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## Involvement Fair Draws Crowd

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Students gathered outside the Student Center this past Wednesday to learn about the various clubs and organizations to get involved with here at Monmouth University's annual Involvement Fair.

This is an outdoor event, which takes place every fall and each club and organization has a table dedicated to promoting new membership to incoming or interested students, and dedicated to trying to get more students involved in participating here at Monmouth. There are over 75 student-run organizations, including clubs, fraternities, sororities, honor societies, governing bodies, and publications and media outlets.

"I was really pleased with the turn out and the effort of the organizations to attract students to their tables. The whole area looked great! The nice weather really helped to make it a good day, too," said Amy Bellina, Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations.

Tables and stands included everything from Study Abroad to

Hawk TV. Every semester the Office of Student Activities hosts a student involvement fair on cam-

pus so students can meet campus organizations and learn more about them. Throughout the day,

Hawk TV was live broadcasting from the Involvement Fair and walking around interviewing whomever wanted to. Some of the sororities included Delta Phi Epsilon, Phi Sigma Sigma, Zeta Tau Alpha and a few of the fraternities included Phi Sigma Kappa and Tau Kappa Epsilon.

To add to the day, Shadow the Hawk was walking around greeting people and even signing up for a few of the clubs and the "walking banana" was giving out coupons to save students money on food in the Student Center, Hawk's Nest, and Java City. A few other clubs included in the day's events were the Ice Hawks Club, Global Service Project, Surf Club, Student Government Association, and *The Outlook*.

Senior Marina Wagner, President of Habitat for Humanity, said, "I was really happy with all the people who signed up for Habitat. We need more freshman and sophomores to join, so the club stays alive after we graduate. We got a total of 68 signatures



PHOTO COURTESY of Mike Patterson

Students walk around the Involvement Fair picking up flyers to seek interest in the different clubs and organizations.

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## Poet-Professor Gives Reading

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Michael Waters, a poet and professor of English at Monmouth University, read several pieces of his poetry to students, professors, and others in Wilson Hall Auditorium on Tuesday

Michael Thomas, the Assistant Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, who coordinates the Visiting Writers Series, opened the reading.

"A literary event such as this one is an event about learning about poetry simply through the act of listening and our mission in hosting the Visiting Writers Series is that we find some corner of literature which you have viewed as unreachable, perhaps, before illuminated today by poetry," Thomas explained.

He continued by telling an anecdote about the first time he had seen Waters read his poetry in 1991. He explained that after the poems he had to take a walk because he was "charged by [their] energy and raw originality."

Waters then took the podium. He thanked the crowd for coming and quickly began the reading.

His reading was split into three parts representing the range of his work.

The first six poems were selections from his early work. His first two poems, "Horse" and "The Mystery of the Caves", he explained, "[were] about writing and the creative process."

Many of the poems from this selection, he explained, were strongly tied to his childhood and he said, "...the poem, I think, is about that moment when we're reading and when what we're reading suddenly become personal and, maybe, becomes literature in the best sense."

The second set of poems he read were taken from most recent collection entitled *Darling Vulgarity*, which was a finalist in the L.A. Times Book Prize in 2006.

Before reading the second group of poems, he explained that his more recent work, for the most part, was written in decasyllabic lines, meaning that there are ten syllables per line or twenty syllables per every two lines

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## Constitution Day Celebrated by University

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The second president of the United States, John Adams, made a special appearance in Wilson Hall Auditorium last Wednesday for Constitution Day. Students and faculty of Monmouth University gathered together to watch an entertaining, but very informative presentation of Adam's life, the right to vote, and advice to the incoming president.

William Crystal, who portrayed Adams, kept in character and dressed accordingly from head to toe. He also acts as Alexander Hamilton, and enjoys playing characters that are "misrepresented by America."

What is the purpose of Constitution Day?

Dr. Patten, who is also President of the Political Science club, says that "The purpose is to remind everyone that the Constitution is the foundation of our government, and that it is one of the most beautiful and influential documents ever written in the world."

Constitution Day is part of the larger series, "Stand Up and Be Counted," which tries to get people of all ages excited about politics and especially the right to vote.

who governs you. Deciding to vote is not the same as voting. Action is the important step. If this is to be a strong, central nation, we must take action."



PHOTO COURTESY of Gina Columbus

John Adams impersonator, William Crystal, took time to pose with Monmouth University students after his performance for Constitution Day last Wednesday night.

Voting was a significant topic Crystal spoke about during his performance.

"It matters who represents you,

Adams was not the first political figure to come speak at Monmouth. In past years, the university invited Thomas Jefferson, James Madison

and Alexander Hamilton.

"Senator Robert Bird passed a national law that students should recognize September 17 for the signing of the Constitution," Patten explained.

What did some students think about the program? Freshman Kaci Brannick stated, "The program was very factual and the actor did very well at portraying John Adams."

On how the students benefit from this type of presentation, Patten said "I think you learn more when you see history come to life. It leaves more of a lasting impression than a professor lecturing about a person."

After seeing President John Adams for Constitution Day, students came up with ideas for who they would like to see at Monmouth in the future.

"I would like to see Abraham Lincoln. I want to know why he chose not to have security the

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Wednesday 71°/59°

Mostly Sunny



Thursday 69°/60°

Cloudy



Friday 68°/62°

Showers/Wind



Saturday 70°/60°

Showers



Sunday 73°/56°

Showers



Monday 72°/57°

Partly Cloudy



Tuesday 74°/55°

Mostly Sunny

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# More arrests reported on campus in 2007

## MUPD Drug and liquor arrests on or around campus are up for the second year in a row

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The Monmouth University Police Department (MUPD) released the annual campus security report, in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act. This report outlines the MUPD jurisdiction, conduct in each situation, as well as the laws and policies that every Monmouth University student is subject to. The definitions of each crime and the punishments are also presented for the 2008-2009 term.

Also included in this 23 page report are the crime statistics for the past three years for all residence halls, on and off campus, as well as adjacent properties of the University. The most reported crime and offenses are liquor violations, followed by burglary and drug abuse.

The number of arrests due to alcohol violation was highest in 2007. The campus had 98 counts, 86 of those occurred in the residence halls. This is about 30 more arrests compared to the 65 on campus in 2006 and 63 in 2005. Where this increase generates from is not identified as there is no significant change in the amount of warnings that were

handed out for those people not arrested in alcohol situations.

In these instances, due to the lack of information needed to charge a person, the violator is not arrested. Instead they are referred for campus disciplinary action. Last year there were 164 times this happened in relation to alcohol violations, with an additional two at the Diplomat apartments. In 2006 153 were on the campus and 147 in 2005 with one at the Fountain Garden Apartments.

The drug abuse arrests were also highest last year, with 14 on campus, 10 in residence halls, while 2006 had just 8, all at residence halls. There was one weapons offense in 2007, and one in 2006, but not in the residence halls. In 2007 only three driving while intoxicated (DWI) arrests were made. Two were made in 2006. The MUPD did not arrest 14 violators of the drug abuse laws last year, and two years ago there were six.

Twelve instances of burglary happened in 2007, with eight on campus, one in Pier Village, and three on adjacent property. For 2006, 14 reports were made, all

on campus, with twelve in the residence halls. There were only nine in 2005, but just four of those were from residence halls, making over half on other parts of the University.

“One of the colleges that is ahead of the others is Monmouth University. It is extremely impressive what they have done here.”

RICHARD CAÑAS  
Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security

No criminal homicides occurred on campus during the years 2005 through 2007, but 17 forcible sex offenses happened. This counts two on campus in 2007, eight in all during 2006 (five on , three off), and seven in 2005 (five on, two off). During the three years, only two robberies on campus were reported, one in 2006 and one in 2005. Aggravated assault was only cited once on campus, just last year. Arson was reported twice in 2007 and once in 2006.

Last semester many e-mails

were sent to notify the community of increasing cases of criminal mischief. This is a civil tort, essentially a lesser form of arson. Five cases of mischief to auto occurred between February and

April through parking lots 1, 2, 3 and 6.

When asked about campus safety, one professor said, “It was probably last year that some man came into my class room to talk and try to sell something to my class. He had said it was OK, but I sensed a scam. I told him ‘No’ and he left to go into another class.

“So I called the cops right there in class, and literally, within minutes they were here. They had all the exits sealed on this side and that side of the building,” he said using his hands. “They apprehended him, and I think there was another man, I’m not sure, but they got that guy. It made me feel good.”

The report also discusses the police department’s ability to contact the campus community. This is done through e-mail, messages, and voice mail, all included within the Connect-ED system.

Richard Cañas, the Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security, visited Monmouth in the spring. He said, “One of the colleges that is ahead of the others is Monmouth University. It is extremely impressive what they have done here.” Cañas cited the aforementioned Connect-ED as the strongest feature of Monmouth University security.

“This is not always the case... on other campuses in New Jersey. Monmouth is leading the way, and we are going to take that model to other colleges and presidents.”

At this time, as of September 17, the campus security level is at a one, which is the safest, as well as the standard, operating level of the University, as defined by the department. The highest level is five. This can be checked via the MUPD website.

The security report can also be found on the web page, or in person at the MUPD headquarters on the east side of campus. While there the public crime log can be found. This file shows all incidents that occur on campus, where, and if the conflict was resolved. All of which can be checked out by anyone from the dispatcher at the front desk.

## BY THE NUMBERS

Number of Arrests Effected by University Police	Liquor Laws			Drug Abuse Laws			Weapons Law		
	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006	2005
Number of Arrests Effected by Police									
On Campus, all areas combined	98	65	63	14	8	7	1	1	0
In residential areas only	86	58	61	10	8	6	1	0	0

3 DWI 2005  
2 DWI 2006  
3 DWI 2007

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Number of persons not arrested but referred for campus disciplinary action due to lack of information to charge criminally.	Liquor Laws			Drug Abuse Laws			Weapons Law		
	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006	2005
On Campus	164	153	147	14	6	5	1	0	0
Fountain Garden Apartments	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Esplanade Hotel	na	na	0	na	na	0	na	na	0
Pier Village	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diplomat	2	0	na	0	0	na	0	0	na

# The course of emotions: A mini-golf experience

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University’s Ice House Art Gallery hosted a mini-golf art show experience from 1 pm to 4 pm, on the Monmouth campus. Show attendees competed in mini golf all afternoon in the Ice House Gallery.

“I have wanted to create a mini-golf art show for a long time,” Risa Puno, the artist of the show happily announced, “and I was very inspired by the space which the Ice House has to offer an art show. It’s perfect for my mini-golf art show set up. My show is food for thought; it is art that people understand and can relate to, like obstacles which college students need to deal with everyday. There is a ‘Leader Board’ which shows off the best and the worst scores, so come compete with others.”

Risa explained how she grew up in Kentucky, where mini-golf is a past time. “Maybe mini-golf isn’t as big in Kentucky as it is in the Jersey shore, which is another reason why this show is great to present here. So, everyone should come and play the mini-golf course of emotions.” Risa

stated, “I like making art which people can relate to and have fun with at the same time. All the students here at Monmouth University need to come out and play my mini-golf set and have tons of fun with it as well. College students need to be entertained and have fun at the same time.”

Scott Knauer, Director of Gallery and Collections at Monmouth University, put a lot of work into setting up this art show.

“Risa focused on confronting emotions in this show, and they mini-golf layout of this art show fits perfectly in the Ice House,” said Knauer, “Risa’s show is about mastering obstacles which stand in your way, and that is also what college life is about in general, so this art show is ideal at Monmouth University.

The environment of the art show was filled with plenty of food to go around and be enjoyed, and the event was also filled with music. The band the “Mayor’s Players”

played at the event, which features the Mayor of Asbury Park as the drummer, and they played music throughout the entire show. “This art show was a perfect way to spend a Saturday afternoon!” Knauer announced.

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RISA PUNO  
Artist

“This show is not one’s typical miniature golf outing; it’s an emotionally frustrating course,” Bob Bonder, Risa’s friend from New York stated. “I lost; which makes me a total ‘basket case’ according to the result sheet.”

Despite losing, Bonder enjoyed himself. “This course is an incredibly fun experience,” he stated.

“I won!” Risa’s friend, Olivia Maloney, announced. “Risa’s

course is magnificent; it is the best as well as the hardest course that I have ever played on.”

Elyse Estrada, Risa’s friend from college, Brown University, stated how she met Risa when she had the dream of becoming a

doctor, so it was interesting to see her methodical approach to art today, in her show. “The Course of Emotions is a very interesting concept that blends the cognitive with experience.” Elyse stated, “It’s a great show! I am very proud of Risa; her show

has come a long way.”

