



Kandel, “Big Joe” Henry Honored at Third MACE Ceremony

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

Founding *CNN* Financial Editor, Myron Kandel, was honored with the 2007 Monmouth Award for Communication Excellence (MACE) at a luncheon on Thursday, September 20 in Wilson Hall.

Prior to the award presentation, a panel discussion entitled “Following the Money: The Media & The Financial World” educated audience members about how business and journalism go hand-in-hand. The symposium, held in Pollak Theatre, was opened by President Paul Gaffney, II and Dr. Don Swanson, chair of the Communication Department.

The panel discussion was taped by *C-SPAN*.

“It’s not something we actively sought,” said Dr. Swanson. “We were surprised. It’s terrific for Monmouth University because people all over the world will see it.”

Dr. Swanson added that they were contacted by *C-SPAN* to tape the panel after they received a news release concerning the event.

Two of the panelists, Ara Hovnanian, president & CEO of Hovnanian Enterprises and Andrew Serwer, editor of *Fortune Magazine* & *CNN* financial commentator, spoke before the discussion began. Involved with the housing market himself, Hovnanian spoke briefly of how the lack of balance in financial journalism does not give the long term perspective of the housing

market. Serwer commented on the dynamic relationship of the media and the business and said, “Media business has never been more democratic than right now.”

David Wilson of the *Bloomberg News* was the moderator of the panel. The panelists included Myron Kandel; Andrew Serwer; Anne Thompson, chief correspondent of *NBC News*; David Kansas of the *Wall Street Journal*; George Kolber, chairman and CEO of Body Shop of America and Ara Hovnanian. The panel was divided into two parts. The first half of the panel explored how journalists cover issues regarding corporate America. Some major points brought up during that portion included the media’s impact on business, balance in business reporting, and the relationship between the financial world and the media.

The second half was geared towards the media’s place in the financial world. The major issue discussed during this segment was media consolidation, which posed a small discussion on the Dow Jones and Murdoch deal.

“It was a really interesting panel discussion and we had a good moderator, said Kandel. “Dave Wilson is terrific and he was able to get the panelists really involved and so it was a lot of cross-discussion and that makes for a good panel.

Kandel said he was honored to have received the 2007 MACE. “It’s a great honor to get the award.



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(from left to right) Jim Hickey, Myron Kandel, George Kolber, Andrew Serwer, Ara Hovnanian, Dave Kansas and Anne Thompson at the panel discussion for the MACE Symposium on Thursday, September 20 in Pollak Theatre.

It’s my first visit to the campus and I’m really impressed by how beautiful it is.” He added that he was impressed with how attentive the audience was and the questions that were asked during that portion of the discussion.

Wilson said that the variety of people in the panel offered many perspectives throughout the discussion. “There was an interesting blend with people in the media and people who are in essence subjects of the media-the business world,” said Wilson. “And having that kind of perspective brought together does not happen every day.”

Wilson said that he was pleased with Kandel being recognized this year for the MACE. “It is clear that he deserves the recognition. He has had a career that in large measure made people like me have a career,” he said. “I’m grateful for that and I’m grateful that he made the time

to come to Monmouth and get the award.”

Jim Hickey, of *ABC News* and chair of the Communication Council, said that a major topic that was discussed during the panel was the responsibilities and goals of journalists as well as businesses and their relationship. “Sometimes they clash and I think there was a lot of good discussion of how journalists cover the news they do from a financial basis and how a business has to operate; sometimes the two misunderstand each other,” he said. He added that this panel discussion was an opportunity for Monmouth students to hear top journalists in the field.

Dr. Don Swanson, chair of the Communication Department, added that the success of the symposium came from the large turn-out and the support from the community. “It was very successful because we

had such a sizeable audience for our symposium. We had a lot of good support from various people in the community, sponsorships came to show their support for the Department of Communication,” he said.

Dr. Swanson said that the panel discussion overall surpassed his expectations. “It exceeded my expectations in that the group had a really terrific kind of climate they developed quickly and they were willing to give each other a hard time about some things, raise some of the tough questions,” he said.

A new addition to the MACE presentation this year was the Regional MACE Award. The first recipient was local broadcaster from New Jersey 101.5 “Big Joe” Henry. “It is really an honor. It is so great to be the first regional recipient and to

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Scores Jump on National Assessment Test

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Monmouth University is in the top 10% of schools for developing student’s thinking skills on a nationally recognized assessment test called the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA).

Out of the 115 schools, Monmouth’s scores in the difference between freshman and seniors were the highest. “We want to see to what extent are students

learning,” said Provost Thomas Pearson. “Are we, as a university, contributing to the value of their education?”

According to Professor David Strohmets, the Associate Vice President of Academic and Institutional Assessment, the CLA is a “holistic assessment of common skills such as critical thinking, analytic reasoning, written communication, and problem solving.” Not only does the CLA measure value-added, it mea-

sures the university as a whole, entirely.

“I’m very proud. Obviously when we did this, we did not know what the results would be,” Pearson says. “The results that came back were fantastic. They were absolutely beyond our wildest expectations.”

President Paul Gaffney echoes Pearson’s remarks. “I’m so proud of us that I was at a funeral for a former chairman of the board, and I talked about how good we

were to the audience. I’m happy to celebrate this moment.”

