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University Honored by Council of the Arts

GINA COLUMBUS
EDITOR-AT-LARGE

The University has been honored and awarded a grant by the New Jersey Council of the Arts as a major presenting organization for its substantial programming and artistic excellence.

This recognizes the University as one that significantly contributes to the quality of life, and stands among all other organizations and anchor institutions throughout New Jersey.

Vaune Peck, Counselor and Coordinator Arts Programming and Promotions, said that the University was notified of this honor on July 28, shortly after it was decided that it would be funded for the next three year funding cycle.

Peck also said that the Arts Council has been following the University's progress annually. Recently, the Chairwoman of the Grant Committee attended an on-campus Met broadcast.

"It was based on a long history of providing excellent arts programming for the cultural enrichment the central New Jersey region which includes the internal and external community," Peck said.

About the recognition, the grant panel stated that the University had a high caliber program, and that there is a strong, positive focus on combining the University and its surrounding communities with its arts programs and presentations.

The grant panel also said that

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Campus Celebrates Iftaar

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON
OPINION EDITOR

Friday, 11 September 2009, in the Magill Club Dining Hall, the Iftaar Dinner event was celebrated by the Muslim Student Association.

The celebration highlighted "Christianity, Islam and Judaism; Building on What Unites Us." All three main religions are united by the fact that they all believe in

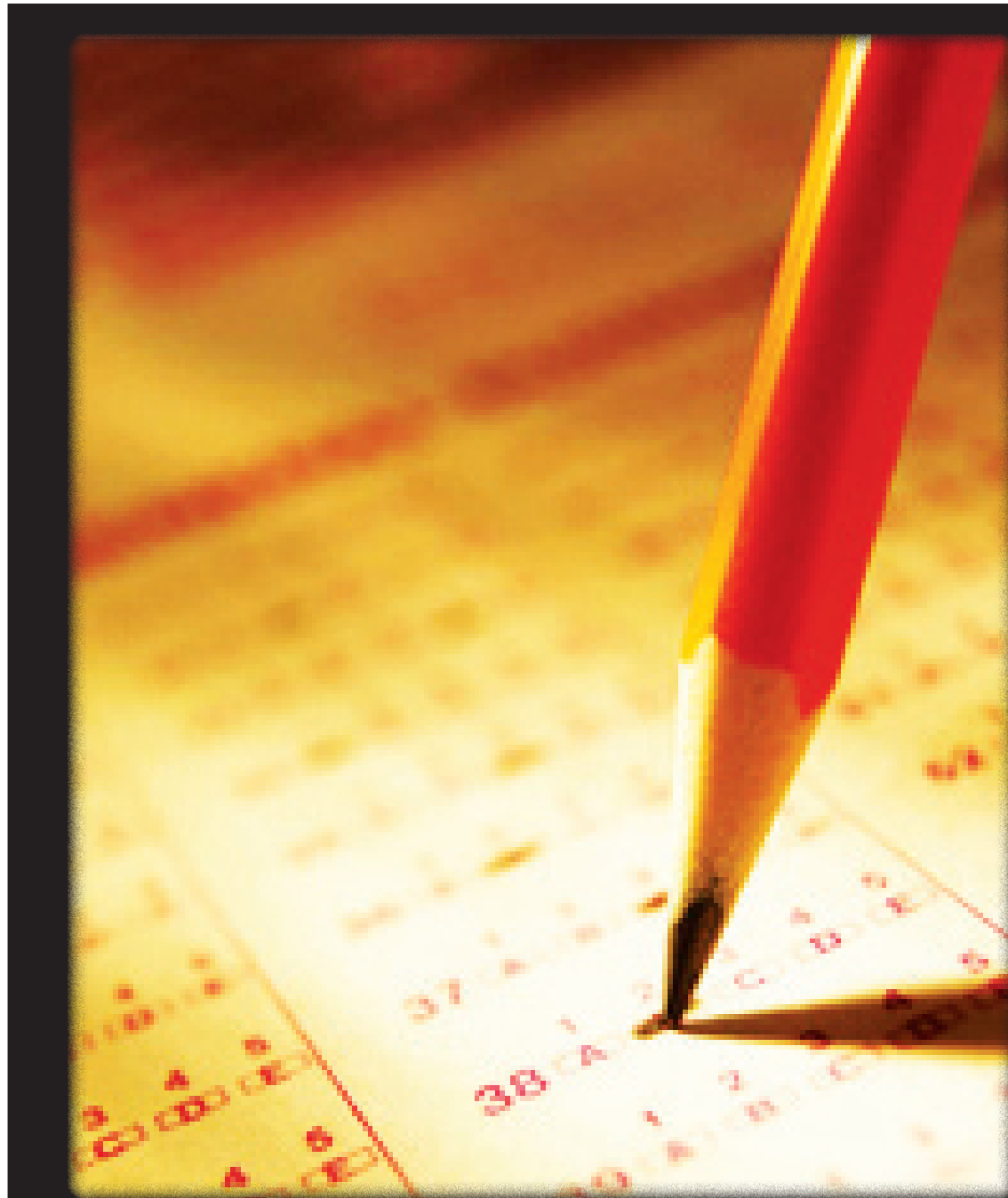


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SURVEY FINDS THAT MONMOUTH MAKES THE GRADE

Survey Suggests that Student Body is 20% More Involved than National Average

FRANK GOGOL
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The results of the 2009 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), taken by 765 Monmouth University students selected at random, showed that MU students' responses to the survey were similar to the national averages for academics and campus involvement.

Every year the NSSE surveys hundreds of students across the nation about how much time they devote to various learning activities. The results are used to develop A Pocket Guide to Choosing College, a book to assist prospective college students in choosing the school that is best for them.

The results are divided into five areas of learning that include: Academic Challenge, Active Learning, Student-Faculty Interaction, Enriching Educational Experiences, and Supportive Campus Environment.

Under Academic Challenge students were asked about academic work, exams, homework, and writing expectations.

When asked "To what degree is studying and spending time on academic work emphasized?" 83% of first-year students replied that MU

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God; they are all Monotheists, believe in a single God. Attendants included students from religious classes, professors, several deans and many special guests. The guest speaker of the event was Dr. Farrukh Mohsen, Ph.D., P.E., and environmental engineer by training. Dr. Mohsen earned his Ph.D. and M.A. in environmental engineering and water resources from the University of Waterloo, Canada. Dr. Mohsen has 33 years of experience in hydroge-

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Provost Thomas Pearson, Dr. Farrukh Mohsen P.E., Balkees Parveen (President of MSA), Saleen Khan(V.P. of MSA) and Dr. Golam M. Mathbor(Advisor of MSA), all of whom attended the Iftaar celebration.

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the free visiting writer series provides a significant benefit and highlights diverse artists.

Assistant Dean Michael Thomas, who plays a role in bringing the visiting writers to the University, said this grant shows how far the University has come and grown in the arts area.

"I think it validates the hard work of many faculty, staff, and administrators at Monmouth University who over the decades created something very special for the university."

VAUNE PECK

Counselor and Coordinator Arts Programming and Promotions

"It gives students the opportunity to see and experience art on a higher level," Thomas said.

Peck also stated: "In addition to a long history of presenting excellent programming across many disciplines, the University has made a serious commitment to a "Creative Campus" model whereby the arts are integrated into the curriculum with the sole purpose of engaging students. The University has been successful bringing together students, faculty, staff,

area high schools students, and members of the general community in unique and rewarding arts experiences, which is an Arts Council priority."

Peck said that later this year, the department will be invited to attend a gathering in Trenton to receive a certificate on behalf of the recognition.

Peck described a specific event on-campus that showed the Uni-

University students, Shore Regional High School students, and musicians from the area. Later that evening Roger McGuinn performed a formal concert in Pollak Auditorium many of the workshop attendees attended this sold out event. This is a good example of how Monmouth University enhances the overall experience for participants," Peck stated.

The grant panel also commented on the strong partnerships that the University has with other arts organizations, particularly Two River Theatre Company. For University students, tickets for Two River Theatre Company are free of charge.

With the University's art programs and events, Thomas said that it gives students the opportunity to meet a diverse group of artists, and are able to ask national and international writers any of their questions.

Some visiting writers from previous years include Caryl Phillips, Amitav Ghosh and Robert Pinsky. Thomas said that the New Jersey Council of the Arts is "one of the strongest state arts funding in the country. This says a lot about our state, who we are and how we live."

"The arts have always been with us. This is just a new way to package this, to present it," Thomas

said.

On the recognition, Peck said, "I think it validates the hard work of many faculty, staff, and administrators at Monmouth University who over the decades created something very special for the university."

Through the Center of Distinction for the Arts, the University promotes cultural leadership throughout the area in the following ways: continuous art exhibitions, professional theatre, family entertainment, concerts, children's musicals, film festivals, dance recitals, student performances, visiting writer series, and many more.

US House of Representatives Set to Expand Student Aid

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The House of Representatives is expected this week to back overhauling and simplifying how college students receive financial aid.

The rules for awarding and repaying loans would remain unchanged, but the government would make all loans itself, ending the practice of subsidizing loans made by private lenders.

The Obama administration, which has made revamping the student loan system a major domestic priority, has hailed the bill as historic.

"This is a big, big deal," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said Tuesday at a news conference. He called the measure "the largest investment in higher education since the GI Bill" first passed in 1944 to help World War II veterans.

House Education and Labor Committee Chairman George Miller, D-Calif., vowed that the legislation would help students at "no cost to taxpayers."

That depends on how one interprets budget data, however. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office found that the loan program changes should save the government \$86.8 billion over the next 10 years.

It also noted in its official July report on the bill, however, that it would include spending all but \$7.8 billion of that on aid to students and higher education. In an update last week, the CBO said economic changes could boost spending overall by \$10.5 billion, meaning that the bill could add to the deficit.

"The truth is, no one really knows how much this plan will cost," said Rep. John Kline, R-Minn., the senior Education and Labor Committee Republican. Independent analysts agreed.

Changes in the loan program will "save a big chunk of money," said Marc Goldwein, the policy director for the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a watchdog group. "Will it be the right amount to offset the new spending? The obvious answer is

we don't know."

Goldwein warned that the new system's fiscal outlook would be "particularly uncertain" because it would depend on economy-related factors such as default rates, need-based aid and other factors.

The bill would scrap much of the current student loan system, which critics say is too costly and too complicated.

Currently, the federal government provides loans through two different programs. It lends directly to students, and it administers the guaranteed loan program, in which students get funds from private lenders, with most of the loan guaranteed by the government against default.

Under one such loan, the government pays the interest while the student is in school. The student then begins repaying six months after graduation. If he or she defaults, the government makes the payment.

Until 2006, rates were variable but capped at 8.25 percent; after that they were fixed at 6.8 percent, with bipartisan support. Some rates then were lowered, but they're scheduled to go back up to 6.8 percent in 2012.

The bill would end the guaranteed loan program after next summer; then the government would make all loans directly.

That frightens some members of Congress.

"The U.S. Department of Education would become a behemoth federal bank," Kline said. "Democrats have had their sights set on a government takeover of student lending for more than a decade, and they're capitalizing on the market downturn to make it happen."

He sees parallels to the health care debate. Obama has urged creating a government-run health insurance program, or public option, to compete with the private sector.

"The legislation (on student aid) we're about to bring up ... eliminates the private option and leaves only the public option," Kline said. "It kind of makes you wonder, doesn't it, about the designs on the future of the public

option in health care."

The new program would create big savings, the CBO figures. It would save money because of changes in subsidy rates, the CBO said. Some savings could be achieved with lower interest rates; the bill would set a new rate based on the price of 91-day Treasury bills plus 2.5 percentage points. The rate would be adjusted annually.

At the same time, though, the measure would expand the cost of the Pell Grant program,

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ARNE DUNCAN

United States Secretary of Education

which helps lower-income students. Currently, the maximum annual award is \$5,350. Under the bill, that would grow to \$6,900 by 2019. The CBO estimated in July that the changes would cost the government at least \$39.4 billion over that period.

Members of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators are divided on the bill's merits. Justin Draeger, the organization's vice president of public policy, likes the Pell Grant provisions.

"Any investment we can make in Pell Grants is money well spent. There's been irrefutable evidence that providing low-income families with these dollars year after year increases access to education," he said.

Most activists and lawmakers agree on at least one point: The application process needs to be streamlined. The bill promises to "dramatically cut down the number of questions on the form," partly by allowing students and families to apply for aid using data from their tax returns.

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Iftaar Dinner Celebrated by Muslim Student Association

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ology and groundwater flow and contaminant transport modeling. He has taught, in the past, at the University of Petroleum and Minerals, K.S.A, adjunct at Rutgers University, and he has been a visiting fellow at Princeton University. Currently, Dr. Mohsen is serving as a managing engineer in exponent's environmental science practice.

This event was co-hosted by the Muslim Student Association (MSA) and the International Club of Monmouth University. The night began with a welcome speech from a current Monmouth University student, the MSA President, Balkees Parveen, a junior, math education student. Parveen welcomed all, had a moment of silence for 9/11 remembrance, and introduced Dr. Thomas Pearson, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Pearson spoke about his feelings on the wonders of Monmouth University; he highlighted how lucky we all are to be here because of the fact that Monmouth University appreciates many different cultures. Dr. Pearson introduced the speaker

of the night, Dr. Farrukh Mohsen P.E.

Dr. Mohsen spoke of the fact that there is so much adversity between the religions. He quoted the Quran and explained the Islam religion. "Perhaps, you know the fact that there are five pillars in Islam. These are: declaration of Faith in God; Prayers; Alms Giving; Pilgrimage to Makkah for those who can afford to do so physically and financially; and fasting," Dr. Mohsen announced.

"The ritual of fasting during the month of Ramadan is for one month, and it goes by lunar calendar," Dr. Mohsen explained. "This year, Ramadan started on August 22, and will end on September 20 subject to appearance of moon. Fasting develops patience, piety, self-restraint, God consciousness, and willpower to bear hardships. Its objective is to develop a commu-

nity of God-conscious people."

Dr. Mohsen answered questions from the audience, and then we all ate the Iftaar meal, at dusk. "Fasting is the most spiritual exercise that we can perform," stated Professor Pasqual Simonelli.

"This afternoon, we are so

responsible for running this event are: Balkees Parveen, Saleen Khan, Natasha Azhar, Heather Kelly, and Barbara Nitzberg. Not only students helped with this event, some credit must go to Shalimar Restaurant and Aramark for their wonderful service providing us delicious foods and drinks."