The audience at the show participated in playing the miniature golf course all afternoon. “So far this is a great show; we’ll see how I feel once I get through the frustration section of the course.” Barbara Powderly stated, as she made her way through the course.

“This was a very challenging course; hole 2 was impossible!” Stefanie Barnes, an MU Graduate student stated, once she had

finally finished the difficult course.

“Hole 8, the anxiety hole of the course, was driving me crazy. I just wanted to master it, which I eventually accomplished,” stated Dave Cia, a Monmouth University Alum.

Dean Michael Thomas attended the art show experience, “It was one of the most original and exciting openings I’ve attended at Monmouth. It was interactive, and in unique ways, it brought the viewers together so that the literal experience of Risa’s art was immediately coupled with the metaphorical implications. The show was a truly memorable afternoon.”

Risa noticed how much people were enjoying her show; “This is why I do this, for people to actively enjoy art work! This course will be up through October 10, in the Ice House. Come play mini-golf!” Risa stated.

“This is a great show; it’s interactive and fun! Risa, the artist, is very young and talented. She gave a great lecture on Thursday night, concerning the show. She is an inspiration to young art students,” stated Stan Green, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences. “Art makes life worth living.”



# Semiannual Meet the Greeks in Anacon Hall

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Anacon Hall filled with fraternities, sororities, and potential new members last Tuesday for the semiannual Meet the Greeks, the first of many rush events.

Tables were decorated with crafts, banners, and pictures as a slide show of previous Meet the Greeks played overhead and prospective rushes walked around.

“Meet the Greeks is a wonderful way to display all of the unique characteristics each Greek organization has to offer. It is a way to let potential new members know who we are, what we are about and meet some of the sisters and brothers on campus in an informal way,” said Amanda Klaus, President of Delta Phi Epsilon.

Courtney Lake, a curious sophomore, has been to this event twice before. “Meet the Greeks is for all students interested in Greek life to get a chance to meet the fraternities/sororities available and get involved at Monmouth. It gives them a chance to have any questions or concerns answered before

they begin the recruitment process.”

This year’s Meet the Greeks focused more on “Going Greek” rather than for a particular fraternity/sorority.

“We were not allowed to have interest groups on Facebook. There were no interest parties allowed. Also when talking to the girls, we couldn’t say we were happy and excited they were interested in us, we said we’re excited they were coming out. I agree it is a good way to approach going Greek. On the other hand, it is so hard to differentiate among girls if you only have one real rush

room to get to know them. You almost need recruitment interest parties to be able to interact and know the girls on a more personal level, instead of for

only 30 minutes in a crowded hot room in Bey Hall,” Klaus said.

Sal Fiore, President of Sigma Pi agreed. “If we were all allowed to have interest parties, there might have been a bigger turn out, because there would have been more advertising.”

Although the focus was different, many organizations still had large groups of interested students. Delta Phi Epsilon had 30 girls and Sigma Pi had over 60 students sign their prospective

rush sheets. “I am very excited for the rest of recruitment. Our two interview days are scheduled for this week. Our national recruitment guidelines

are set at 15 men this year, so I believe we can make or beat that standard,” said Fiore.

Tyler Havens, the Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life said, “This was good for fall recruitment although we don’t keep track of the number of students that come in at the door - first semester freshman can’t join. We really preached to the chapters go Greek and limit the number of members so potential new members aren’t overwhelmed. It helps them feel comfortable and ease their transition into the Greek community of Monmouth University.”

Lake said, “I liked how the sororities had crafts they had done for their “bigs” and “littles.” The pictures were also really nice to see. It really showed the sisterhood and how close everyone becomes by being involved. I also thought it was nice that the sororities/fraternities wore their letters and not just any clothes because it showed the unity and it was easy to tell who belonged

where...I am actually very excited for the rest of recruitment! It has been going well so far and I hope in the end, if I follow my heart, I will end up with some really great sisters and a lifetime commitment.”

“These students are the future of all the chapters, so it is always nerve-wracking. I am really sad, because it is my last semester being President, so it is going to be bitter sweet next semester to not be running it. I get so emotionally attached to the new girls coming out,” Klaus said.

Bid day is scheduled for Thursday, September 25 and is the official conclusion to the fall rush season.

Sal Fiore said, “Going Greek as a whole is promoted more. I don’t mind that. I always tell my guys, and they convey the same message to all potential new members, ‘keep your eyes open to all the Greek organizations and don’t set yourself solely into one, we have many great Greek organizations on this campus.’”

A meet the Greeks will also take place in the spring in Anacon Hall.

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TYLER HAVENS,  
Assistant Director  
of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life

# Colleges closing the book on annual yearbooks

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For more than a century, the yearbook has been as much a staple of campus culture as beer and bad dorm food.

But as of this year, the University of North Texas’ Aerie is history.

Purdue and Mississippi State universities are also closing the books on annuals, while at schools that still have yearbooks, advisers tend to talk somewhat soberly about the future.

“It’s probably a convergence of a lot of factors,” said Tom Rufer, director of the UNT student union, which plans to distribute the final-edition 2008 Aerie in August. “To some degree, social networking is replacing that. Students are using Facebook to chronicle the college experience.”

Rich Stoebe, communications director for publisher Jostens Inc., headquartered in Minneapolis, downplayed the influence of social networking sites.

“MySpace, YouTube, Twitter are a different category,” Stoebe said. “High school students are just as involved in MySpace, and it hasn’t had an impact. Virtually every high school produces a yearbook.”

But if the virtual world isn’t hurting yearbooks, rising costs, the loss of a key adviser and student indifference can lead administrators to shelve yearbook publication, Rufer said.

The fact that students at many schools are pulled in the direction of off-campus jobs, semesters abroad and off-campus living also means they don’t share a

common focus on traditional college life they might once have.

The fact that the University of Texas at Arlington doesn’t offer a yearbook didn’t bother Jason McDonald.

“It’s not high school, where everybody’s so centralized,” said McDonald, 19, who will transfer to the University of Texas at Austin this fall.

As for UT, McDonald said he might get a copy of the Cactus as a senior. Advisers say first-year students and seniors are usually the biggest buyers.

Campus newspapers capture some of a college’s culture. But yearbook fans say a paper can’t put an academic year into a single volume students can pull off the shelves, leaf through and laugh at for the rest of their lives.

“It really does give you a sense of what it was like to be on campus in years past,” UNT archivist Michelle Mears said.

At Kansas State University, the annuals are the most requested items in the university archives, the KSU yearbook adviser said.

“They’re losing the only written history of the year prepared by the students who lived it,” Cactus adviser Kathy Lawrence said.

Stoebe estimates that 1,100 of the nation’s approximately 2,500 four-year colleges produce all-school yearbooks.

But at UT, the latest Cactus sold only 2,000 copies on a cam-

pus of about 50,000, Lawrence said. UT-Arlington has not had an annual for years. Texas State University’s book was discontinued in 2004 after its 100th edition. Texas Wesleyan University’s book ceased publication six years ago.

“There are very few yearbooks that have not experienced declines in the past few years,” said Richard Lytle, director of Student Media at Southern Methodist University. “We have not come up with the exact reason. “At this point we are still in

Mary Finley has been Aerie adviser since 2000. She pointed out that UNT previously discontinued its yearbook, then revived it. The present incarnation is in its 26th year.

“Yearbooks come and go. It all depends on the temperament at the university,” said Finley, who is retiring. “Developing a yearbook is an expensive thing. The students just weren’t buying it. None of the other departments wanted to pick it up.”

Kansas State yearbook adviser

Linda Putney in 1987 wrote her master’s thesis on the college yearbook’s historic role and status.

“It’s harder to sell books than it was 15 or 20 years ago,” Putney said, adding that sales were about 4,000 six or seven years ago. “We’re still selling about 3,500.”

She estimated that “maybe” more than half of American universities publish yearbooks, but said numbers have dropped from 20 years ago.

“It’s not all gloom and doom. It’s a cyclical thing. When there’s a lot of unhappiness in society, yearbook sales tend to drop off,” Putney said. “When tradition is popular, yearbooks really thrive.

I think where tradition reigns, you’re going to have a wonderful yearbook.”

Tradition apparently still runs strong at the University of Mississippi.

“We are in a good, stable position,” said Ashley Dees, editor of The Ole Miss. “Our school is behind our book.”

Dees said sales are about 6,000, with 416 color pages.

“The yearbook is a personal history book,” Dees said. “It’s our story. It’s our book.”

“You cannot hold Facebook. You cannot pass Facebook on to the next generation. And you’re going to lose everything you put on Facebook.”

At Ole Miss the \$45 cost of student annuals is included in

tuition and fees.

Dees and her staff also market the book through the campus radio station, TV station and school paper.

Instead of nagging students to come in for portraits, staff members go to places like Last Call, a campus bar, and shoot student photos there.

To boost sales at Kansas State’s veterinary college, Putney’s The Royal Purple staff stripped pages from the campus life section and put out a special zoned edition. Sales went from four to 212. They also set up a Facebook account and post stuff to YouTube to drive traffic to the yearbook. And Putney expanded niche coverage with a DVD of about 35 additional student “stories” inserted in the back of the book.

There’s also life in Texas Christian University’s Horned Frog yearbook, published since 1898. The 500-page book costs \$62 and includes a movie-style DVD.

Yearbook adviser Kathy Hamer said that more than 30 percent of students buy the book and that sales have trended up for a decade. “I think it’s the kind of campus we have: We have a strong Greek community; they tend to be in it a lot.”

Greeks often lead campus organizations and in many cases pay to have their fraternities or sororities featured in the book.

Of course, TCU, Ole Miss and Texas A&M University, which has one of the biggest annuals in the country, not only have fraternities and sororities but the kind of culture that seems to demand a book.

“The nickname for the school comes from the yearbook,” said Dees, of The Ole Miss. “We are

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# Sigma Pi Advisor Wins Award

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During their national convention, the Delta-Beta Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity, International, added another achievement to their already prestigious list. Their Faculty Advisor, Dr. Joseph B. Mosca, won Sigma Pi's inaugural Dr. Robert Burns Most Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award in August.

On winning the award, Mosca commented, "The brothers of the Delta-Beta chapter make my job easy. This is their award too."

There are more than 130 Sigma Pi chapters nationwide and all have a Faculty Advisor who is eligible for this award, but Mosca proved to be the most worthy candidate. The award was presented to Sal Fiore, the chapter president, at the fraternity's national Convocation in Long Beach, California.

"It was an honor to accept the award on behalf of "Doc." He is the most deserving candidate by far. Doc has gone beyond this fraternity's expectations, and we are forever grateful to have him. Once I received the award I began to prepare a way to properly present Doc with his hard earned work," Fiore said.

Mosca, who has been the fraternity's advisor since 1989 when the Delta-Beta chapter was formed as a colony, also serves as the academic advisor to many of the brothers.

"Doc helps me both as a student and a brother, and is always there when I need him," Vincent Falcicchio, the Chapter Secretary, said.

The award was officially presented to Mosca on Friday, Sep-

tember 12th in the Magill Commons. This is where Mosca hosts a weekly "Lunch with Doc," where Mosca and the brothers talk about various chapter issues.

Also in attendance were Chris Brown, Sigma Pi's national Vice President, and Joseph Palazzolo, a Monmouth University alumnus and Sigma Pi's New Jersey Prov-



"The brothers of the Delta-Beta chapter [of Sigma Pi] make my job easy. This is their award too."

DR. JOSEPH B. MOSCA  
Sigma Pi Faculty Advisor

Mosca received the award in front of the brothers of Sigma Pi as well as the sisters of Theta Phi Alpha, also advised by Mosca.

ince Archon.

Chris Brown talked about the award before officially awarding it to Mosca. He stated, "I know

Dr. Mosca personally and I know the hard work that he puts into the chapter and the brothers to make them each better. This award is a long time coming and I can think of no better person that Dr. Joseph Mosca to be the first winner of this award."

It is no surprise that the Delta-Beta chapter has won other national awards. They have been making a habit of it over the past few years. In 2006, the Delta-Beta chapter won the Grande Sages' Award which is awarded every other year to the best Sigma Pi chapter in the entire nation.

At this August's convention, the chapter won the Grand Council Award (ranked in the Top 3 Chapters nationally) and the Grand Chapter Award (ranked in the Top 25 Chapters nationally). However, it is not just within the overall fraternity where Delta-Beta thrives. In 2007, the chapter was awarded the #1 Organization at Monmouth University for the third year in a row. Mosca was also awarded Best Faculty Advisor Award (three years running) while the chapter won the Best GPA for 2007 and most improved GPA for 2008 awards.