Out of the schools that participated in the CLA, some are the best-known liberal arts schools such as Arizona State University and Ursinus College. “You can relate how good you are to people outside the university,” said President Gaffney. “The name of an institution doesn’t always provide a quality education,” Strohmets added. The CLA scores themselves “represent the

average score for all students that completed a CLA task and who have an SAT score or ACT score converted to the SAT,” said Professor Strohmets.

The 74 freshmen that were sampled had a score of 1061 out of the expected score of 1100. For the 68 seniors sampled, they scored a 1284 out of an expected score of 1172, making the score

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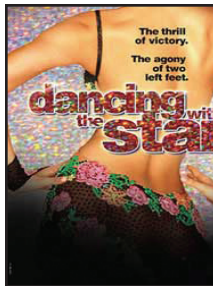
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Seth Meyers Gets Crowd Laughing at Performance



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Seth Meyers from *Saturday Night Live* entertains students in Pollak Theatre on Friday, September 21.

ERIN STATTEL
STAFF WRITER

Critically acclaimed *Saturday Night Live* performer and head writer for the show, Seth Meyers, performed his stand-up comedic routine for Monmouth University students in Pollak Theatre this past Friday, September 21, 2007. The show was the Student Activities Board’s major event for the fall semester.

“I think it is great students can host shows of this kind of talent here at Monmouth,” said Michael Patterson, Associate Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations. “It works out really well for students at Monmouth since we are so close

“The show was better than I expected and I would definitely go see him again.”

MICHELLE COX
MU Student

to New York City, we can pull talent from such a large pool.”

“I was so excited that Seth Meyers was coming to Monmouth,” said Diana Kiselyuk, 19, an international business major and S.A.B. comedy chairperson. “It is unimaginable that a TV personality like him would come to our school.”

When asked why he decided to come to Monmouth, Meyers laughed and replied, “I am always trying to further my education.”

Meyers is making the rounds at college campuses in the Tri-State area before shooting the live season premiere of *SNL*. The comedian said he is most excited for upcoming host and basketball star LeBron James and music talent

Kanye West.

Eric Hutchinson, a musician with a well-developed sense of humor, opened for Meyers with his acoustic sounds from his album *Sounds Like This* and a mocking critique of the relevance of Justin Timberlake songs.

“He was pretty good,” admitted Vince DeTommaso, a biology major. ‘Pretty good’ is exactly how Hutchinson describes himself and even joked about it during his time on stage, showing the audience a T-shirt with the slogan ‘Eric Hutchinson is Pretty Good’.

Shortly after about an hour of listening to Hutchinson’s John Mayer-esque sound and humorous and shameless self-promotion, the audience was treated to Meyers’s comical laments of the uselessness of futons after college, the irony of the prison population producing New Hampshire’s “Live Free or Die” slogan on their license plates, and how dangerous it is to bid on eBay while intoxicated.

The “Weekend Update” co-host even poked fun at the Ashlee Simpson lip-synching debacle on *Saturday Night Live* and gave the audience a smattering of jokes that were too racy to air on the live comedy sketch show. Jokes spanned the topics of popular culture and political figures caught in compromising positions.

“It was awesome,” praised Michelle Cox, 18, a psychology major. “The show was better than I expected and I would definitely go see him again.”

According to Meyers, he has been busy writing screenplays and putting the final touches on his impersonation of United States Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE). As for some of the other political impersonations he likes cast mate Jason Sedeikis’s portrayal of former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

“It’s amazing to get to be on a show that I grew up watching,” Meyers said of his home on *SNL*. “It’s the perfect place for a procrastinator since its shot at the end of the week.”

Funds Will Create Monmouth Dialogue Project for Arab-Jewish Understanding

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Recently, Monmouth University has received a grant from the Peace Development Fund to form a new group at our school called the Monmouth Dialogue Project. Associate Vice President for Academic Program Initiatives, Dr. Saliba Sarsar, has written a proposal and will further promote this project as it con-

sists of an association of Arab American-Jewish American dialogue groups. With Monmouth serving as base or host, the first aspect of this project will promote Arab-Jewish understanding in Monmouth County in particular and New Jersey in general.

Sarsar notes, “This is in keeping with Monmouth University’s cross-cultural and diversity efforts. The group will consist of approximately

18 people and will have an equal representation of Arabs and Jews, some of whom will be from the University.

The group will meet on a regular basis to examine issues of mutual concern, discuss relevant books, attend multicultural events, visit Arab and Jewish cultural and religious sites in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, and use its voice and touch to generate positive change in the community.” He also notes that the group will also hold forums, which will be open to the Monmouth community and public, to hear speakers and to show and discuss relevant movies.

The second aspect, with the Monmouth Dialogue Group acting as the organizer, will create the basic elements of an association of Arab American and Jewish American Dia-

Opportunities for dialogue between and among national and religious groups are lacking. A zero-sum game or “we vs. them” mentality typifies relations between many communities in the United States.”

DR. SALIBA SARSAR

Associate Vice President for Academic Program Initiatives

logue Groups.

