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## Multipurpose Activities Center: A Reality

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Students, faculty, staff, Administrators, and other members inside and outside of the University community joined together last Wednesday for the Ribbon Cutting ceremony of the Multipurpose Activities Center (MAC).

The ceremony opened with the singing of the national anthem by the Monmouth University Choral Ensemble under the direction of Dr. David Trifle.

"To all of you, welcome to the first day of Monmouth University's Multipurpose Activities Center," President Paul G. Gaffney II said. "Home to future great contests of speed, distance, and height and scoring and remarkable lectures and community events and quality performing arts."

Gaffney proceeded to recognize each of guest seated with him on the stage. Among the guests were elected officials, trustees, students, administrators, staff, friends and neighbors of Monmouth University.

"It is traditional that on this day each year to formally greet the University community as we begin a new academic season. It is customary that at the opening Convocation to give a special welcome to our new faculty, to our new administrators, and our new staff."

In total the University brought on 50 new faculty and staff members



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## Rally Racks Up Hawk Spirit

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Monmouth athletics kicked off the first Fall Pep Rally on the lawns in front of Wilson Hall on Friday, September 18 to promote school spirit.

The Dance Team and the Cheerleaders performed for the students and staff that attended the rally, including appearances from the University's President



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Gaffney and Vice President Nagy.

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The MU Cheerleaders performing at the Pep Rally this past Friday on the Shadow Lawn.

## University Chooses this Year's Public Servant in Residence

GINA COLUMBUS  
EDITOR-AT-LARGE

The University has chosen Alan Steinberg, former regional administrator from the United States Environment Agency, as this year's Public Servant in Residence to guest lecture in classes and on campus.

Steinberg has had an amount of experience in environmental policy. From September 2005 to

January 2009, he oversaw federal programs that control aspects of the environment, and protect the health of the region's 31 million residents.

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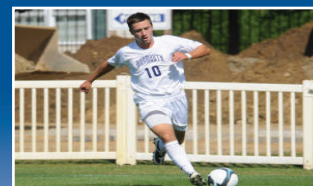
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# MAC Dedication Ceremony

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spanning across departments. “America has seen some tough times since we last met at Convocation...but despite the hard times that we have seen generally and in many of the individual families that we serve students continue to enroll at Monmouth University and universities across the country. They give this nation new hope for the future,” he continued.

Gaffney commented that even in difficult times, students are continuing to enroll at universities across that nation and that the future looks promising because of this.

Speaking again of the MAC, he said, “I am proud of this great center, sitting among so many classic buildings that make this campus nationally distinct.”

He then acknowledged that the MAC could not have been made possible with the help of many local businesses.

“I’m pleased that we could help stimulate the local economy with work for hundreds and hundreds of tradesman, educators, and vendors from our local area who actually built this beautiful structure.”

Following Gaffney, Janet Tucci, Mayor of West Long Branch, spoke.

“...I would like to congratu-

late Monmouth University on this state-of-the-art facility,” she said. “We are looking forward to the Multipurpose Activities Center becoming an integral part of our town for the enjoyment of students as well as the local members of our community.”

She also expressed gratitude the members of the University’s administration, and Gaffney in particular, for the level of cooperation she experienced while working with them.

Tucci also congratulated Athletics Director Marilyn McNeil not only for being largely responsible for the MAC’s success, but also for “obtaining a first-rate venue for her female athletes.”

“It took the borough of West Long Branch only 100 years to elect its first female mayor,” she said.

Representing the State Legislator that provided the initial grant that helped to make the MAC’s construction possible was Senator Sean Kean.

After the dedication Kean said, “The MAC is a remarkable accomplishment for the university that will prove to be a center of activity for both students and the surrounding community,” said Senator Sean Kean (R-Monmouth). “It was an honor to be a part of such a momentous occasion and I look forward to attending Hawks sporting events at this tremendous addition to

Monmouth’s campus.”

On behalf of the student body, Student Government Association President Natalie Rambone said, “I know I speak for all of the Monmouth students when I say we love the new look of the bookstore and the fitness center.”

Alfred J. Schiavetti Jr., chairman of the Monmouth University Board of Trustees, spoke next recounting the history of Boylan Gym, but said, “...now it’s time to move on.”

Schiavetti then touched on the three pillars the University functions by: academics, opportunity to experience independent living, and opportunity to participate in leadership and gain experience and noted that the MAC provides avenues for students to learn and lead within its walls.

Next, McNeil took the podium to introduce the guest speaker.

“This is an MU defining day and on behalf of all the student

athletes, the coaches, the administration, and the staff I have one word to say, ‘Finally,’” she said.

She went on to acknowledge all of the student athletes that were told about the MAC during recruitment, but graduated prior to its completion and thanked them for their continued support.

“You know her as a Monmouth Alum, you probably know her as a double Gold medalist at the Olympics, and the team Captain, and a player-Coach for Sky Blue the New Jersey-New York professional soccer team, leading that team to the first professional women’s soccer championship... There cannot be a better person to speak first in the MAC than Christie Rampone,” she said.

Rampone, Class of ’99 and professional soccer player, then spoke.

“A facility like this for student athletes is amazing and I’m a little jealous that I’m not around

to be playing on this court,” she said.

After sharing with the audience her college experience as a two-sport athlete, she closed with, “I am very proud to be from here.”

Gaffney returned to the stand and thanked the many individuals who were responsible for the various facets of work the building of the MAC as a structure entailed.

Then he addressed the cost of the structure and said, “This center and its associated utilities and site work cost more than \$50 million...and we completed this structure here today without incurring any debt.”

The ceremony was closed with the singing of “God Bless America,” by tenor Edward Peretti, which was followed by the ribbon cutting.

“So here it is, the MAC. In our minds forever, here in reality today,” Shiavetti said.



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President Paul G. Gaffney and other distinguished guests cutting the ribbon.



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Guest speaker Christie Rampone, Class of '99 and professional soccer player.



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President Paul G. Gaffney addressing the audience and prasing the MAC.

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# Buildings Battle In Annual Contest

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The 10th annual Battle of the Buildings, organized by the Resident Hall Association, took place over the weekend for resident students to compete for the winning building trophy by engaging in a variety of contests and festivities.

The activities began last Friday, September 18, at five o'clock in Magill Commons Dining Hall with the Spirit Dinner and Wing Bowl. During the dinner, each person reported what building they are from in order to score points for their team.

On Sunday, festivities began when 10 teams competed for the trophy, pizza party and bragging rights for the rest of the year.

The day was comprised of competitions starting at one o'clock with Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, and an Obstacle Course, on the Library Lawn at Elmwood Beach, and the quad, respectively.

Next came the Hula Hoop contest and the Balloon Toss at one thirty and two o'clock, both in the quad. These events were followed

by Mad Gab, the Pie Eating Contest, Taboo and Jenga, which were either in Oakwood Lounge or in the quad between two o'clock and three thirty. Ending the battle was Tug of War at four thirty at Elmwood Beach, which was directly followed by the Awards Ceremony.

The winners of each competition were allotted a certain amount of points, as were the second and third place winners. Per usual, the team with the most points, in this case Beechwood, won.

Resident Hall Association Vice President Mary MacDonnell was in charge of planning the entire day. She began her work last June.

This year, Battle of the Buildings was slightly different from every other year.

"We had more money to make it better," said MacDonnell, who is rooting for her own building, Willow Hall [Pink], to win. The best improvement that money bought this year is the Obstacle Course, according to MacDonnell.

Pinewood Hall [Forest Green] won all three of its opening events, which were the Obstacle

Course, Volleyball Tournament and Ultimate Frisbee.

By the fourth event, the Balloon Toss, Pinewood slipped from first to fourth, losing out to the Pink team. Pinewood lost the toss-off for third place to Beechwood.

After the Balloon Toss, many team members from all different halls began an unscheduled event: a water balloon fight. Students grabbed balloons and threw them at every- and anyone, from the snow cone table to a passersby in the quad.

With the event's last couple of contests, Pinewood and Willow both fell. In the end, Beechwood ranked supreme, followed by Pinewood in second and Spruce Hall in third. Willow dropped to fourth place. Oakwood, Elmwood, Laurel, Cedar and Redwood Halls trailed behind in fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth places. The Apartments came in last.

Throughout the day, there was a DJ booth set up in front of Willow and a free snow cone table across the quad. Magill Commons closed early at 3:30 so a barbeque could begin in the quad at four o'clock.

# "Deconstructed Views" Opens in the 800 Gallery

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The department of art and design opened a brand new exhibit in the 800 gallery for Spanish artist Isidro Blasco and his new works of art.

Scott Knauer, Director of Galleries and Collections, said that this year he wanted to "keep the galleries varied and bring in exhibits that are both diverse and very good pieces of art"

Knauer further explained that the new exhibit has a lot to offer students here at Monmouth.

"This exhibit is a new take on photography blended with sculpture and it's truly a unique exhibit."

The new gallery show contains twelve new pieces of art. Isidro Blasco created the art using a style titled "photo assemblage". Photo assemblage is when the artist utilizes different pictures of parts of something and then assembles them together.

Isidro Blasco overlaps the pictures and he displays them on wooden structures that are held together with wooden clamps. When he does this, it gives the art a "pop-out" effect, which grabs the attention of viewers.

The object of his art is to create and explore different visions and perceptions of certain objects. Blasco's works are normally pictures of buildings, which can be from cities or small towns. Patrons of the art show will recognize some of the pictures and can relate to it because of the familiarity.

For example, one of the works in the exhibit, which is titled "Shanghai at Noon 3", displays a unique look at Times Square.

The most elaborate work of art in the exhibit is the giant sculpture right in the middle of the gallery called "Sidebuilding". "Sidebuilding" depicts an apartment building in a neighborhood, with lots of other little pictures added into it. Isidro Blasco put a lot of time, effort, and skill into the creation of the work of art and students cannot help but take some time to just look and admire it.

"Deconstructed Views" will be open until October 23 and it is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You don't want to miss out on this truly unique exhibit, so be sure that you get over to the 800 building and check out the extraordinary three-dimensional works of Isidro Blasco.

# Fall Pep Rally Brings School Spirit

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The Student Government Association (SGA) and Office of Residential Life sponsored and supported the event, giving out free raffle prizes to those lucky enough to have a winning ticket.

The goal of the Fall Rally was to promote school spirit and bring more awareness to all

sports here at Monmouth.

The event seemed to do exactly that, according to Natalie Rambone, president of SGA.

"With this being the first rally before a football game, I thought it was a great turnout," Rambone commented. "The weather was perfect, and I hope to do more of these in the future."