Even with all of these achievements, it is still hard for those outside of the chapter to understand and appreciate the dedication and effort that Mosca puts into this chapter. And on a special note to Mosca, the brothers from yesterday and today would like to thank you for your incredible efforts. Our alumni have benefitted from your advice, we benefit from your mentoring, and our brothers-soon-to-be will soon realize why you are the best Faculty Advisor in the entire nation.

# Students Take This Election Seriously

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Two months ago April Hardin hadn't given much thought to the presidential election.

She was preparing for her first semester of college \_ picking classes, preparing for dorm life, saving money. Politics didn't factor into her world. She'd heard of Barack Obama, but she didn't know much about him or John McCain.

She just didn't feel connected to the campaign at all. Until one day while flipping channels she heard two words: financial aid.

It was Michelle Obama on television talking about financial relief for college students. Financial aid is very important to April, a freshman at Missouri Western State University.

Before then, she didn't realize that the president had much to do with that. She wasn't even registered to vote.

"I wasn't even interested in the election," says April, 18. "Now I know whoever gets elected will have a major impact over the next four years of my life at school."

She was worried that it was too late for her to exercise her right to vote. She called her sister, frantic. But the deadline to register for voting remains ahead: Oct. 8 in Missouri and Oct. 20 in Kansas.

Two weeks ago, while walking back to her room from the cafeteria, April saw a voter registration drive and signed up.

"I want to be included," she says about the upcoming Election Day. "And I want to know what's going on."

Even though it was Michelle Obama who caught her attention, that doesn't mean she's sold on Barack Obama. She says she's now trying to learn more about the issues and the people involved.

"I realize I need to listen to both sides and get to know more about both candidates," she says.

"Education and financial aid are important to me. I have to make sure I know why I am voting for the person I choose, and who they are before I make a choice."

Joe Sims didn't care about politics either. There wasn't a big reason. He says it just didn't appeal to him. Then he turned 18 in August and gained the power to vote. He started paying attention.

His classmates started learning more, too. He says it's not something they sit around talking about, but there's an undertone.

"You can feel it, we're thinking about it," says Joe, a senior at Olathe Northwest High School.

Education, the war, economic turnaround and better health care are some of the things on Joe's mind. He thinks that the war was unjustified and that America went to Iraq without a plan.

He has been tuning in to the speeches and making himself familiar with the candidates to see who caters to the changes he wants to see. He says it's more involved than he realized.

"I'm learning a lot," says Joe, who is leaning toward Obama. "There are a lot more issues at hand and they go further in-depth than I thought they could. I just thought it was as simple as do you want to be Republican or Democrat, red or blue, nothing else."

Now that he sees what goes into the campaign, Joe says, learning more about the candidates has made him feel like his vote is going to really count toward something big.

"I have never really anticipated an election before," he says. "I'm really excited. It's always been the same old stuff, year after year, and there's going to be a change."

# College Culture List Ages Some, Amazes Others

ROBIN COWIE NALEPA  
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COLUMBIA, S.C. \_ Pop quiz: Who's Johnny Carson? What was the Exxon Valdez? Ever use a typewriter?

So easy, you say. Well, guess again.

Touchstones most of us take for granted have little or no place in the pop culture lexicon of those born in 1990, like much of the freshman class at USC.

For 11 years, Beloit College in Wisconsin has published a list of cultural landmarks that resonate with 18-year-old freshmen and just make the rest of us feel really old (even though the college's Web site states it is "not deliberately designed" to do so).

For instance, for today's college freshmen, shampoo and conditioner have always been available in the same bottle. And Wayne Newton has never had a mustache.

Using the Beloit College Mindset List as a study guide, we took to the University of South Carolina campus \_ where classes began Thursday \_ to see what some students in the class of 2012 do and don't remember. The answers, well, they are sure to surprise you.

Like many of us, Sharae Moultrie, 18, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., drinks Coke from plas-

tic bottles. She does, however, remember drinking the soft drink from a glass bottle \_ once \_ when she visited the Coca-Cola bottling plant in Atlanta.

At least she knew what to do with the glass bottle. A typewriter encounter didn't turn out as enjoyably.

"I tried to play with it, but

or head shakes when questioned about Atari gaming systems, Nirvana lead singer Kurt Cobain, or whether to call the country that invaded Georgia Russia or the Soviet Union.

Bernadette Reimer, 18, of Oak Ridge, Tenn., knew the Exxon Valdez had something to do with "a leak or some-

"I tried to play with it, but I didn't know how to use it," Moultrie said. "My mom had one. Our computer broke, and she tried to get me to use it."

SHARAE MOULTRIE  
Student

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Sally Free, 18, of Raleigh, N.C., said she never had used a typewriter but had seen one once at her grandmother's house. Oh, huch.

New students milling around the Russell House and eating lunch on the patio said, sure, they had read some of the Harry Potter books, but they could offer only blank stares

thing." She remembered the commercials where a dish soap was used to wash oil-drenched birds and baby seals "up north somewhere."

Andy Bakker, 18, of Denver, Colo., knew plenty about Brett Favre, knew the elder George Bush was president when he was born, and pegged the "Summer of Love" as 1968.

Yet, Joseph Jamison, 17, of Aiken, S.C., was pretty confident the season-long hippie fest in San Francisco occurred

in 1975 and "had to do with love or being free or whatever," while Meera Patel, 18, of Florence, S.C., got props from her friend for declaring it the title of a book.

India Wells, 18, of Bethesda, Md., was able to name several Supreme Court justices, including Clarence Thomas, who was noted on the Mindset List. Others, though, said they had never heard of him.

But perhaps the most telling answer of all was given by a young woman who shall remain nameless to protect the innocent (and young).

"Ever heard of Johnny Carson?" we asked.

"No was he a president?"



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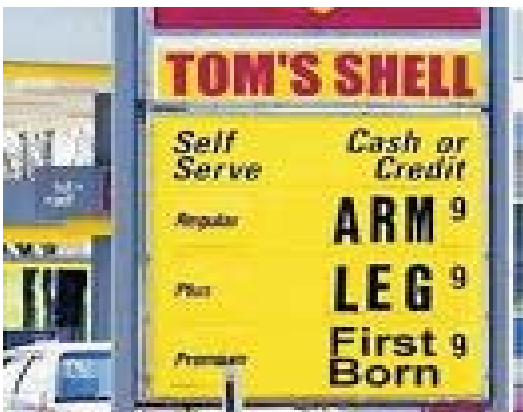
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Get Involved Before You Regret It

FRANK GOGOL  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Looking at the front page of this week's news got me thinking. There's a story about Constitution Day and the Political Science Club, a story about Professor Michael Waters' poetry reading, and a story about the Involvement Fair.

Together, these three stories represent just a small fraction of the opportunities offered here at MU. There are numerous sports teams, Greek organizations, and honors societies to get involved with as well.

Working the Involvement Fair last week really showed me how much there was to be a part of here. There were groups represented there that I didn't even know existed, and yet not every group on campus was even spoken for.

Here's the thing, however: the opportunities are there, but you have to take the initiative to become a part of them.

I've made a few mistakes in college, nothing serious, but the

one mistake I regret is not getting involved earlier. It took me three tries to come and get involved with The Outlook. Last spring, after two years of wondering what I was missing, I finally made myself walk up The Outlook's office and get working.

From that point on I have done so much, learned so many valuable skills, and made even more amazing friends.

First and foremost, if you are going to get involved, do it for yourself. Do not get involved in a group because your friend is interested in it.

Conversely, if you are even a little bit interested, do not be afraid to try new things.

Secondly, do not be afraid to be involved with more than one group or activity. Do as much as you feel comfortable

with, but don't spread yourself too thin. If you are so involved that your school work is suffering, it's a good indicator that you are too involved.

One last thing to keep in mind is

even if you try and it doesn't necessarily work out, at least you tried and you don't have to spend the rest of your life wondering what could have been.

Another thing that all students should take advantage of is the incredible amount of demonstrations, presentations, and other events on campus.

...all students should take advantage of is the incredible amount of demonstrations, presentations, and other events on campus. These are great ways to meet other people who share your interests.

By no means am I suggesting that you should run out and join a club or group just to do it. That's a mistake I've seen a lot of people make. I've watched students and friends join groups that they necessarily have not even been interested in. In some cases it worked out, but in others it has not.

There are a few things to keep in mind when joining a club or group.

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# Some colleges checking students' social-networking sites

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Lauren Pfeiffer said she doesn't have to worry about what's on her Facebook profile, but she can't say the same about her fellow students.

"Some of my friends could get in trouble with their photos," said the junior at Andrew High School in Tinley Park, Ill. "I wouldn't want it to be a deciding factor in their future."

The idea that a lapse in cyber-judgment could alter a life trajectory might once have been dismissed as paranoia.

But with some admissions officers confirming in a new survey that they visit social-networking sites, high schoolers say getting into college is no longer only about sky-high test scores and impressive extracurricular activities. Now it means being smart about their online personas as well.

In a new survey, 10 percent of admissions officers from prestigious schools said they had peeked at sites like Facebook and MySpace to evaluate college-bound seniors. Of those using the profiles, 38 percent said it had a "negative impact" on the applicant, according to Kaplan Inc., the education services company that polled the officers.

At least one admissions officer had rescinded an offer because of an applicant's postings, the survey results showed. The survey went out to 500 schools — of which 320 responded — in July and August and promised anonymity.

The finding highlights a technological world moving so fast that neither the students nor the schools have had time to factor in all the implications. What's clear is that students have yet another potential obstacle to navigate in an increasingly fierce competition for slots in the country's top universities.

The networking sites were virtually nonexistent five years ago but now are approaching cell phone use in popularity. With few schools having formal guidelines in place, "we're in a period

of figuring out this technology ... and exactly where the boundaries are going to be," said Jeff Olson, who heads research for Kaplan's test preparation division.

"It's typically inappropriate photos — like holding up a can of beer at a party," Saracino said.

In those instances, he will reach out and ask that age-old parental query:

Christopher Watson.

"We consider Facebook and MySpace their personal space," said the dean of undergraduate admissions. "It would feel somewhat like an invasion

things that aren't intended for us."

Even so, the findings give adults a bit of extra ammunition in urging discretion — not always the first impulse for adolescents.

Gloria Mueller, college counseling coordinator at Glenbrook South High School in Glenview, Ill, said she has been telling kids to be careful with their postings ever since she first heard that colleges, as well as employers, were checking out Web sites. "You never know when this will come back to bite you," she said.

Sharyn Reiff of Skokie, Ill., already had "the talk" a couple of years ago with her son, Jordan, a senior at Niles North High School, that resulted in his deleting some inappropriate content.

"He loves his Facebook and he makes it funny, but he knows it has to be good, clean fun," said Reiff, whose son has his hopes pinned on Brown University or Reed College. "He also knows that there are a lot talented kids out there and he needs every advantage he can get."

Ethan Goldsmith, a senior, said he, too, already was exercising caution because New Trier Township High School has suspended students from sports teams for brandishing a beer in photos online.

Kaplan's Olson stressed that schools weren't routinely checking the sites as part of the evaluation process but were visiting only if there is was something troublesome in the application or information that needs needed to be confirmed.

With colleges expecting a record number of applications this year, the survey results should serve as a wake-up call for both students and parents, he said.

"Today's application is not just what you send ... but whatever they can Google about you," Olson said.

For Pfeiffer, thinking about her friends' photos and profanity-laden "bumper stickers" — and how easily it all could be misinterpreted — led her to this conclusion: "I will definitely be changing my privacy settings now."



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At the University of Notre Dame, which received 14,000 applications for 1,985 slots last year, assistant provost Dan Saracino said he and his staff "don't go out of our way" to scrutinize students online, but sometimes they come across a candidate portraying himself or herself in a less-than-flattering light.

"What were you thinking?"

"We try to turn it into a teaching moment," he said. "It's an opportunity to let students know that what they put on these sites is not just between you and your friends, but you and the world."

On the other hand, using the Internet to vet someone's character seems overly intrusive to Northwestern University's

of privacy."

That sentiment was seconded by Ted O'Neill, dean of admissions at the University of Chicago, who was surprised by the survey's results.

"We don't have a policy not to look; we just don't look," he said. "Despite the fact that these things are semi-public ... I don't think we should be spying on

## Should the Drinking Age Change?

MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The college presidents who want to lower the drinking age to 18 from 21 have got to be kidding themselves. More than 100 of them—some from prestigious schools such as Duke, Tufts, Dartmouth and Colgate—have signed a statement calling for "an informed and dispassionate debate" about the federal law that makes 21 the legal drinking age.