“This will be accomplished by developing a comprehensive directory of dialogue groups and camps for easy access and networking; generating public awareness of the work of dialogue groups and camps via a dedicated web site, newsletter, and media outreach; and applying for grants and fund raising in support of the above work,” Sarsar explained.

President Gaffney states, “I am proud of Dr. Saliba Sarsar and the Monmouth University team for their work in reaching beyond the campus and connecting to and perhaps influencing events and policies in the world. This project will help continue their peace-building efforts.”

The Peace Development Fund, which is located in Amherst, Massachusetts, works to build capacity of community-based organizations through grants, training, and other resources as partners in the human rights and social justice movements. Sarsar is just starting to recruit people from on and off campus for this opportunity. If anyone is interested in getting involved with this project, please contact Dr. Sarsar at 732-571-4474 or e-mail him at sarsar@monmouth.edu.

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Annual Fair Spotlights Campus Clubs

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Knitting? Psychology? Community service? All these special interest clubs and more showcased themselves at the annual Involvement Fair, this past Wednesday, September 19. Each special interest group set up their own table, decorated with posters and various pamphlets pertaining to their interest. Club members spoke to interested students about the activities and events of their group.

New forming groups attached a pink balloon to their table, symbolizing their new status. The Knitting Club and Crochet Club were among the few new forming groups. Sophomore Jessica Ball learned to knit from her great-grandmother over the summer and got the idea. "I got hooked on it, and I thought it would be really great to start on campus," Jessica said. Jessica hopes that she can get the club together to knit hats and scarves for charity and the homeless.

The Cycling Club, another new club forming, stemmed from junior Christian Mambelli's ambition to turn cycling into a collegiate sport at Monmouth University. Christian started riding at age 12, and

competes regularly in New Jersey. He would like to see it become a sport at Monmouth, and eventually compete for the school.

Other clubs focused more on causes rather than hobbies. One club, START, prides themselves on educating the student body on peace. Their activities include holding peace demonstrations against the war.

Another important group that has just joined Monmouth University is the Hero Campaign, which promotes designated driving. The group encourages students to store the numbers of cab companies in their cell phones.

For those who like to give back to the community, groups like the Community Service Club and the Global Service Projects were present. The Community Service Club works with groups like the ASPCA and the Girl Scouts. The Global Service Project spreads awareness about global issues.

"I like being able to interact with the community and spread awareness of issues I find important," said Rob Marmiolo, Vice President of the Global Service Project.

Water Watch, the Monmouth University branch, educates the student population on the sorry

state of New Jersey's water. "Water Watch is the perfect combination of changing the world and having fun," junior Marygrace Murphy said.

Other groups focus more on specific genders, ethnicities, and lifestyles. The African American Student Union hosts the Ebony Night Fashion Show every year. "I like the fact that the fashion show is just run by the students," said Tranisha Frazier, a member of the club.

Another special interest club, ALI, promotes a safe place for people of all lifestyle choices, whether they are gay or straight.

Clubs like the Snowriders and the Surf Club, attract those interested in outdoor activities. The Snowriders, for those who snowboard or ski, take an annual trip to Montreal. The Surf Club surfs regularly and also has competitions.

When asked what he likes most about surfing, club member Nick Andrew said, "Escaping from the every day reality."

The Involvement Fair showed students all the great activities that Monmouth has to offer. It was a great way for students to get involved, as there was truly something for everyone.

Wicker Hollow Performs at Fall Involvement Fair



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Wicker Hollow entertains outside of the RSSC at the Involvement Fair on September 19.

DAVE DOWNING
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On Wednesday, September 19, Monmouth University held its annual fall Involvement Fair outside the Student Center. As many students probably noticed, there was something different about this year's involvement fair. The Student Activities Board (SAB) organized a live band to perform on the student center steps during the Involvement Fair.

The band Wicker Hollow, out of Howell, performed an acoustic set with lead guitarist and singer Chris Leone, guitarist Chris Derner, and bassist Chris Sparta. "Our drummer was sick with the flu, so we performed an acoustic set that we've done many times," said Leone. "Sometimes it's better this way because it gives people a different way to hear our music and it really grabs the listener's attention." Originally the band was to perform a full set with electric guitars, drums, and a keyboard.

The band would have performed in the pit, but since the filling of the pit, they performed on the landing of the steps outside the student center. After the sound equipment was all set up, the three band members sat in their chairs and performed from there.

"There have been performances on the stairs in the past and it really seems to work nicely," commented SAB Advisor Mike Patterson. Junior Monica Beaumont said, "It's nice that there can be performances on the patio. There is so much student traffic that any performance would catch people's attention."

Beaumont was in charge of the Message in a Bottle program at the SAB table. She says that she "really liked the style of the music". The acoustic set was very appropriate for the Involvement Fair. "It was not too

loud and in your face," said Stephen Ficalora, Student Activities Board president. Ficalora also went on to say that "it was very calming and inviting." According to Beaumont, the performance "was really good for the Student Activities Board, because people would stop to watch the band and then stop at the SAB table for more information".

The band performed for an hour non-stop. They played a wide variety of original songs as well as a few cover songs such as Yellowcard's "Only One". At one point during the show, lead singer, Chris, performed solo while the other band members took a break. The music really entertained the students while they were learning how to get involved on campus. Several students stood and watched the band for a long time. "It really livened up the event and gave people more to enjoy," commented Ficalora. "Many students came up to me and said how much they liked the band and enjoyed the music," said Patterson.