"We truly appreciate and sincerely thank our Provost Pearson for his eloquent welcome address, introduction of our speaker, and above all, for his continued support and participation in MSA events." Dr. Mathbor thanked all of the main speakers of the night's celebration, "We recognize and thank Dr. Nuran Nabi, Councilman, Planisborough, New Jersey, and his wife Dr. Zeenat Nabi being here with us this evening. Let me recognize some of my other colleagues present here with us."

"We are much honored to have Dr. Farrukh Mohsen as our Speaker for 2009, and his wife engineer Mrs. Mohsen. I am sure we have all learned about many commonalities in our origin, and now to work sincerely strengthening our solidarity."

GOLAM M. MATHBOR

Associate Dean School of Humanities and Social Sciences

have Dr. Farrukh Mohsen as our Speaker for 2009, and his wife engineer Mrs. Mohsen. I am sure we have all learned about many commonalities in our origin, and now to work sincerely strengthening our solidarity." Dr. Mathbor presented Dr. Mohsen with an official document. "Let us recognize our speaker by giving him a certificate of appreciation for his service."

"This evening's lecture was very informative and interesting," Father Ireneus, the Monmouth University Catholic Center's priest stated when the event was closing. "It was very good for students and faculty to hear tonight's lecture."

Dean Green of Humanities and Social Sciences explained how he had enjoyed coming together to learn about the Muslim Religion and to break bread jointly.

There are over 1.5 billion Muslims all over the world; there are many followers of the Islam religion.

"I am honored to be here on September 11 for this dinner in recognition of compassion, peace and diversity." Assistant Dean Michael Thomas appreciatively stated at the conclusion of the night's event.

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National Survey of Student Engagement Results

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places substantial emphasis on academic ranking the University slightly above the national average of 81%.

In the category of Active Learning, students were asked whether or not they apply their classroom learning to real life through internships and 72% percent of those surveyed responded yes ranking MU 20% higher than the national average of 52%.

Other topics assessed under Active Learning were how often students worked together on projects, whether or not students tutor each other, and how often topics from the classroom

come up in conversations outside the classroom setting.

In all topics under Student-Faculty Interaction, MU ranked above the national average. This area of the survey assessed how developed the relationships between students and professors are in the classroom. Sixty-eight percent of students reported that they receive prompt feedback from professors on academic

performance, which is eleven percent higher than the national average of 57%.

Enriching Educational Experiences provided insight into social, religious, and community interactions of the University.

MU students ranked less than half of the national average of students who frequently engage in spirituality enhancing activities (worship, prayer, or meditation) with 15% of those surveyed indicating yes.

“MU students said that 25% of students were involved in co-curricular activities for 15 hours a week or more.”

Under Supportive Campus Environment students answered questions to assess how involved the student body is, what the level of satisfaction with the education provided at MU is, and how well students, staff, and administrators get along.

Nationally 15% of students reported participating in co-curricular activities for more than 15 hours per week. MU students said that 25% of students were involved in co-curricular activities for 15 hours a week or more.

For more information about the National Survey of Student Engagement visit www.nsse.ibu.edu.

Drinking 101

A Study Shows the Drinking Age Should Remain the Same

CHICAGO TRIBUNE
MCTCAMPUS

Last year about this time, a group of more than 100 college presidents caused a stir by launching a push to lower the drinking age to 18. Their goal: to cut down on the pernicious, sometimes lethal problem of binge drinking on campus.

The presidents called it the Amethyst Initiative, named after the ancient Greek words that mean “not intoxicated.” The college leaders hoped that a lower drinking age would encourage more responsible drinking on campus. That it would douse the forbidden thrill of bingeing before a frat party or other public appearance.

What are the Greek words for, “You’ve got to be kidding”?

We said then that those college presidents were right to be alarmed about underage drinking on campus. But we also said cutting the legal drinking age is the wrong answer. It would encourage more alcohol abuse, not less, and could spill over into more drinking among even younger kids.

Now there’s a sobering new study that should spur those presidents to rethink Amethyst.

Researchers writing in the *Journal of the American Acad-*

emy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry state that raising the drinking age to 21 has been largely effective in reducing binge drinking everywhere, except — you guessed it — on college campuses.

The study says that among men between 18 and 20 who were not in college, binge drinking plummeted by more than 30 percent from 1979 to 2006. At the same time, such drinking among col-

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lege men was “as prevalent as ever,” it says.

There was no similar difference between underage women in college or not. But there was a sharp surge in binge drinking — defined in this study as five or more drinks in a row in the past 30 days — among college women age 21 to 23. The study doesn’t delve into explanations for these disturbing trends. But we’d guess there are several reasons that the anti-binge drinking message isn’t penetrating college campuses.

For one thing, young adults who aren’t in college are more likely to still be living at home, and therefore under at least some parental monitoring. They’re also more likely to have jobs. It’s a lot easier to skip a class in the morning to nurse a hangover than it is to call in sick to work. Bosses aren’t likely to be as forgiving as the Psych 101 prof.

Whatever the reasons, the lesson couldn’t be clearer for the college presidents who think lowering the drinking age would solve their campus drinking problems. It won’t.

The best way to curb binge drinking on campus isn’t to make it easier for kids to knock back a few legally. It’s to enforce local laws against serving or selling to minors. And making sure that residence hall advisers are riding herd, not looking the other way. And finding innovative ways to convince college kids that they risk their health, and their lives, with heavy drinking. That it’s not cool.

Kids in high school are getting the message: Binge drinking rates among them are at historic lows, off more than one-third from the peak years of 1979-83, the report said.

But then they go to college, and ... sign up for Drinking 101.



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Rude Behavior in College Classrooms is Often a Matter of Course

LISA BLACK
CHICAGO TRIBUNE / MCT

CHICAGO — Lee Shumow doesn't want to text her students, or be their friend on Facebook, but to their chagrin prefers an old-fashioned way to communicate: e-mail.

The educational psychology professor at Northern Illinois University appreciates when students take the time to reply. It's an extra treat when they don't begin their message with, "Hey, Lee."

She and many of her colleagues believe such informality has seeped into the college classroom environment, citing student behavior that's best described as rude or oblivious. As students begin a new semester this month, instructors bracing for yet another onslaught blame technology for creating a disengaged generation whose attention is constantly diverted by laptops, phones and iPods.

Others point to the unruly classroom as a reflection of an increasingly ill-mannered society. Nearly 70 percent of Americans polled in 2005 said they believe people are more rude than they were 20 to 30 years ago.

"I literally cannot imagine having addressed any teacher I had in my career as 'Hey' and then their first name," said Shumow, who has a doctoral degree and has taught 15 years at NIU. "I love them. I won an award for undergraduate teaching in 2005. But man, the world has really changed from when I was a student."

To their credit, most students are respectful and more inquisitive than ever, faculty members say.

Yet professors also find they must devote space in the syllabus to ask students to refrain from surfing the Web, texting or answering cell phones during a lecture. Some have to remind students that, when making a presentation, they should remove the backward baseball cap and save the bare midriff for a beach party. Others complain that students randomly leave and enter the classroom during class.

For their part, students are irked by others who slurp and chew food, doze off or dominate discussion.

Some blame high schools for lowering the bar on classroom conduct, while others say the problems begin at home, when families fail to instill in children basic skills such as how to say

"please" or "thank you."

In some cases, parents are more obnoxious than their offspring. One professor reported hearing from an irate father whose child had failed a class. The father insisted he had paid enough tuition for "at least a D."

Yet experts believe there is more to collegiate rudeness than perhaps a feeling of entitlement.

The attitude often is: "I don't need you, I have the Net," said P.M. Forni, director of the Civility Initiative at Johns Hopkins University and a professor of Italian literature.

"These are students for whom the computers are the training wheels of their knowledge since early childhood. Many of them will think nothing of starting to text as you convey a commentary on Dante's 'Divine Comedy.'"

Although the decline in classroom manners has not been documented in evidence-backed research, Forni said, the "anecdotal evidence is so massive it becomes rather reliable."

There is a sense, he said, that the relationship between student and teacher is now likened to one between a client and service provider.

"The prestige of the teacher and the professors as providers of knowledge and wisdom has decreased as the importance of the information technology has increased," he said.

Professors should set a tone of relaxed formality and define boundaries from day one, Forni said.

For instance, he begins his classes by explaining that he grew up in Italy during a different generation, where wearing caps in a classroom was considered rude. He considers it a distraction.

"I say, 'Listen, I cannot enforce this. I am just asking you as a favor not to wear a cap in class for this reason,'" Forni said. "Nobody from that moment on wears his cap in class."

Students usually respond well, teachers say, when they understand what is expected of them and what they can expect from the professor — including respect.

Rebecca Lessenberry, 19, of Waukegan, Ill., and a classmate would agree. They were stung last spring by an instructor's reprimand when they arrived for a speech class at the College of Lake County in Grayslake.

"We smelled like cigarette smoke

and our teacher decided to humiliate us and say, 'Do not smoke before my class and sit next to me,'" Lessenberry said.

In response, "We would just smoke even more before class," said Allyce Doorey, 21, of Lake Villa, Ill. The two recalled how they wet their hair before smoking, to be sure the odor stuck.

Students also have little patience for instructors who ramble off topic, talk extensively about their personal lives or espouse political views or religious doctrine.

The very nature of some class subjects can provoke discussion — or arguments that offend.

"I think it's all in the way the instructor approaches the particular situation and addresses students," said Kerry Lane, assistant English professor at Joliet Junior College. She assigns readings on topics such as race and faith that can be delicate.

"When we are 18, we may not be aware of how different our views are from others," Lane said. "I find it is interesting and worthwhile territory for us to cover, but at times it can be challenging."

John Koepke, an electrical engineering instructor at Joliet Junior College, once had to dismiss a student for tossing wads of paper around the room. The two talked about it before the next class, and Koepke said he learned that the student didn't feel challenged and was acting out because of that.

He encourages students to drop preconceived notions and try to figure out what class material they can apply in their lives.

On a positive note, "They feel more comfortable asking questions than in earlier years," Koepke said. "It used to be almost all dictation."

Ill-mannered students don't just grate on the teacher, they also irritate classmates.

"I always have the one (classmate) who thinks they know everything," said Natalia Garcia, 21, of Waukegan, a CLC student. "They actually argue with the teacher sometimes. It's annoying."

Sarah Katula, an assistant nursing professor at Elmhurst College, recently sat on the other side of lectern as a graduate student at a Chicago university. She was surprised at the number of students playing games on their laptops during lectures, and was especially annoyed by a woman who sat behind her in



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statistics class. "Every class, she would eat her yogurt and she would clink her spoon ... to get every last bit of it," Katula said. "The chewing of food made me nuts."

NIU's Shumow agrees that older returning graduate students pose a special set of challenges, especially if juggling full-time jobs.

"They are tired and on class nights they haven't eaten a decent meal and their nerves are frayed," she said. Some are snippy, she said, and argue about class requirements, such as preparing a formal paper.

"This is graduate school," Shumow said. "Yeah, you really do have to include citations in your paper."

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Newer is Not Always Nicer

OUTLOOK STAFF

With the opening of the MAC this week the hype about it on campus has been at an all time high. The facility really is a marvel and could be considered the crown jewel of the campus. In just about all aspects it outshines its predecessors; the gym is newer, the basketball court is nicer, and it brings a whole range of new classrooms and lounge areas to campus.

There is one aspect of the MAC is surprisingly not as impressive as the others: the University Store.

At first glance, the new store looks incredibly nicer than its former local, but as we all know looks are not everything.

There seems to be less merchandise in the new store because of the smaller accommodations, but more of an emphasis on it than books. In the past it seemed to be called the Bookstore (officially or unofficially), but the sign outside of the new store surely reads "University Store" and seems to a subtle acknowledgment of the store's de-emphasis of the book aspect of it.

In terms of supplies, there seems to be a great deal less available than in the old store. Art

majors might notice that there are considerably less art supplies to be purchased, which means that what is not on the shelves there must be bought from an outside store and tends to be more expensive, not to mention that for resident students it is a bothersome to have to leave campus.

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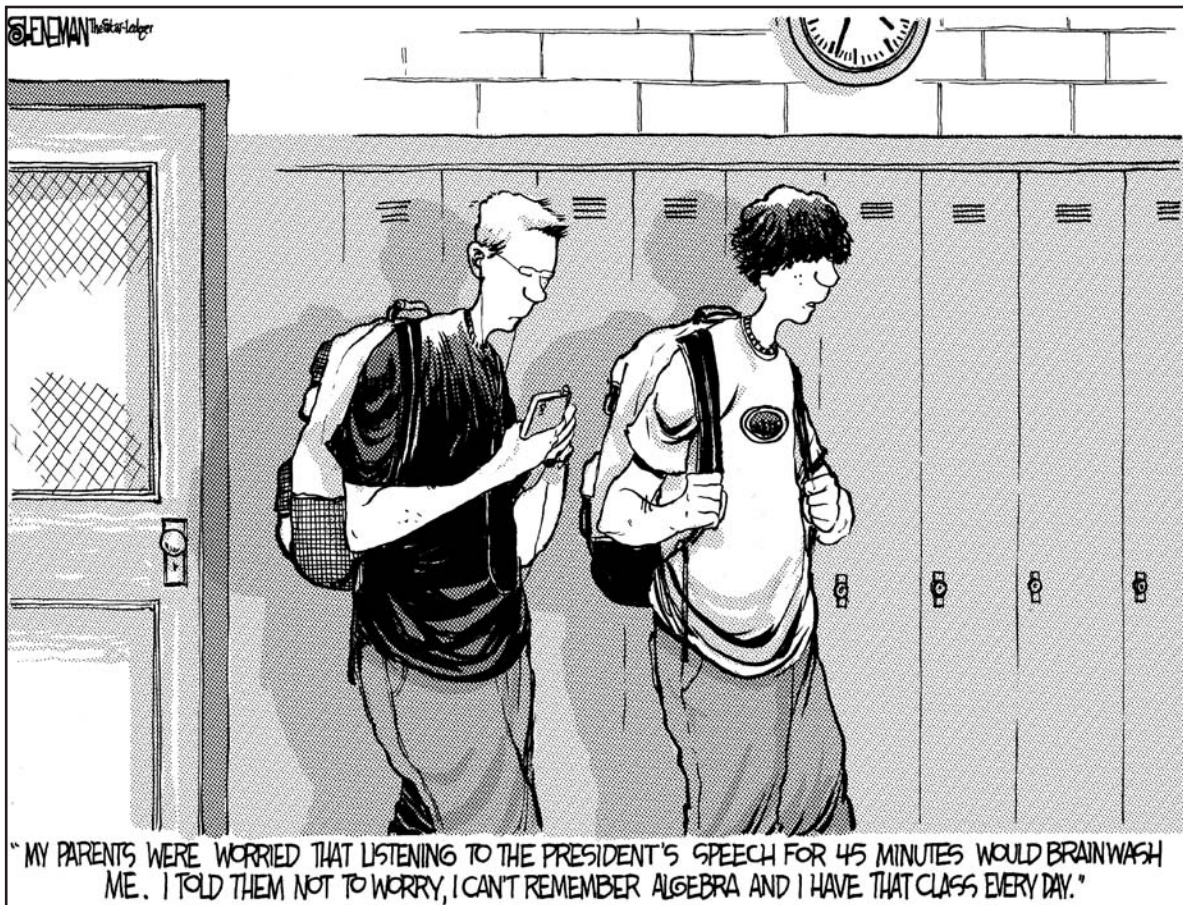
get text books is a hassle. It's always nice to be able to get your own books and to find the book that feels right to you. We can't all always afford new books, and when buying a used one it's nice to be able to look through the pile and find one that fits you. Some people like to get used books that have notes written in them and others like to get ones that look as if they are new. Now, not only do customers have to wait

on line to pay for their books, but to get the books too.