Some other activities that took place at the rally were contests, such as naming as many

Monmouth sports teams as you can and MU Trivia. Questions that were asked included: who the head football coach was, what time the football game on Saturday the 19th was taking place, and the date of the school's Founders Day (which is October 16- none of the three contestants came close to the correct date). Winners won stuffed animal hawks and school tee-shirts.

With clear skies, live perfor-

mances, and a variety of activities going on, students thought the Pep Rally was a really great event for the school.

"I really liked the free tee-shirt and stuffed animals, even though I didn't win either," freshman Kristen Malm stated. "I thought it was great to recognize all sports at Monmouth, not just the fall ones."

Freshman Nicole Manzione shared the same opinion, but

gave a different look as to why she thought the rally was such a successful occasion. "I thought it was good for getting students involved with the school and getting to know the teams."

With such positive feedback from these shared opinions and the attendance at the rally, hopefully many more will be taking place in the future.

Good luck to the Monmouth University Athletics this year.

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# New Public Servant in Residence

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regional and state authorities in New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, seven federally recognized Indian nations, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, he managed programs that oversaw and governed the following: industrial discharges, air and water pollution, pesticides, solid and hazardous wastes, abandoned waste sites, toxic substances, the cleanup of chemical spills and the protection of streams, rivers, lakes and oceans.

The public servant in residence program, created in 2000, is co-

tititioner.

Dr. Rekha Datta, chair of the Department of Political Science, stated: "Having this program provides a unique opportunity for us to bring students in direct contact with practitioners from the fields of politics and public policy. Past public servants have presented lectures and workshops to students, taught classes, contributed to Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society induction, and opened the door for Monmouth students to serve as interns in their respective offices and agencies."

Datta also said that the Uni-

"I am happy that our students will have the opportunity to interact with him directly and engage dialog and debates about timely and critical public issues facing us."

**DR. REKHA DATTA**

Department Chair of Political Science

ordinated by the Department of Political Science and the Office of Academic Program Initiatives. Its function is to provide a venue for public officials who wish to share their expertise with students, faculty and the surrounding community.

For graduate students, the program gives them the opportunity to learn about public policy issues from the point of view of a prac-

versity is very fortunate to have Steinberg as the Public Servant in Residence this year.

"In him, we have someone with a wealth of experience in the world of politics and environmental policy. He is a prolific writer and very knowledgeable about agencies like the EPA, and New Jersey politics. He has also participated in the Global Understanding Convention in 2008. I am happy that our



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Former Region 2 EPA Administrator and this year's Public Servant in Residence for the University, Alan Steinberg, presents a grant to the Coral Bay Community Council in June to fund implementation for the Coral Bay Watershed Management Plan, which goes toward protecting the Coral Bay marine life from damage.

students will have the opportunity to interact with him directly and engage dialog and debates about timely and critical public issues facing us," Datta stated.

Associate Vice President for Academic Program Initiatives Saliba Sarsar said that Steinberg is a great asset to the University.

"Mr. Steinberg is a highly accomplished public servant. His experience and accomplishments as Regional Administrator of the

US Environmental Protection Agency [Region 2] are impressive. His knowledge of N.J. politics is deep and wide," Sarsar said.

Sarsar also said that Steinberg will be guest lecturing in public policy classes on topics such as the new media and the elections, and the interplay among environmental politics, policy and the law.

"In addition, he will be organizing a few public lectures and panels on campus during the fall

and spring semesters, including a post-election panel in November and a panel on the politics of civility in January. He will also participate in the Global Understanding Convention in April by organizing a panel on Climate Change," Sarsar stated.

Director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and Monmouth alum Barbara McMorrow was part of the University as last year's Public Servant in Residence.

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# Honest Abe Makes an Appearance for Constitution Day

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The sixteenth President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, graced Wilson Auditorium with his presence on Thursday, September 17 in celebration of Constitution Day.

Lincoln took his audience of students and faculty through the journey of his life, from his birthplace in the famous Kentucky log cabin, to losing the Senate seat to Stephen A. Douglas, and to his battle with the issue of slavery.

Bryan Tiscia, President of the Political Science Club, introduced President Lincoln by discussing his struggle of losing election after election to finally win his first, as being elected President of the United States. Tiscia said Lincoln was “a crafty lawyer, indulgent and tolerant.”

The past came to life as Christian Johnson, one of the leading Lincoln impersonators in the country, strolled onto the stage dressed as the President students have come to unmistakably recognize in history books.

Johnson has also performed in the White House and in the National Archives. The purpose of his work is to educate citizens by making learning about history fun and interactive.

On September 17, 1789, the Constitution was signed and adopted. The document is 220 years old to-

day, being the oldest written Constitution in the world.

Dr. Thomas Pearson, President of Academic Affairs, said that Constitution Day was important because it helps to “raise civic awareness and advocate voting.”

The Political Science Club orga-

nization was his idol as he worked long and hard to become a successful politician. After many lost elections, Lincoln was finally sworn in as the sixteenth President of the United States in 1860. The audience was surprised to learn that Lincoln and his wife used to vacation in Long Branch.

“Right on Brighton Avenue. You know where that is?” he asked with a smile.

When asked what advice President Lincoln would give our current President, Mr. Obama, he replied, “He must keep his optimism. The only way someone can face the presences of this country is to see the brightness of it.”

Abraham Lincoln is the fifth political impersonator to speak at the University to celebrate the

signing of the Constitution. Others included Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and last year a John Adams impersonator made an appearance. This year’s Constitution Day was just as successful. Not only do students appreciate their history by seeing it come to life, but they are inspired to go out into the world, be counted, and make a difference.

Lincoln’s closing statement was as follows: “Last night I dreamt a dream I never dreamt before. A dreamt a dream of a world without war.” He claimed that in this dream, he saw a group of leaders hovering over a piece of legislation. He could see the words, “We’ll never fight again.”

nizes Stand Up and Be Counted, which also raises awareness to the importance that one student can have if a vote is placed.

This year is the anniversary of President Lincoln’s 200th birthday. The audience chimed in and



PHOTO COURTESY of Sandra Meola  
Lincoln impersonator, Christian Johnson, poses with Dr. Joseph Patten, Dr. Thomas Pearson, and Political Science Club President Bryan Tiscia.

“Lincoln took his audience of students and faculty through the journey of his life, from his birthplace in the famous Kentucky log cabin, to losing the Senate seat to Stephen A. Douglas, and to his battle with the issue of slavery.”

sang “Happy Birthday” as well as reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

“As a time traveler, I have not stopped blowing out candles,” Johnson joked.

He admitted that George Wash-

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## A Scheduling Conflict...

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If you are an upperclassmen setting up your schedule for the following year, a fairly common and sometimes unavoidable problem may arise. After searching for that one class that you need to take in order to graduate in May, you discover that it is offered in only one section, once a year. Even worse, that one section available is scheduled at a time when you cannot attend. Now because the course is offered once a year, you are forced to graduate at a later date.

Or, if you can make that class, and when you are about to register, you notice that it is already full. Sending an e-mail to the professor to let in one more spot sometimes works, but that is rarely the case.

Why does the University require courses for students to take, but then only offer so few sections of them, making it extremely difficult to graduate on time?

It has become quite a common conflict each semester with stu-

dents stuck having to stay for an extra semester simply to take one class to graduate. Perhaps two graduating requirements were scheduled at the same meeting times, forcing a student to choose one over the other. Summer classes are an option, but there are many instances where specific classes are simply not offered.

Not only is it a waste of time for students who have to take another semester in order to graduate, it is

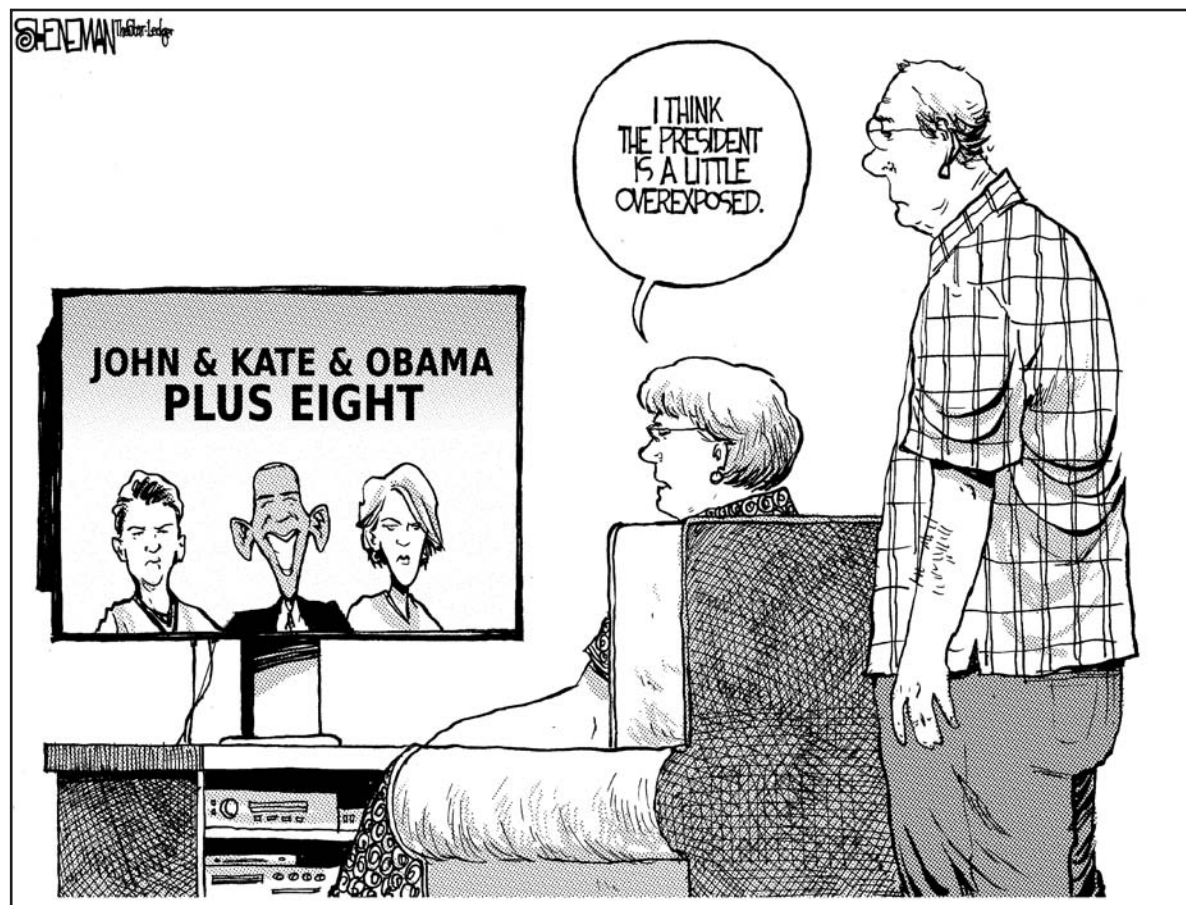
also a sense of frustration of not being able to graduate when you have taken the average course load of 12 to 18 credits per semester for the past four years.