Thanks to the Student Activities Board the student Involvement Fair was brought to a new level. The Involvement Fair was a success and Wicker Hollow was able to bring a fun and energetic energy to the event. If students are interested in learning how to bring more great acts and bands to campus, then attend the Student Activities Board meetings on Thursdays at 4 p.m. on the third floor of the student center.



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The Student Activities Board hosted the musical performance for students to enjoy while attending the Involvement Fair.

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September 25, 2007

TO: Monmouth University Community

I am taking this opportunity to write to each of you to discuss an issue of great concern to me. The issue is alcohol and my concern centers around the excessive use and abuse of it, particularly among students under the legal age to consume.

Over the past several weeks, my office and the Office of Residential Life have noted a marked increase in the intensity of underage student drinking. This activity, while not only illegal, is extremely dangerous and seriously compromises the safety and well-being of the individuals involved and those who live in the community around them.

Fortunately, we have seen several instances where students under the Good Samaritan practice are taking responsibility for each other and their community and seeking help for someone seriously intoxicated. Unfortunately, we continue to have to address the dangerous consequences of alcohol abuse within our community.

The use and abuse of alcohol and the inappropriate behavior that often accompanies it put the lives of individuals at risk and disrupt the orderly operation of the campus community. Countless studies have demonstrated the effect that alcohol has on students who abuse it and those individuals that live or interact with these students. Missed classes, physical and sexual abuse, academic failure, and personal injury or death are just some of the consequences of alcohol misuse. **Alcohol hurts.** It hurts you and your future. It hurts all within the academic community. Its use and abuse on this campus cannot be ignored.

The University has an extensive program to provide the knowledge you need to make good, informed decisions about your personal use of alcohol. We have a dedicated staff available to help you understand the role alcohol is playing in your life. Finally, we have a Student Code of Conduct with a clear set of expectations regarding the use of alcohol on campus and off campus.

The personal cost of alcohol abuse is high. I urge you to consider all of the implications of its use, both short- and long-term, and use this knowledge and information to make reasonable and informed decisions in this matter.

Mary Anne Nagy
Vice President for Student Services

Student Government News

SGA Minutes (From Previous Weeks)

From the date of 9/19:

1. Voted On- R003: Special Event Funding Procedure
- a. Passed: 16-0 (2 abstentions)

SGA Agenda (For Today)

Wed. 9/24, 2:30pm 3rd floor Student Center

1. Discussions pertaining to various student activities on campus.
2. Final preparation for SGA weekend meeting.

Anyone with concerns about the campus or those interested in Student Government please stop by at the general assembly meetings. Meetings are every Wednesday at 2:30pm on the 3rd floor of the Student Center.

University Boasts Results on CLA

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“well above expected.”

“The real reason we’re all here is so that a professor can take what’s in his brain and put it in your brain,” President Gaffney said. “The CLA measures that transmission from the professor’s brain to your brain.” The professors at Monmouth are obviously doing their job really well for the score of the students to be so

drastic. According to President Gaffney, the university’s secret weapon for success is the relationship between the professor and student. “We’re fulfilling out academic potential,” said Strohmetz. “We’re providing a sound education.”

Strohmetz is conducting another CLA to hopefully replicate next year’s results. “We may have better students,” he said. “But we can do more. How can we increase probab-

ity that every student can fulfill their potential?” Professor Strohmetz believes that the CLA will give parents confidence that they are getting what they pay for because of Monmouth’s increased academic standing. He also believes that it gives Monmouth validation in the world of academia.

“Every student becomes the leader we talk about,” he said, referring to Monmouth’s slogan, “Where leaders look forward.”

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MACE Symposium Focuses on Finance and the Media

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honor somebody who has worked so long here in local radio. I think it is just terrific,” he said.

Jules L. Plangere, Jr., who was awarded the MACE in 2005, attended this year’s presentation. “I thought it was a great program and I think having a luncheon and a program in the morning is more productive then the dinner meetings,” he said.

Hickey said that the MACE symposium and award ceremony this year was a success. “I think it was a wonderful program. The panel discussion was exciting, lively, and informative. The panelists really got into it. They were engaging and interesting. I think they had fun,” he said.

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October 4th- Late Night Lounge - 10pm- Midnight in the Underground. This popular Open Mic Night draws the crowds in with great talent, free food and drinks. Come early to sign up your act.

October 15th- Responsible Alcohol Use Pledge - 12-4pm in the Student Center, students pledge to remain substance free or responsible for National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. Resources, information and prizes will be available.

October 16th - Alcohol Screening Day -12-4pm in the Office of Substance Awareness (Health Center) Want to check your drinking habits? Complete a brief, confidential questionnaire with a clinician and receive feedback. Confidential.