Another aspect of the new book-buying set up is that a customer can no longer freely look at the other books the store has to offer. People surely by books that aren't required read for their class because they saw them on the shelves and thought it was interesting. This is no longer due to the books being stocked behind a counter and the employees having to retrieve them for you, which seems impractical from a business standpoint because revenue is being lost when students are not buys books on a whim.

This is not to say that the store has no redeeming qualities.. It a very nice looking store. And neat too. The ground-level facility allows for some natural lighting from the outside which was visibly absent from the old store. It also helps to bring more traffic through the MAC which is, as said earlier, and wonderful building.

None of the little annoyances in mentioned are so detrimental to the store that it is absolutely ruined. Those things now absent were just small nuances that made the old bookstore a little more fun to visit. However, love it or hate it, this is the new bookstore.



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Studying on Campus

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON
OPINION EDITOR

Ok, so summer's officially over. I wore a jacket in the chilly rain the other day. I know, I know; tear, tear! However, the more the time passes, the closer we are to next summer! It's legitimately time to start to study, to pass those extremely difficult classes which we all need to surpass in order to one day graduate!

It's time to study, which means it's time to find a quiet place and open your books as well as your mind! Find a quiet place. That is pretty difficult to do here at Monmouth

University with all the racket and hype! I can let you all in on a little secret, freshman especially, there are many places to study here on campus!

First of all, your dorm room is probably not a decent place to do your school work in. With all the noise and crowdedness, you can definitely find a better place! The Monmouth University Library, on the dorm side of campus, is a terrific place to work in; it offers a quiet environment, computers, many books to research with,

tables in small rooms to work on group projects without interrupting others, and last but certainly not least, a café to feed your hungry tummy and mind.

The Library was renovated recently; the construction began in December 2002 and was completed in May 2006. The project upgrades the Monmouth University Library to enable students and staff to utilize the library's resources more efficiently. The

"Ok, so, I'm not totally down on studying in dorms. I do agree sometimes it is necessary and useful, but try and find a space where you can be alone with your books, to educate yourself."

MU library is open until very late every night, so it is there to be of service to all students looking for a quiet location.

The Student Center is a place to hang out with friends, but it also offers many computers to work with and tables to study at, on the second floor. I must say, personally, I happen to enjoy doing my work in Java City, which is on the first floor of the Student Center. Java City is a relatively quiet café with tables to work at and most times relaxing music

to calm your mind, to be able to think clearly. Java City also presents many delicious snacks and drinks to fill you. Coffee is its specialty, and caffeine gives you energy!

Other location sites to do some much need studying in are the Howard Hall computer rooms as well as the Jules Plangere computer rooms. They are open during the week, and unless there is a class performing in them, they are open to MU students.

Ok, so, I'm not totally down on studying in dorms. I do agree sometimes it is necessary and useful, but try and find a space where you can be alone with your books, to educate yourself. Do not try and study with a party going on around you; save that for after you are finished with your studies.

There is a list of several study sites, some better than others, but all useful. So, MU students, make sure that you all get your studying done, to go on with your bright futures!

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No News Isn't Good News

EDWARD WASSERMAN
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Publishers have been tailoring their products to suit particular enclaves of readers for decades. The logic of zoning is that you create customized editions brimming with content that the people who live in a particular area are especially eager to see.

Now comes GQ (formerly Gentleman's Quarterly), the gorgeous, beyond-cool fashion mag, which turns that logic on its head in its September issue by denying a sensational story to the very segment of its readership that would be most keenly interested in it. That's not zoning anymore; it's redlining.

The story, None Dare Call It Conspiracy, is by a veteran foreign correspondent named Scott Anderson. It examines allegations that a series of 1999 apartment bombings that killed hundreds of Russians was the work not of Chechnyan terrorists, but of elements within Russia's own security service, who schemed to provoke a second war against the breakaway province and help one of their own, the then-obscure prime minister Vladimir Putin, rise to the presidency.

Apparently GQ's owners — the giant Conde Nast, itself owned by even more giant Advance Publications — didn't want to irritate the truculent Russian leader. So they didn't ship the issue to Russia at all. Plus, they kept the story off GQ's Web site, instructed its employees to keep quiet about it, ordered that it not be reprinted in any of GQ's sister periodicals.

The article isn't teased on the cover, and to find mention of it you have to journey deep into the table of contents on page 86 to learn the article appears on page 246.

This all came to light only after David Folkenflik, the former Baltimore Sun reporter who covers the media for National Public Radio, broadcast a scathing report and posted a companion piece on NPR's Web site. Precisely why GQ went to such lengths to keep people from seeing a story it still regarded as worth 8,800 words in its flagship U.S. edition isn't clear. Conde Nast isn't talking.

Plainly, as Folkenflik reported, independent journalists have suffered appalling reprisals in the former Soviet Union, and it would be naive to deny that a report that suggests Russia's de facto ruler was complicit in a murderous sham that cost hundreds of innocent lives and triggered a needless war won't annoy somebody.

But the author, Anderson,

has gone public with his complaints, and his main informant, a former state security official whose name and photo appear in the magazine, was well known. This wasn't about protecting journalists. It was about a huge and gutless institution committing an act of preemptive self-mutilation to appease people its duty is to expose.

Who, after all, is Conde Nast? It's a division of a company called Advance Publications,

which is privately held by Newhouse family interests. (Note, for those of you who think it's public stockholders who corrupt the media.) Advance owns 28 daily newspapers, some of them major, including The Plain-Dealer (Cleveland), Star-Ledger (Newark), The Oregonian (Portland), The Times-Picayune (New Or-

leans). It owns the American City chain of 40 weekly Business Journals. It owns Fairchild Publications, with 17 periodicals, including Women's Wear Daily — the bible of the apparel trade — the Golf Digest franchise, and a chunk of cable's latest phenom, the Discovery Network.

And Advance owns Conde Nast, comprising some of the country's most distinguished magazines — The New Yorker, Vanity Fair, Vogue, Wired, Parade, Glamour, Conde Nast Traveler — 19 titles in all, including GQ, the humble glossy whose Big Fall Style Issue weighed in at 318 pages.

Now, I'm a huge critic of media consolidation, but if there is an argument that having that much communicative power under a single corporate nameplate confers benefits beyond fattening the already fat, it's that sometimes just such a concentration of privately constituted power is necessary to stand up to governmental bullying and blow whistles when they need blowing.

And this deplorable affair puts the lie to that fiction. GQ's owners' vast size didn't ensure it a stronger voice, only a bigger muzzle.

Luckily, this being the Internet age, they didn't have the last word. Gawker.com, a scrappy New York-based media Web site that relishes a good fight, stepped up and pulled down the embargoed GQ story, inviting help from the cybersphere in rendering it in Russian. Within 48 hours, with the help of 18 citizen-linguists, Gawker had posted the expose in Cyrillic typeface to benefit the same public the mighty Conde Nast was busy selling out.

It was a proud moment. Gawker's editor-in-chief, Gabriel Snyder, said last week 51,000 people had gone to the translation, which by then was one of several available online, in Russian.

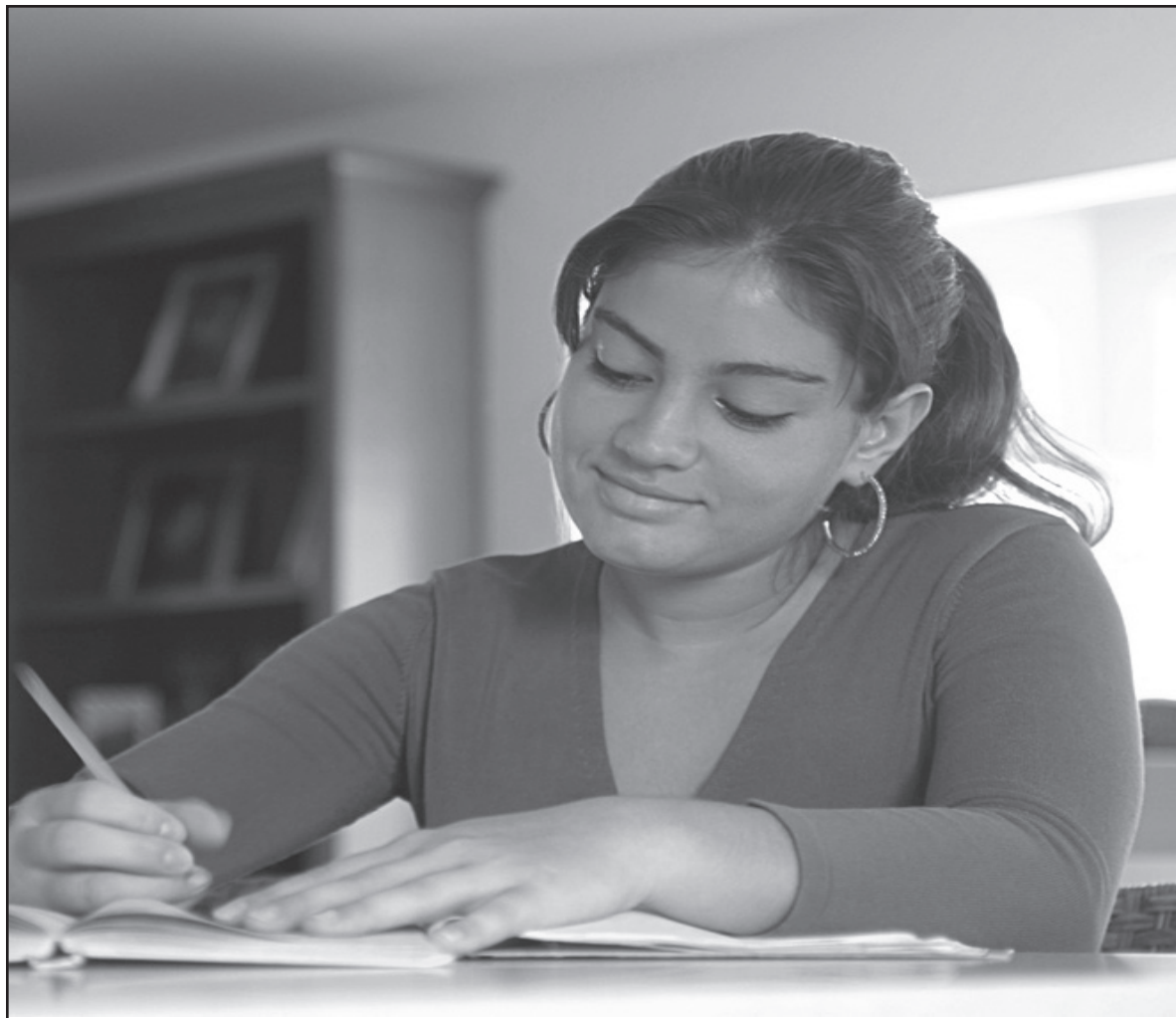


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One of The best places to study on campus is the Library.

Corrections:

In the story "Honors School Relocated to Beechwood Hall" that ran in the News section last issue, the name of the of the Honors former location was misspelled. It should have read: "Birch."

There are no other corrections to report at this time.



CLUB and GREEK

What you need to know about tailgating at Monmouth

Over the course of the last 8 years, Monmouth University established a series of guidelines that directed how tailgating would take place on-campus. The guidelines have always focused on improving tailgating in a way that promoted **common sense, good decision making and safety**. During the spring 2009 semester, the Monmouth University Board of Trustees voted on and approved new tailgating guidelines effective fall 2009. A copy of the guidelines was shared with the entire Monmouth University community via email (April 10, and September 4, 2009) and through the Outlook (April 22, 2009). The following guidelines were developed by the Homecoming Committee which is made up of a dedicated group of student leaders that includes our fraternities and sororities, SGA, SAB, and RHA as well as members of Alumni Affairs, Athletics, the Division of Student Services, the Monmouth University Police Department, Facilities Management and representation from our faculty.

- **Tailgating is not permitted during the game or at halftime.** Patrons must attend the game they will be asked to vacate the campus. *Members of the Monmouth University Police Department will walk through the commuter parking lot 30 minutes before the start of the game to remind patrons of this rule. Those individuals who attempt to remain in the lots during the game may be subject to criminal prosecution.*
 - Patrons may tailgate for 2 hours following the conclusion of the game.
 - Tailgating will take place in the commuter parking lot and in parking lot 25 for patrons with reserved parking.
- Patrons will be allowed to enter the parking commuter lot at **9:30 am** on game day. *Overflow parking will also be available in parking lot 16 when necessary.*
- For the safety of all our patrons, kegs, party balls, common source/mass quantities of alcohol, hard liquor and glass containers are not permitted.
- All University and state regulations that pertain to the legal consumption of alcohol will be enforced. Patrons that wish to consume alcohol must be 21 or older and be prepared to show legal proof of age to the MUPD or a University representative/agent when requested. *Those individuals found guilty of underage drinking/possession or intent to distribute to minors are subject to criminal prosecution.*
 - Drinking games and paraphernalia are not permitted, will be stopped and will be confiscated.
- Patrons may bring in and set up a single tent only on game day and not to exceed 10 feet by 10 feet. The tent must be removed at the end of game day.
 - Gas and charcoal grills are permitted.
 - Animals are not permitted on-campus.
 - Bands, DJ's, loud music, stages or platforms are not permitted in the parking lots.
 - Tailgates must provide food to their guests.
 - Soliciting and outside caterers are not permitted.
 - Patrons entering the campus for home football games will be required to pay a small parking fee.
- Recreational vehicles are permitted and will be directed to lot 18 which is located in the southern section of the commuter parking lot. *Reserved parking patrons, who arrive with a recreational vehicle, will park in lot 25.*

Please note that the tailgating guidelines apply to all home games including Homecoming. Thank you in advance for playing an important role in making the tailgating experience safer and more family friendly for all involved. We look forward to seeing you at this year's home games.

