score

Goals by period 1 2 Tot

MONMOUTH..... 0 0 - 0
Providence..... 3 3 - 6

SCORING SUMMARY:

- 1. 21:43 PC EWENS, Emily (McGOW, Melissa)
 - 2. 30:07 PC MAGUIRE, Abby (EWENS, Emily)
 - 3. 33:14 PC SICKEL, Lauren (STODDARD, Michalagh;McGOW, Melissa)
 - 4. 52:33 PC POULIN, Nellie (unassisted)
 - 5. 61:24 PC LANE, Jessica Penalty stroke
 - 6. 67:43 PC HOLDEN, Meghan (LANE, Jessica)
- Shots: MONMOUTH 5, Providence 36
Saves: MONMOUTH 19 (SMITH, Megan 1; FARLEY, Chelsea 18), Providence 3 (CHAMBERLAIN, Rachel 3)

Lyles paces women's cross country at Fordham Invitational

JACQUELYN BODMER
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, September 9th in Bronx, NY, Senior Captain Malia Lyles led the Women Cross Country Hawks to sixth place out of 21 schools.

With a time of 20:28.5 for the 5K Lyles finished in 27th of 160 runners. This time helped Monmouth receive total points of 182, finishing in sixth place for the day. MU sophomore Jessica Jones finished in 39th place with a time of 20:49.

Following Jones were three freshmen- in 46th place Cailin Lynam with 20:59, in 47th Rachel Ruggiano with 21:00, and Corinne LaChac in 54th place with 21:18.

Freshman Jennifer Oprysko ran 21:46, beating her high school personal best by more than a minute.

"This was an early-season look at what will be a very important course for us this fall," said 12th

year head coach Joe Compagni. "The NEC Championships will be at Van Cortlandt Park on Oct.27, and the ECAC/IC4A Championships will be her on Nov. 18."

For the Men- Juniors Dustin Coleman and Matt Caporaso paced the Hawks, helping MU total 358 points, finishing 14th of 21 schools. Coleman ran 27:37 for 36th place and Caporaso came in 38th place running 27:41.

Senior Matt Murray improved his time by more than three minutes over his freshman year performance at MU.

"Our next meet will be the first time this season that the men's team all races together," said Coach Compagni.

On Friday, Sept. 15, the Hawks are hosting the Monmouth Invitational at Holmdel Park. Women's 5K race begins at 4:15 p.m. and the men's 5 mile begins at 5 p.m.

Chelsea Farley named NEC Rookie of the Week

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University freshman Chelsea Farley was named NEC Rookie of the Week in field hockey as the league announced its weekly awards on Monday afternoon. The Hawks' rookie netminder posted her first career shutout, in Monmouth's 1-0 win over West Chester last Monday.

Monmouth earned its first win of the season, topping West Chester University 1-0 at home, as the freshman in the cage stopped two

shots in her first career shutout.

On Sunday, Farley followed up by making a career-best 18 saves in a 6-0 loss at undefeated Providence, in Rhode Island.

Farley currently ranks first in the Northeast Conference in saves and saves per game, while ranking fifth in save percentage (.747).


















































Monmouth returns to action on September 13, when the Hawks travel to La Salle University at 4 p.m.



Cross-Country 2006 Schedule

- 9/15 at Monmouth Invitational 4:15 p.m.
- 9/22 at Quinnipiac Invitational 4:00 p.m.
- 9/29 at Paul Short Run 2:00 p.m.
- 10/14 at 40th Annual Albany Invitational
- 10/21 at 3rd Annual Nevins Invitational
- 10/27 at NEC Championships 12:45 p.m.