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Un-Common Sense: American Sheep

DANIEL J. WISNIEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

People in the United States need to realize that they aren't so different from one another. This is said repetitively, but it is true. Said simply; Americans overwhelmingly strive for democracy. Americans strive for proper elections, eradicating corruption and a suitable standard of living. Who would disagree except the most extreme of partisans? This sounds like common sense, logic. Americans want to see their country do well. There is no disagreement there. There is a disagreement however, of the means to achieve that end. And in this country we see only two alternatives, the Democrats and the Republicans. The citizens of the United States need to unite and share their ideas, respect the validity of each other, break their prejudices, and create pragmatic solutions to the monolithic questions facing society.

The marketplace of ideas is critical in advancing democratic countries. The best possible working solutions to problems are forged only out of compromise, middle ground that can be shared by all. When a positive 'true' compromise is achieved, it is not to consist of 'watered-down' legislation. Positive compromises on issues respect the validity of all parties included. Positive compromises take aspects from all ideologies, combine them, and create a *truly* superior solution.

Ideological differences exist within humanity, this is a fact of life, and when ideas are thrown into the gutter, not only is society curbing the marketplace of ideas, it is also stepping on those who believe those ideas. Only after extensive discourse should an idea be placed on the shelf *and not* thoroughly ravaged. This is because all ideas have *at least* a grain of value, and should be accessible for revisiting, in part or in whole. This problem exists today. The past few decades have created a people who are black and white, they see the world as they want to see it, they give their ideological dissenters no value, and making

matters worse, they typically don't ask and don't know why. Or they tell themselves 'why' for a reason that is no better than that of their ideological dissenters.

When this happens (the prejudicial and substantially debased disrespect between society's members) nations crumble. People can no longer unite to solve problems, and in turn, issues are *not* solved, or half-solved with 'watered-down' legislation. Members of society need to learn that a page from everyone's playbook is necessary to make the best possible playbook. Right now, Americans are fumbling, and they do not stop to ask why. All they do is blame each other. In their eyes, it is always someone else's fault other than their own.

People only believe what they are told to believe. For example, people little recall the brutality of the Philippine-American Guerilla War. People surely mention Vietnam and Iraq (products of the television). However, the Philippine-American War lasted fourteen years with hundreds of thousands of civilians, and over 4,000 Americans, killed. Why doesn't the American media ever bring this up in the history of war? You may be saying to yourself, 'because it is not important', well wrong, it is important, this war, in scale, was nearly identical to the situation in Iraq today, and is very little mentioned. We can all learn something from actually reading history, like that war doesn't take a few months and everyone is happy. The Philippine War is not important to many people because they are not *told* that it is important. People no longer determine for themselves why something is important. People blindly follow their parties, not asking why, and not seeking true solutions to problems.

Ideological beliefs are not entirely good or entirely bad, but they do have inherent value. For example, helping people does not always equate to welfare, it could also equate to actually raising the minimum wage to a suitable level, and bringing jobs back to America. President Nixon does not always equate to Watergate, he can

also equate to open diplomacy with China and ending the Vietnam War.

Iraq may be very controversial for Americans, but what if they realized that some benefit that could come out of it? Now people say 'there is no chance of winning'. Why? *Simply because they are told there is no chance of winning*'. Even while, at the same time, reports come out of Iraq everyday that violence is slowly decreasing. At the same time 7 of 18 provinces are completely under Iraqi control, 1 about to be, and 10 more getting closer every day. That is almost 50% autonomy (44% including the 1 province almost autonomous); not bad for a country with "absolutely **no** chance for success". They say there is absolutely no chance for progress to play on peoples emotions, to get people all riled up, to get people asking the question 'why are we fighting an impossible war?' without asking the initial question, '*is the war impossible?*' They do this for a vote. They no longer have a sense of 'we', but a sense of 'I'. If 'I' get the public angered towards the other side, they will vote for 'my' side.

I did not intend to bring Iraq into this discussion but it is a premier example of an international situation where both parties in this country have not been completely honest. The Republicans should have disassociated the war in Iraq from 9/11 better, and the Democrats should not pull emotional strings so much when a war is in the balance. The United States has only truly lost one war (in my opinion), the Vietnam War. That war was lost because of the ancient traditions of the Vietnamese people, and therefore their indifference to democracy *or* communism, their priorities were farming enough food and maintaining their villages. We had no modern population to pass the responsibility a democracy requires off to, which is, primarily, voting citizens.

Iraq on the other hand has security forces numbering over

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I Love Sunday Night Football

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In "The Outlook" newspaper this past week, one of the articles towards the end of the paper was a piece in which someone talked about their disdain for Sunday Night Football on NBC. After reading this article and disagreeing with it wholeheartedly, I decided to write my own thoughts on Sunday Night Football. I love Sunday Night Football because it is what America is all about-a time to gather around with friends and/or family to watch football, a sport that originated in America. Any competitive event in my eyes is very American. Americans by nature are very competitive and want to succeed and win. I enjoy this weekly event because it shows what America is all about.

Sunday Night Football usually begins with a half hour long program called

"Football Night in America" recapping the games on Sunday and which players played well and which players did not. After the games are recapped, the guys in the studio make their picks for the night game. The guys in the studio are Bob Costas who's the host, former Cincinnati Bengal Cris Collinsworth, who's the studio co-host and analyst, Keith Olbermann, another studio co-host, former Pittsburgh Steeler Jerome Bettis who's the studio analyst, recently retired New York Giant Tiki Barber, who's another studio analyst, and Peter King who's writes for Sports Illustrated is a reporter on the show. Many people who watch this show do not like it for guys like Bob Costas or Keith Olbermann, who many believe to be arrogant hotshot journalists. I have always liked Bob Costas's journalism. All the ex-players add a nice dimension to the pregame show by that they add their first-hand experience to the show. I could do without the recent addition of Keith Olbermann since I have never been a fan of his very dry humor and he seems like he is an arrogant journalist.