Club and Greek Announcements

STUDENT COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

Welcome Back Everyone! The Student Council for Exceptional Children is a student organization which is part of the Council for Exceptional Children, a national professional organization which supports the education of individuals with special needs. The Monmouth University student CEC will be holding many events and meetings this year involving individuals with special needs. Our first member meeting will be Tuesday September 22nd, the location is TBA. Our meetings are held monthly. Flyers announcing Student CEC events and meetings will be posted in the student center and McAllen Hall. For more information email s0603523@monmouth.edu.

SOCIOLOGY CLUB

Hey fellow student! I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and you are all ready to work hard once again!

Last school year, the Sociology Club had a wonderful and active time. We hosted many events including social drives to help others, and we also successfully raised money to donate to The Weisman Children's Rehabilitation Hospital, in South Jersey, and they were very grateful!

We hope to make this year just as rewarding, if not even better than last, for the club and for others! We meet regularly, in Bey Hall, so look out for posts about the first meeting! The Sociology Club is a very social and active club to be a member of, so if you enjoy helping out the community, with your friends, come out! We hope to see you all there!

COLLEGES AGAINST CANCER

Monmouth University Community,

Welcome back to all returning students! For all of you new students welcome to Monmouth, there is so much information coming at you at once it can be very overwhelming. I wanted to tell you and returning students who might not know about Colleges against Cancer (CAC) is a club designed by the American Cancer Society for colleges and universities to host at their schools. There are over 300 CAC chapters around the country fighting the fight against cancer. Our CAC chapter has four points to it: Cancer Education, Survivorship, Mission/Advocacy, and Relay for Life. You may have heard about Relay for Life or even have been a part of it. For those who haven't, Relay for Life is an overnight grassroots event to raise money to find a cure for cancer. The Relay for Life of Monmouth University is in its third year and is continuously growing. Hosted at the practice field next to Kessler Field, we raised almost \$60,000 and over 60 teams. Besides Relay for Life, CAC also hosts cancer awareness programs such as volunteering at the breast cancer walk on the Pt. Pleasant boardwalk, and this year going to visit cancer patients at Hope Lodge in NYC. The CAC chapter and Relay for Life committee are always looking for more help.

Have a great year,
Mallory Rapisarda
Colleges against Cancer President

HAWK TV

Welcome new and returning students! Hawk TV wishes you the best of luck with the 2009-2010 school year. Hawk TV is the student run campus television station, airing 24-7 on channel 12. We are inviting everyone to come out and participate in our organization where you will learn the ins and outs of a television station, while gaining a new family. Best of all, no prior experience is necessary!

Some of our original content includes:

"The Extra Point" which covers both campus and professional sports.

"Hawk TV News" provides updates on campus events and issues as well as what's going on in the community.

"M-Squared Live" brings local bands to the Monty Film and Television Studio, in the Plangere Center, for a live, free concert.

"M-Squared" is an hour-long music video show that brings both upcoming and mainstream artists into your dorm room.

"LOL!" is our original comedy show that is sure to please your funny bone.

Hawk TV is not limited to these shows and we always welcome new ideas and members. For more information and updates go to hawktv.monmouth.edu, shoot us an email with any questions or comments, hawktv@monmouth.edu, or stop by our office, room 139 in the Plangere Center. Keep an eye out for our event flyers around campus, and '...get turned on' with Hawk TV, channel 12.

ALPHA SIGMA TAU

Alpha Sigma Tau is hosting its 4th annual Suicide Awareness Week and would like information to be run in the Club section of the Outlook. We would like it to contain the following information. Thank you!

Alpha Sigma Tau's
4th Annual Suicide Awareness
and Prevention Week
September 14th-17th

You are not alone! There are currently almost 32,000 suicides annually in the U.S. It is estimated that for every suicide there are 6 survivors. Based on this estimate, approximately 5 million Americans became survivors of suicide in the last 25 years.

The sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau will be hosting Information Tables all week outside the student center and will be selling yellow ribbons. All proceeds will go to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Monday September 14th:
Information Table 11AM-3PM,
Student Center

Tuesday September 15th:
Day of Silence- Volunteers will be taking a vow of silence for the day in remembrance of those lost to suicide
Information Table 11AM-3PM, Student Center

Wednesday September 16th:
Information Table 11AM-3PM,
Student Center

Guest Speaker- Peggy Farrell
Candlelight Vigil immediately following, Residential Quad

Thursday September 17th:
Bake Sale and Information Table
11AM-3PM, Student Center

If you have any questions or you would like to get involved please contact Alys B. at s0693413@monmouth.edu or visit www.save.org

HILLEL

Come join the MU Hillel - Jewish Student Union - for our first meeting of the semester on Sept. 23, 2009 at 2:45pm!

Room: Student Center 202A

We will be planning the upcoming year's events! All are welcome!
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED!

ZETA TAU ALPHA

Zeta Tau Alpha hopes the Monmouth Community had as great of a summer as they did. But the sisters of ZTA are looking forward to a great year ahead. ZTA looks forward to working hard this upcoming semester to raise money for their philanthropy, Breast Cancer Awareness and Education. Save the date of October 10th to come to ZTA's Think Pink Volleyball Tournament with fraternity, Sigma Pi. ZTA wishes the Monmouth Community the best of luck this semester!

REPUBLICAN CLUB

The College Republicans Club make known and promote the principles of the Republican Party; aid the election of republican candidates at all levels of government; encourage and assist in the organization and active functioning of the Republican Party at local, state, and national levels; and develop political skills and leadership abilities among students as preparation for future service to the party and community. For more information, please contact Kevin Franken at 732-2635525 or Gerard Scharfenberger at 732-571-3440

PSI CHI

On behalf of the Monmouth University chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society for psychology students, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all first year students and returning students. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer.

Now that the fall semester is underway, I would like to give you some information about Psi Chi. It is quite an honor to a part of this organization, and one to which all psychology majors should aspire.

In addition to being an active and productive member within Psi Chi, the following academic requirements are necessary to maintain membership within Psi Chi:

- Completion of at least three semesters of college courses

- Completion of nine credits (3 courses) in Psychology at Monmouth University

- Registration for major or minor standing in Psychology at Monmouth University

- A cumulative GPA of 3.00 and a GPA of 3.00 in Psychology at Monmouth University.

Psi Chi is active in the community and on campus. For example, last semester, members of Psi Chi and the Psychology Department faculty worked side by side at the Ronald McDonald House preparing dinner for the guests of the house so that they could come back to a hot meal after spending the day at the hospital with their sick children. This gave Psi Chi members the opportunity to spend time with the faculty and to give back to the community.

On campus, Psi Chi has hosted and assisted in hosting various activities. One of the most important is the Semi-Annual Undergraduate Psychology Department Research Conference. This conference takes place at the end of the fall and spring semesters. Students who have completed their thesis, which is their own research study, present their research findings in the form of a poster or paper presentation. Last semester's poster and paper presentations were outstanding.

Psi Chi installed a new Executive Board for the upcoming year, and we are working on some very exciting activities. As our plans come together, we will send out information. So, please stay tuned for Psi Chi announcements.

Again, we want to welcome all incoming first-year students and returning students to Monmouth University. Have a great fall semester!

OUTDOORS CLUB

Students of Monmouth University,

Welcome to the 2009/2010 school year! It's going to be great! We, at the Outdoor's Club, just wanted to take this opportunity to invite all students to come join us during our meeting September 9th at 3:30pm in front of the fireplace in the Student Center which will then continue every other week at the same time. We, as a club, go on many trips throughout the year. Some of our trips last year included weekend camping expeditions, two white water rafting trips, weekly rock climbing trips, and numerous weekend hiking expeditions all throughout New Jersey. We have many ideas for trips this year and would love to have you to join us on our adventures! Have a great year everyone and hope to see you there!

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This Week Overseas...

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How Much Will it Cost?

Monmouth University semester programs have the same tuition and fee costs as on-campus. Room and board rates also are similar.

Your current financial aid travels with you for the Monmouth semester programs. This means you can use your Monmouth grants, merit awards, and scholarship money.

Athletic scholarships cannot be used toward a study abroad semester but can be used for the

summer Spain/Italy program.

If you go through CCIS or any other outside study abroad program, you can apply all financial aid, except your institutional aid.

Airfare and spending money will make up the bulk of your expenses outside of tuition and room and board.

Airfare and spending money are considered legitimate educational expenses, and students are usually able to borrow for them, if necessary.

Why Would I Want to Do This?

Not only will you be continuing on your way to a Monmouth University degree, but you will greatly enhance your sense of independence and self-confidence.

You will probably have one of the most memorable and best experiences of your life!

You will gain an international dimension and a global perspective in your personal and

professional life.

You will have the opportunity to travel extensively and see parts of the world you may have only dreamed about!

Your resume will have that extra something that makes you 'stand out' from the pack. The courage and decisiveness that propel a student to study abroad are very important components in his or her marketability.

How Spain Opened My Eyes Taught Me to Appreciate My Life

JESSICA PEREZ
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I was very reluctant in the beginning to consider this opportunity as the next step in my life. I have never spent more than a few days at a time away from my family especially in another country, living with strangers and embarking on this trip with 11 girls that I did not know. Although getting over the pre-trip nerves was difficult it was the best decision I ever made.

I remember it like it was yesterday arriving at JFK on June 13th saying that I had butterflies in my stomach was an understatement. I said goodbye to my family and began what would be the best encounter of my life. When we arrived to Spain at first I was completely taken back by the difference in culture, and way of life. The family that I was placed with were wonderful, sweet, compassionate, welcoming, interesting and fun; there are not enough words to express the happy environment. Our room was small with no television, but a beautiful view of the ocean. The food was different then what I was use to and often a repeat occurrence but non the less it was good. Cádiz was the most gorgeous place I've ever seen. It was so old and quaint with some of the nicest people I've ever met. There way of life is much simpler and they take pride in their culture and especially their family. The plazas and the Galeta (the beach) were my favorite places to spend my time.

The first weekend trip was when the homesickness began to set in, especially how we were in Morocco such a culturally different and inconceivable place. Some of the cities were gorgeous and full with loving people, but for the majority the men and the way they perceived women was disgusting. Although I had a great experience in Morocco and saw things I never thought

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I would see especially the gorgeous town of Chaouen. All of Chaouens walls and doors are painted various shades of blues and white to keep the buildings and houses cool and mosquito free. The poverty in Morocco definitely opens your eyes to the luck and fortune one has in the United States and definitely made me appreciate Cádiz more.

We took some extraordinary excursions and saw some of

the most beautiful, antique and breath taking churches, cathedrals, roman ruins and museums that I never thought I would experience. That is one thing that I would not change, the excursions to Granada, Sevilla, Bolonia and Tarifa were very impressionable. There is one thing that I would change, the trip to Madrid. Although Madrid is gorgeous and full of culture and history it was very upsetting not being able to spend our last days in Spain in Cádiz. I would also recommend two free weekends in Cádiz, although we were there for six weeks I do not think it is nearly enough time to really get everything out of the best place on earth. The classes were also a great experience, I never thought that I would enjoy class when in another country but the professors and staff of Mundalengua are wonderful people and have made a great impact on my life. I have never been surrounded by more caring, loving and involved people and it was a great relief having them there along with Dr. Maginn. I do wish she was there for more than half of the trip; it is just a great relief and sense of comfort having someone from home there with us.

I met some of the most wonderful people and developed life long friendships and memories that I will always be grateful for. This definitely was a once in a lifetime experience and I encourage anyone who has the opportunity to go study in Cádiz it is definitely a worthwhile experience that one will cherish forever.



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Perez sitting on a camel while studying abroad in Cadiz, Spain.



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Perez and friends on a night out in Spain.



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ENTERTAINMENT

HUMANITY'S LAST HOPE LIES WITH 9

MATTHEW FISHER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Hollywood's favorite number at the moment isn't seven figures but a single digit, nine. This past summer audiences were blown away by the sci-fi hit *District 9*, and this fall an adaptation of the Broadway musical, *Nine* comes dancing to the big screen. However, in between that moviegoers have another numerically titled film to enjoy, *9*.

Produced by Tim Burton (soon to be released *Alice In Wonderland*) and Timur Bekmambetov (*Wanted*), *9* is based upon the Oscar-nominated short film by Shane Acker.

While watching the movie, it's not difficult to see the inspiration and points that Burton and Bekmambetov put into this feature. There is a weird and enchanting creepiness to *9*'s world that Burton is famous for and great action-packed moments that Bekmambetov showed in *Wanted* and *Nightwatch*. Yet, as the film progresses, Acker's characters and world evolve at their own beat, becoming something unique.

9, directed by Acker and written by Pamela Pettler, is about a world totally absent of humanity, where buildings have decayed or been destroyed and silence is everywhere. Yet, living among this devastation is the titular rag doll, 9, voiced by Elijah Wood, who wakes up alone in an empty world.

Along the way, he joins up with other living rag dolls, who are 1 (Christopher Plummer), the stern king of these creatures, 2 (Martin Landau), the oldest of the group, 3 and 4, the silent twins that cata-

logue relics, 5 (John C. Reilly), a mechanic and fixer of things, 6 (Crispin Glover), the cryptic artist, 7 (Jennifer Connelly), the strong female warrior, and 8 (Fred Tatasciore), a muscleman.

As *9* becomes a part of this group and gets more curious of the world around him, he mistakenly unleashes a terrible evil back into the world. Soon, it's up to 9, with the help of his friends, to correct this mistake and save the planet.