Outlook's Weekly NFL Picks - Week 2

	Away	New York Giants	Buffalo Bills	New England Patriots	New Orleans Saints	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Arizona Cardinals	Kansas City Chiefs	Washington Redskins
	Home	Philadelphia Eagles	Miami Dolphins	New York Jets	Green Bay Packers	Atlanta Falcons	Seattle Seahawks	Denver Broncos	Dallas Cowboys
Alex (5-3 Last Wk) (5-3 Overall)									
Craig (5-3 Last Wk) (5-3 Overall)									
Jacqueline (6-2 Last Wk) (6-2 Overall)									
Lisa (4-4 Last Wk) (4-4 Overall)									
Sam (4-4 Last Wk) (4-4 Overall)									
Wes (5-3 Last Wk) (5-3 Overall)									

Women's Soccer

Hawks bounce back, beat St. Peter's 6-0

Heller's two goals propel blue & white

ERIC M. WALSH

STAFF WRITER

Just five days after suffering their first loss of the season, the Monmouth University women's soccer team rebounded in dramatic fashion.

On Sunday, September 10, MU took on St. Peter's college in what turned out to be a runaway victory for the Hawks. From the opening whistle, Monmouth dominated both sides of the ball, giving St. Peter's only one legitimate look on offense in the first half. After several good looks early in the match, MU opened the scoring in the 26th minute, with Alessandra DeTata deflecting in a perfect cross from Andrea Lopez passed the opposing keeper. Three minutes later, the Hawks were at it again. This time it was Illiana Blackshear who beat the goalie on a breakaway to make it 2-0. If not for a questionable pushing foul called on Allison Pinadella that erased a well timed header, Monmouth would have gone into the locker room up 3-0 at half-time.

The Hawks picked up right where they left off for the final 45

minutes. In the 54th minute, Danielle Rosanova scored on an assist from Amy Hoyer, who added another assist 8 minutes later. Brittani Heller headed in a free kick from Hoyer, to make it 4-0 Hawks. Heller added her second goal of the match in the 83rd minute off a free kick outside the 18 yard box. The laser-like shot flew passed the outstretched arms of the Peahens' goalie and in after slightly nicking the right post. To finish the great day of offense for the Hawks, Lisa Esposito knocked in a deflection in the 89th minute to make the final score, Monmouth 6-St. Peter's 0. Monmouth out shot the Peahens of St. Peter's 24-0 in the game, literally making their opponent's offensive attack nonexistent.

With the victory, Monmouth improved its record to 3-1 and an impressive 12-0 against St. Peter's all time. The Hawks are now in a tie for first place in the NEC with St. Francis (Pa.) after four games. Monmouth's next three games include two matches away from the Great Lawn, which are followed by a 3 game home stint. The squad continues to improve and is nearing full gear for the remainder of the difficult NEC season.



PHOTO COURTESY of Mu Athletics

Brittani Heller had two goals in the Hawks' romp over St. Peters.

Box Score



Goals by period 1 2 Tot

St. Peter's..... 0 0 - 0

Monmouth..... 2 4 - 6

SCORING SUMMARY:

1. 25:03 MU DETATA, Alessandra (1) (LOPEZ, Andrea)

2. 27:54 MU BLACKSHEAR, Illiana (1) (unassisted)

3. 53:22 MU ROSANOVA, Danielle (1) (HOYER, Amy)

4. 61:11 MU HELLER, Brittani (1) (HOYER, Amy)

5. 83:00 MU HELLER, Brittani (2) (unassisted)

6. 88:15 MU ESPOSITO, Lisa (1) (unassisted)

Shots: St. Peter's 0, Monmouth 24

Saves: St. Peter's 9 (Kovalcik, Andrea 9), Monmouth 0

Men's Soccer

New Zealand native notches first career hat trick

Fueled by Steve Holloway, Hawks blow out NJIT

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE

SPORTS EDITOR

Steve Holloway scored three goals and Damon Wilson netted his first goal for Monmouth to lift the Hawks to a 4-0 victory over the New Jersey Institute of Technology. For Holloway, this was his first career hat trick.

Holloway opened the scoring in the 20th minute when he received a pass from Tom Gray, who had two assists in the game, and found the back of the net. From that point on, it was all Monmouth. In the 35th minute, Damon Wilson scored on an unassisted goal and the Hawks took a 2-0 lead into halftime.