I also cannot shake the feeling that he is on this show only because he has another show on MSNBC and I am sure someone better could replace him. I like the journalistic aspects of the show and feel like they do a good job of giving fans (both the serious

and casual ones) a good wealth of information.

The actual Sunday Night Football game is very enjoyable. The game is announced by two of the most recognizable announcers in sports-John Madden and Al Michaels, who is most famous for his quote in the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, "Do you believe in miracles?" after the USA hockey team won 4-3 in the semifinals vs. the USSR. Both men are very knowledgeable in the sport of football. I only have one problem with them and that is John Madden says too many common sense things and states the obvious too much. Other than that, they are fantastic to listen to and I look forward to watching them every week. I like how Sunday Night Football now has the option of telecasting a game later on in the season with more playoff implications, which is a feature which only came about last year.

I have a problem with how many times during the 4 hour program they have some commercials, especially John Mellencamp's Ford commercial with the song "This Is Our Country". It was good the first couple times, but NBC has overplayed this commercial to no end. I'm glad that next week's game is Cowboys-Bears because both of those teams are interesting to watch and they have very good players such as the Cowboys with perennial all-star Terrell Owens and the Bears defense led by another frequent all-star Brian Urlacher. With the new flex-week option I mentioned earlier, I'm sure I can look forward to more great matchups in the future like this one. After all, this IS our country and football nowadays is as engrained into American culture as baseball is, perhaps even more. Many other countries television networks would not be able to change the sports television schedule based on team's records whether it'd be soccer,rugby,etc and with Thanksgiving fast approaching,is one more thing we can be thankful for.Football, especially Sunday Night Football which has been a tradition for almost 40 years is a time for friends and family to unite and watch a sport which best depicts America through toughness,strength,competition as well as drive to succeed and ultimately win.

How students are involved around campus

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Monmouth has a lot to offer on campus. Read about what activities your fellow students get involved in during their free time!



Mary McDonnell
sophomore

Works at the Art Gallery, Pine-wood RA, and works for the SGA



Tabitha Cronin
junior

Theta Phi Alpha member, MU cheerleading team, and works at the Art Gallery



Greg
senior

Attends Communication (Journalism and PR) classes, studies and enjoys food from the Student Center



Kimberli Gerechoff
junior

Alpha Sigma Tau member, RHA, Orientation leader, and an after school aid in Eaton Town



Ashley Volpe
junior

RHA member, Anthropology Honors Society, and an after school aid in Eaton Town

Make The Right Decision

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300,000 and in the past was considered to be one of the most advanced nations of the Middle East; almost modernized (1970's). It was Saddam Hussein and his actions which set that nation back and into a downward spiral, **not** because the people, or Islam, are/is unable to exist in a global world. Hussein got involved in a

Make true decisions based on all facts available, not those conveniently presented to you.

devastating war with Iran for 8 years, massacred his own people (with chemical weapons), and forced sanctions upon his country due to his illegitimate attack on Kuwait. These acts consumed Iraq for over 20 years, when it could be prospering.

What am I trying to say in this article? There are far too many factors involved in everyday life to only listen to the party rhetoric being spewed at you. Remember, politicians in this day and age want votes first, and proper 'true' solutions second. Make true decisions based on all facts available, not those conveniently presented to you. Regardless of your opinion about any of the issues previously stated, please remember that it is more important to make the right decision before the happiest or even popular decision.

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Political Debate: Capital Punishment: Is it cruel and unusual? (Week 2)

Here students debate political issues of the day. Week 1 students make their initial argument followed by Week 2 in which they respond to their opponent.

The Rebuttal: Capital Punishment is Constitutional

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When arguing Capital Punishment is in Violation of the U.S. Constitution my opponent takes the right approach in the beginning of her argument using the same ‘definitions as fact’ approach as I used throughout my argument in favor of Capital Punishment. Somewhere between emotionally charged appeals, loose interpretations of the dictionary, and a politically charged reference to our President’s low approval ratings (that has absolutely nothing to do with the topic at hand), my opponent loses the argument that Capital Punishment is in Violation of the United States Constitution. My opponent also ends up helping *my* argument that lethal injection should remain legal by citing that it is reserved only for extreme cases. My opponent construes judicial safeguards as being “unusual”. It is clear that my opponent’s side, to take emotional arguments and unnecessary references, only destroys her credibility and furthers my strongly fact-based definition argument in favor of Capital Punishment in the form of Lethal Injection.

In my opponent’s second paragraph she takes the approach of stating that causing suffering and pain contradicts the idea of punishment itself. My opponent states, “Since literally all punishment falls under this category in some way, the appendage of

“unusual” to the clause suddenly becomes a completely necessary modifier to the dictum.” My opponent essentially states that all punishment causes suffering and pain, but as I strongly showed by using the definition of “suffering”, lethal injection does not fit the mold of suffering since its first administered drug is a heavy sedative that puts the inmate into a deep sleep and is commonly believed to enable them to not feel any pain or suffering.