The movie doesn't divert away from the spectacular and silent short film. It only elaborates and expands that story for more exposition to these characters as well as some great action-packed moments.

Such scenes include an intense chase scene trying to escape a tunnel of fire as well as fighting off mechanical beasts including one that brings a new meaning to baby face. These ragdolls move quickly and really push themselves and the animation to their limits.

The computer generated imagery (CGI) in the film is incredibly done to develop this isolated, dead world. The animators did a wonderful job creating this world and they managed to make Earth seem like an alien world with living ragdolls as well as mechanical monsters as the dominant life forms.

The stitching on the 9, 2, and so on is detailed to say the least. There is never a scene that audiences can forget the great animation such as the ragdolls' stitching are always present and the mechanical monsters continue to feel cold and distant.

The world that Acker created is an interesting one that has been

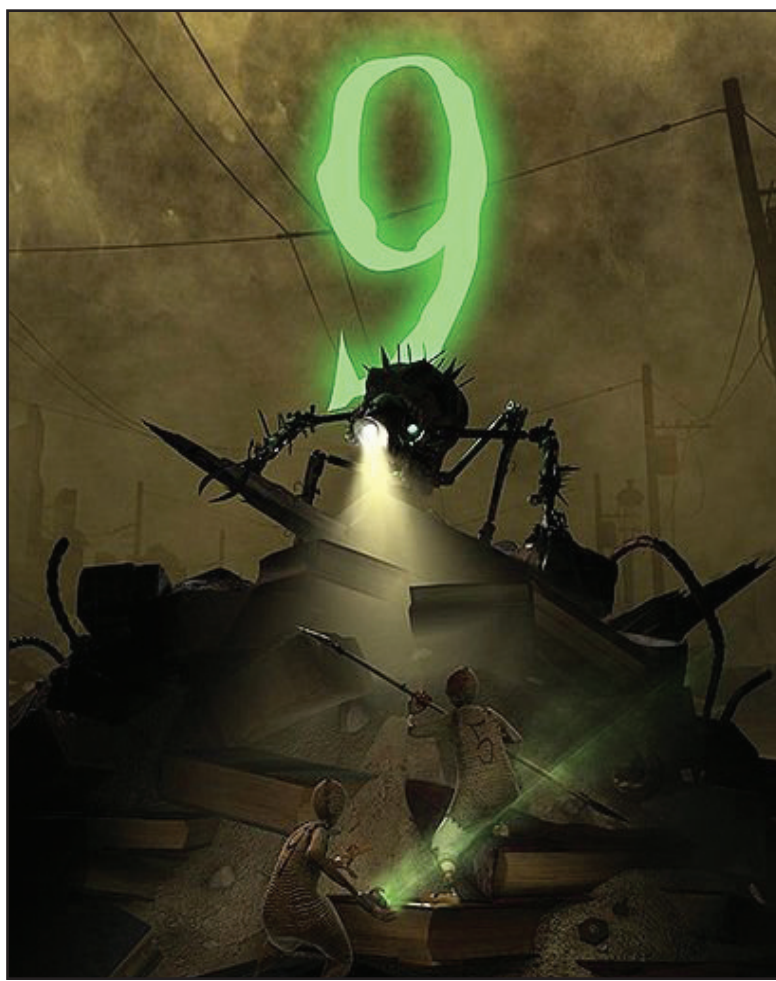


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The new sci-fi movie, directed by Shane Acker, is now in theaters.

seen before of man (or ragdolls) vs. machines, but here it feels unique. Besides creating these very original looking creatures, a strong feature of the movie is that these lifeless creatures are given much humanity that it's difficult not to resonate with them.

It doesn't matter whether it's searching for a friend or gearing up to fight a scary, evil beast. Just

like *Wall-E*, the filmmakers terrifically make viewers connect with these beings emotionally.

Helping to flesh out these characters is a stellar cast of actors lending their voices to the animated roles. They all help to add different personalities to these lone survivors. However, at times the dialogue doesn't feel necessary and the expressions on the

faces of these rag dolls tell all that is needed.

Acker really has a handle on the silent moments of the movie and uses that to his advantage with some of the best scenes in the movie being silent. When they're scared, their mouths open, and when they're mad, they pinch their brows. The animators really get into how these dolls are feeling, as in the short film, and the voice work is just icing on the cake.

While *9* has the privilege of being one of a few PG-13 animated movies not to premiere direct-to-DVD, it doesn't truly feel like a PG-13 film. Instead the movie comes across as being a very dark PG or a very light PG-13. It's either too scary for young kids or not strong enough for teens and older audiences.

The only reason for the higher rating seems to be because of the possible illusion to drugs, death, and/or severed bodies and body parts featured in the film. Yet, believe it or not, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* was rated PG and that felt much darker than *9*.

Regardless, Acker does a wonderful job of directing and handling the story with the help of Pettler's script. While it may not be as ground breaking as other recent animated films like *Up*, the movie never disappoints.

There is always a great action scene to get audiences pumped up, very strong character moments to help us identify with these beings, and beautiful CGI.

As with any sci-fi movie, *9* has a strong message that resonates about society and life, and it just takes the determined hero 9 to lead the way.

The Many Looks of Lady Gaga at the 2009 VMA's



After arriving on the red carpet with everyone's favorite frog, Kermit, Lady Gaga caught everyone's attention with her bizarre feathered neck brace and mask.



Performing live to her latest single "Paparazzi," and finishing off the routine by dangling above the stage dripping in blood. This sure kept the audience on the edge of their seat.



Accepting the award for Best New Artist, hidden behind a red laced mask and oversized crown. After pulling off her mask Lady Gaga proclaimed that her award was dedicated to the gays.



Watching the end of the award show Lady Gaga changed into this over the top wreath. Sitting cool, calm and collected in Radio City Music Hall.



Ending her eventful evening at an after party held at Avenue in NYC in her last and final wardrobe change of the night, with this huge head piece.

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GOODBYE PAULA, HELLO ELLEN

TAYLOR CORVINO
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

For the last eight seasons, millions of Americans tuned in to see young singers compete to be the next *American Idol*; but more importantly we all tuned in to see if Simon Cowell would succeed in making the contestants cry, how many times Randy Jackson would say “dawg” in one sentence, and if Paula Abdul’s comments would ever make sense.

After months of rumors, it was confirmed in August that Abdul was closing the curtains on *AI* and not returning for their ninth season. It seemed almost planned, after *AI* had just acquired a fourth judge, Kara DioGuardi, last season. With the departure of Abdul, *AI* would be able to return to their three-judge format that worked from the get go.

September 9, it was announced that comedian Ellen DeGeneres would be filling Abdul’s spot and join the *AI* family as the newest judge, signing a five-year contract with Fox. DeGeneres was always vocal about her love for the show, continually inviting the judges and past contestants on her daytime talk show.

While most of us question whether or not DeGeneres has the proper credentials to judge such a competition, she is the voice of the millions of dedicated fans watching from home. She knows what we want to see and what makes us not change the channel, because for the past eight seasons she’s been on that side of the television with us.

DeGeneres is also no stranger to standing in front of large crowds and is familiar with what it takes

to put on a show. With years of experience in stand-up comedy, her very own talk show, and hosting the 79th *Academy Awards*, DeGeneres will be able to relate to the contestants in a new way.

It was after DeGeneres was a guest judge on Fox’s other hit show,

watched since the beginning, and I’ve always been a huge fan. So getting this job is a dream come true, and I think of all the money I’ll save from not having to text in my vote.”

There’s no bad blood between Abdul and DeGeneres. Abdul

on her talk show that she fully intends to give honest criticism to the contestants but not be mean like her fellow judge, Cowell.

She joked, “When Simon is rude and mean, I will tell him he’s rude and mean, just like I tell him when he’s on my show that he’s rude and



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After eight seasons sitting between Jackson and Cowell, Abdul (left) is calling it quits and no longer judging *American Idol*. Comedian and talk show host DeGeneres (right) will be filling the new position when the new season begins in January 2010. Stay tuned to see how this new addition will fit in the popular show.

So You Think You Can Dance, that Fox executives began to consider her for the position.

DeGeneres said last week on her show, “I’m thrilled to be the new judge on *American Idol*. I’ve

tweeted on her personal Twitter last week, “I think Ellen will be a great judge on *Idol*. She is wildly funny, talented and I wish her the best of luck!”

DeGeneres has said repeatedly

mean.”

Idol auditions are currently taking place, but it will not be until the show premieres in January that DeGeneres will join the others at the table to begin the judging.

BOYS LIKE GIRLS CURSED BY THE SOPHOMORE SLUMP



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(BELOW) PHOTO COURTESY OF www.boyslikegirls.com

Punk band Boys Like Girls debut new album *Love Drunk*.

KRISTOPHER REDZINAK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The slump is something that has become a trend for small market local bands that made it big. It has struck for the likes of Fall Out Boy and the infamous “Bubble Band” Cartel, but does Boys Like Girls have what it takes to avoid the slump and make it to this year like upper-classmen?

Since their debut album back in 2007, everyone has heard the likes of “Hero/Heroine” and “The Great Escape” from WMCX to z100 to the point where the words are pretty much imprinted into your memories.

Their powerful lyrics and ballad-like, rock thrust them into the spotlight. Since their “Love Drunk” single was released anticipation for the new album (coincidentally titled *Love Drunk*) has been growing. But does it deliver?

The problem is, it really depends on what type of package you were hoping for from the boys from Boston.

The album can pretty much be summed up in one song, “Two Is Better Than One” which has guest vocals by, yes, no joke Taylor Swift.

Now don’t get me wrong, Taylor Swift has talent, her album was undoubtedly the album of the summer with that song about the cheer captain and the bleachers, but her vocals just seem out of place on what appears to be a truly mediocre album.

With their sophomore album,

Boys Like Girls plays into a stereotypical sell-out role catering to the “tweenies” out there who will flock to purchase this album on iTunes to make it fly up the Billboard charts.

The album is full of cheesy lyrics and dance beats that will be popular during middle school cantinas and will likely fill up plenty of neon purple, blue, and pink Ipods during this back to school season.

Boys Like Girls know that they have achieved pop-punk immortality after their first album and unfortunately their songs on this album pay the price. The beats are of course danceable, and the lyrics will become annoyingly unforgettable with their teenaged fans, but when a band is aiming to produce an album, they should aim to change their style and not make a carbon copy of their first one and take some chances.

What Boys Like Girls did here was take a step back. Rather than put forth their songs with the passion and emotion that fueled their first album, they chose to create an album that will get most of their songs air play on z100 for the next few months.

Ultimately, Boys Like girls took a three year hiatus to do some touring and ask in their 15 minutes of fame, but with an album like this, their 15 minutes is looking a little like it is only going to last until about 20 minutes.

Better luck next time boys, time to do a little less touring and a little more writing.



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THURSDAY

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Where: 800 Gallery

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**FRIDAY
Fall Pep Rally**

Where: TBA

Time: 4 p.m.

**Battle of the
Buildings Spirit
Dinner**

Where: Magill

Time: 4-7 p.m.

**Movie Night: Year
One**

Where: Oakwood

Time: 7 & 11

SATURDAY

Grillin' With the Greeks

Where: Commuter Lot

When: 9:30 a.m.

Comedian: Robbie Prinz

Where: Oakwood

When: 6 p.m.

Movie: The Hangover

Where: Oakwood

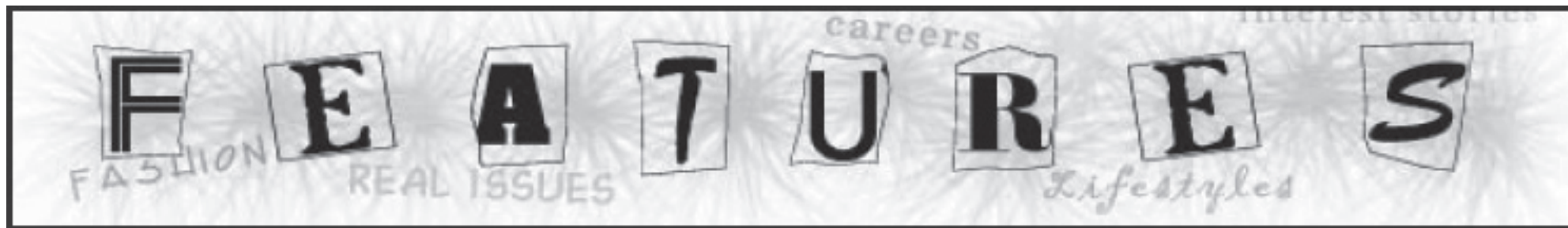
When: 7 & 11 p.m.

SUNDAY

Battle of the Buildings

Where: Residential Quad

Time: 12p.m.



When Too Much Free Time is a Bad Thing

ANDREW SCHETTER
FEATURES EDITOR

The sun is rising and so is the temperature, as another humid August day in New Jersey begins and I am heading off to slice for an Acme Deli. The line of beach goers is waiting at 8:00 a.m. and the request for the cheese to be cut thinner before I get a chance to slice a piece will not bother me today.

Nor will breaking down a slicer just to reopen it, as the crowds once again work themselves into a deli number grabbing frenzy. The reason?

The overwhelming difficulty for both college and high school students to find work this summer.

Having worked the previous two summers at the Acme, I was looking for something new after completing my June internship. However, as many students found out the hard way this year there is literally no paying jobs available unless you have some sort of connection. I found my-

self lucky enough to have a good relationship with a previous employer, in a summer that according to an article in Newsweek was the worst for summer employment since 1948.

Ryan Keough, a Monmouth senior said, "My hand was literally cramping up on me I had filled out so many applications." According to Keough, despite what many possible employers called an impressive resume there just wasn't any open positions for someone they hadn't hired in the past.

The economy will certainly play a huge role in every student's life after graduation but the affects have already been felt and then some by students looking for a summer job.

Internships that would once pay a student to get experience in their desired field can no longer afford to and jobs that five

to ten years ago would be filled by a part time employee are now filled by adults, who have been laid off and are able to work year round.

Oliver Forsythe a Business Major, who lives in Hunterdon County, acquired an internship in New York City. This internship forced him to commute to

paying employment this summer and the trend is nationwide. Besides simply having an ample amount of free time, this leaves college students not only more reliant on parents for financial needs but they lose a few lines of experience on their resume. This should prove to be the most hurtful part of the experience.