The presidents are supporting the agenda of the Amethyst Initiative, a recently started movement pushing for reconsideration of the National Minimum Drinking Age of 1984.

Adherents believe the drinking age should be the same as the legal age for voting, signing a contract, owning a house or car,

or joining the military. The college presidents wonder if the restrictions against drinking aren't so coercive that they encourage drinking, especially the binge drinking that is prevalent on so many campuses.

The short answer is: Absolutely not. The evidence is all over the

hol Study by the Harvard School of Public Health, which found that binge drinking reflects the culture and conditions created or tolerated by schools. Researchers found that permissive campuses that promote intercollegiate athletics, fraternity and sorority life had more binge drinking. Campuses

Adherents believe the drinking age should be the same as the legal age for voting...

place, in countless studies and in the experiences of young people before the drinking age was increased. Studies show that 18- to 21-year-olds drank more before the law was changed.

The presidents should read the recently published College Alco-

with policies that ban alcohol and offer substance-free housing options had far less binge drinking.

So Madames and Messrs. College Presidents, the ball is back in your court. If you want less drinking on campus, promote policies that will give you that result.



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A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE LIES JUST ACROSS THE POND

THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF ITALY: ONE STUDENT'S SUMMER TRIP ABROAD

**AMANDA REMLING**  
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Let's face it. West Long Branch isn't the most exciting place in the world. In fact, it can actually get a little boring.

Don't get me wrong, I love Monmouth, but sometimes you just need some change. So instead of signing up for fall classes, I signed up to Study Abroad in London. And if you think you need a scenery change from West Long Branch, London is definitely the place for you to go.

Regents College is located right in the middle of Regents Park, where the Queen's rose garden puts Monmouth's flowers to shame.

A five minute walk through the park will bring you right into the busy streets of London, unlike Monmouth, where you need a \$20 train ticket and an hour and a half ride to get into New York City.

Starbucks, bars, tourist shops, and travel agencies line the streets, while red double-decker buses speed by. The Ocean cops would have a field day out here.

It is very easy to get around London. For a £1.50 you can hop on the Tube and go almost anywhere in the city, whether it's High Kensington Street where there is a T.K. Maxx (yes, K. not J.) and Harrods, or Kings Cross Station where you catch the Hogwarts Express at platform 9 ¾.

My personal favorite place to take the tube is to China Town, where they might not have boot-leg DVD's or fake Coach bags, but they do have some banging fried rice. Ming Ying has got nothing on China Town food.

Being in London also makes it easier to travel on the weekends.

While at Monmouth a weekend get away might be to Deal, for a party that will run out of alcohol before midnight. Or if your lucky, a trip to Long Beach Island or Atlantic City.

A couple weekends ago, some of us went to Leeds Castle in Kent, and Canterbury, through a school sponsored trip.

We got to take a tour of the castle, but the best part was definitely the hedge maze on the castle grounds. In Canterbury we took a river boat tour, and got to see the outside of the beautiful Cathedral.

This coming weekend, a group of us are going to Dublin where we will be happily taking a tour of the Guinness Factory. And in a couple weeks we will be getting our much needed 10-day break, where I personally will be going to Paris, Berlin, and Amsterdam.

While there is so much to see and do here, we still do have classes. Be very grateful for getting out of classes early at Monmouth, because here the teachers will keep you up to 20 minutes after class. I guess they don't look at the time, because they don't get to class on time either.

So while classes may seem like they are taking up most of my time, it's actually booking flights and hostels that are the most time consuming.

One semester abroad is going to be long enough for me though. Having friends and family "across the pond" is a little too far for me.

The saying "there's no place like home" is definitely true. Especially when home has Nelly's. Someone please send me a Fat Darryl. No chicken, hot sauce on the side.



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The breathtaking ceilings of the Canterbury Cathedral are just one of the many major tourist attractions than can be seen while studying abroad.

**RON GASKILL**  
*FEATURES EDITOR*

Whether or not I enjoyed myself is beyond the question. I had an absolutely incredible time, without a doubt. The real question is whether or not I actually got anything out of it, anything of *true* merit that I can take with me for the rest of my life.

That is the query I have been racking my brain over in the weeks since I have been home. It is easy to have a good time.

Going out with friends is a good time. Getting away from home is a good time. Being in another country is a good time. But beyond the good times was there something that I learned about myself? Was there some part of me that is forever changed because of my time abroad?

They say that travelers will often experience a culture shock when they arrive in a new country. People won't seem as nice. The things you are used to at home will not be so easily accessible, which will scare you right out of your socks. When I arrived, I encountered none of this. I threw myself right into the experience.

My first couple days were spent walking practically into street signs while gazing with amazement at all that was around me. Everything looked better when seen through Italian goggles.

I had expectations to learn the language, dine with locals, and sip espresso at some chic corner bar. During the first week, each day was even better than the last.

On the first night, I walked around with my roommate and interacted with loads of young locals (who were all incredibly friendly and helpful). We stumbled across street performers and live shows.

On the second night, I ran up to Piazzale Michelangelo, atop a pretty tall hill, and watched the sun come up over Florence.

On the third night, I went out to a karaoke bar and danced the night away with some people that were to become real good friends of mine. Each day seemed to only get better than the last.

After that first week, while I certainly wouldn't say things were no longer exciting, I will say that some of the initial awe wore off. I began to get adjusted to city life: the noises, the people, the rush, the attitudes.

While my first week was spent for the most part feeling slightly embarrassed that I was an American tourist inhabiting their Italian streets, by the second week I was ready to take on anyone who gave me so much as a dirty look. I was a Florentine.

School also began that second week, which meant having to be accounted for in a certain place at a certain time. This started as a



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A robot man poses for a kodak moment at the Benicassium Music and Arts festival in Benicassium, Spain.

kind of a pain, and only cooled to somewhat of a damper.

Because I was only taking classes to fulfill free electives, I didn't really feel connected to my classes and would much rather have been out roaming the streets and lapping up the culture.

Perhaps if I was studying art or some sort of topic that I was really interested in, I would have felt more engaged. In the end, however, class was sort of a blessing: it was a way to pass time without spending money.

Lorenzo D' Medici was a pretty nice school. Both of my teachers were incredible women: friendly, intelligent, funny, and interesting.

The administration, especially my advisor, was willing to help whenever called upon, even with issues such as travel.

The school itself was very nice, centrally located, and fairly easy to find. It is scattered around a little, building wise, but still easy to maneuver.

Beyond city life and school, my absolute favorite part was the traveling. The weekend trips were completely enlightening for more than just the fact that I was somewhere else.

Sure, I got to see Venice, Rome, Assisi, Viareggio, and Barcelona, but seeing these places isn't the part that lasts in my mind.

It was the act of traveling that I loved the most: figuring out train schedules, catching airplanes, sleeping on the ground outside of a train station, seeing countless people with their entire livelihoods strapped to their back, hearing stories; all of it was incredible.

The weekend trips taught me how to travel, showed me that I *could* do it, and got me completely hooked.

In the end, I know that I will take my experience in Europe with me throughout my entire life. Granted I didn't feel it overwhelm me while abroad, but I know that the seed was planted.

Even if in the slightest way, my life was altered. And as the years go by, I know this feeling will get even stronger and stronger. If nothing else, I now have the itch to hit the road.



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Top- A lovely view can be seen from Park Guell located in Barcelona, Spain Bottom- The Colosseum lit up at night is a must see when visiting Rome, Italy.



# So You Think You're a Comedian?

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An entertainer's job is simply to entertain. However what seems so simple is easier said than done. For Joanne Filan, a spiky blonde-haired, clever and unique lesbian comic it's a piece of cake; which is great because she is a vegetarian. Joanne has made a huge splash on the New York City comedy scene. She recently helped Monmouth's own Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) student awareness organization, All Lifestyles Included (ALI), by hosting their third annual drag show in March of 2008. Former Vice President of ALI, junior, Sara Werner said, "She was on cue and getting laughs non-stop. She entertained the audience for hours. It was a marathon of relevant LGBT humor. General member, senior, Chad Esposito remembered Joanne being so funny and helped make drag ball into the success it was. Another general member, sophomore, Caitlyn Clausen exclaimed, "she was brilliant and it would be great if she came back for this year's drag show."

So you're probably asking yourself, who is this sharp, talented woman? Joanne was born in New Jersey and before she realized her talent she did what all future comedians do. She went to college in Florida and majored in marine biology. Once she graduated from her learning experience she said she realized it was time to do something to showcase her natural talents. Laughingly Joanne claimed, "It was then my shop-lifting period began. Soon after realizing my god-given abilities where lost in the last move, I finally began on the road to my life in comedy." Like many late bloomers, realizing your true passion in life comes with a lot of bumps in the road, but Joanne knows overall it has been a wonder-



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Joanne Filan performs every Saturday night at 8pm at the New York Comedy Club

ful experience for her. She says, "It has helped me to realize I'm finally where I should be and doing what I was meant to do."

Joanne embarked on her comedic future by re-educating herself

with training. She attended several schools and workshops in New York City such as American Comedy Institute, Upright Citizens Brigade Improv and many more. Joanne's talents led to her debut at the fa-

mous Caroline's Comedy Club on September 20, 2003. Since then she has performed at several famous New York comedy clubs such as Comix, Gotham, Ha! and of course the New York Comedy Club, along with

many others all over the east coast. In addition, Joanne has performed in comedy festivals and competitions. Beyond that Joanne has performed for other LGBT groups at other universities like Lehigh, Shippensburg and St. John's University.

More recently, the clever and witty Joanne Filan collaborated with Dave Rubin on the gay television network Here! TV as a guest on their Hot Gay Comics Podcast. She also just returned from Connecticut after performing as a feature with the Broads of Broadway. In addition, Joanne regularly performs at the New York Comedy Club every Saturday night at 8pm. Or, you may have heard here on a recent WMCX interview with News reporter Alyssa Silverston that aired yesterday, September 23rd on Monmouth University's own radio station WMCX 88.9 FM.

In a short five years Joanne has catapulted herself from an amateur to a well-respected, talented professional. Joanne joked with me about when she realized her comic talent by saying, "I have known of my comedic talent for quite some time, going on three weeks now to be exact, and I hope to continue in this fashion until someone realizes I have no fashion." Joanne clearly has a good sense of humor, which is not only perfect for her talent, but also helps keep her focused. In a tough and competitive industry Joanne has quickly risen to the top and has captured the attention of many fans, clubs and other comedians. CEO of Comedy Pie Productions, Julio Ray, says it all, "Working with Joanne has been a pleasure and she is a great asset to any show. I highly recommend her. The BROAD kills everytime!"

Intrigued? Visit Joanne's website at [www.upstreamcomedy.com](http://www.upstreamcomedy.com) or check her out on Myspace at [www.myspace.com/joannefilan](http://www.myspace.com/joannefilan)

## How to Play to Win

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Over the years, betting on sports has evolved into a relatively inexpensive way for males to ensure that boredom can be avoided on weeknights and weekends, especially now that the internet allows bets to be placed with a just a few clicks. Basically, lay down five dollars on a four team parlay, kick back, grab some beers, and watch as you come painstakingly close to winning the bet only to see your last team blow the lead in the final minutes and cost you hundreds of dollars of potential winnings.

Fortunately, that's alright in most fans' minds because they just paid five dollars for a whole night of entertainment, which is far less costly and just as exciting as most other options, like going to the local club or taking a date out to dinner (yes ladies, we do love you...almost as much as sports).

I'm here to tell you that I feel strongly that the four team parlay is on the verge of succumbing to an equally entertaining wager opportunity that offers high utility over an extended duration, AND gives the bettor a far higher chance of success.

That opportunity that I advocate so strongly is the concept of betting 'Futures,' specifically futures that deal with the number of wins a team will have over the stretch of the upcoming season. There are a few reasons why I feel futures to be a smart bet:

1) The lines are set at a number that theoretically has nothing to do the realistic amount of games a team is projected to win. The lines are actually set where the lines makers believe 50% of the people will bet on the over, and the other 50% will bet the under. It is

set this way because bet takers pay out equally for both circumstances, but pay out less than 1:1, hence allowing them to profit regardless of the outcome.

This is also the case on most singular sporting events where a spread is involved, however there is a distinct difference between the two cases.

Concerning the latter case, if the Knicks are playing the Bucks and are five point underdogs, with a few lucky bounces, breaks, or calls by the referees, even if the Bucks played significantly better, the Knicks could easily cover that spread.

Now let's consider a Future where the over/under on the Knicks is 25 wins. If I have strong reason to believe that the Knicks are going to win over 25 games, it is going to take a lot more than bad bounces to shift the overall outcome of the season thus making it more likely for me to win assuming my assessment of the Knicks as a team before the year starts is correct, all other factors held constant.