In my opponent’s fourth paragraph she clearly uses emotionally charged arguments without fact to try and save her faulty arguments. My opponent states, “Is death cruel? Of course it is! Ask the parents of a murder victim, they’ll tell you how terrible it is to have someone’s life ripped away.” Perhaps my opponent should follow her opinion with more stories of sadness or despair labeled with the tag: “WARNING EMOTIONAL APPEAL!” Emotional appeals may make for great persuasion techniques, but they are not fact by any means. Of course I could follow this with stories on how justice was not served to the families of victims who have seen the guilty set free, but I prefer my arguments to be based solely on fact, especially when they concern the United States Constitution.

The centerpiece to my opponent’s argument is that the death penalty does qualify as “unusual” punishment because of the fact that most of the states that im-

plement the death penalty have used it less than 3 times in the last thirty years. While this may qualify as “unusual”, it certainly helps support my argument that the death penalty, in the form of lethal injection, should be maintained. It is better for society that is used very sparingly and as a last possible option for the worst of crimes. As I stated in my original argument, there are a number of checks and balances in the justice system that do the best job possible to protect the innocent. The process takes time and the proof rests on the prosecution to sell the jury and the judge that someone truly deserves to be put on death row and should stay there.

It is truly important that our system of justice maintain lethal injection as only a last option for those who are proved guilty of the worst crimes. Using capital punishment sparingly does not mean that it violates the Eighth Amendment; it means that the legal system is very careful before they sentence somebody to death row. By using emotionally charged arguments and loose interpretations of definitions my opponent does not prove that capital punishment does not violate the Eighth Amendment. My ‘definition argument’ based on solid facts clearly holds against my opponent’s attempts to prove them wrong. Justice should never be left to emotional appeals and unnecessary political references; justice should always be left to the facts.

The Rebuttal: Capital Punishment Violates the Eighth Amendment

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In last week’s articles, my opponent and I discussed with you, the readers, why each of us believes capital punishment is and is not legal, respectively. Both arguments centered around the concept of the dictionary definitions of the words “cruel” and “unusual,” those being the standards set forth in the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution regarding forbidden types of punishment. While both of us agreed upon the definitions, our interpretations diverged greatly.

My opponent asserts that killing someone isn’t cruel. While the most commonly implemented method of capital punishment is now lethal injection, there is absolutely no evidence to show whether or not death is painful, although the method of sedating and administering suffocating agents does vary at least somewhat from the typical method of supervised mercy killing (which IS illegal). More importantly, if it is to be argued that death is administered painlessly, who’s to say that the cessation of someone’s physical life is a punishment at all? For all we know, the disembodied spirit of the condemned could be greeted in heaven by 72 virgins, or spend the rest of eternity in the presence of whatever God he or she worships. So why would a country whose national motto is “In God We Trust” send so many convicted criminals to that ever-so entrusted God as a serious and severe punishment? And isn’t it the same God who commanded “Thou shalt not kill?”

Next, the definition of unusual was brought into the equation. My opponent and I agreed on the fact that 38 of the 50 United States (as well as the federal government and the military) have capital punishment on the books

as a possible sentence for the most heinous of convicted criminals. However, my opponent neglected to mention the frequency of the death sentence’s implementation, which, as I definitively proved in my previous article, is most unusual. Furthermore, no other economically or socially comparable country adjudicates death as a punishment at all, with the exception of Russia (whose economic and social comparability to the United States are questionable). These capital punishment-free countries include (but are not limited to) Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland (Northern as well as the Republic of), Italy, Poland, South Africa, Spain, and Sweden. Asserting that the death penalty is not unusual, especially on the world stage of the 21st century, is to assert a blatant falsehood.

The debate here has not been over whether or not a criminal deserves to die, but whether or not issuing death as a method of punishment is against the federal law of the Constitution. And it has been shown that, as per those Constitutional provisions, it is. Killing another person is not only questionable in its efficacy as a punishment, it completely contradicts the illegality of mercy killing (euthanasia) and the controversy of abortions. It is inexorably unusual no matter how it is examined as a policy, both nationally and worldwide, especially considering countries with far more violent and turbulent pasts, such as South Africa, do not even condone it.

And for these reasons, capital punishment is undeniably illegal under the provisions of the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Hello everyone! For those interested in writing for the Political News page of The Outlook, please contact Daniel Wisniewski, President of The Political Science Club to get started! You can contact him at daniel.j.wisniewski@monmouth.edu. All topics and viewpoints are welcome! Thank you!

More U.N. staffers in Iraq

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From the CNN article “U.N. considers a greater role in Iraq”- The United Nations’ Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said “The international community cannot turn away from or ignore Iraq,” on Saturday at the U.N. General Assembly meeting in New York. He then went on further to conclude that now is the time to act in Iraq. With the recent passage of Security Council resolution 1770, the United Nations has the ability to give further assistance in Iraq. U.N. staffers were removed 2 years ago when a bomb detonated and killed 22. Action by the Unit-

ed Nations seems limited, but in a country like Iraq, where progress is slow, any help is beneficial in recreating an international friendship among nations.