However, one solution to this issue is to hire more professors to teach these courses so that there will be more sections offered to students.

Once a section is full and students begin e-mailing the professors to let them in their class, many times professors have to refuse the students' requests, but not because they want. There are departmental rules that the University faculty must follow, and more often than not they have the inability to help students in this kind of situation.

Also, especially with classes that consist of labs with computers, most professors cannot allow any more students than there are computers. Hiring at least one more professor in required courses that are not offered in many sections would definitely make scheduling for students much easier.

**"Until the University makes any kind of change in the scheduling and registration process, a mass amount of students will continue to be upset with the course offerings..."**



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# Where to Park on Campus?

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON  
OPINION EDITOR

Monmouth University is a small, private institution with very few places for students to park. Where can we park? The lots all seem to be completely full Monday through Friday, 9 am until 9 pm. This is a problem for students here at MU.

Some advice for students; if you are a commuter student, make sure to arrive to campus at least 15 minutes before the class you are planning to attend. This will give you some extra time to ensure you a parking spot so that you are not late or miss your class.

MU does have valet parking for commuter students. If there are no spots left to park in, and you are late for your class, the MU valet will park your car for you. This is a fashionable service, but it is completely unnecessary, and they should just have enough places for students to park on their own.

Weekend parking, especially on the dorm side of campus, is much easier to find. Everyone basically goes home on the weekend, so those who stay can park pretty much wherever they desire and their friends from home or from other schools can park on the resident side of campus. Everyone is allowed to park there on the weekend, which is perfect for the few of us who do remain on campus, me included, on the weekends.

Resident parking is, I believe, the worst case scenario. Those of us who are able to get a Monmouth University resident parking permit, good luck finding a parking space.

The Garden Apartments, beside the Samuel Hays Magill Dining Hall, on the class's side of campus, is a pretty easy place to park if you have a Monmouth parking permit. You are sure to get a ticket, if you park in the dorm or the apartment parking lots during the week and you do not have a Monmouth parking

permit. Nobody wants to have to pay off a parking ticket; what a pain!

Parking does always seem to be a huge problem. People are always late to their events and the excuse is that they couldn't find a place to park their car, but seriously, with all the money we pay to attend Monmouth University, shouldn't we have a decent easy to access parking system? Shouldn't we have plenty of parking spaces for our students, faculty and staff? I believe that we definitely should!

So, we should fix this lack of parking problem, right? A new parking lot is soon to be built behind Pinewood dorm but, hey, maybe instead of spending the entire summer and loads of money building a new Multipurpose Activity Center, the MAC, which apparently nobody is a fan of, Monmouth University should build a new cheap parking lot, because the parking problem does exist on the class side of campus as well.

# Dining "Haul" Not Available on Weekends

CAROLINE BABULA  
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It's a beautiful 80 degree day, with a slight breeze, a few clouds in the otherwise clear blue sky and there is just the right amount of sun. It's the weekend so there are no classes to attend. This being Monmouth University, the Atlantic Ocean, which is just one little teeny tiny mile away, is calling your name with each crashing wave.

All of this sounds delightful, so what's the problem?

Well, it's a good time to begin the trek to the beach, but not the best time to eat just yet. A light bulb goes off in your head: "I'll go to the dining hall and get a to-go box so I can bring a sandwich to the beach and eat it later." The problem is solved.

Except, it's not solved at all because when you walk down to Magill Commons and ask for a to-go box, you are told that there are no to-go boxes on the weekend. Now you have embarked on a real, campus-wide problem.

As a freshman staying my first weekend here at Monmouth, I

discovered this cafeteria policy last Sunday.

There really is no reason that this process of to-go boxes does not carry over into the weekend. Honestly, in the simplest terms, it's dumb. Yes, the practice of to-go boxes is very convenient during the week when perhaps you have a few classes back to back and don't have time to sit down and eat. Or, maybe, you have a lot of homework and would just rather take food back to the dorm to eat and study simultaneously.

"Students do not have all the time in the world to eat just because there are no classes in session...Because of the no to-go boxes, this would mean either getting food from somewhere else or eating alone."

In this case, the lovely Aramark workers do not mind giving you a box and 15 minutes to get food.

However, try the same exact thing on a Saturday or Sunday, and it will not happen, which is ridiculous. Students do not have all the time in the world to eat just because there are no classes in session. They could want to go to the beach like I did, or need to study. It's also a possibility that a

lot of their friends are not around on a particular weekend. Because of the no to-go boxes, this would mean either getting food from somewhere else or eating alone.

We also live in a go-go-go world where we want everything faster than immediately, whether it's our Internet connection or our food. These expectations do not stop just because classes do. To have to-go boxes on the weekend does not just help students who don't want to sit alone, but it would also help those who have other activities planned. Not everyone has access to the supermarket while on campus, so the opportunity to run in really quick to Magill and grab a sandwich to bring on one's travels is a great help in eating lunch (or any other meal) on the run.

Plain and simple, this is a nuisance. It's not like us students are asking Aramark to do something uncommon or outrageous. We are asking for them to continue a practice they already provide. Extending to-go boxes to the weekend would give students more options when it comes to eating meals on Saturdays and Sundays.

# Summer '09: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

FRANK ILLIANO  
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With summer 2009 a few weeks in the books now, it is a good time to reflect on what went on. Every summer has its highlights and lowlights and 2009 was no different. Below I have outlined what I believe to be the best and worst of Summer 2009.

The Good

New York Yankees- the Bronx Bombers soared to the top of the MLB this summer. New additions Mark Teixeira and C.C. Sabathia have proven to be the necessary pieces to bring the Yankees back to supremacy. Derek Jeter, despite his age, continues to play at a MVP level and became the Yankee's all-time hit king. The Yankees machine-like performance this past summer has made the rest of the season a formality. Come October, the Yankees will claim there AL East Division Championship and attempt to bring the World Series Championship to the Bronx for the 27th time.

MAC- The much anticipated Multipurpose Activity Center was completed at Monmouth. Completing a construction project on time these days is a huge accomplishment alone, but the MAC is truly superb. I can only imagine how great a basketball game is going to be in the MAC. We are all certainly looking forward to the opener on November 13th when the Hawks take on Isiah Thomas and the Florida International Panthers.

Summer Movies were beyond exceptional in 2009. Early summer started with heavy laughs as "The Hangover" became an instant comedy hit. Judd Apatow's "Funny People" was an entertaining dramedy featuring a strong performance from Adam Sandler, with a hilarious supporting cast. On the action side, Peter Jackson's District 9 was non-stop thrilling and entertaining.

The summer's best movie, Inglourious Basterds is 153 minutes of non-stop thrills and chills. The brilliant writer and director Quentin Tarantino, ditched his usual gangster suits and replaced them with Nazi uniforms. However, Tarantino does not throw away his playbook. Basterds is filled with captivating dialogue and music, a Tarantino staple. Inglourious Basterds is likely to take home some gold statues come January, especially Best Supporting Actor for Christoph Waltz's chilling portrayal of S.S. Col Hans Landa.

40 Years of Woodstock- Woodstock's 40th Anniversary sparked many special events and concerts throughout the summer. The national media covered anything Woodstock related thoroughly because it

was suck a hot topic. Original Woodstock footage was non-stop aired on VH1 and fans of all ages flocked back to Bethel, NY for the Anniversary concert, featuring many covers of original Woodstock hits. The Bethel Performing Arts Center loaded its schedule this summer with the likes of Richie Havens; Crosby, Stills, and Nash; and the Allman Brothers. It was certainly an amazing summer for Bethel and an even better one for classic rock fans.

The Bad

Washington- Despite new leadership, our nation's capital still seems to be loaded with nonsense. The debates are as sharply partisan as ever, and nothing seems to be solved. Summer is usually slow as far as legislation, but all that seems to happen on Capital Hill is media interviews and yelling. 'Cash for Clunkers' was a good program, but not enough to pull this town out of the muck.

Michael Jackson- The sudden death of the odd pop-star sparked a media frenzy as big as I have ever seen in my lifetime. The combination of Jackson's stardom, odd death, and tabloid level life had the media salivating. I personally had enough Michael Jackson news and reports by day two. Apparently, the rest of the country needed a month of coverage.

and The Ugly...


New Jersey Gubernatorial Election Campaign- The race for the Governor's Mansion in Trenton has been a bitter and partisan campaign thus far. I guess it is no different from any political campaign, but Governor Jon Corzine has spent his millions of dollars mudslinging and Chris Christie has been far from impressive. With all the partisan bickering and TV-spots burying the other candidate, you would think our state does not have issues that need addressing NOW.

New York Mets: Another disastrous season for the Mets has been plagued by injuries and incompetence. Losing Jose Reyes and Carlos Delgado for the season certainly punched the Mets in the stomach early in the season. However the team, has played embarrassing baseball all year long, and looks like it was poorly constructed by GM Omar Minaya. A team that looked like a World Series contender just two years ago, the Mets have to seriously look themselves in the mirror... again.

The last summer of the decade was certainly fun and eventful, we can only hope 2010 is as eventful. In our world, it's likely...

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# CLUB and GREEK

## Greeks Go Grillin’ to Demonstrate New Tailgating Rules

FRANK GOGOL  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Greek community held a and pre and post-game tailgate at this past Saturday’s home football game to demonstrate the University’s new tailgating rules.

From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday morning, the North West corner of the Commuter parking lot was trafficked with pre-game tailgaters, but not tailgate tent was more crowded than that of the Greek community.

The event was held to stress the new tailgating rules that say tailgating can only be done for two hours before and two hours after every home game.

In addition to demonstrating the new tailgating rules, the event was also utilized as an opportunity to unify the Greek organizations.

After the Hawks’ win, the Greeks returned to the parking lot for a second round of tailgating.

“We were really impressed by the turn out,” said Michele Kaplan, a senior sister of Alpha Xi Delta and the President of the Pan-Hellenic Council. She

went on to say that the turnout for the post-game portion of the event was slightly less attended.

Kaplan expressed hopes to possible repeat the event in the future.

Vice President for Student Services Mary Anne Nagy attended briefly and showed interest in the event and delight at the display of Greek Unity.

In total the event cost around \$400 to put on. Expenses included, but were not limited to, hamburgers, hot dogs, assorted buns, and soda.

The event was made possible with a Weekend Warrior Grant that was issued from Student Activities explained Tyler Havens, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life.