2) Because of the way the lines are set, research becomes all the more important, thus making it more likely for the smart bettor to come out on top. Generally, with the exception of teams who completely retool their rosters, teams' over/under totals for the upcoming season are set relatively close to their record from the previous season.

This being the case, there are only so many ways to gauge how a team's record will differ from that of the previous season, the most typical ways include: assessing what effect offseason moves will have, monitoring the development of players, and taking into account strength of schedule.

Researching these areas will give you a much better idea of how a team will perform than the person who sim-

ply bets by how they are feeling at the moment.

3) Even when your account is out of money because you lost it all on parlays, you still have your future to intensely focus on with all the free time you have! It's kind of like that good feeling you get when you're broke and somebody owes you money that you let them borrow months ago. Essen-



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Sports betting has become a common passtime among young guys

tially, even though you're not really up money, it feels like you are.

The NBA season is closer than you think and seeing as futures will be released soon, I thought I'd share some of my thoughts regarding potential future bets, if only to further elaborate on some of the ideas I touched on above.

As a rule of thumb, I try to stay away from teams that finished in the middle

of the pack the previous year, unless they made a lot of noise in the offseason, because the majority of them are just too tough to make a pick on with any confidence.

Now regarding the 2008 season, I have so far come up with two clubs who, if the lines are right, I feel very confident betting on:

The Miami Heat had a horrible season last year compiling a dismal record of 15-67. However, they had many terrible things happen (injury to Wade, Shaq being old, overpriced veterans flooding the roster) and ended up looking much like my beloved Knicks.

Fortunately, Dwyane Wade is healthy and judging from his Olympic play, may be a top player in the league. The addition of Michael Beasley ensures the role of power forward will be filled by a superstar for years to come, plus having Shawn Marion for a full year will energize a team that looked lifeless for much of last year.

I was also happy to see them draft Mario Chalmers (insert crude joke referencing his summer incident) who along with Daquan Cook provide them with young, quality role players. Seeing as this team performed so poorly last season, lines makers may be forced to set the bar relatively low.

Unfortunately, I do not believe lines have been released for the upcoming season yet so I will just have to estimate. If the win total is set at a number lower than 35, I would be hasty to take it especially when factoring in the weakness of the eastern conference.

Prediction: 43-39

Even though I genuinely love almost every player (especially a Mr. Ellis!) on the Golden State Warriors, it really just does not seem to be shaping up to be their year. Monte Ellis, who I feel was ready to elevate his game to a superstar caliber level, tore apart his knee this offseason during 'a non-basketball related activity' and will probably miss the first three months of the year.

Combine this with the departure of one of the most electric, box-score stuffing players in Baron Davis and his replacement with a player who, in my opinion, has always been an overrated player who contributes less on the court to his team than his numbers indicate, and we have a team that cannot realistically repeat its 48 win season of last year.

While they do have potential to have a decent year, in the west there are no easy wins. If a line with an under of 43 wins comes across, grab it.

Prediction: 37-45

I want to be very clear though, so please read carefully: Futures aren't for everyone. If you're not one for commitment and easily get bored with your women - I mean wagers - after an extended period of time, stick with the parlays. Sure you've got a higher risk of losing your bet, but it's always fun while it lasts.

However, if you want to have a better shot of winning and are looking to settle down with that 'special bet' then take the time to pick out a real sweetheart of a future and look forward to the tough times and great times that lie ahead of you.

For more from Andrew Katz, visit his blog at:

<http://thenextgreatcolumn.blogspot.com/>



# Constitution Day at Monmouth

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night he was assassinated,” freshman Taline Royland replied.

Brannick also suggested Sarah Palin. “I think that she’s changing the election and she’s a very good asset to John McCain, because they balance each other out.”

What did Crystal see for the future of America?

“I think we’re at a critical time in history where we don’t value [our rights]. We need to rethink what our rights mean to us. A lot of us believe we don’t make a difference.”

From Crystal’s article “What is a Good Citizen?” on his website [www.hamiltonspeaks.com](http://www.hamiltonspeaks.com), he states, “Thus, a good citizen will never miss an opportunity to cast a vote. Although it is clichéd, the idea of one person and one vote is sacred to our system.”

As the 2008 Presidential Election draws near, Crystal, in character, stated his thoughts on the winning candidate.

“As a former president, I wish them both well. I hope he will be wise and virtuous. I would suggest that the best president will listen to not only the ones who agree with him, but even to the ones who don’t.”

Crystal’s last words of his speech as John Adams were appropriately, “Independence forever.”

Constitution Day was a success

at Monmouth University. It was not only a different approach to a typical history lesson, but was



significant in encouraging our generation to “stand up and be counted.”

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# Involvement Fair Last Wednesday

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was great, and if anyone is still interested it’s not too late to sign up!”

Most of the stands had sign-up sheets, tri-folds about what each club entails, and flyers and pamphlets in which students were more than welcome to take.

Tyler Havens, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life, said, “The planning of

the involvement fair is done by the students.

“Our office just coordinates with the organizations for the space. The organizations do a great job with their displays for the fair.

“We always have a great turn out during the fall involvement fair. It is the first opportunity of the year for students to see what our clubs and organizations have to offer.

“There is generally some-

thing for everyone at the fair. If you can’t find a club or organization that you are interested in, students can still walk away with some type of gift depending on what the Student Activities Board brings in. This year, their photo dog tags, I think were a hit.”

Senior Erin Gallagher said, “I sat at the Involvement Fair for two tables which were next to each other: the Community Service Club (CSC)

and The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). It was a great day!” Gallagher noted that CEC has been promoting the club in various ways, including putting flyers in professors’ mailboxes and handing out reminder cards for upcoming meetings.

She also said, “For the Community Service Club we had a great turnout and saw a huge interest from the freshman student body. We filled up four papers of sign up sheets,

and I really hope those students will join us in the CSC events coming up this semester.

“The Involvement Fair is definitely a great advertisement opportunity for all clubs and organizations on campus. I loved seeing so many students on campus at the same time who all had intentions of getting more out of their college experience. I have a feeling it will be a great year for all clubs and organizations!”

# Professor Michael Waters Gives Poetry Reading

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with either seven or thirteen syllables per line

This grouping of poems introduced an element absent from Water’s; foreign country settings influenced by travels. The poem Black Olives was set in Athens, Greece to name one. This theme of poems se abroad is apparent, still, in his most recent work.

His final selection of poems was comprised of pieces that he had been working on most recently.

The piece that evoked the most reaction from the audience was the poem Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, which was inspired by the painting John Beheaded by the artist Michelangelo Merisi in 1608.

Waters’ work had many di-

mensions to it. He incorporated his own experiences, literature such as the Scarlet Letter and Ethan Frome, and current events

heavier content of his poems by interjecting bits of humor, often using hand motions to accent the humor, much to the audi-

the beheading of a man paralleling the murders of Nick Berg and others during the current war in Iraq.

Some of the questions posed were concerned with the writer’s writing methods, research methods, and influences.



“His images were beautiful... there’s just no word for it. I also like that fact that he took the time to address the concerns of students.”

JENNIFER ERNST  
Senior

He described his current work trend to be to see how far he can push the envelope with his work before it becomes offensive.

After finishing reading his final piece, Water’s thank the crowd again for coming and opened the floor to the audience to ask questions.

Jennifer Ernst, a senior, said, “His images were beautiful... there’s just no word for it. I also like that fact that he took the time to address the concerns of students.”

After the reading, Water’s did a small book signing outside of the Auditorium.

to name a few. He balanced the somewhat audience’s pleasure. The poem vividly depicted





IN HOBOKEN RECIEVES POSITIVE REVIEWS

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The “Mile Square City” of Hoboken is home to a lot of things, including the birth place of Frank Sinatra and Maxwell’s, one of the best restaurants and small night clubs in New Jersey. It is also the setting of Christian Bauman’s newest novel, *In Hoboken*. Set in the early 90s, Bauman’s characters are a group who haven’t experienced the luxuries of a cell phone or the boom of retro fitted diners; instead they have roof top parties during the winter months. While some of the characters are stuck in dead end jobs like a file clerk in a mental health institute and a desk job at a record company in the World Trade Center, there is one thing that brings them together: their love of music. The story centers on a small group of friends who live in the city and write and perform folk music. At the center of it all is Thatcher Smith, the twenty-four year old recent army discharge and his friend James, a recent graduate from Rutgers who is already stuck in a dead end job. But these aren’t the only two characters in the story. This is where Bauman really knows how to tell a story. Other characters include Marsh, who is crippled from polio, but really knows a lot about the music industry. Lou, who is a singer seeking help from a shrink after her lover departed and Orris, the half mad/ half blind, day patient at the mental health institute where Thatcher works. Others include Quatrone, a single painter who lives with his mother and Bruno, who had an almost-fame moment while touring as an opening act in the 1980s. At times the novel is very co-

medic, exemplified by Orris calling a funeral a very disturbing thing, but at points very serious, including Thatcher spiraling downward at the end of the novel drinking away his sorrows after a rough break up. It also shows that Bauman likes his characters to have human characteristics. These cause you to read more just to find out what happens on the next page. Bauman also did the chapters a little different than most authors would do. At the start of the book you discover that the book is divided into parts and there are no numbered chapters. In a sense, there are really no chapters in the book, only sections. Each section of the book is titled by a one liner from the chapter, giving the reader a different feel and also makes reading the book go by a lot faster if you don’t have much time to read. Also in the book, Bauman really went in and did his research on the history of the city. While there is no real mention of the Chairman of the Board, he does touch on many other important historical facts that have happened in Hoboken. One of which is the fact that the first baseball game was played in Hoboken, but most people knew that. However not a lot of people know why the Pulaski Skyway was built or how it got its name for that matter. In general the book is a really great quick read, due to the fact that he book itself comes in under four hundred pages. While it seem confusing at times, due to the fact that Bauman felt the need to tell individual stories of the characters featured in the book, the novel is still something interesting if you know the city and the history behind it.

BURN AFTER READING COMES TO THE UNDERGROUND IN DECEMBER

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*Burn After Reading*, which is currently the #2 movie in the nation, is a smart and intriguing adult comedy. The movie is designed for those viewers who are looking for a laugh, but who are also looking to think and keep an active mind while being amused at the ridiculous situations the characters find themselves in. The movie stars many Hollywood favorites such as George Clooney, Frances McDormand, Brad Pitt, John Malkovich and Tilda Swinton. The film starts out slow, but gradually picks up speed. It is the type of comedy where even though you will not find yourself rolling around on the floor bellowing like a fool, you will certainly be pleased by the character’s insane and sometimes completely mindless antics. A lot of the comedic parts do not jump out at you; that is where the active mind of the audience members come into play. It is the mixture of dry humor and slapstick comedy that makes this movie unique. The movie begins with a CIA analyst who is being demoted. To spare himself of the humiliation, he quits his position. His wife is furious, and she begins divorce proceedings. (Malkovich and Swinton) The ex-CIA analyst begins writing his memoirs, and somehow they end up on a disk. We then move to two gym employees who are looking to increase their



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Brad Pitt plays a gym employee who believes he has discovered a disk full of CIA secrets.

personal revenue, because their jobs are going nowhere and their benefits are meek. (McDormand and Pitt) They come across the disk with the ex-CIA analyst’s memoirs, and they believe that they have sensitive information that is dire to the security and integrity of the CIA. They proceed to try to sell the information and blackmail the disk’s creator. Their plan to sell

and blackmail the disk’s contents to anyone desiring to get their hands on the information brings the audience through a very crazy and roundabout journey that ends up becoming a pure debacle. Meanwhile, all of the characters are cheating on one another, because the movie consists of two main married couples (Malkovich /Swinton, Clooney/Elizabeth Marvel). This leads to a web of twisted love that is somewhat confusing, since it is easy to lose track of who is with whom. As previously stated, it’s hard to keep plot lines straight because the audience has a lot of changes and twists thrown at them. However, a positive aspect of being kept on guard, the viewers pay closer attention to the plot which assists in spotting the subtle funny moments that are often missed. My favorite character in the film was Brad Pitt’s character because he is so gullible and easily persuaded by his partner in crime (McDormand), and the scenes that include his character are the best and the most ridiculous. The film ends just as it begins,



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The new film directed by the Coen Brothers features several top name actors such as George Clooney and Francis McDormand, both pictured above.

with the viewer scratching their head, and wondering if they missed something. I personally felt the film was purposely set-up to confuse the viewer through a maze of plot twists and turns, but the amusing characters and physical situations they got themselves into made up for that. *Burn After Reading* will be coming to Monmouth University in December as part of the Underground movie series. Be sure to check the Underground’s film listings for specific dates and times.