The second half was no different, as the Hawks kept on rolling. Holloway scored in the 58th and 81st minutes to complete the hat trick. When the game was over, Monmouth had out shot NJIT 21-6. "I was very pleased with the way we played," said head coach Robert McCourt. "We played well for 90 minutes."

For his performance, Holloway was named Brine/Northeast Conference Player of the Week in men's soccer. He currently has six goals on the season and an NEC-leading 13 points.

With the win, the Hawks improve to 3-2 on the young season as they continue to move through

non-conference play. Next week, they will be going on the road to play Columbia and Adelphi before returning home to take on Philadelphia University. These games will be tough tests as Coach McCourt's team gets ready for NEC play, starting on September 29,

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ROBERT MCCOURT

Men's Soccer Coach

when they travel to face Quinnipiac. "These next games will be difficult matches, but are good preparations for our NEC competition," said McCourt.

Last year, the Hawks won the NEC championship, going undefeated in conference play. This season, Coach McCourt would like to see a repeat performance. How they play in these next few non-conference games could set the tone for another winning season.



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Athletics

Steve Holloway had three goals in the Hawks 4-0 win over NJIT. It was his first career hat trick.

Box Score



Goals by period 1 2 Tot

Monmouth..... 2 2 - 4

NJIT..... 0 0 - 0

SCORING SUMMARY:

1. 19:52 MU HOLLOWAY, Steven (GRAY, Tom)

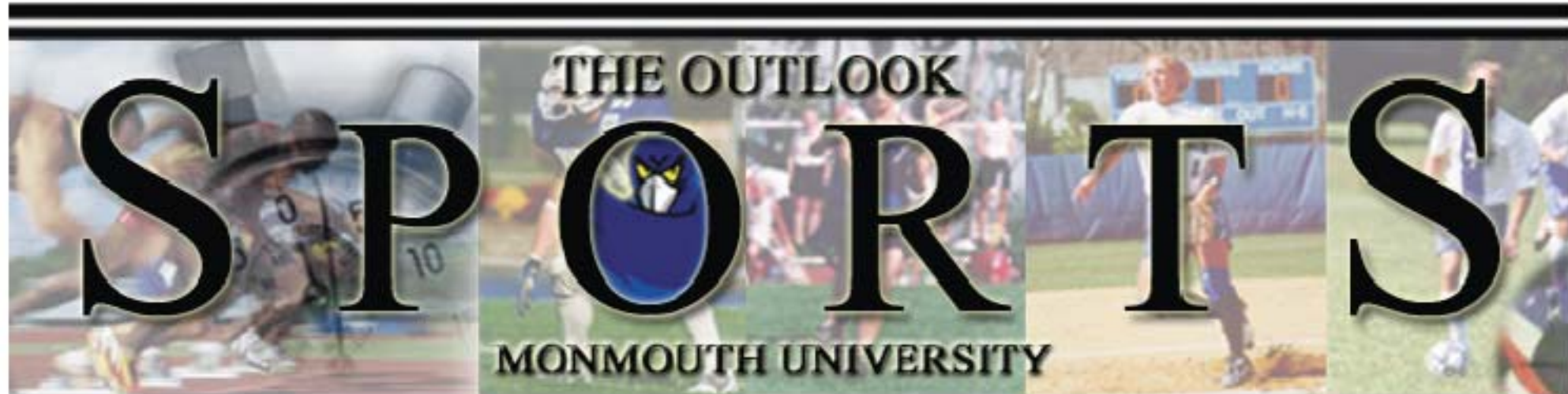
2. 34:06 MU WILSON, Damon (unassisted)

3. 57:24 MU HOLLOWAY, Steven (CASTRO, John)

4. 80:45 MU HOLLOWAY, Steven (GRAY, Tom)

Shots: Monmouth 21, NJIT 6

Saves: Monmouth 3 (SCHENKEL, Daniel 3), NJIT 9 (CUNNING,Collin 4; OSIT, Josh 5)



HAT TRICK

HOLLOWAY



**Steve Holloway tallied his first career Hat Trick
in a 4-0 win over NJIT (See pg. 27)**