The grant was obtained when Greek Senate President Beckie Turner made a request at the end of last semester for one.

Weekend Warrior Grants must be applied for a semester in advance and can only be used to sponsor events taking place after 5 p.m. in Friday or on a Saturday.



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Tyler Havens, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life and brothers of Tau Kapppa Epsilon at Grillin’ with the Greeks.



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Brothers of Theta Xi and Tau Kappa Epsilon and a sister of Theta Phi Alpha at Grillin’ with the Greeks.

## 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

PHI KAPPA PSI

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our 14 new members of our Alpha class and wish them luck during their new member education

We would like to thank everyone who took part in our recent blood drive.

Our meetings are open to all who are interested in coming out and seeing what we are about. We look forward to seeing you.

ALPHA XI DELTA

CONGRATS to our newest Epsilon class!! We love you!!

Alpha Xi Delta has been busy with their Philanthropy, Autism Speak. They raised over \$100 at the bake sale and volunteered all day at the National Autism Walk in Long Branch this past Saturday. Alpha Xi Delta is looking forward to a great semester!

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!

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.

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. 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

UP ‘TIL DAWN

Up ‘til Dawn is a letter writing campaign to support St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Students participating in the Up ‘til Dawn event will have the opportunity to mail out pre-form letters to friends and family asking them to donate to St. Jude

Our first event will be the Kickoff on 10/7 at 7 p.m. in Anacon Hall. There will be registration tables outside of the Student Center from 10/5-10/9 for people to sign up at. The Letter Writing Event will be held on 10/21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Anacon Hall.

We look forward to seeing you.

FIRST YEAR SERVICE PROJECT

“Build, Serve, Lead”

Let’s build a better future together! The Class of 2013 kicks off its First-Year Service Project with the Habitat House Party on Wednesday, October 7 at 2:30 on the patio of the Student Center and everyone is invited. Students will be working with Habitat for Humanity of Northeastern Monmouth County, an organization that builds simple, decent houses for partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans. Come check out the plan to have a Habitat for Humanity Build right here on campus in April 2010. Learn about your role in the community and find out how you can support Habitat and the Class of 2013. Contact fyserviceproject@monmouth.edu with any questions, comments or ideas regarding this exciting service project.

SIGMA TAU GAMMA

The men of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity would like to congratulate

Brian Hentz and Nick Pagano for choosing to become associate members of Sigma Tau Gamma. Over the next six weeks these gentlemen will be heading down the path of becoming brothers, so if you see them be sure to congratulate them. Sigma Tau Gamma would also like to remind everyone to make sure to come out to Homecoming as it is approaching rapidly, and would like to wish all organizations Good Luck in this years float building competition. Be sure to stop a brother if you have any questions about Greek Life, or just stop them to say hello and become acquainted with us. We wish everyone a productive and successful fall semester.

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!

THETA PHI ALPHA

Theta Phi Alpha would like to congratulate and welcome our Alpha Chi pledge class: Jackie Paszinski, Lisa Parisi, Melanie Smith, Jessica Lustmann, Kaci Brannick, and Mariel Hughes. We look forward to adding you to our family! Another congrats to our sister Courtney Killard for holding a Koala and sky diving during spring break in Australia! Also we would like to invite anyone interested to join us along with Sigma Pi, Phi Sigma Sigma and Tau Kappa Epsilon for a tailgating event before the football game v. Wagner Saturday starting at 10:00 am. Keep a lookout for our upcoming fundraisers which are currently in the works. Finally, we would like to acknowledge and thank our advisor Dr. Mosca (aka Doc), our many wonderful national advisors, and of course Tyler Havens for helping us kick off what is looking to be a fantastic year. <3 Theta Phi

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ITALIAN CLUB

Welcome Back Students and a special welcome to incoming freshman!

Here at Monmouth University, along with our adviser Prof. Maria Simonelli, Il Circolo Italiano is dedicated to sharing and promoting Italian Heritage with the Monmouth community. The Italian Club is a great place to come if you want to learn about and experience the Italian culture. We encourage students to attend our meetings and participate in our events. We welcome all students, regardless of nationality. Italian is in the spirit, not the blood!

KNITTING AND CROCHETING CLUB

Do you knit or crochet? Have you ever wanted to learn but have nobody to teach you? Join the Monmouth University Knitting and Crocheting Club! No prior experience or supplies necessary. If anyone is interested in joining and would like to have input on the meeting time for the semester, please contact Jessica at s0630472@monmouth.edu for more information. Regular meetings should begin the second or third week of the semester. We hope to see our returning members as well as some new faces!



# This Week Overseas...

## You’re doing too much. No, not enough... The weather outside is weather. Lets go Surfing

JORDANNA SPAULDING  
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Dig out the board shorts, bikinis, and sun block- we’re going surfin’. This past weekend 6 Monmouth students and friends explored the northern boarders of New South Wales territory to Crescent Head which was a small taste of the life of an Australian surfer. For a weekend that passed by too fast, we spent it on the quiet beach property of Mojo Surf Camp. Unlike the beaches of Long Branch, this beach had as many people on it as I could count on both of my hands, there was no admission fee, the sand was garbage free, and the water was clear. We met with the camp advisor in Sydney near Central Station, got on the Mojo surf bus and headed up the coast for a weekend of fun! On the way up the coast, the driver stopped for a quick dinner at a rest stop and then we continued with the trip. Next quick stop was a bottle shop an hour further up the coast to pick up some goon (Australian term for boxed wine which is the most practical option when on a budget), and after 6 hours of driving and close to 7 with the stops we made it to Crescent Head, NSW. There, we found a relaxed beach house that hosted us for the weekend. The trainers began to set up a bon fire near the beach and

“Other than surfing, spending time in Sydney has been a continuous adventure; walks along the cliffs from Bronte to Bondi beaches, crashing weddings at the Four Seasons hotel, spending time in the Botanical Gardens, and further explorations of the city itself.”

that’s where we commenced our evening; sitting around a camp fire with strangers from around the world with a cup or two full of goon. WAKE UP 7.30 am! Saturday morning we woke up to a continental breakfast and began to learn about currents, rips, and surfing techniques and its history. Each novice surfer was assigned a wet suite with a comical name labelled on it. Then we headed out to the ocean to hit the waves. But not before we had a few minutes to attempt to conquer the pop-up from being on your belly to standing on the surf board. Grab your board, jump in the water, and give it your best. We were in the water testing out the baby waves for a few hours before we returned to the Surf House for a siesta in the sun with relaxing music, lunch, and hammocks. The morning surf was exhausting, but successfully we were able to stand up and ride some waves. After lunch and a rest we headed back out to the water for some afternoon waves that were more intense than the morning ones.

Not even 10 seconds would go by before another wave came rolling in. It was like taking 10 steps forward to get pushed back by a wave 5 steps. The most frustrating part about being a beginner surfer was trying to push past the waves to be able to turn the board around and ride it back to the shore. In the evening, we ate dinner prepared by the camp advisors and sat around the property for a relaxing meal. Once the sun went down, the camp lit another fire where we listened to music, sharing stories with people, playing games, all with heaps of goon, and finally passing out in a hammock outside. Only after a few hours later, we woke up to watch the sun rise over the Pacific Ocean! There are not many times in someone’s life to say that they have watched the sun rise with some new close friends from a quiet beach in Australia. However, I am no longer one of those people. Back to bed for an hour and a half before we woke up for breakfast and our last morning surf of the weekend. In the early afternoon, after lunch we headed back to Sydney to commence a perfect weekend. There is nothing more exciting than spending time in a place where the people always say, “no worries”. Life couldn’t get more exciting!



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Spaulding surfing while studying abroad in Austrailia.



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One of Austrailia’s pristine and seclude surf beaches.





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**Holiday Express Blankets:** Volunteers are needed to create no-sew fleece blankets for Holiday Express, a non-profit organization that brings music, food, and gifts to adults and children at over 50 holiday concerts in the Tri-State area. Blankets are easy and fun to make. For more information, please contact Marilyn Ward at [mward@monmouth.edu](mailto:mward@monmouth.edu).

**Meal at Noon:** Are you or your club/organization looking for a one-time or ongoing volunteer activity? Located in Long Branch, Meal at Noon serves one hundred children and adults a warm meal every Saturday from 11am-1pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact Byron Griffin at [Byrona488@aol.com](mailto:Byrona488@aol.com).

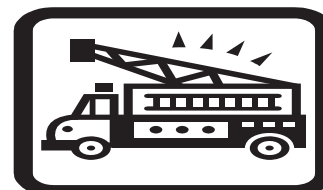


Search "Volunteer Directory" on the MU home page for more opportunities.

Questions? E-mail [volunteer@monmouth.edu](mailto:volunteer@monmouth.edu) or stop by the Office of Service Learning and Community Programs at the Center for Student Success located on the lower level of the RSSC.

"In order to motivate others, you must first become a source of motivation by yourself. It simply means that if you want to get anything done through others, you must first do it yourself." - Hazrat Ilyas Attar Qadri

# Alcohol & Fire Safety Day



September 30th  
11– 3pm  
Residential Quad

**Free  
Drinks!**



- **Smoke Trailer**
- **DWI Ride Simulators**
- **HERO Campaign**
- **Emergency Response Recruitment**

**Sponsored by: MUPD,  
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## Real World Joey Plays with Band in Dining Hall

ELIZA MILLER  
STAFF WRITER

Joey Rozmus, star from the *Real World Cancun* and lead guitarist in his band, Late Nite Wars, per-

members ate the food in the Monmouth University dining hall. They played about three or four songs and the performance went on for about 40 minutes. After the show Rozmus and band



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Joey from *Real World Cancun* and band *Late Nite Wars*.

formed in the Monmouth University dining hall on Saturday, September 12. Joey and band members started playing together in high school and have been together for a little less than two years. The band consists of five close friends and refers to the music they play as D.I.Y aggressive pop punk.

Before the show Joey and band

members took pictures with students and signed autographs. SAB and Monmouthpoolza did a great job of sponsoring this event. SAB gave out free t-shirts saying, "Who says there's nothing to do on campus?" Clearly this was a great way to open up the new school year and was an event that students would not have wished to miss.

## Five Reasons to Watch TV This Year

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### 1. Idol Wild

Fox's *American Idol*  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 8 p.m.

Whether you are a fan or not, it was difficult not to pay attention to the controversy between *American Idol* and now-former judge Paula Abdul. Viewers will get to see Ellen DeGeneres, whose musical qualifications include dancing during the opening of her talk show, take over for Abdul. Although viewers will miss out on Abdul's antics on the panel, DeGeneres should add her own fun to the show.