Travis Barker and DJ AM Survive Plane Crash

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Former Blink-182 drummer Travis Barker and celebrity disc jockey DJ AM (Adam Goldstein) were passengers in a plane crash this past Friday and are in critical condition. The Learjet crashed on take off at Columbia Metropolitan Airport in South Carolina. Federal officials said the plane was departing shortly before midnight when air traffic controllers reported seeing sparks. It is speculated that the crew thought a tire may have blown out and tried to abort the takeoff but could not stop the plane in time. The plane plunged off the end of the runway and came to rest a quarter-mile away on an bank across a five-lane highway, surrounded in flames. Pilot Sarah Lemmon, 31, and co-pilot James Bland, 52, died in the crash. Also killed were Chris Baker, 29, and Charles Still, 25. Baker was an assistant to Barker and Still was his security guard. An autopsy on Monday revealed that the pilot and co-pilot died from smoke inhalation and

burns, and the two passengers were killed by impact-related injuries. Barker and Goldstein both suffer from second and third degree burns and are expected to make a full recovery. According to a statement from the musicians’ families released by the hospital, Barker was burned on his torso and lower body and Goldstein was burned on an arm and a portion of his scalp. Injuries of such severity can take up to a year to heal. Investigations are underway to find out the cause of this disaster. Officials will be speaking with both Barker and Goldstein in the coming weeks to hear their accounts of the crash and how they were able to survive. The duo performed together under the name TRVSDJ-AM in a free concert Friday in Columbia, right outside the University of South Carolina. Other performers that night were Gavin Degraw and Perry Farrell of Jane’s Addiction. All together the concert brought in about 10,000 fans. Barker, who is now 32, is best known as the tattoo clad punk



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The duo are the only survivors from Friday’s tragic crash. rock drummer of Blink-182. Blink -182 was a multiplatinum band whose biggest album was back in 1999 with *Enema of the State*. After Blink-182 dismembered in 2005, Barker went on to work with other bands such as +44 and star in his own MTV reality show *Meet the Barkers*. The reality show followed Barker and his then wife, former Miss USA winner Shanna Moakler, and their rock star life. Also due out in a few short weeks is Guitar Hero: World Tour where players have the option of being an animated Barker. Barker’s character can be used for drums only after the player

has beaten the level of Blink-182’s song “Dammit.” The video game features the largest set list to appear in a music-based game with over 85 master tracks including Metallica, Bon Jovi, Nirvana, and Blondie. DJ AM, who is 35, is best known for his skills on the turn tables. AM has been in the public eye with his public engagement and breakup with socialite Nicole Richie. Before becoming a full-time disc jockey, DJ AM was a member of the one hit wonder group Crazytown. Crazytown was popular in the 90’s with their hit “Butterfly” on their platinum album *The Gift of the Game*. Since then, DJ AM has been in high demand within the music industry. He has been featured on albums with veterans such as Madonna, Will Smith, Papa Roach, Bubba Sparxx, and Babyface. DJ AM is currently signed with Interscope Records. Be on the lookout for more insight on the crash and recovery of Barker and DJ AM as the investigation gets underway.



# DISNEY'S *MULAN* ON THE GREAT LAWN

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Hosted this Saturday on the Great Lawn at 8 p.m. was Disney's *Mulan*. The outdoor movie proved to be a great way to bundle up, bring a blanket, and cuddle with friends.

It was a beautiful night under the stars that got even better when both popcorn and candy were supplied. Not to mention, there is nothing like returning to your childhood with a classic Disney film like *Mulan*.

*Mulan* tells the story of a hopeless young girl who defies odds and risks her life to save her country and her family's honor.

Mulan is the free spirited daughter of the Fa family who is unable to impress the matchmaker and brings shame upon her family. When her father is called into war, Mulan decides to secretly take his place in order to bring honor back to the Fa family name.

In the middle of the night Mulan steals her father's armor, chops off her hair, and runs away to take her father's place in the army.

Before Mulan goes she looks to her ancestors for guidance. While praying, her ancestors awake and decide to send a guardian to protect her from harms way.

The helpful yet disastrous

Mushu is voiced by Eddie Murphy and brings pure comic relief to the film.

Mushu is a small red dragon whose sidekick is a lucky cricket supplied by Mulan's grandmother. Mulan, Mushu, and the cricket find their way to the training camp

of the Chinese army where she begins her transformation into a soldier.

Mulan, disguised as a man, calls herself Ming. Starting camp off as an inexperienced klutz, she becomes the best trained of them all, impressing General Li. When

called to battle, Mulan steps up with a master plan to defeat the Hun. She risks her life, her disguise, and her honor to help save China.

Disney personifies strength in women with Mulan. She is a powerful character who shows that women can be just as strong as men, in battle and in honor. Mulan outsmarts the men and even saves the life of General Li. Saving his life leads to the uncovering of her disguise, but that doesn't stop her.

Mulan goes on to save the Emperor and China, not as a soldier or a man but as herself, a strong and empowered woman. Mulan has taught young girls how to stand up for themselves and their family, to not be afraid, and that in the end the only way to win is to be yourself.

*Mulan* is an exciting and enchanting film with memorable characters and catchy songs such as "I'll Make a Man out of You" and "A Girl Worth Fighting For." A great family film that teaches young girls a valuable lesson; be yourself, be strong and honor is yours.

Under the stars, with friends and popcorn was a great way to start off the Saturday. An outdoor movie proved to be a lot of fun, and I hope to see you all at the next one!



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Mulan goes to war disguised as a man in the Chinese army.

## BEHIND THE SCENES WITH ARTICLE A

*An Inside Look at the band from their fans' point of views*

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ENTERTAINMENT/ STUDY ABROAD  
EDITOR

Imagine yourself having the opportunity to not only meet one of your favorite bands, but also spend an evening watching them perform an acoustic concert just for you! But wait, it doesn't end there. You then have the chance to sit down with them and ask questions for an audio blog to be placed on the band's MySpace page for everyone to hear. Sounds too good to be true you say? Well think again.

Fans of all ages have had the chance to enter and win an acoustic contest set up by New Jersey based band Article A.

The group consists of four members who are all about spending time with others who enjoy their music. Christian LaGrotteria (vocals), Joe Haight (bassist), Gary Kramer (guitar), and Evan Gallipoli (drummer) were seen performing live at Monmouth University last semester on Hawk TV's original show M Squared Live.

This past summer the group spent time traveling across the United States to perform shows, even visiting as far as Alaska in early August.

Since the beginning of September, Article A has been running an acoustic contest, mainly through MySpace, which allows fans to enter to win a chance to not only choose a song off of their debut album *Stay Now* to be recorded acoustically, but also come and hang out with the guys from AA.

In order to qualify, fans had to change their default MySpace profile picture to AA's album cover, add one of their songs or audio blogs into their profile, and lastly add the band as one of their top friends.

Because the band is recently doing more local shows, Christian shared the reason for creating the acoustic

contest, "We were thinking about contests to run, because we wanted to do something special and keep kids involved in us. We did a lot through MySpace, we put out some rules of the contests and it basically created itself."

Four winners were chosen randomly to come out once a week throughout September. I managed to catch up with the winner of week three Sarah Veasey, a fifteen year old AA fan from Mt. Laurel, NJ, and her friend and fellow AA fan Lena Ficchi.



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The members of Article A (left to right) Evan Gallipoli, Joe Haight, Christian LaGrotteria, and Gary Kramer take time to record an audio blog with the third winner of their acoustic contest, Sarah (far) and fellow Article A fan Lena (in black).

Sarah divulged that the moment she found out she had won the contest, only bats could hear her scream because she was so excited.

The girls first heard of the band through Lena, and then met them when they performed at Six Flags. The night started out with hugs all around and the sharing of stories which consisted of topics ranging from sneaking backstage to meet some of their favorite artists to funny high school memories.

The girls were then seated front row center for their own intimate acoustic show, in which they were able to choose which songs were to be played.

During this time, Article A managed to work their melodic magic and had Lena singing along with them, while Sarah listened intently tapping her foot to the beat.

Even Sarah's father, who had taken the 2 hour trip with his daughter and her friend, was caught bopping his head along with the music.

Being the third winner of the contest, Sarah was able to pick the third song to be recorded acoustically, which is "Find A Way," one of the slower tracks off of *Stay Now*. The previous win-

vorite, because he claims "it's the most fun to do." The blog gives contest winners a chance to ask the members of Article A questions, as well as allows the band to bond with their fans.

For Sarah and Lena, the evening seemed to breeze by all too quickly, which is apparent when Lena exclaimed "I don't want it to end." Sarah was pleased by the experience, "It was great, it's different because you really get a chance to hang out with them."

The members of Article A agreed, "It's always good to have kids come in and have questions to ask, tonight was a good one" stated Gary. Evan added, "it was super duper awesome."

But nothing sums up the experience better than a statement from Article A's lead singer Christian who claimed "The kids that win are super excited to come and it makes you feel great when fans come out and they're excited for all the work that you've put in for so long."

For many fans new and old who get the chance to see a live performance by Article A, they are privy to the band's dedication to their craft, which is apparent in their music and as well as in the lengths they take to spend time with all those who come out to support them.

Currently that fan support is becoming a huge asset since Article A is involved in a contest run by MTV2 and Time Warner Cable, where if they receive enough votes, they could go on to battle against four other bands at Webster Hall to win a chance at performing live for the Rock Band Live Tour in November, featuring Panic At The Disco, Dashboard Confessional and more.

But until those results are posted, be sure to catch Article A playing at the park pavillion in Hampton, NJ this saturday or check them out online at [www.myspace.com/articlea](http://www.myspace.com/articlea).

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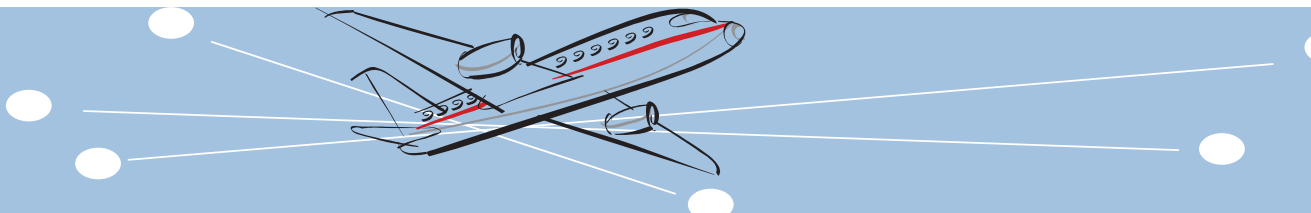
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**Joey**  
freshman  
"Events on campus"



**Greg**  
sophomore  
"The Politics Editorials"



**Tori**  
senior  
"The Opinion page"



**Octavia**  
sophomore  
"I look at the activities and the athletics the most."



**Julia**  
freshman  
"I enjoy the current events, on the front page"



**James**  
freshman  
"I read the sports section"



**Seth**  
senior  
"I like the OpEd section, and I enjoy political articles"



**Justin**  
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"Important, upcoming events"



**Emily**  
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**Goerge**  
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Orientation to Cardio Equipment and Conditioning • 5:00 PM • Fitness Center  
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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**  
Men's Golf • 1:30 PM  
Men's Soccer vs. Princeton • 3:00 PM • Great Lawn  
Book Club Introduction • 7:30 PM • Catholic Center  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
Rock 'n Register • 2:00 PM • Shadow Lawn  
Student Club Rosters Due • 4:00 PM • Office of Student Activities  
Lava Party • 7:00 PM • Anacon Hall  
Ice Hawks vs. Penn State Berks • 8:00 PM • Wall Sports Arena  
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Men's Soccer vs. La Salle • 2:00 PM • Great Lawn  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**  
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**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**  
Muscular Strength and Muscular Endurance Testing • 1:00 PM • Fitness Center  
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# Horoscopes

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- ♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - This week is an 8

Loving life lately? Don't be afraid to step up to the plate and bring some friends into the game with you. Positivity is a great asset so be sure to encourage those around you.
- ♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - This week is a 7

This is a weekend to be with the people you care about. You love these people for a reason; take some time to listen to what they have to say and take it to heart.
- ♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - This week is a 6

Speaking your mind comes easy to you but listen for a change as well. A battle of wits may ensue but it can be fun to fight. Be careful not to take things too seriously though or you may get yourself into more trouble than you bargained for.
- ♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - This week is an 8