A good internship then becomes crucial to show what Andrew Sum, director of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University in Boston, calls "soft skills." These skills teach the basic skills of the workforce like being on time, writing professional e-mails, and the patience to work in groups.

If you weren't among the lucky ones who had a job this summer, more jobs should be available as summer workers return to school, as well as jobs opening

up on campus, which show future employers that students can keep a balanced schedule.

As students have struggled to find part time jobs there is a greater emphasis on spending smarter than ever. Nationwide there has been a rise in the amount of running shoes sold as people are ditching the costly gym memberships and going out to run.

Avoiding going out and buying a cup of coffee each day and brewing your own can save a tremendous amount of money. Other Saving tips include Brita water filters, along with Ramen noodles and the usual cheap dorm dining. These are just a few examples of how students are pinching pennies across the country.

The silver lining for everyone is school is back in session and the economy has another eight months to turn itself around. With last summer being the worst for summer jobs in 62 years, it has to get better, doesn't it?

"My hand was literally cramping up on me I had filled out so many applications."

RYAN KEOUGH
A Monmouth Senior

and from Penn Station every day, with no financial compensation. The daily trip cost him 23 dollars a day, an absolutely crippling number for a college student. This number forced him to give up this expensive position.

Forsythe was among the majority of college students who struggled to find any place of



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Competition was high for fast food jobs this summer.



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Goofy outfits can be worth it for a pay check.

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A Monmouth University Autumn: The Return to the Campus Dynamic

BRIAN BLACKMON
STAFF WRITER

As the late Phil Rizzutto used to so often, and so eloquently exclaim, "Holy Cow!" Autumn has delivered yet another academic school year to the denizens of Monmouth University's accredited repository of knowledge.

The carefree summer has again been rebuked by those enduring tools of academia: reading, writing, and arithmetic.

The lines of cash registers in the college book store (now inhabiting its new location in the recently completed Multipurpose Activity Center) are once more proclaiming the presence of the hustle and bustle of commerce (certainly business majors must take note of so profitable an enterprise operating right under their own noses), while athletes of both mighty genders ceremoniously don the proud uniform of their beloved Alma mater (the mantle of their teams, a mighty torch that demands to be perpetuated) and take the field to demonstrate to the world the physical strength of the Monmouth Hawks.

In contrast to the oncoming slumber of nature's landscape which the fall so poetically portrays, the academic life of our University awakens to full flower as faculty and students fill classrooms with discussion and insight (after all, those quantities of exclusively priced text books weren't purchased for the merit of their covers alone).

Here, the arena of Olympic contest is that of the intellect, and strength in this area shall assuredly be proven (as it shall be on the sports field), thanks to the powerful guidance of our instructors—steeped as they are, in the metaphoric complexities of their chosen area of immersion.

Certainly another event which

can certainly be identified as one of these seasonally linked occurrences.

I have been regularly contributing to The Outlook since the fall of 2007, and it is amazing to me that our current academic school year will see the completion of my work for this publica-

Certainly without Columbus' dream, history would have woven a very different narrative.

BRIAN BLACKMON

tion, as I shall be graduating in May of 2010.

With the start of this brand new semester, coupled with my impending graduation that rests just upon the horizon, I wish to express my appreciation for the exciting experience which attending Monmouth University continues to be.

Credit for this positive and challenging environment must certainly be directed toward the hard work of our college's brilliant faculty and administration. I witnessed a clear example of our University's dedication this past summer, when I was honored to be one of those scholarship recipients. I was then invited to attend the 2nd Annual Shadow Lawn Society luncheon, the purpose of this event being to facilitate the creation of scholarships.

Scholarships which make the college experience a possibility for many of us. It is important to recognize that each and every name attached to one of these scholarships represents a scholastic patron whose heartfelt support provides the capital to fund an educational future.

It is the tireless work of individuals such as Ms. Georgina West, the Director of Monmouth's Gift Planning commit-

tee, who make the reality of such generosity possible. It goes without saying that the work of the Shadow Lawn Society must be recognized and applauded by all members of the University. Regardless of what year you

find yourself affiliated (whether just beginning your race toward graduation, or currently in the process of taking your final proud and victorious steps to the finish line), it is important to retain the courage, positivity, and commitment vital in attaining your goals.

According to Washington Irving, in his 1823 book *The Life and Voyages of Columbus*, which concerns the trials and tribulations of one of history's greatest explorers, "Let those who are disposed to faint under difficulties, in the prosecution of any great and worthy undertaking, remember that eighteen years elapsed after the time that Columbus conceived his enterprise, before he was enabled to carry it into effect" and "that the greater part of that time was passed in almost hopeless solicitation, amid poverty, neglect, and taunting ridicule."

Irving continues, "[...] the prime of his [Columbus'] life had wasted away in the struggle, and that when his perseverance was finally crowned with success, he was about his fifty-sixth year." Washington Irving concludes his assessment by stating that "His [Columbus'] example should encourage the enterprising never to despair."

Certainly without Columbus' dream, history would have woven a very different narrative. What about your own dreams, which are possibly just as monumental?

I hope that my various articles of interest (this being the twenty-second installment) and my cartoon Neptune City-Saturn Town (starring Foxy, the beatnik fox) have in some way become an enjoyable and positive fixture of the overall Monmouth experience for you, faithful Outlook reader.

I know that creating them for your entertainment has been fulfilling and memorable for me. Here's to another dynamic college year.

Neptune City-Saturn Town by Brian Blackmon

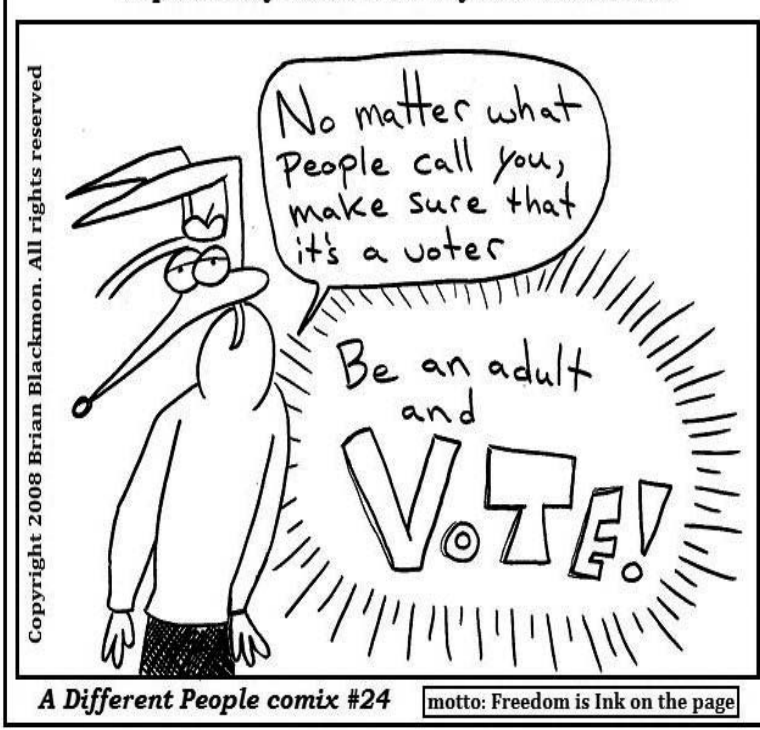


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Although the graphics evolved over the course of a year, in Fall 2008 Foxy returned again to the pages of The Outlook.

"Neptune City-Saturn Town" by Brian Blackmon

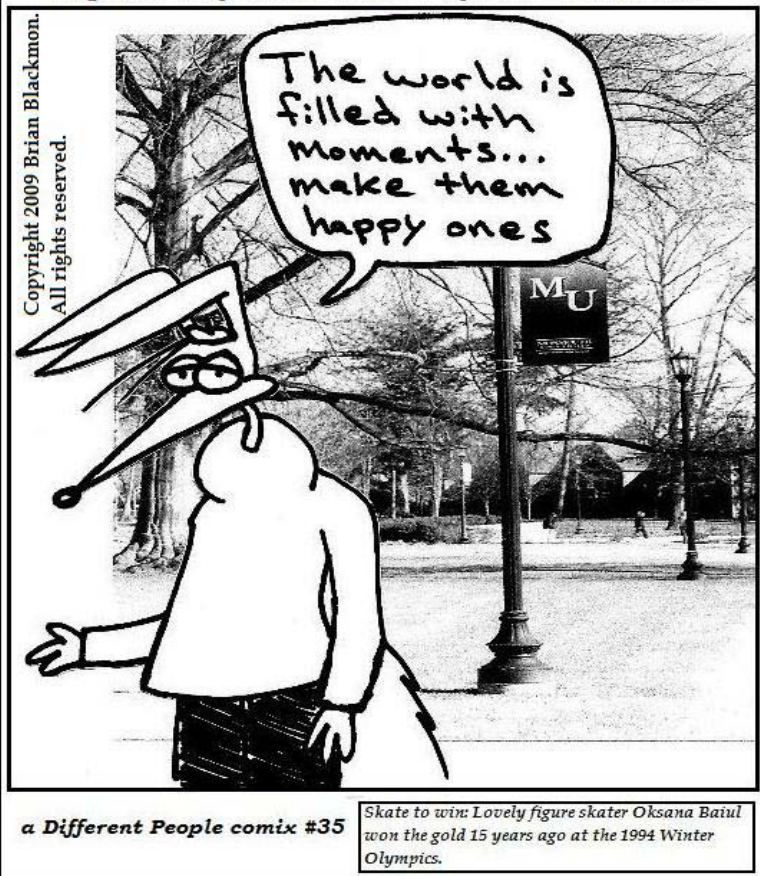


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Foxy in the Spring of 09 was there once again to lend advice to the students of Monmouth University

Heres to another dynamic college year.

BRIAN BLACKMON

adds to the aura of symbolic rebirth at Monmouth University is the revival of the many student organizations and publications which help define campus life.

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tee, who make the reality of such generosity possible. It goes without saying that the work of the Shadow Lawn Society must be recognized and applauded by all members of the University.

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Monmouth Students Take Political

DIANA CAPPELLUTI
POLITICAL EDITOR

With all of the recent political corruption the state of New Jersey has faced and the struggling economy, it's no wonder Monmouth University students are reaching out—and speaking out—to on-campus political organizations in high numbers, making sure their voices heard.

Among those MU students asked, issues of education, healthcare and the war in Iraq were expressed most prevalently as areas of political concern.

Chris Klug, a senior Communication major believes that fixing healthcare policies should be a primary concern of all Americans, since politicians are having such trouble reaching agreements within the issue. "In our political climate republicans are using scare tactics...it's unbelievable to me. They are convincing democrats that Obama is not strong enough to lead the party. Something has to be done about healthcare in this country," Klug said.

Aside from speaking out, Monmouth's study body has become more active in political organizations.

Two years ago, the College Republicans Club was formed by students with a common interest in right wing politics. They currently

have 44 members, and serve Monmouth's student body, not only by encouraging party identification, but by urging students to exercise their right to vote and promoting party pride and leadership.

Another recent, student-formed club is Students Taking Action & Responsibility Today (START), which strives to make better the university and its student body by promoting peace and amicable relations with the adjacent communities. They encourage members to spread peace and unity throughout the university by supporting pro-environment, pro-tolerance, pro-opportunity, pro-self, and pro-humanity issues.

Many students who take a more moderate stance on politics are speaking their minds as well.

Klug expressed that the campaigns and issues of minor parties should be more accessible to the public, like those of the Democratic and Republican Parties. "I want to see non-major parties at least being represented fairly. It all has to do with financial background," he said.

Since the war on terror was declared, Monmouth University's Rebecca Stafford Student Center has been the host of a number of peace rallies and demonstrations that send the message: find a peaceful, effective way to end the war



and bring American troops home safely.

Monmouth junior, Miriam O'Donnell, a Communication major and Information Technology minor says she used to vote republican but her views have recently changed, particularly about the war in Iraq and the economy.

"I feel strongly about economic

situation, healthcare reform, and national security and war. I think that this country needs to smarten up, fix the problems here, and take our troops out of Iraq. Then, hopefully these banks will stop giving out ridiculous loans to people who obviously can't afford them. I am really looking forward to Michael Moore's new movie so they can all

be exposed, O'Donnell said.

The first College Republicans Club meeting of the fall semester will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 315 pm in room 126 of Bey Hall.

For more information about START, contact Nicole Martinez or William Mitchell at 732-571-3462 or 732-263-5644.

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GI Bill Program Puts Veterans in Private Schools

JENNA ROSS
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Beneath his name, Kyle Jones, and his rank, sergeant, he wrote his plan: student.

The tall, deep-voiced Marine was floored that few others in the class on moving from military to civilian life shared his goal of going to college.

"But looking back, it makes sense. The old GI Bill really limited what you could afford," Jones said. "The new GI Bill will revolutionize that, I think."

Jones is in the vanguard of the revolution coming with the new GI Bill's expanded benefits covering tuition, housing and even books; it will put some 250,000 American vets on campus by 2011.

Under a new companion effort, called the Yellow Ribbon program, many more, like Jones, will attend private colleges and universities. He started classes at the University of St. Thomas last week.

The size of the expected influx brings deep excitement and some concern, as students deal with the government's backlog of claims and schools scramble to prepare for their arrival.

Jones is a go-getter. By the time he graduated from Burnsville High School in 2003, he had already enlisted in the Marines. He later was deployed to Iraq.

During the quiet times there,

when deserts didn't need patrolling, units didn't need monitoring, and Iraqi soldiers didn't need teaching, Jones would plan for college.

"It's funny," he said. "In Iraq, you have hundreds of hours of tedious nothing to do. So I'd think: How can I plan this to maximize the benefits most?"

After consulting with a ranking officer and Harvard grad, he decided to attend Normandale Community College, starting there after his return to the United States in 2007. The \$1,400 he received each month for college covered the school's cost, and not much else.

Last spring, when it came time to transfer, he thought public. Then he heard about the possibility of the Yellow Ribbon program, and "it expanded my horizons." He began lobbying St. Thomas to participate.

The same day the school finalized the program application, Jones turned his in. He was the very first undergraduate to apply for the program at St. Thomas — a university he "never, ever" could have afforded with the old plan. Now, he will attend for free.

Under the program, St. Thomas covers half the difference

between the new, per-credit benefits and the actual cost of tuition and fees — or \$1,236 toward the nearly \$15,000 in tuition and fees for 16 credits. The VA matches that. In the end, as many as 15 undergraduates and many more graduate students will have their education financed.