### 2. The Next Lost?

ABC's *Flash Forward*  
Thursdays, 8 p.m.

With its multi-character storyline woven into a mysterious plot, *Flash Forward* is already drawing comparisons to *Lost*. However, the concept is one of the most unique viewers have seen in a while, and it should be worth watching the characters struggle to accept their futures. This could prove to be another successful drama for ABC.



### 3. Fox's Joyful New Comedy

*Glee*  
Wednesdays, 9 p.m.

These days it seems that the equation for success in Hollywood is: high school + ridiculously talented teenagers = smash hit. After a successful showing of the pilot episode earlier this year, fans have eagerly anticipated the arrival of the debut season.



### 5. NBC's Thursday Night Lineup

*Parks and Recreation*, *The Office*, *30 Rock*, and *Community*  
Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.

With comedy heavyweights like Amy Poehler, Steve Carell, Tina Fey, and Chevy Chase, this is television's funniest lineup. The addition of new series, *Community*, starring Chase and *The Soup*'s Joel McHale, could further solidify this "comedy night done right."



### 4. AMC's Dynamic Duo

*Mad Men* and *Breaking Bad*  
Sundays, 10 p.m.

Nominated for 21 Emmy awards between them, *Mad Men* and *Breaking Bad* have turned AMC into one of television's most successful cable networks. Jon Hamm and Bryan Cranston have each turned their characters into reputable leading men. Hamm has potential to turn his character into the next Tony Soprano-like icon. Cranston, who is best known from *Malcolm in the Middle*, has shown that he has incredible acting abilities...apart from yelling at his four pubescent offspring.

## Jerry and the Gang Return to the Small Screen Together for the First Time in 11 Years

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Leave it to Larry David and Jerry Seinfeld to have a *Seinfeld* reunion in this context. It's clever, funny, and interesting.

This season on *Curb Your Enthusiasm* the plot is that David will be organizing a *Seinfeld* reunion show, in turn having the reunion through *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. We will be blessed by getting to see David work with Seinfeld, Jason Alexander, Julia Louis Dreyfus, and Michael Richards. We will see table reads, rehearsals, and eventually an actual *Seinfeld* episode.

The real thrill is that *Curb* is an improvisation show, so there is a very loose script and most of the dialogue is improv. Seeing the hilarious David get to improv with the brilliant comedic mind of Seinfeld, should be ground breaking.

*Seinfeld* went off the air in 1998, when it was still the highest rated show on television. The decision to end the show was controversial, but Seinfeld and David felt it was the right time.

Since then, some cast members have prospered and some have struggled. The brains behind *Seinfeld*, David, the co-creator and executive producer, found success with the aforementioned *Curb Your Enthusiasm*.

David put his improv and observational comedy to great use creating the hilarious and popular *Curb* which made David, formal-

ly a behind the scenes individual, a star.

Seinfeld himself stayed away from television after the end of *Seinfeld*, perhaps he foresaw the "*Seinfeld* Curse." Seinfeld returned to stand-up comedy after the end of the show, he is still as popular as ever, selling out the biggest of venues and continuing to be the American observational comedy king.

Alexander and Richards have not been as lucky. They each dabbled in a few different television projects, all failing miserably.

Alexander, a talented actor, struggled from the typecast of George Costanza. Same goes for Richards, who is hard to see as anyone other than Kramer. Their failures to find successful work, was dubbed the "*Seinfeld* Curse."

Louis-Dreyfus broke this curse with her funny series *The New Adventures of Old Christine* which won Louis-Dreyfus the 2006 Emmy for Best Actress in a Comedy Series.

Despite all that, it feels like they are all now back where they belong, in Monk's Diner bickering about life and nonsense.

HBO ran a preview show and an inside look on the upcoming season of *Curb* early in September. In that show, they showed the reconstructing of the original *Seinfeld* sets: Monk's Diner and Jerry's apartment. It was truly an eerie and exciting image for any *Seinfeld* fan.

The season is highly anticipated and has gotten tons of media cov-



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Stay tuned as the cast of *Seinfeld* reunite with *Curb Your Enthusiasm* this fall on HBO.

erage. HBO is expecting record ratings for *Curb* and will likely get them. To do the *Seinfeld* reunion in this fashion is beyond creative, and one wouldn't expect less from David and Seinfeld.

The only question is how many tears the struggling NBC is going shed at the sight of Jerry, Elaine, George, and Kramer in Monk's... on HBO. Not that there's anything wrong with that...

*Curb Your Enthusiasm* premieres Sunday September 20 at 9 p.m. on HBO. The *Seinfeld* Cast will make their first appearance in the third episode Sunday October 4.



# TRUE BLOOD GLAMOURS MU STUDENTS

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Well typically Sundays are known for a variety of things: football, homework, 'funday', but lately if you are creeping on the Facebook statuses of many Monmouth University students you are going to notice an interesting new trend: "Oh my god, where can I watch *True Blood* tonight?"

*True Blood*, in its second season, is HBO's intense vampire love story between Sookie Stackhouse played by Anna Paquin and "Vampire Bill" Compton played by Steven Moyer.

The show is full of blood, drama, humor, and of course multitudes of vampire and human sexual tension.

The outline of the story is based upon vampires becoming equal to humans upon the creation of a synthetic blood drink known as "true blood," which allows them to avoid feeding on human beings.

Sookie is a telepathic waitress who works at Merlotte's, a local bar in Bon Temps, a small town in Louisiana. The bar is owned by Sam Merlotte, played by Sam Trammell, who happens to be a

shapeshifter but keeps his secret hidden from the residents of Bon Temps (and from the viewers for most of the season).

In season one, Sookie meets Bill Compton upon his return to

Bon Temps where he moves into the house that he once lived in as a human 173 years prior.

Sookie, having an inability to read his mind immediately is intrigued by his arrival.

Season one is full of plot twists and new discoveries, as female residents of Bon Temps are being gruesomely murdered. The main suspect ends up being Jason Stackhouse, played by Ryan Kwanten, who is Sookie's "Abercrombie & Fitch" model looking older brother.

As the murder mystery builds, the suspense intensifies and more plotlines develop to create a masterful series for HBO, so if you have yet to catch season one, try not to avoid popping this one into your DVD player.

The second seasons' premiere, building on the first seasons' success, debuted to a staggering 3.7 million viewers breaking series records, and finally bringing the network another successful series that has

the ability to rival the popularity of *The Sopranos*.

Season two picks up where season one left off, as the love story between Sookie and Bill continues, but the arrival of an interesting new character creates controversy and problems in the small town of Bon Temps.

Also introduced is a new "anti-vampire" church that recruits Jason to their cause and starts to create a variety of problems for the cast of characters.

While Sookie and Bill are forced to leave Bon Temps in an effort to stop a war between vampires and the church, a powerful creature arrives in Bon Temps, with a supernatural ability that takes control of Bon Temps population, and creates chaos. The Golden Globe award winning season two is one that should not be missed.

*True Blood* is not for the faint at heart, or stomach for that matter, but its incredible story and entertaining ensemble of characters has begun to 'glamour' audiences of all ages.

So if you have not yet been bitten, you have time to catch up with season one and season two this year, as *True Blood* is sleeping in its coffin until next summer's season three premiere.



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Continuing with the vampire phenomom, *True Blood*, has taken HBO by storm.

## Nighttime Comedy That's Always Sunny

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Historically, one used to say that "The sun never sets on the British Empire." However, the truth is the place that the sun never sets is Philadelphia. That's right. The gang is back for a fifth season of *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* with its odd adventures and wacky humor.

For those unfamiliar with the show, *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* (*Sunny* for short) is about four friends living in Philadelphia who own a bar called Paddy's Pub. The group includes twin brother and sister, Dennis and Dee Reynolds (Glenn Howerton, Kaitlin Olson), and their friends Mac (Rob McElhenney) and Charlie Kelly (Charlie Day). Rounding out their league of oddballs is Dee and Dennis's father, Frank Reynolds (Danny DeVito).

These five characters try to get through life the best they can, hanging out and drinking, but always find themselves in some insane or moronic scheme. Yet, the show wouldn't be the same without that humorous drive.

In the past, the *Sunny* gang has done a number of things that might be wrong but created great humor because of their edge to be different. Some examples of the group's endeavors include believing they became cannibals after eating "human" meat, taking advantage of a water stain in the shape of a religious figure, getting held hostage in Paddy's spoofing *Die Hard*, creating a horrible but hilarious musical called *The Night Man Cometh*, and finally faking their deaths to avoid being killed by Mac's father, who was recently released from prison. There's more, but it's better to see for oneself than be told.

The crazy adventures of these characters don't stop with season five and just keep rolling. Even in the beginning of the episode, the idiotic conversations begin with Charlie arguing with Dennis and Mac about keeping a hummingbird as a pet and continue on to

discuss a sea bird, like a gull, as a pet, too. However, that opening is only a prelude to the season premiere titled *The Gang Exploits the Mortgage Crisis*.

Taking a page from current events, Frank bought a house at a foreclosure meeting since it was very cheap. Frank's plan was to buy even more houses at such low prices, then sell them when the market goes up (hence the exploiting). He gets Dennis, Mac, and Charlie to help out only to discover the family who owned the house is still living there.

Meanwhile Dee has her plans to become a surrogate mother for a childless couple. However, like any best laid plans for these people, things never work out, which is fine since it makes for great comedy.

*Sunny* continues to be one of the best comedies on TV mainly because they can take an idea, such as the mortgage crisis, and put a funny spin on it. The show runners manage to take jokes that other people wouldn't or might not want and make them work. The reason why this show always seems original is because the show dares to go there, no matter what or who is in the way. Such as when Dee tries to haggle with the surrogates on a price, \$20,000, for the baby and double for twins. Simply put, *Sunny* is crazy and a whole lot of fun.

The cast excels in their roles, making viewers feel like it's only been a couple of days that audiences have seen them instead of months.

Howerton plays the self-absorbed Dennis nicely, McElhenney always manages to make Mac fun but weird, and Olson is great as the lovely Dee with an in-your-face attitude.

However, like with any show, there are always those who manage to steal the spotlight.

DeVito as Frank is and has been a great addition to the show since his appearance during season two. He brings a great sense of humor to his role and really makes Frank an animated guy, despite his weird

behaviors and faults.

Having a veteran actor, like DeVito, helps the younger cast members with his knowledge of acting while he has fun just playing this comical character. One of the best scenes in the episode was when Frank took an umbrella to attack the family still living in the house he bought, nicely bringing to mind when he played the Penguin in *Batman Returns*. Whether it was homage or not to the film, it was

the family in Frank's house, he's unprepared to try to turn the table on the lawyer only to have the tables turn on him even more. Day's ability to show Charlie's inexperience at law is hilarious.