As the Byrds sing, "To everything, turn turn turn, there is a season, turn turn turn, and a time for every purpose under heaven," make sure the tasks you take on have a reason because there are certain things that their seasons have come. There are many issues arising but you must select the most important ones to deal with. Look deeper than face value this week.
- ♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - This week is a 10

Can you do anything wrong? This weekend you are flying high and taking everyone you come in contact with for a ride in the stars but that can be exhausting. Make sure you take a little time for yourself too or you, and those stars, will burn out.
- ♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - This week is a 9

Plans and structure is all you ask for on a daily basis. Unfortunately things do not seem to want to go according to plan this week. This weekend, however, it's your time to shine. What you say goes and that is enough to make any virgo happy.
- ♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - This week is a 6

Life doesn't seem to want to take it easy on you right now. This week is up down and all around. As long as you pay attention, things will start making sense.
- ♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - This week is a 6

You didn't get the memo this week, or maybe you did but you somehow misplaced it. Either way, you cannot seem to figure out what in the world you were supposed to do. You thought you had it right but apparently not. This weekend makes a bit more sense then the rest of the week as long as you take an extra second to double check your facts.
- ♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) - This week is a 9

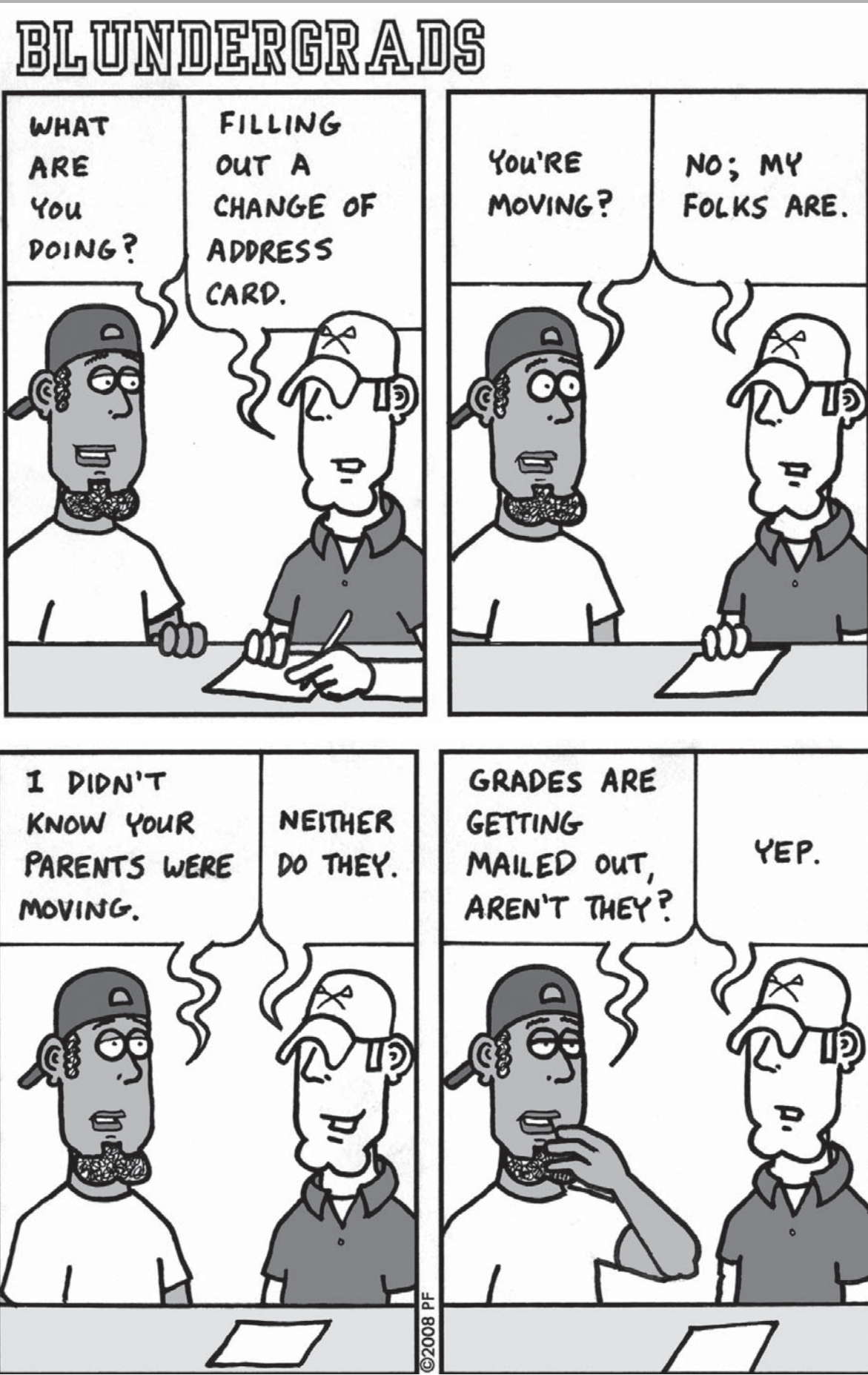
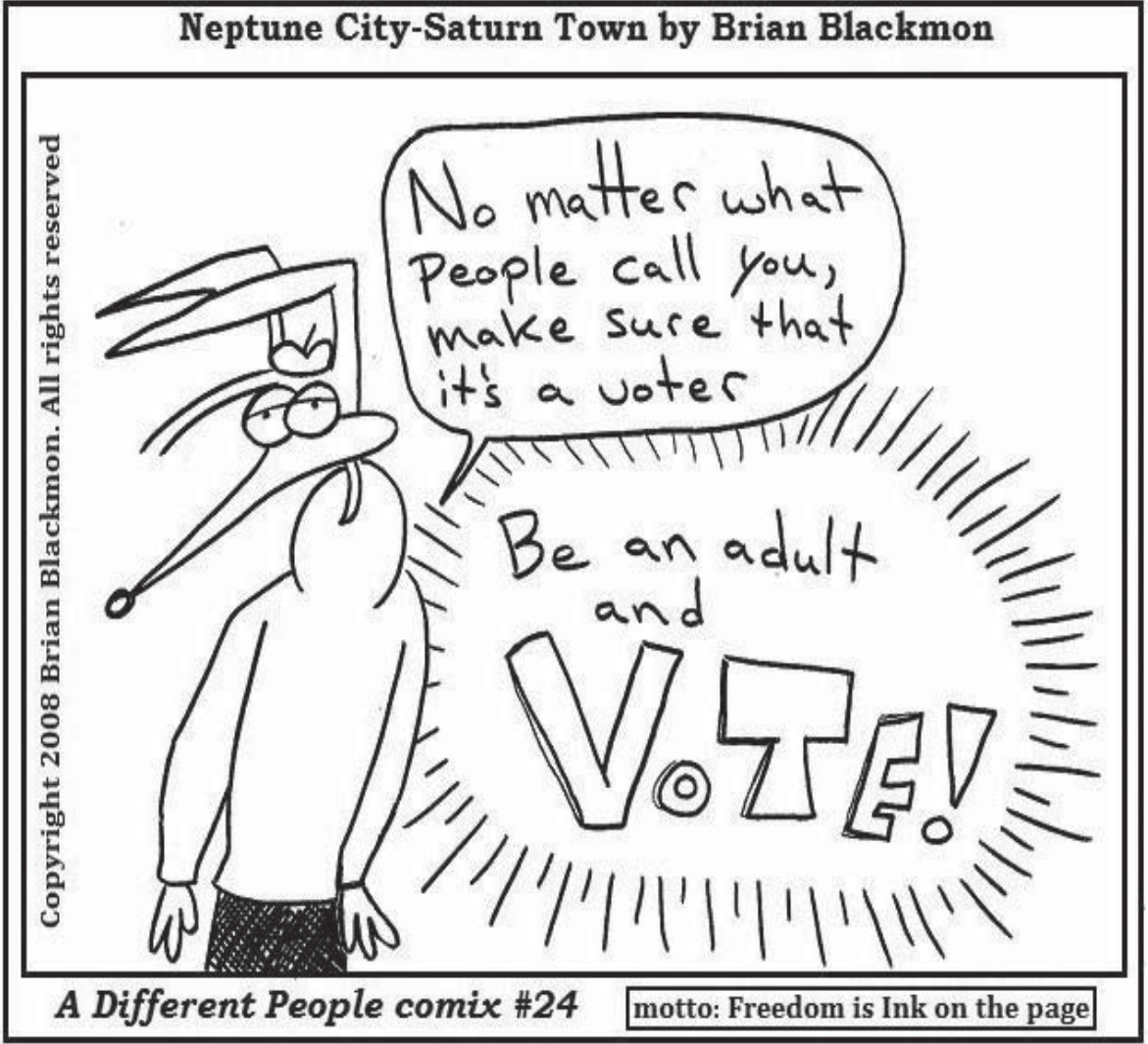
Procrastination never got anyone anywhere so if there's something you've got to do, just do it! You're on a roll this week and in order to roll right on through the weekend you have to make sure all the little things are done. Don't waste another minute!
- ♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - This week is a 6

You have to draw the line somewhere. This week you may feel like someone is taking advantage of you. Do not be afraid to stand up for yourself! It's your life so take control of it.
- ♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is a 5

Being a college student, you have plenty to deal with but that isn't stopping the rest of the universe from throwing more on the pile. You can make it through this, just take a deep breath and dive in. Start small and the big things will fall into place.
- ♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) This week is a 9

Feeling like everyone around you is stressing out over classes, relationships, and life? You know better. Grab some friends and live life this weekend. You seem to be the only person having fun. Give your friends a hand and show them how life is meant to be lived.

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## Getting involved; A key part of the college experience

**Editorial** continued from pg. 6

These are great ways to meet other people who share your interests.

I remember a professor of mine once told me about going to see a visiting writer when he was in school. Back then the writer

Jumping back to the Involvement Fair for just a second, I'd like to say how impressed I was at how many interest forms were filled out, especially by the freshman. We had so many people fill out forms that we ran out, quickly I might add. While I know that not every single person who filled out an inter-

### These four years go by too quickly and when they are gone, you can't get them back. Don't waste them doing nothing.

was pretty well-known. Today, that writer, Truman Capote, is a literary legend. One day, you could be telling your friends, children, or even students about how you saw or even met one of the greatest writers or speaker of the this generation.

est form will come out and work on our staff, a handful of them may, and they will happy they did, I am sure.

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# THE END ZONE

## Hawks Defeat Bryant for First Win of Season

ANDREW SCHETTER  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

David Sinisi left Saturday's game with the title all time leading scorer as well as winner, as the Hawks went on the road and defeated Bryant College 30-17. Bryant College who will join the NEC in future seasons was outmatched by a powerful rushing attack by the blue and white who accumulated 218 rushing yards over the course of the game. Sinisi to his credit had 171 of those yards, and two touchdowns which put him passed former Hawk, Dallas Cowboys wide out Miles Austin with 222 points.

Quarterback Brett Burke had a steady day behind center as he managed the game throughout and showed an accurate arm completing 13 of his 15 passing attempts for 150 yards and a touchdown.

The game started with the latest trend in football as Bryant won the coin toss and decided to defer to the Hawks who elected to receive. After Monmouth had a nice return by Michael Avent negated by a holding penalty, they started their first drive at their own 18 yard line. To start the drive the Hawks had a false start and despite gaining 13 yards in their first three plays were forced to punt.

The blue and whites defense forced a three and out to start their day and the game looked like it would be a battle of field position. However, the Bryant punt only went 33 yards and was downed at the Monmouth 32 yard line. The Hawks then came out with one of their biggest play of the day as Burke took the snap and threw a bomb for a 59 yard completion to Steve Dowens. This gave the of-

fense a first and goal from the 9 yard line. After two Sinisi rushes resulted in only 3 yards, Burke struck again as he connected on a touchdown pass to John Nalbhone. After the Weingart extra point the Hawks had the early 7-0 lead with 8:59 to go in the first quarter.

On the next drive Quarterback Jay Graber gave the home crowd something to cheer about as the

On the next possession the blue and white came away with 3 points but arguably more importantly they ate up six minutes and forty seven seconds of clock giving the Hawks defense time to rest after a grueling Bryant drive. The balanced attack of Burkes arm and Sinisi's legs kept the ball rolling down the field for the offense. As they attempted 8 passes coupled

team possession on their own 32 yard line. The offense turned a turnover into points 6 plays later on Bobby Giles 3 yard touchdown run. This gave the Hawks a 17-7 lead with 1:43 left to play in the first half. The Bulldogs tried to score quickly but came up short as the Monmouth defense allowed only 28 yards before time ran out on the half.