It's up to each school to decide whether it will participate in the program, how much it will contribute, and how many students will get the awards.

A first-of-its-kind report released this summer by sev-

er veterans attending.

St. Thomas counted only 75 current military, veterans and dependents last fall. Already this year, 21 students have applied under the Yellow Ribbon program.

As its veteran population swells, St. Thomas administrators are discussing whether and how to set up special services for them.

Twice this school year, it will offer two professional development sessions for staff called "We All Serve." Its personal counseling staff is putting together a support group for returning vets.

People also are discussing whether to hold focus groups with veterans to ask them what they want and need, said Mary Ann Ryan, executive director of campus and residential life.

"Do they want space? A student group? Who are we to say?" Ryan said. "Sometimes, too, they need to experience the university before they know what to ask for."

At the College of St. Scholastica, many of the 100 or so veterans were asking for space. It began a Veterans Resource Center, a room with couches, a com-

puter and a flag that flew over Camp Liberty.

"It's a place to share with one another their experiences — things a typical student wouldn't understand," said Clarence Sharpe, director of transfer admissions.

When Jones was researching schools, he asked each one whether they had a student veterans organization. Most of the private colleges, including St. Thomas, answered no. So in addition to working part time, completing courses in his business management major and preparing for his MBA, he plans to start one.

Most of the 200 chapters of the Student Veterans of America are at public universities, said Derek Blumke, the organization's co-founder and executive director. He expects that with the new benefits, "we're going to see a lot more private schools starting chapters," he said.

Jones believes having a group will help St. Thomas attract veterans, then keep them on campus through what could be a tough transition.

"For people who are just coming out of the military, they're going to feel like, 'I'm the only one here,'" he said. "No one else knows where I'm coming from, no one else understands my story, my background and my experiences. As soon as they see there's an organization for them, all that will change."

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KYLE JONES
United States Marine

eral associations, including the American Council on Education, shows that public schools are much more likely than private colleges and universities to have programs designed for military veterans. While 74 percent of four-year public institutions surveyed had such programs, only 36 percent of private institutions did.

That's due, in part, because they haven't had all that many

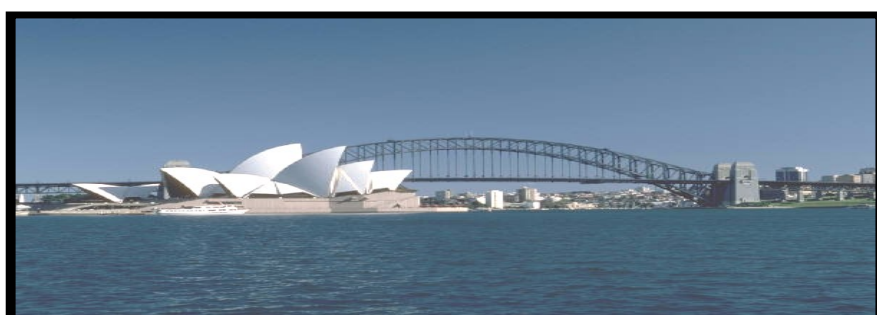
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What was the Best Part of Your MU 2009-2010 First Week?

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Christine
junior

"Moving in late, on Wednesday! Extended summer!"



Danielle
junior

"Seeing friends that I missed over the summer."



Janine
junior

"Being on the move!"



Tim
junior

"Nothing good had happened."



Michael
sophomore

"Seeing familiar faces."



Joe
freshman

"I've met a ton of pretty ladies."



Jillian
freshman

"I live in Elmwood, it's the best!"



Alex
freshman

"Hanging out with Joe everyday; I'm one of his pretty ladies!"



Mike
freshman

"I live in Pinewood, so I'm not suffering in Elmwood."



Ryan
senior

"Getting to eat lunch with Howie, my pal."

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Convocation • MAC ribbon cutting
Chand Raat (Night of Henna) • 8-10pm • Anacon
Suicide Awareness Bake Sale & Info Table • 11am-3pm • Student Center
Suicide Awareness Speaker-Peggy Farrell • 7:30PM • Turrell, Bey Hall
-Candlelight Vigil immediately following • Residential Quad-

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Isidro Blasc Deconstructed Views Lecture • 4:30-5:30pm • Wilson Aud. & Opening Reception • 5:30-7pm • 800 Gallery
Study Abroad 1st Step • Bey Hall 230 • 4:00-4:45pm
Suicide Awareness Information Table • 11am-3pm • Magill

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Fall Pep Rally • 4pm • TBA
Battle of the Buildings Spirit Dinner • 4-7pm • Magill
Movie: Year One • 7 & 11pm • Oakwood
Dance • 9pm • Anacon

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Grillin' With the Greeks • 9:30am • Commuter Lot
Football vs. Duquesne • 12pm • Great Lawn
Comedian: Robbie Prinz • 6pm • Oakwood
Movie: Transformers: Revenge of The Fallen • 7 & 11pm • Oakwood

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Battle of the Buildings • 12pm • Res. Quad
Women's Soccer vs. Lehigh • 1pm • Great Lawn

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Study Abroad 1st Step • Bey Hall 230 • 4:00-4:45pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Meet the Greeks • 10pm • Anacon

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Alternative Health Fair • 1-4 pm, Anacon A
Involvement Fair AND Make Reusable Canvas Bags • 2:30-4pm, Patio
Living with Lyme • 2:30-3:30pm • 202A
Library Open House • 2:30-4:30 pm
IFC Round Robin • TBA • Young Aud.
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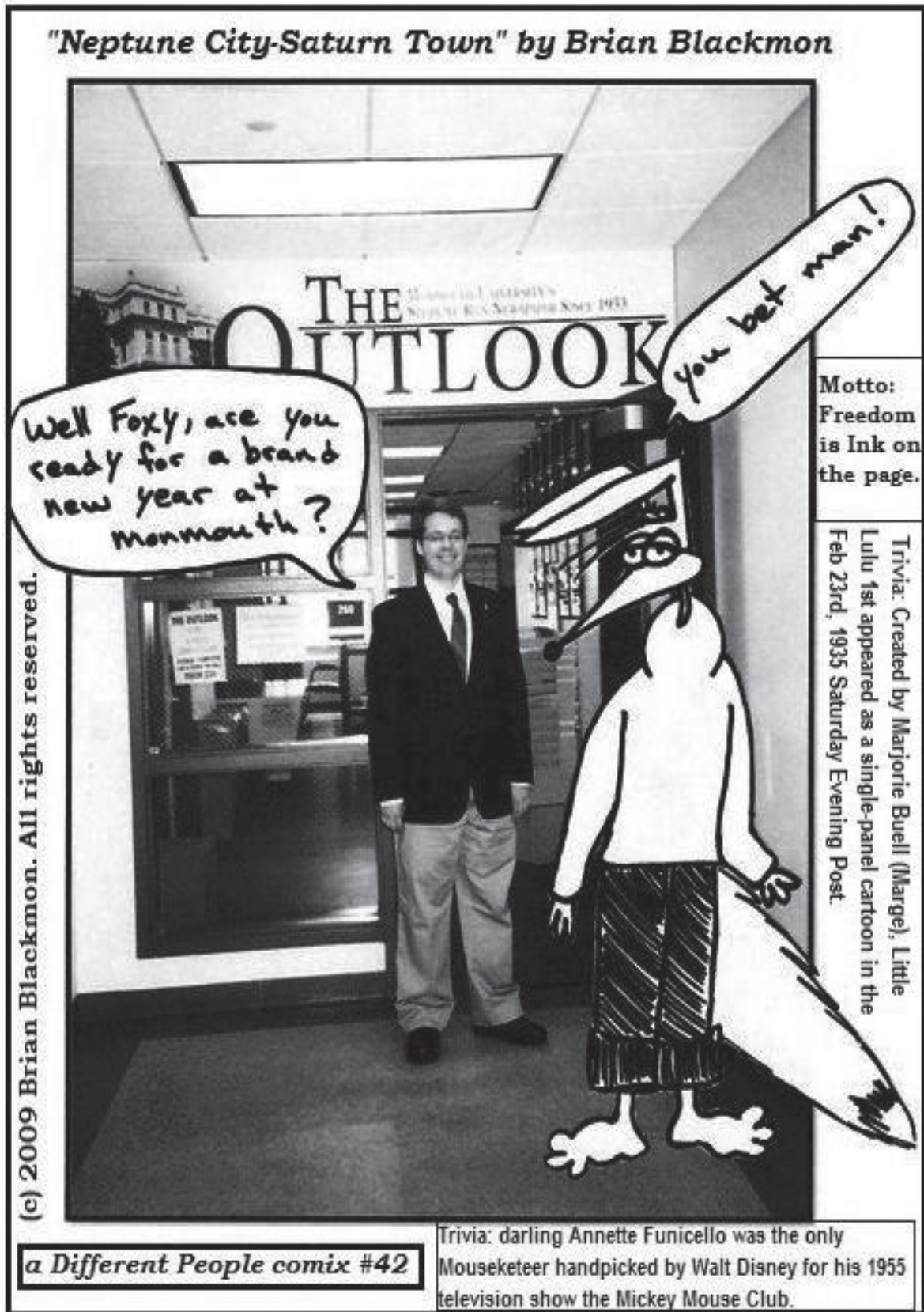
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Horoscopes

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♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19)
Authority figures may now ask for extra input, creativity or assistance. Offer your skills but avoid criticizing the basic concepts of key projects. Over the next few days officials will be sensitive to subtle issues of leadership and group performance. Thursday through Saturday romantic relationships will require extra patience and diplomacy.

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20)
Rental agreements, property contracts and long-term finances are highlighted this week. Public discussions will facilitate family agreement and increase home security. Provide clarity, revised plans and new strategies. Loved ones are open to your suggestions. After Friday some Taureans may encounter a rare or unexpected flirtation. New attractions will quickly develop into relationships.

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21)
Social charisma and workplace appreciation is on the rise this week. Friends, colleagues and new business officials may now search out your advice concerning group events, team leadership or short-term contracts. Offer predictable responses. Creative ideas and sudden changes will not be well received. Later this week a new friendship may provide unique business or financial opportunities.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22)
Loved ones are now ready to address complex home concerns. Family planning or draining emotional triangles may be a central theme. Use this time to encourage discussion. At present, strained relationships will require consistent public attention. After mid-week ask key officials for extra instructions or new assignments. Workplace advancement may now depend on a display of confidence.

♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22)
Several weeks of slow home progress will now fade. Relatives or friends may soon push for greater involvement in family decisions. Pay special attention to issues of social planning and privacy. At present loved ones may need to feel validated by the group. Wednesday through Saturday business invitations will quickly lead to new assignments. Friends and colleagues will soon provide valuable introductions. Stay focused: new ideas will be accepted and followed.

♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22)
Younger colleagues may this week challenge authority or request special assignments. Social and workplace differences are best left in the past. Avoid acting as mediator, if possible. Before next week underlying tensions and creative proposals are unpredictable. Thursday through Saturday accents new routines and revised policies. Minor details may soon prove important.

♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Over the next few days many Librans will receive a rare glimpse into the future of key relationships. Long-term planning, romantic promises and shared social values are all accented. Discuss all insights or impressions with loved ones. Detailed agreement is possible. Later this week financial news may arrive concerning property investments, ownership documents or government permissions.

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
Romantic flirtation is now a strong theme. New friends or potential lovers will no longer avoid social invitations or physical attraction. Provide honest observations and clear expectations. Dates, times and schedules need to be publicly discussed. For some, a previously despondent friend will now ask bold questions.

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Creative workplace suggestions will trigger fast progress and detailed negotiations. Several weeks of low ambition or vague financial promises are no longer valid. Key officials will provide new pathways to success. After mid-week friends may ask personal questions or reveal private information. Listen closely for vital clues.

♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Delicate group debate or unclear instructions from authority are not easily resolved this week. Encourage patience and find positive ways to share social bonds. Co-workers will study your actions for guidance. Wednesday through Friday highlights complex social triangles and minor power struggles. Someone close may challenge the honesty of a new friend. After Saturday rest and gain perspective.

♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is a 9
New friends or colleagues search out your approval and emotional expertise. Complex team assignments or strained workplace relations are accented. Stay focused and ask for clear statements of intention. Social sensitivity is now vital for group success. Later this week a past friend may ask for extra time, patience or advice. Use this time to research past events or clarify promises.

♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) This week is a 10
Emotional vitality and physical fitness are now appealing. Many Pisceans will soon improve health regimes, sleep patterns or daily routines. Loved ones will be supportive. Use this time to resolve ongoing mood swings or social disappointments. After Wednesday a business partner may announce an unexpected financial change.

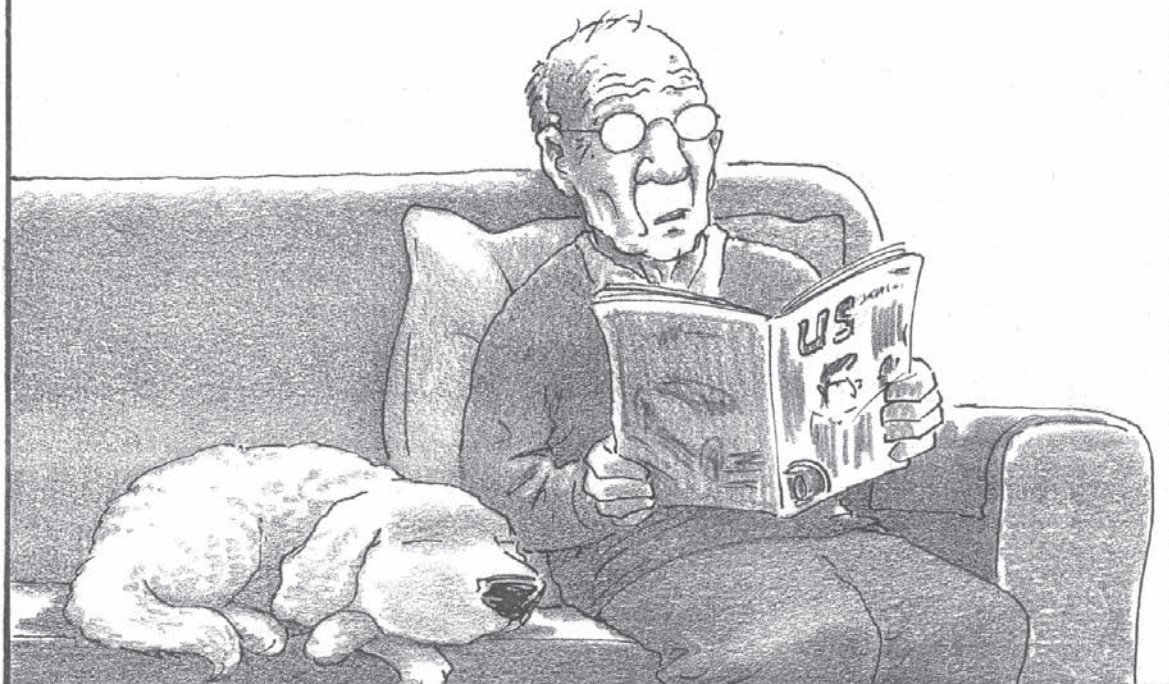
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THE END ZONE

Hawks Comeback Falls Short at Coastal Carolina

KEVANEY MARTIN
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

“When you compete against a team as talented as Coastal Carolina you basically have to play a flawless game, and we didn’t which really hurt us,” said senior running back David Sinisi. After finishing Saturday’s contest with nine penalties that set the Hawks back 76 yards, it was apparent that those mistakes played a significant role in their 24-17 loss to the Chanticleers.