That's not to say that Howerton, McElhenney, and Olson don't get a good joke in the show here and there. When Howerton and McElhenney as Dennis and Mac become realtors despite no formal education or experience in this

With what happened in this episode, it's hard not to imagine where the show will go this year. Tomorrow's episode features the gang heading to the Grand Canyon only to find that the trip won't be easy.

*Sunny* continues to be incredibly funny and a perfect fit for FX, where a show that dares to be itself is always welcomed. The show continues to be outrageous while letting the comedy come to



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The hilarious show *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* returned to FX, Thursdays at 10 p.m.

just another bizarrely hilarious element of the show.

Secondly, Day (co-creator of the show with Howerton and McElhenney) as Charlie is terrific as the lovable idiot. Day's performance works well because he really puts a lot of energy into this likeable and weird person.

His physical comedy is great as he walks through a door he just broke down like a Looney Tune character or bringing to life his dialogue, developing his character even more. When Charlie goes against the lawyer who represents

field, it's one of the best moments of the episode. They come up with the idea to do a good realtor/bad realtor routine to sell a house as Honey and Vinegar Real Estate. It's equally weird and witty, coming to life when Mac is screaming things in the couple's face to make them buy the house ("Is this house too big for you?!").

Although, Dee's storyline is the least exciting of the episode, Olson seems to have fun with her character as she slowly begins to make the couple's house her own, especially when she finds their pool.

life naturally. It never seems like the cast or show runners have to work hard to create a funny line or story.

In an age where people can watch anyone do something stupid on YouTube, isn't it better to watch talented folks do their thing on TV?

So, when primetime begins to end on Thursday, sit back, relax, and prepare to laugh out loud.

*It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* is on Thursdays at 10 p.m. on FX. Seasons one through four are currently available on DVD.





# Good Health Equals Better Grades

JOSEPHINE MARCOTTY  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Quit smoking. Turn off the computer. Go to bed.

It could improve your grades. Of course, parents have always known that.

Now, in the first study of its kind, researchers at the University of Minnesota have proved it.

They matched grade point averages with the typical health problems such as smoking, drinking and stress reported by nearly 10,000 Minnesota college students.

They found a clear connection between student health and academic success.

“Health is important,” even for young adults who seem to be in the prime of their lives, said Dr. Ed Ehlinger, director of Boynton Health Services at the University of Minnesota and a lead author of the study.

Both parents and college administrators “need to make sure that students have access to health care.”

What affects grades the most? Stress (lots of it), excessive screen time, binge drinking and gambling.

Students who reported eight

Earlier surveys showed that students who spend a lot of time on the computer, watching TV or playing video games were more likely to engage in other unhealthy habits such as eating fast food, Ehlinger said.

Now it’s clear that these activities cut significantly into their grades as well.

Four or more hours of screen time a day resulted in an average GPA of 3.04 or less. Less than an hour a day bumped it up to 3.3 or better.

The same pattern held with binge drinking.

Teetotalers reported an average GPA of 3.31, compared with 2.99 for students who drank excessively at least once in the previous two weeks.

Ben Flatum, a university senior from Stillwater, Minn., just completed what he called “the year of being healthy.”

He stopped the regular partying, started eating

better and began training for a race in Chicago that he ran last week.

“My time and energy has been exponentially better,” he said.

His weight is down 25 pounds, and his GPA is up to 3.3 from the 2.5 he had as a partying freshman.



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A Healthy lifestyle can lead to better grades in school.

“What affects grades the most? Stress (lots of it), excessive screen time, binge drinking and gambling.”

or more emotional stresses anything from failing a class to credit card debt to a conflict with parents had an average GPA of 2.72.

Those who said they had no significant stress reported an average GPA of 3.3.

“Stress is one of the biggest factors,” said Marcus De La Garza, a senior from Duluth, Minn. A year ago, just before finals, he had to go home to take care of family members with serious health problems, and it showed in his grades, he said.

“I was out of the game,” he said Friday. “Now I’m bouncing back.” His GPA is up to 3.5.

The ability to handle stress was equally important, the survey found. Those who said they could effectively manage it performed much better than those who said they couldn’t.

That’s an important finding, because it can persuade colleges to provide students with the resources they need to learn how to manage stress, Ehlinger said.

# MAC Provides State of the Art Workout Facility

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A Monmouth University identification card can be swiped for a meal in the dining hall; a bag of chips in the student center, even a book in the library, and now with simple swipe students can enjoy a state of the art gym.

As I entered the new wellness center for the first time I was expecting a huge improvement from what any upper classman who is a fitness enthusiast knows was less than state of the art.

The new MAC has provided the venue for a beautiful place to

burn off the calories from those meal trips, or simply take a break from your books.

The wellness center features six state of the art elliptical machines, six stationary bikes and eight treadmills. These cardio machines feature an outlet for a USB port so runners can save their progress during their workouts.

Runners should prepare their favorite I-Pod gym playlist as a charger is available on each machine to keep students motivated.

Michelle Dixon, a Monmouth senior using one of the elliptical machines, was impressed by the new machines saying, “The elliptical had a feature where it put all of the weight at the top of the machine. My arms and chest hurt so badly but, it was great because you can get a full body workout on one machine.”

The running machine, besides having a Chuck Norris Total Gym feel to it, also provides visual stimulus while you work out. Fitness enthusiasts can view a track, mountains, the traditional fitness bars and more.

If you’re not looking at the screen in front of you the design of the fitness center allows you

to look out at a panoramic view of Kessler Field as the wall is not a wall but rather a gigantic window.

Besides the cardio aspect of the gym, the actual weight room has also improved. For one the new weight room hours are no longer limited to strictly athletes from the hours of 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

All students now have access to the area from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday as well as Sunday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. However, the hours for the beautiful indoor track are on a different schedule, the track

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CHRIS LUKAS  
Monmouth Senior

is closed off to students from 1 p.m. to 6p.m. Monday through Friday so the MU track team can make use of the facility

The actual weight lifting area is beautiful from an aesthetic perspective but it is still a bit small. Although, there is only one natural flat bench, and one incline bench the equipment is all in mint condition.

The maximum occupancy is 82 people and in fairness the high demand for the new gym leads to a large crowd and no one lifting that I spoke with seemed to mine sharing.

Chris Lukas, a Monmouth Senior, in between reps on a lat machine said, “It is just nice to have somewhere modern to work out. It might actually get me motivated to go to the gym consistently now.”

With all of the new improvements to the fitness center a student reaction had to be expected. Robert Vorhees, the Assistant Coordinator of Aquatic

Programs, was at the gym and although there is no sure way of telling how many more students have swiped their Monmouth identification cards and entered the new gym, Vorhees says, “The use in general has definitely increased.”

Towards the end of a workout there is not a specific stretching area but, students can make use of the Boylan Gym still attached to the MAC, to cool down.

Aside from the weights being all new the modern fitness center features eight flat screen televisions. These HD quality TV’s are just some of the many flat screens that seem to be readily available for anyone walking around the concourse of the MAC.

Up stairs from the gym students can get a sneak peek of where

the men’s and women’s basketball teams will have the privilege to play, as they run around the exquisite indoor track.

Having covered basketball games for the Outlook in the past, the student attendance has previously been rather disappointing. The new look at the MAC takes the old large high school feel of Boylan Gym to the major college feel of the MAC.

There are large concession stands, bathrooms and even a bar with even more flat screen televisions. With a young men’s basketball team having another year under their belt and a consistently playoff contending women’s team this year should be one to remember for all hoop fans.

Last week I talked about the economy and the lack of summer jobs. The MAC has now provided students with the opportunity to work out at a professional quality gym free of charge. It is a beautiful facility that should be taken in by all Monmouth students.



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An animated view of the beautiful indoor track surrounding the basketball court



# Interactive Whiteboards to Upgrade College Classrooms

*Universities rush to embrace new technology in an effort to reach out to students*

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Today's college classrooms are high-tech marvels from overhead projectors and grease pencils replaced by document cameras, handheld clickers, and interactive whiteboards.

Multimedia carts with a TV and DVD player? Relics. Even PowerPoint has lost some of its shine.

And faculty most of them see technology as a way to better connect to students in their interactive, multi tasking, apps-ready world.

"Some are ... not going to change without kicking and screaming. But for the most part, even our older faculty are embracing it," said George Preisinger, Oakland University's assistant vice president for classroom support and instructional technical services.

The school recently spent \$15,000 in technology upgrades in each general purpose classroom for students, Preisinger said.

In some classrooms, a professor can watch each student's computer screen simultaneously to monitor their progress on a project or even catch them Facebooking.

A lot has changed since his first days in the tech department, Preisinger laughed: "We were the ones wheeling the old AV carts around."

Of course, technology has its limits and it still takes a skilled speaker to engage students, said Charles Parrish, political professor at Wayne State University.

Likewise, a lack of technology is far from debilitating, said Parrish, who uses the Internet and posts his notes on the university-wide Blackboard system for instant student access.

"A good professor is a good pro-

fessor," he said. "Socrates sat under trees and didn't have PowerPoint."

Central Michigan University this year opened its \$50-million Education and Human Services Building. Inside is 76 miles of Internet networking cable, 11 miles of phone cable, and 27 "RoomWizards" keypads outside classrooms to allow users to reserve rooms.

Motion-sensitive cameras follow a pacing professor or link out-of-town students with the classroom. Whiteboards upload to e-mails. Elsewhere, clickers tiny remotes in which students send answers instantly to a professor's hand held computer screen allow professors to pop-quiz a class or take quick surveys.

At Central Michigan's education building, students can walk a treadmill while strolling through the Internet exercises brain cells as well as leg muscles.

At Wayne State University last month, Tynise Penn, 29, was studying at the library. She finished her master's degree through classes and her laptop, finding the most up-to-date research and discussion online.

Books? She shrugged, chuckling: "No, never picked one up."

The contrast of education old vs. new is tangible at Eastern Michigan University, where an ongoing \$90-million upgrade to the Mark Jefferson science complex will offer state-of-the-art, reconfigured class and lab space. The university has set aside about \$2.5 million for audiovisual and communications technology and security, Scott Storrar, head of facilities planning and construction.

Nearby is a one-room schoolhouse much like the one where Eastern's President Sue Martin be-

gan her education in the 1950s. But just as her teacher engaged 30 students every day with no more than shelves of books and a piano, good teaching transcends time and light-speed changes in technology.

"A faculty member still has to lead the experience," Martin said.

Such gadgetry is hardly a surprise for many students.

Even in the K-12 system, book reports have been replaced by interactive presentations on interactive whiteboards.