Graber came out firing to start the second half and led a 55 yard drive for the Bulldogs. The blue and white defense bent but refused to break as they stalled the attack once the offense reached the red zone. Chris Bird the Bulldog kicker was forced to attempt a 35 yard field goal which he booted short and gave Monmouth back the ball on the team's 20 yard line. On the very next play Sinisi rushed for 8 yards before being stripped of the football and giving the ball right back to the frustrated Bulldog offense. Bryant was determined to take advantage of this opportunity as they decided to go for it on 4th and one from the Monmouth 19 yard line. They converted but shortly after were once again forced into a 4th down scenario. This time the Bryant offense had a 4th and goal from the 3 yard line. Now that they were within chip

The offense sputtered and were forced to punt on the next possession but the Hawks, defense stiffened and forced a Bryant 3 and out. The blue and white started their next drive at the Bulldogs 48 yard line. From here on out it was time for the running game to step up and finish this game off for Monmouth. David Sinisi answered the call in a big way as he rushed for 34 of the 48 yards gained by Monmouth including the touchdown run. The extra point attempt failed after a botched hold but they still had a 13 point cushion with 13:05 to play in regulation. The Bulldogs refused to go quietly in front of their home crowd and traveled 54 yards to the Monmouth 8 yard line. This set the scene for a fourth and goal that would seal the game for Monmouth. Jay Graber stepped back and fired into the end zone where T.J. Cerezo stepped in front of the pass and promptly got down forcing a touchback and giving the Hawks the ball at the 20 yard line.

The offense came on the field hoping to gather first downs and run out the clock through their running game. David Sinisi had other plans as he broke a 70 yard touchdown run to put his team in the driver's seat 30-10. The drive only took a minute and thirty one seconds but with just over seven minutes to play in the game the Monmouth victory was secure.

The Bulldogs did score another touchdown in this game but the Monmouth defense had gone into a softer shell as the clock became their best friend. Next week the team looks to win back to back road games as they head to Robert Morris to begin Northeast Conference play.



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Kevin Walsh forces a Bryant turnover with his pressure on quarterback Jay Graber.

Bulldogs converted all three of their third downs during their first touchdown drive. Graber completed 6 of his 7 pass attempts during the aerial assault and through their potent attack Bryant was able to travel 81 yards down the field to pay dirt. This brought the game to a 7-7 tie and the Hawks had another close one on their hands.

with 5 Sinisi rushes for a total of 66 yards.

Time and time again football has shown that if you can get a pass rush good things can happen for your defense. Team captain, defensive tackle Kevin Walsh forced an errant throw by Jay Graber that was picked off by cornerback Kenny Amsel giving his

shot distance for Bird they decided to settle for 3 and make it a 17-10 Hawk advantage and a one possession game. The Bird attempt was successful and it was gut check time for this Monmouth football team as they tried to put more distance between them and their opponent as the blue and white were determined to get their first win.

## Outlook's Weekly NFL Picks - Week 3

	Away		Arizona Cardinals	San Francisco 49ers	Philadelphia Eagles	San Diego Chargers	Denver Broncos	Buffalo Bills	Washington Redskins	Green Bay Packers
	Home		New York Jets	New Orleans Saints	Chicago Bears	Oakland Raiders	Kansas City Chiefs	St. Louis Rams	Dallas Cowboys	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Eric (6-2 Last Wk) (11-5 Overall)										
Andrew (4-4 Last Wk) (10-6 Overall)										
Lisa (5-3 Last Wk) (10-6 Overall)										
Brian (5-3 Last Wk) (11-5 Overall)										
Frank and Meg (3-5 Last Wk) (7-9 Overall)										



Soccer

Men’s Soccer Posts Third Straight Shutout Against Delaware

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For the third time in just three games, the Monmouth men’s soccer team tallied a defensive shutout. After holding Big East power Syracuse to a 0-0 draw, followed by a 2-0 blanking of Rider, the Hawks traveled to Delaware looking to win its third straight and its fourth game of the year.

On Wednesday, September 17, the Blue and White took on the Blue Hens of Delaware, coming away with a convincing 2-0 victory. Monmouth strikers Chase Barbieri and Ryan Kinne tallied a goal apiece in the second half to lift the Hawks over the Blue Hens. MU keeper Bryan Meredith had another phenomenal game to preserve the shutout.

“The soccer gods must have been smiling on us tonight because Delaware controlled the lion’s share of the game’s possession, but I have to give credit to our back four because they played well for us,” said head coach Robert McCourt. “It’s a sign of a good

to win even when dealing with adversity.”

The Hawks and Blue Hens played to a scoreless first half, with Delaware firing 10 shots compared to eight for MU. Monmouth’s best scoring chance in the match’s first 45 minutes came when Barbieri fired a spectacular long distance shot that was saved in the upper 90 by Delaware keeper Conrad Rusnak, keeping the matchscoreless around the 30-minute mark.

Less than four minutes into the second half, Monmouth struck for the match’s first goal when freshman RJ Allen tallied his first collegiate point when he played a ball to Barbieri, who scored from inside the six to give the Hawks a 1-0 lead. The goal was



Chase Barbieri scored the first goal of the game against Delaware to tally his team-leading fourth goal of the season.

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team to find ways to win even when it wasn’t one of our best performances; good teams find ways

Barbieri’s team-leading fourth of the early season.

The game remained 1-0 until the 87th minute, when Barbieri found Kinne who beat the Blue Hen keeper to the far left post with a shot from inside the 18 to give MU the 2-0 final decision.

“Chase and Ryan continue to be in really good form this season,” added McCourt. “Delaware played very well, but back four were solid again and we were able to catch them on the break twice.”

The Hawk defense was at its best once again, as the back four of junior Daniel Bostock and senior Angelo Amato, along with freshman Christian Noqueira and Allen aided Meredith in his third consecutive shutout of the young season. Coming into the match Meredith was ranked 20th in the nation in goals against average, permitting just .471 goals per contest. He is one of just seven underclassmen in the top-20 GAA rankings in the country.

Even though the Blue and White outscored the opposing team, they were out shot in the game 15-13. Delaware also held a 6-5 advantage on corner kicks.

MU will look to improve their already impressive record of 4-1-1 and their top 35 NSCAA/adidas national ranking when they host in-state rival Princeton on Thursday, September 25, at 3:00 p.m.

Men’s Soccer  
Upcoming  
Schedule

9/25  
Princeton  
3:00

9/28  
La Salle  
2:00

10/1  
Columbia  
3:00

10/5  
St. Peter’s  
2:00

A Word on Sports  
Fantasy Football Frenzy

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Around the nation football fans are engulfed in an online phenomenon known simply as fantasy football. From the first snap in training camp, to the final whistle of the regular season, fans watch players and analyze statistics more intently than ever before.

But before we get into how insanely popular fantasy football has become around the world, we must first speak of its origins. It all began in 1962 with an idea from Bill Winkenbach, a limited partner in the Oakland Raiders NFL football team, with assistance from Bill Tunnel, the Raiders’ public relations man, Scotty Stirling, the beat writer from the Oakland Tribune, and George Ross, the Tribune’s sports editor, as well as Philip Carmona, a close friend of Winkenbach.

During a three-week trip to the east coast, these five men composed an idea to start the first fantasy football league. When the Raiders returned from the trip, the men formed the GOPPPL, a.k.a. the Greater Oakland Professional Pigskin Prognosticators League. And so, fantasy football was born.

With the rise in popularity of computers and the Internet in the late 1990s, fantasy football grew to what it has become today: an all out frenzy.

There are many integral parts in the creation of a fantasy football league. It all begins with the creator of the league, also known as “the commissioner”. This person invites others to join his created league. He, or she (fantasy football is not in any way gender biased) decides the method of scoring, and a multitude of settings that accompany the creation of a fantasy football league.

The next members on the totem

pole are those which the commissioner invites. These members are referred to as “owners”. The owners of fantasy football teams select a time, and virtually draft the real life NFL players for their own squads. Some owners can’t help but choose a few players from their favorite teams, while others approach the draft with no favorites and a no-mercy mentality.

In the case of recreational leagues, the competitive edge is present, yet the tension between owners is little. As the stakes are raised, money is brought into the equation. The cost to buy a draft spot in a fantasy football league can range from five dollars per team, to such an exorbitant price that husbands around the world keep it a secret from their significant other.

The bold statement then surfaces in female gossip circles in every hair salon in the U.S., “guys are obsessed with fantasy football!!!” We think we speak for a strong portion of fantasy football participants when we say... You are absolutely correct!

Guys are completely obsessed with the thrill of watching every inch of an 80 yard drive, hanging on every pass completed and interception thrown. We thoroughly love investing our time, trust and in many cases, money in a single player, then cutting him week three because he dropped a surefire wide open touchdown.

Quite frankly we don’t care what anyone else thinks. If a penny is put in the pot for the victor at the end of the fantasy season, or a good friend just happens to be making the moves for an opposing team, the gloves come off in a hurry.

Guys enjoy being part of the game, and are excited to watch every down of a game that means nothing, simply because he needs twelve points from his defense so he can talk trash to his friend the next day.

This obsession with fantasy football has had a great effect on spectatorship, with 55 percent of fantasy sports players admit to watching more sports on television since they

started playing fantasy sports. Fantasy sports fans also watch more game telecasts, buy more tickets, and spend more money at stadiums than general sports fans.

As the NFL and other leagues view these trends, they have started investing more money into areas that will assist fantasy sports fanatics. Just recently in 2006, the NFL signed a five-year, \$600 million deal with Sprint mobile, due at least in part to allow fantasy sports players to draft and view their teams and statistics on their cellular phones.

While many view the fantasy football explosion as a positive, there are some critics who have come to ridicule the effects of the fantasy leagues. Retired NFL players such as former Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer and former Giants running back Tiki Barber say fantasy football has ruined the game.

On the other hand, there are many current NFL players who participate in and are in favor of fantasy leagues such as Washington Redskins tight end Chris Cooley, who admits to playing in four separate fantasy football leagues.

However you may feel about the effect of fantasy football on the actual sport, there is no denying that the fantasy game has increased the popularity of the NFL and its players. Fantasy football has allowed fans to feel like their favorite GMs and head coaches, managing their own stable of superstars, as they become completely engrossed in the teams they draft from and the athletes they collect on their respective teams.

While both of us have entered into a fantasy football league this season, only one of us can win it and bring home the cash prize. So if you aren’t already involved in fantasy sports, go out and enter into a league or two. Oh, and for those of you who are already in a fantasy football league, don’t forget to activate your players for this upcoming week.

Women’s Soccer  
Clutch in Overtime

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Over the weekend the women survived two nail biters while beating Lehigh 1-0 on Friday and 2-1 against LaSalle on Sunday.

In a matchup between the Lehigh Mountain Hawks and the Monmouth Hawks, MU proved to be superior over the Lehigh women. It is very important for the women to win in such close games especially if they plan on

third shutout for the season while the defense did a tremendous job only allowing three shots on goal. Besides a 3-0 loss to Dartmouth the women haven’t let up more than one goal in the short season thus far. The women have been excellent on the road so far winning three games and only losing one, while winning all three games of the season at home. In consecutive games the Monmouth women reached overtime, and fortunately won both of the meetings.

The women were tested by LaSalle in a game that resulted in a win for the Blue and White by a score of 2-1. The first goal of the game came off a free kick scored by junior defender Shannon Rogers, which was her first of the season. The hero of the game was senior forward Illiana Blackshear who netted a goal in overtime to seal the win for the Hawks.

With 3:59 passed in the overtime senior defender Jaclyn Pember passed Blackshear the ball in the box which was shot passed the opposing goalkeeper to give the hawks their sixth win of the season. On a side note, Fierro the Monmouth sophomore goalkeeper, recorded her sixth win of the season.

The women have two games upcoming, on Tuesday September 23rd against Seton Hall and on Sunday September 28th against Saint Peter’s on The Great lawn. The women have been rolling along, going 6-1 on the season. With a target on their back as the returning conference champs the team hasn’t shown any signs of slowing down.



Joanna DeMoor scored her third game-winning goal of the season against Lehigh.

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being competitive against conference teams. The lone goal in the game came six minutes in from the opening whistle from senior midfielder Joanna DeMoor with an assist from junior midfielder BrieAnne Nomejko. DeMoor’s goal in overtime is her fourth of the season and there will be many more to come from DeMoor.

A reoccurring theme for the hawks has been a superior defense. For one thing, sophomore goalkeeper Lia Fierro recorded her





# THE GREAT WALL



The men's soccer team, with the help of sophomore goal keeper Bryan Meredith, has not allowed a goal in three consecutive games.

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