Despite the late game heroics by junior corner Mike Avant, who, with 5:31 left on the clock, came up with his first career interception, that ultimately led to Kyle Frazier hitting Ron Lauch on a fade in the back of the end zone to bring MU within seven, Coastal proved to be too much for the Hawks who fell to 0-2 on the season.

“As a coach it is reassuring to see your team play hard until the very end despite the score, now we just have to take that as well as playing smart and apply that throughout the entire game and the outcome will be different,” stated Head Coach Kevin Callahan.

After failing to convert a third and two during the opening drive of the game, MU’s defense stepped up on the ensuing Coastal possession when, junior Brian Brikowski intercepted a pass thrown by quarterback Zack MacDowell and returned it 53 yards to the home team’s five yard line. Four plays later, Sinisi muscled his way into the end zone to put the Blue and White on top by seven with 3:02 remaining in the first quarter.

The celebration was short lived, though, when on Coastal’s fol-

lowing possession, after compiling a number of successful plays, MacDowell connected with a wide open Chris Presely on the right sideline for a 50 yard touchdown with 11:40 left in the half, which tied the score up at seven.

The Hawks took over with premier field positioning after an illegal blocking call against the Chants, but failed to take advantage due to a pair of penalties that ultimately led to the MU offense making an early exit.

With just 15.5 seconds before halftime, CCU nailed a 24 yard field goal after MacDowell, who finished the night 14-of-19 for 203 yards, a touchdown and a pair of interceptions, impressively marched his squad down the field going five-of-seven as well as rushing for 14 yards, which put the home team up by three at the half.

The Chants came out strong in the second half and it didn’t take long for them to add to their lead, when after an eight play drive, tailback Eric O’Neal found the end zone to increase their lead to 17-7 with just under 12 minutes to play in the third. Monmouth responded with a strong drive that carried them into their opponents’ territory, but facing a fourth and one on Coastal’s eight yard line MU played it safe and kicked a 24 yard field goal by Eric McCutcheon that brought the Hawks within three.

Coastal answered with a 13 play drive that ended with a four-yard touchdown run by O’Neal who finished the night with 64 yards on 17 carries with two scores, put his team ahead 24-10 with 13:40 to play.

“It was a disappointing loss, but



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Ron Lauch caught this fade pass from MU quarterback Kyle Frazier for a 19 yard touchdown to bring the Blue and White within one score of the Chanticleers.

I think we improved in a lot of areas from the first game which is something to build on and to motivate us going into our next game,” explained Sinisi, who finished with game highs of 21 rushes and 84 yards to go along with a 22-yard reception and a touchdown failing to tally 100 yards rushing for the second time in his career against Coastal.

Lauch who led the receiving unit with two catches for 28 yards and a touchdown proved to be solid offensive threat, while his quarterbacks also had solid performances

with Andrew Mandeville going 5-for-6 with 27 yards and Frazier going a perfect 3-for-3 with 50 yards and his first collegiate touchdown pass.

Defensively, Jose Gumbs recorded 11 tackles for the second consecutive contest, including seven solo stops. Brikowski logged a career-high 11 tackles (two for a loss) to go along with his interception, while Joe Cella and Joe Valenti each had seven tackles.

The Chants outgained Monmouth in total yards 410-174 in the game, sporting a very bal-

anced 207 yards rushing and 203 yards on the ground. The Hawks ran for 97 yards as a squad, passing for 77 in the game on nine total attempts. MU committed nine penalties for 76 yards, compared to four for 40 yards for CCU. Coastal also converted 11-of-16 third downs, compared to 2-for-9 for the Hawks, and held a 34:05-25:55 advantage in time of possession.

Monmouth continues their 2009 campaign Saturday at Kessler Field against conference opponent Duquesne University.

Outlook’s Weekly NFL Picks - Week 2



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Home	Dallas Cowboys	New York Jets	Chicago Bears	Buffalo Bills	Washington Redskins	Tennessee Titans	Philadelphia Eagles	Denver Broncos

Eric
(6-2 Last Wk)
(6-2 Overall)



Andrew
(6-2 Last Wk)
(6-2 Overall)



Lisa
(7-1 Last Wk)
(7-1 Overall)



Brian
(8-0 Last Wk)
(8-0 Overall)



Frank
(6-2 Last Wk)
(6-2 Overall)





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Ryan Clark, a freshman, leads the Blue and White in total points this year with seven. He has scored two goals and has added three assists in willing the Hawks to a 5-0 start this season.

Men's Soccer Ranked in Top 25 National Poll

CHARLES KRZITS
STAFF WRITER

From top to bottom the Hawks have a roster that is built to make a deep run in the postseason. Over the weekend the Hawks debuted as the 24th ranked team nationally, marking the fifth time that a team was ranked nationally under head coach Robert McCourt since 2006. The Hawks played on the Great Lawn against Delaware University on Friday and American University on Sunday.

The first task on hand was the out of conference Delaware Blue Hens whose record was 1-2 coming into the matchup. The Hawks have been playing exceptionally well on each side of the ball and against the Blue Hens they kept the trend going. The Hawks did all their scoring in the first half while shutting the Blue Hens out the entire game. The three goals are credited to freshman Ryan Clark, sophomore George Quintano, and junior Chase Barbieri. Offense wasn't the only reason the Hawks earned a victory against the Blue Hens.

On the defensive side of the ball the Hawks were far from average as they stonewalled the Blue Hens for 90 minutes and only allowed one shot on goal. The shot on goal was easily defended by junior goalkeeper Bryan Meredith. The shutout was the juniors' second of the early season. Another important stat to note is the first career goal of

freshman Ryan Clark who is going to be an impressive player for several years to come.

The Hawks stayed at home to take on American University who along with MU is ranked nationally one spot ahead of the Hawks at no. 23. A number on a piece of paper didn't faze the Hawks one bit. Much like the Delaware game the Hawks scored all three of their goals in the first half. The Ryan's (Clark and Kinne) for the Hawks each had a goal and an assist contributing to the 3-0 victory over American. Also, recording his first goal of the season to give the Blue and White their third goal was sophomore midfielder George Caiella.

Much like the games before, the defense and offense has been equally overpowering to their opponents. Bryan Meredith stopped four shots in between the pipes to help the Hawks on way to a victory and his third shutout this season.

Monmouth University freshman Ryan Clark has been named the adidas/Northeast Conference Men's Soccer Player and Rookie of the Week, league officials announced on Monday. Clark is the first MU men's soccer player to earn both league honors in the same week in program history.

Clark enjoyed his finest two-game stretch as a collegian this past week, helping pace the 24th nationally ranked Monmouth University men's soccer team to a pair of 3-0 nonconference vic-

tories. Clark had a goal and an assist in each contest, leading the squad with six points on the week. In MU's 3-0 win over Delaware on Friday, Clark scored his first career goal in the 11th minute when he collected the ball at the top of the box and laced a left-footed shot into the far upper 90. The newcomer then assisted on the Hawks third goal of the half, playing a perfect ball through to a streaking teammate.

Then, in Monmouth's 3-0 win over American, Clark scored his second goal in as many matches 27 seconds in from the left side of the box, staking the Blue and White to its earliest lead of the season. The freshman continued his good form when he played a cross from the left side, finding junior Ryan Kinne who headed the ball to the far post in the seventh minute. Clark is currently tied for the team-lead in both goals and assists with two and three, respectively.

Clark is the first Hawk to claim the Player of the Week nod since teammate Chase Barbieri shared it during the last week of last season (11/10). He is also the first MU player to earn the Rookie of the Week award since Kinne claimed the honor for the week of October 15, 2007.

This week, Monmouth will participate in the Princeton Tournament, facing Cornell on Friday, September 18, and the host Tigers on Sunday, September 19.

Men's Golf Finishes Fifth in Opening Tournament at Rutgers

PRESS RELEASE

The Monmouth University men's golf team opened the 2009-10 season with a fifth place team finish at the Rutgers Invitational this last Friday and Saturday playing at the Rutgers University Golf Course.

Golfing in rainy conditions on the 6,337 yard, par 71 course, the Hawks penciled a team card of 607 (310-297) to finish 15 strokes behind the tournament winner, Rutgers (592).

Picking up where he left off last season, with All-NEC Second-Team honors, junior Greg Etimos led the Blue and White with a ninth place tie finish. Etimos registered rounds of 76 and 72 (148) and finished with a team-low round of 72, on Saturday's round of 18 holes.

Senior captain Michael McComb and junior Taylor Krug finished the tournament with duplicate cards of 152 en route to a tie for 14th place overall. Krug (75-77) led MU on day one with the lowest individual score of 75 while McComb (79-73) bounced back on day two - with a six stroke improvement - to finish second on the team alongside Krug.

Rounding out scoring for the Hawks was junior Andrew Hurlley, who finished tied for 36th place at 156 (81-75) and sophomore Tom Gliozzo, finishing with a 159 (80-79), good enough for a 47th place tie.

Competing independently for the Blue and White was senior Kyle Kurczeski who finished the round of 36 with a card of 169 (86-83) for a 66th place finish.

In the tournament, South Carolina-Upstate placed second, three strokes behind the Scarlet Knights, with a 595 (301-294), while Mount St. Mary's finished in the show position with a 601 (304-297) in the 13-team event. MU finished third among the six participating Northeast Conference schools at the invite. USC Upstate's Josh Gallman won the Invitational title by six strokes as he fired a 137 (71-66) and was the event's top performer on both days.

The Hawks, under the tutelage of head coach Dennis Shea, return to the links on Monday, September 28th for the one day tournament, Rehoboth Beach Penn Invitational, with tee time slated for 8:00 a.m. The Blue and White will look to improve upon their opening season effort.

A Word on Sports

Early Tests for Big Apple Football

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It is only week two of the NFL regular season, and the expectations are quickly rising for two teams in particular. For the New York Jets, a season of lofty goals and a rapid franchise transformation looms ahead. In the meadowlands of Jersey, an organization is attempting to prove itself worthy of NFL lure and legacy. The New York football Giants were on top of the world just two seasons ago, and are already facing the critics in 2009.

On Sunday, the New York Giants will be fixed on spoiling the Dallas Cowboys' debut of their brand new \$1.2 billion facility. Everything is bigger in Texas, and the hype for this game is no different. The Cowboys, as an early Super Bowl favorite last year, clearly did not live up to the expectations. They are looking to come out with all guns blazing, and are yearning for redemption.

The New York football Giants, on the other hand, have

and someone else that shares the name Manning. Eli Manning can step out of the shadows of New York and his older brother Peyton, and in to the spotlight. In a few years, will we be reading Eli's name in lights or the free agent pool?

As for the other team in New York (really New Jersey), the Jets will use this season, under new tutelage and with the guidance of a rookie quarterback, to distance themselves and become the premier team in the area. Rex Ryan gave the keys to the offense to first-year player Mark Sanchez, and given his performance in week one, seems to have made the correct choice as the youngster will only get better with game experience. Hopefully Sanchez will not flop like the most recent Trojan quarterbacks who have entered the NFL (Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart) and can lead the Jets back to the playoffs (as long as you're a Jets fan).

After the big win against a hurting Houston Texans team (what else is new), the Jets welcome the New England Patriots, led by a rejuvenated Tom Brady, who looked strong in his first game since coming back from



surpassed those expectations in recent years. For the most part, they have owned the NFC East. Even so, the Giants come in to the game with just as much, if not more speculation about the quality of their team. Most people believe both of these teams will make it to postseason play come January, but many are skeptical whether Eli Manning will be able to get the Giants in to the winner's circle when everything is on the line.

In the ultimate team sport, it is possible that no single player has even been more important to his team than Eli Manning. Manning has faced a great deal of criticism early in his 6-year career. If he thought that all came to an end when the Giants won the Super Bowl in 2008, he was wrong. The sports world is completely focused in on the productivity of Eli Manning. If he succeeds, he will be crowned among the elite of the NFL. If he fails, the credit for the Super Bowl victory will fall mostly on his cast. People will say the Giants would have flopped without an estranged Plaxico Burress. Eli has the opportunity to put his name with Tom Brady, Ben Roethlisberger

season-ending knee surgery last year. Although the Pats were down 24-13 with just over five minutes to go at the Bills, there was an overwhelming feeling that somehow Brady would pull this one out. Between his pinpoint passing and the Bills' unwavering ability to fold under pressure (Giants and Cowboys fans know what I'm talking about here), the favorites to get back to the Super Bowl pulled out a 25-24 win.

Just by the performances of their first games, the Jets seem to be the favorite (check out this week's football picks). However, Gang Green will need to put together an even better gameplan to defeat the AFC East kings. With a strong running attack and consistent play from the rookie behind center, the Jets will have to rely on their powerful defense to shut down the Patriots air assault for a chance to shift the power of the AFC East to the NY surroundings. Can the Jets step up to the plate and make this gameplan a reality? For fans of Gang Green I can only hope this comes true.

So can both NY teams make an early statement in their respective divisions? Tune in this Sunday to find out.



SPORTS

THE OUTLOOK

MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY

ESCAPING THE COMPETITION



The men's soccer team, led by freshman Ryan Clark, has opened the season 5-0, with victories over Seaton Hall, American, and Delaware.

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