A dean of Dallas-based Southern Methodist University recently stripped computers from lecture halls. Meadows School of the Arts Dean Jose Bowen challenged staff instead to "teach naked," as in, without computers in the classroom.

But technology has its place. Today's faculty should offer podcast lectures, hyperlinks, and online study sessions to prep the students with materials before class, leaving classroom time for discussion and debate, Bowen said.

Yet all this leads to yet another pedagogical debate. If, in a wired world, knowledge is hyperlinked and answers are searchable, how do you test?

For example, should a student be able to consult with the Internet during a test to find the answer to a complex math formula? asked Jim Gilchrist, Western Michigan University's vice provost and chief information officer.

The definition of "cheating," Gilchrist said, hinges on the definition of learning.

"Does successful learning mean you've memorized something and can bring it back without looking it up?" he asked. "Or is successful learning knowing how to find the necessary information?"

# Hispanic Heritage Month Gives Students Flavor in the Student Center

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Culture resides all around us however one must be open-minded to find it.

In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 and October 15, events will be sponsored by the Center for Student Success, Educational Opportunity Funded (EOF) department and Office of Affirmative Action, Human Relations & Affirmative Action and Compliance.

Monmouth University and the loyal and trusted services of Aramark are hosting events in celebration of the independence of Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Nicaragua.

The Latin American inspired food samplings at the Student Center gave many students including myself to opportunity to enjoy Hispanic flavor for a day.

Jeanette Villaneuve and the Lambda Theta Alpha's served food for hungry students, professors, secretaries and clerks. "To taste the flavor of latin cuisine and culture, we are quite festive with our food, by sharing our food we share our culture," said Villaneuve.

The "Samplings" of "Latin Flavor" included Spanish Style Roast Pork with a side of Rice and Beans and Plantanos with Salad. For desert, Tres Leche (three milks with a lot of sugar), a Mexi-

can treat was popular among students.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau about 14% percent of people living in America are Hispanic. That is 44 million people! America is what it is today because of the diverse mix of cultures and ethnicities.

Think about how Asian culture has entered into our American culture. Food is a staple of any culture, but there are many other factors which define culture.

As defined as the U.S. Census Bureau, Hispanics include Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Spain,

or the nations of Central or South America. Hispanic Heritage Month serves as an excellent opportunity to explore these rich cultures.

"Hopefully, by attending today, would

inspire people to attend other Hispanic Heritage month events sponsored by Monmouth" says Jenny Ristow, one of the coordinators of this event.

Students who enjoyed the Latin Samplings, including myself, briefly immersed ourselves into the Latin culture by eating the ethnic food and listening to the popular Puerto Rican Salsa of Hector Laboy.

Keep on the lookout for more National Hispanic Heritage and other cultural events on campus so you can gain a better insight into their cultures.

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As a recent graduate of the Criminal Justice program at Monmouth University I would like to take the time to express my sentiment for this institution. As first year students, first let me congratulate all of you for choosing such a terrific school to help further your education.

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Whether it is academics, extracurricular activities, or even housing, there is always someone at MU ready to lend a helping hand. On a more personal note, I have just begun attending law school, and the faculty at Monmouth University was instrumental in my decision to become an attorney. The excitement that my Criminal Justice Professors showed for the integrity of law made me want to further my studies more than anything else. Furthermore, once I made up my mind to go to law school, they were the ones writing recommendations on my behalf, and giving the invaluable advice that I so desperately needed.

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# Politics

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## There's an Elephant in the Room

### *President of the MU Republicans Talks Politics*

DIANA CAPPELLUTI  
POLITICAL EDITOR

The MU Republicans carry with them a simple philosophy: to provide the student body with an outlet to voice political concerns and opinions without feeling their views are being repressed by others, according to president and founder of the club, Nick Campione.

Campione is a senior and political science and education major at Monmouth, who single-handedly founded the MU Republicans in April of 2008. Since then, the organization has worked on many political ventures, including supporting the campaigns of Republican election candidates and donating to the Support the Troops Drive.

The MU Republicans have pinpointed some controversial political issues and formed solid convictions on such matters, all of which they believe are of particular importance to students on this campus. They wish to share these opinions with the University and community and hope to reach out to students

with similar beliefs and be heard and respected by others.

One of these key political issues is healthcare, according to Campione. "As president, I hear my club speaking about the inefficiencies of the proposed healthcare program and the amount it will cost us as well as our children in the future," he said.

Campione further illustrated his organization's vision for healthcare in the future. "I feel the health care program needs to be fixed but not overhauled like our President hopes to do," he said.

Our former President was criticized for spending "profusely" but the current President, in less than a year, has quadrupled the deficit our country faces. Our kids will pay for these poor decisions," Campione said.

Another issue the MU Repub-

licans President feels Americans should be concerned with is the war in Iraq. According to him, keeping troops in the Middle East for the time being is the best solution for America's safety. "The War in Iraq is the right idea and will only benefit our safety in the future," Campione said.

The task of founding a political club on campus is, undoubtedly, one of great ambition. As

**"The Support the Troops Drive is important to showing the soldiers we appreciate what they have done and are doing."**

**NICK CAMPIONE**  
President of MU Republicans

the sole founder and president of MU Republicans, Campione fought hard to make his dream of forming a conservative organization at Monmouth a reality. His drive for doing so was belonging to a group of people who

were "open to discuss any issue at hand and hear [any] opinion on the issue," he said.

The MU Republicans clear time from their busy political agendas for some charity work as well. "Our best known projects that we have started and want to continue this year, especially on Veteran's Day, is collecting non-perishable goods for the troops. The Support the Troops Drive is important to showing the soldiers we appreciate what they have done and are doing," Campione said.

Another milestone for the ever-growing organization is arranging campus visits from political leaders in the community. "We have worked on having guest speakers come to campus like Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini, Senator Joe Kyrillos, former gubernatorial candidate Steve Lonegan's campaign manager, and Monmouth

County Republican Chairman Joseph Oxley," Campione said.

Working with Campione to make the club a success are Kelly Reilly, Vice President and Joan Grzankowski, Treasurer.

When asked to give his opinion on the New Jersey gubernatorial candidates, the MU Republicans' president was not timid about voicing his favorite. "For the governor's election in November, I will be supporting the future Governor of New Jersey, Chris Christie. He provides home for the future with a want to decrease taxes, which his opponent has raised, and will continue to raise. I will be volunteering and supporting him to the best of my ability," Campione said.

Monmouth students who want to help the MU Republicans in sending aid to American Troops can do so by donating to the club's Support the Troops Drive. If any Monmouth student is interested in joining the MU Republicans, contact President Nick Campione at s0644048@monmouth.edu. The MU Republicans are also available for contact via facebook.

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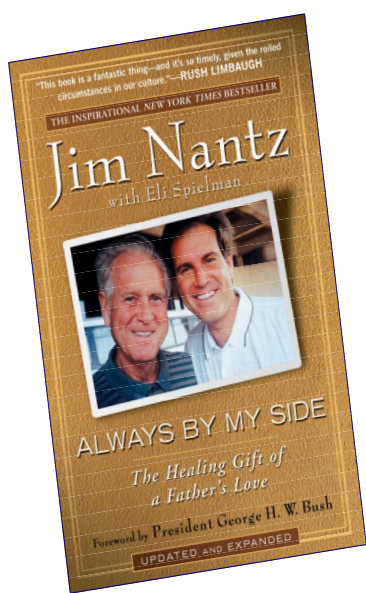
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# THE END ZONE

## Hawk Defense Fuels 17-10 Victory Over Duquesne

KEVANEY MARTIN  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Saturday marked both the home and Northeast Conference opener for the Monmouth football team, and with them looking for their first win of the 2009 season, they were under a lot of pressure to perform. The Hawks welcomed the challenge with open arms and came out victorious with a 17-10 over Duquesne University to improve their record to 1-2 overall and 1-0 in conference.

Despite Duquesne outgaining Monmouth in almost every offensive category including an overwhelming 387-278 advantage in total yards, it was the relentless effort of the MU defense that sealed the victory for the home squad. Collectively, they forced four turnovers with two fumble recoveries and two interceptions, including the game-deciding play from junior safety Kendall Haley.

Both teams came out slow offensively and it wasn't until 10:34 was left in the first half when the Dukes finally put points on the board. After marching 69 yards on 15 plays into Monmouth territory they settled for a 37-yard field goal from kicker Eric Duale, which put them on top by three. It didn't take long for Hawks to respond and conjure up a score of their own when, on the following possession, they put together a 10-play, 63 yard drive that was capped off with a one-yard touchdown by senior David Sinisi with 4:58 left before halftime to take a 7-3 lead. The Dukes were able to regain the lead with just 32 seconds left when Rombach hit fullback Marek Lupinski on an 11-yard pass that

made it 10-7 at the break.

Early in the third, Monmouth was able to even out the score when after the Dukes' defense forced them to punt, the Hawks special teams unit was able to recover the ball back at the visitor's 17-yard line, when running back Bobby Giles delivered a bone crushing hit on DU's returner Dave Williams and forced and recovered a fumble that led to kicker Eric McCutchen nailing a 30-yard field goal to tie it up at ten, setting up Haley's heroics.

With 6:22 left in the game Haley picked off Duquesne's Kevin Rombach at about mid field and after breaking free from a number of tackles, he crossed into the end zone for a 65-yard score, which cemented the score at 17-10.

"The minute I got my hands on that ball I was thinking touchdown all the way," stated Haley. "I have to give most of the credit to the beautiful blocks that my teammates were throwing because without their help it would have been impossible."

Sinisi, who has been a offensive madhouse for the Hawks, made history by surpassing Robert Morris's Sam Dorsett as the NEC's second all-time leading rusher after he rushed for 122 yards on a season-high 32 carries, which also marked the 19th time the senior has passed 100 yards in a game in his career. Rodney Salomon also had a career game after hauling in five passes for a career-best 64 yards, which came from hands of the two quarterbacks, Andrew Mandeville and Kyle Frazier, who combined for 168 yards. The duo also hit a number of other receivers for the first time this season in-



David Sinisi moved into second place on the NEC all-time rushing yards list with his 19th career 100-yard game against Duquesne.

cluding Mike Roeder, Kevin Hahn, Alex Laipple and Mike D'Urso each logged their first catches of the year. For Laipple and Roeder it was also their first career passes as well.

Cleodis Williams led Duquesne with 109 yards rushing on 23 carries. Freshman Larry McCoy added 38 yards on 10 carries, while Rombach was 22-for-36 passing with 252 yards with one score and

two picks. Dave Williams had a game-high nine catches for 92 yards while Mike Rasky had six catches for a game-high 106 yards. Jay Spinks added six catches for 43 yards as well.

Brian Brikowski and Jon Stolarz each led the defense with eight tackles. Kenny Amsel and Kendall Haley each added six tackles. Valenti and Amsel also added a tackle-for-loss, while Haley also

contributed a forced fumble to go along with his game-turning interception. Mike Avent contributed five tackles, including one for loss and fumble recovery. David Kennedy had five tackles, one sack and 1.5 tackles for loss.

The Blue and White returns to action on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. when they travel to Norfolk, VA to take on Old Dominion.

## Outlook's Weekly NFL Picks - Week 3

	Away	New York Giants	Tennessee Titans	Pittsburgh Steelers	New Orleans Saints	Washington Redskins	Green Bay Packers	Kansas City Chiefs	Denver Broncos
	Home	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	New York Jets	Cincinnati Bengals	Buffalo Bills	Detroit Lion	St. Louis Rams	Philadelphia Eagles	Oakland Raiders
Eric (4-4 Last Wk) (10-6 Overall)									
Andrew (3-5 Last Wk) (9-7 Overall)									
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# With Two More Wins, Men’s Soccer Moves into National Top 20

CHARLES KRZITS  
STAFF WRITER

The Men from Monmouth traveled to Princeton, New Jersey, to play in the Princeton Invitational. In the tourney, the Blue and White faced off against Cornell University and Princeton University. Cornell, also known as the Big Red, had won two games as well as lost two, while the Princeton Tigers came in undefeated with a 4-0 record. The Hawks are moving up in the national rankings and are currently spotted at no. 19, catapulting five spaces from their previous week’s rank of 24th.

The first match for the Hawks came against the Big Red and for the first 40 minutes MU was in for a tough one. However, the game is 90 minutes and the Hawks showed that in order to be a winner you must play a full 90 minute game. MU scored two goals before the end of the half and those goals were scored by junior forward Ryan Kinne. At the half the Hawks had a 2-0 lead and looked to build on that once the second half began.

At the start of the second half MU allowed a goal for the first time in three games. The Big Red cut the Hawks lead to 2-1 but that was as close as they would come to MU before the Hawks soared passed their op-

ponent. Shortly after the Big Red goal the Blue and White answered back with a goal from junior Chase Barbieri which was assisted by Kinne. As the Hawks continued to score, increasing the lead to 3-1, the spectacular freshman Ryan Clark netted the fourth goal of the game to give him three straight games with a goal. The Hawks were victorious



PHOTO COURTESY of Blaze Nowara  
Ryan Kinne tallied two goals and two assists during the two-game Princeton Invitational Tournament. The junior leads the NEC this season in total points with 11 and goals with four.

in their first game against the Big Red by a score a 4-1.

On Sunday Monmouth was set to finish up the Princeton Invitational against host Princeton University. Perfection was at stake for both squads as MU came in with a 6-0 record while the Tigers of Princeton were also undefeated with a record of 4-0.

The past three games the Hawks have scored at least three goals while only allowing a single goal to their previous opponent Cornell. This match against the Tigers is an early test and one that will show how talented this Hawks team really is.

The Hawks offense has been strong and it only took five minutes to show the Tigers that they were in way over their heads. Five minutes and eight seconds through the game junior Drew Von Bargaen tallied his first career goal and gave MU a 1-0 lead. For this Hawks team a goal lead is no problem to hold with junior goalkeeper Bryan Meredith and that was the case today. The tigers attempted a total of four shots on goal but were unsuccessful as Meredith did his best to maintain a win. This is only the second occasion in which the Hawks scored less than two goals. But this team has incredible talent on each side of the ball which allowed them to walk away with a 1-0 win over tournament host Princeton.

Through the first seven games of the season the Hawks have yet to taste defeat. They are hoping this streak will continue when they travel to Loyola, Md., to take on Loyola College on the 26th of September at 1:00 p.m.

yards in a season, and most touchdowns in one game, with six against Central Connecticut State University. Those are to just name a few.

At the end of his career the record books will be filled with the name David Sinisi and that is something that he should be proud of. Seven days a week he watches film, lifts weights, and practices his tail off. The success he has had didn’t come through coincidence it came from all the hard work he has put in. He’s been a starter going on four years now but his work ethic hasn’t decreased, “I make sure I don’t get out-worked,” is what Sinisi says about his hardworking mentality.

Sinisi and the Hawks are currently 1-2 and find themselves with positive momentum after a hard fought win against Duquesne University. Sinisi has over 400 all-purpose yards and four total touchdowns and like usual has been a headache for opposing defenses. No one knows what the future holds for Sinisi and the Hawks but with a running back like David, good things are bound to happen.

# For Senior Running Back David Sinisi, Success Comes with Dedication

CHARLES KRZITS  
STAFF WRITER

He has rushed for 1,000 yards in two straight seasons. He has scored a 99 yard touchdown, and has been nominated for the Walter Payton Award which goes to the best Division 1 FCS offensive player of the year. Through all of the individual success and personal accolades you would think senior running back David Sinisi would be a bit boastful. But it’s quite the contrary.

No matter how many yards or touchdowns he gets in a game it’s always about the team and it’s because of his unselfishness that he is a great teammate. How does Sinisi explain all of the success he has had so far? Well if you thought he would give himself a pat on the back you were wrong.

Sinisi said, “Its’ because of them I have the majority of the accolades I do.” The “them” he is referring to is the offensive lineman at Monmouth, which speaks wonders about his character because let’s be honest, not many players who have excelled like Sinisi stay levelheaded. Along with the offensive lineman, Sinisi also mentioned that an im-

portant person in his success has been running backs coach Chris Damian.

A similarity between many top performers is their first game in which they show their true athletic ability which is known as “their coming out party.” During his redshirt freshman season, the first year he started, Sinisi had many great plays but his coming out party came the first time he touched the ball while being at Monmouth. In 2006, against Fordham University, the Hawks were up 7-0 and on their own 29 yard line when they ran a screen to Sinisi. Former quarterback Brian Boland hit Sinisi with the pass and watched him take a usual eight to 10 yard play and turn it into a 71-yard touchdown. When asked about this play, Sinisi again gave much credit to his lineman by saying how their great blocks really contributed to his touchdown.

Sinisi has set many records and has had a career that many would envy, but through all of this he has kept his eyes on the prize. Some of his personal accolades include NEC Rookie of the Year, most consecutive games with a touchdown, most all purpose

# A Word on Sports

## The Hunt for October Will Be a Close Play at Home

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Even though the beginning of football season has greatly overshadowed Major League Baseball’s regular season home stretch, there are still divisions to be won. While the National League Central and East races are all but wrapped up, the American League Central and East races may still be up for grabs with only 12 games remaining in the long 162-game season.

The most interesting divisional race seems to be the last battle between the AL Central leading Detroit Tigers and the second place Minnesota Twins. With the Twins only back 2.5 games, there is a strong chance for the Tigers to be overtaken. What makes the race even more intriguing is the fact that of the teams’ final twelve games, four of them come against each other. With this late-season matchup it allows for either Detroit to pull ahead to a comfortable margin, or Minnesota to make a late push to put the Tigers in their rear view mirror and out of the 2009 MLB Playoffs.

Eliminating the Tigers from the playoffs may also make the other teams that are playoff bound from the AL a little more comfortable, as they have a strong pitching rotation that can be dominant at any time, led by

former American League Rookie of the Year Justin Verlander. They also have a strong lineup that can produce runs in bulk, anchored by two-time NL Silver Slugger Award winner Miguel Cabrera. But to whoever wins the AL Central race, the Division Series will most certainly be a difficult matchup, most likely coming against the winner of the AL East (at this point it looks like it will be the Yankees). So for whatever team it will be, the reward for winning the central race will be a five-game series against the team with the best record in baseball.

The NL West chase is still open, with the Dodgers up five games on the red hot Colorado Rockies, with each team finishing the season in a three-game series against each other. The Dodgers started off the season on a tear, being the first team to 50 wins on the season. However, they cooled off after the All-Star break, allowing the Rockies to make a push for the NL West. The race got as close as 3.5 games on August 20th, but LA was able to extend the lead to five games again with less than three weeks left. The Rockies were as far back as 14.5 games of the first place Dodgers in early June, but caught fire at the right time of the year, currently holding the lead in the NL Wildcard by four games over fellow NL West Division foe San Francisco.

Few circumstances bode well for the Rockies in the upcoming stretch of the regular season.

Fortunately, those circumstances may be enough to keep Colorado on top of the NL Wild Card. The Rockies have the experience. In 2006, they needed an unprecedented number of wins in the last three weeks of the season. They finished the season winning 21 of 22 games, and eventually vaulted themselves in to the World Series. Many of the players from ’06 are on the current roster. The experience factor is somewhat comforting during the late weeks of the regular season. Colorado has been playing excellent baseball in the last month, and they seem to have the offensive fire power to hold off San Francisco. The Rockies are definitely not looking ahead in to the postseason. They realize they have a lot of work to do to even make it that far.

Don’t sleep on the Giants, because Colorado sure isn’t. The Giants took the season series with a record of seven wins and six losses, so they are arguably the better team. Pitching is a big plus for San Francisco as well. Most teams are fearful of them getting in to the playoffs for that reason alone. With two of the league’s top pitcher’s, some say the baseball Giants will do better in the postseason than the regular season because they could line their two aces for multiple starts per series. If we could play the games on paper, it would be much easier. Unfortunately, the Giants have to win games, and get some help in or-

der to gain ground on the Rockies. Colorado just needs to maintain their lead and win “timely” games. All in all, the NL Wild Card is very much undecided.

The powerhouse division in the MLB for the past decade has undoubtedly been the American League East. The story is no different this season. As usual, the odds are heavily favoring two teams from the AL East making the playoffs. The first, being the outright division winner and the other falling in to the top wild card spot. Currently, the New York Yankees own the top spot in baseball, let alone the AL East. They have a five game lead over division rival Boston Red Sox. With 11 games left for the Yankees in the season, an implosion is technically possible.

On the other hand, the Yankees haven’t played poorly enough to lose a five game lead in 11 games since way back in May. They only need to win one game to clinch a playoff spot. Worst case scenario, the Yanks have a near guaranteed shot at October baseball, and solid odds for home field advantage throughout. Pivotal series’ against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and the Boston Red Sox will pretty much determine how the playoff matchups will play out.

For the most part, both the Yankees and Red Sox will determine their own fate. Each will probably make the playoffs, but technically, who and where they will play are yet to be determined.







## A RETURN TO GLORY



**A good offense is the best defense, as shown by MU's 17 – 10 victory over Duquesne. With the score tied in the third quarter, a stunning interception by defensive back Kendall Haley was returned 65 yards for the game winning touchdown.**

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