Nuri al-Maliki, Iraq’s Prime Minister, went further to say that 2007 he hoped would be, and to this point has been, Iraq’s “security year”, and 2008 would become Iraq’s “economic year”. Ban then said that security conditions on the ground in Iraq will have a direct correlation with how long U.N. staffers will stay. If violence increases, they will be withdrawn, just like in the past. With the prospect of security, both men are hoping for an economic

boom.

The main goal of the United Nations’ personnel will be to promote peace within Iraq and between the various countries in the region. This may have the positive aspect of lessening the ‘peace-making’ workload on staffers from the United States. By bringing in the U.N. staffers, Iraqi trust in their foreign occupiers could possibly improve. The people in Iraq could see the new personnel as a welcome change over solely United States dominance of social reconstruction. It is accepted by many analysts of the war that U.S. policies in Iraq following the invasion were not

optimal for recovery, and in addition led to more violence.

It is hard to say whether the United Nations will have a great impact in Iraq before security and economic prosperity prove themselves, one way or the other. Many U.N. actions in the past have had little effect because of the diluted approach that organization usually takes. However, the United Nations has a good purpose underneath, that of being an international forum for dispute resolution.

For a monumental task, such as one like stabilizing Iraq, international cooperation, no matter on how small a level, is necessary.

The United States has learned from the invasion of Iraq that largely unilateral action destroys trust and cooperation between nations. Without the necessary trust, or glue, between peace loving and democratic nations, true international foes cannot be confronted with ease, especially the current conflict against terrorist organizations.

U.N. involvement in Iraq is necessary; it is a small step, among many, towards the rebuilding of international friendships between nations and creating the united front necessary to combat terrorism. It is also necessary for a positive outcome in Iraq.

THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

Greetings from London

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So I thought Monmouth was bad with labels but it is like 900 times worse here. The other day in the library alone I saw a boy with Gucci sneakers, a girl with Channel flats, a guy with a Burberry wallet and Dolce and Gabana t-shirts and ridiculous amounts of Prada bags. So if you are looking for a rich prince or princess to settle down with, come to Regents and you will find plenty.

I think when we went to Ireland we missed the changing of the seasons because this week was significantly colder and we got our first taste of London rain. Monday night, I got to go to the Savoy Theatre to see Fiddler on the Roof. The Savoy is considered one of the ritziest theatres in the West End (aka Broadway). The street in front of theatre has the only road in Britain that states by law traffic must drive on the right side, so we got a taste of home! The theatre was immaculate and the show was unbelievable.

Thursday night, we hit up Chinatown for some amazing food. The service wasn't the best but generally the few places that actually have wait staff here are much slower than home. Afterwards, we headed over to the Cheeky Chap-pies Comedy Club. When they say "club", they mean random room in a hotel basement with rows of chairs and the supplies for the continental breakfast shoved into a corner. Despite the club's unconventional appearance, we thought the show as absolutely hilarious. Inkey Jones was crude, absolutely hilarious and made sure to make fun of half of a group. Probably a good fifth of his

act was dedicated to making fun of us, quite the honor I must say.

We took a tour of House of Parliament on Friday afternoon. While we were there they let us make a few changes, I won't spoil them, I will let you see them on the news. That night we got a behind the scenes look at the entertainment industry. We went to Teddington, a cute little suburban town on the outskirts of London, to BBC's Teddington Studios. We went to see a taping Not Going Out, a typical sitcom of a quirky, odd boy (reminded me of a smarter version of Joey from Friends) who is secretly in love with his posh flat mate and zany adventures ensue. It was an all around excellent and hilarious evening. The show itself was funny but on top of that you had the actors just goofing off and ridiculous outtakes and a heavily sarcastic comedian who entertained us whenever in between takes. This smart and witty comedian also had his fun by teasing our group as well, different jokes from the night before though. He really loved saying he didn't need a New Jersey, his old one was just fine. The whole thing took about three and half hours to tape and we were starving by midnight when we got home. The one complaint I have about London is the lack of late night eateries. At 12:01, everything turns into a pumpkin and the midnight snacker is out of luck. You know it's a bad sign when even McDonalds is closed. Hence, I believe that England needs to open up a few late night



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A scenic shot of Canterbury.

diners.

Saturday, we took a trip to Canterbury but didn't get to hear any long tales. (I have been trying to think of some joke relating to this but sadly that is the best I got). We took the train and along the way got to see some English countryside, which reminded me a lot of Pennsylvania. Canterbury is a quaint little town with cob-

blestone roads, huge cathedrals, castles, museums, churches from 1000s of years ago, timber houses 500 years old, contemporary shops and museums. We explored the town and went to Canterbury Castle, Canterbury Cathedral, a couple of beautiful churches, Westgate Towers and Garden, ate a fantastic pub, Dame John Garden, Kings School and explored

some shops. It was pretty funny to see a clock tower from 600 years ago to be sitting in the middle of a McDonalds and video game shop. Overall, it was an exciting week across the pond and this week is going to be even more ridiculous. Moral of the Story, you must study abroad anywhere for an incredible opportunity of a lifetime.

Cheers!

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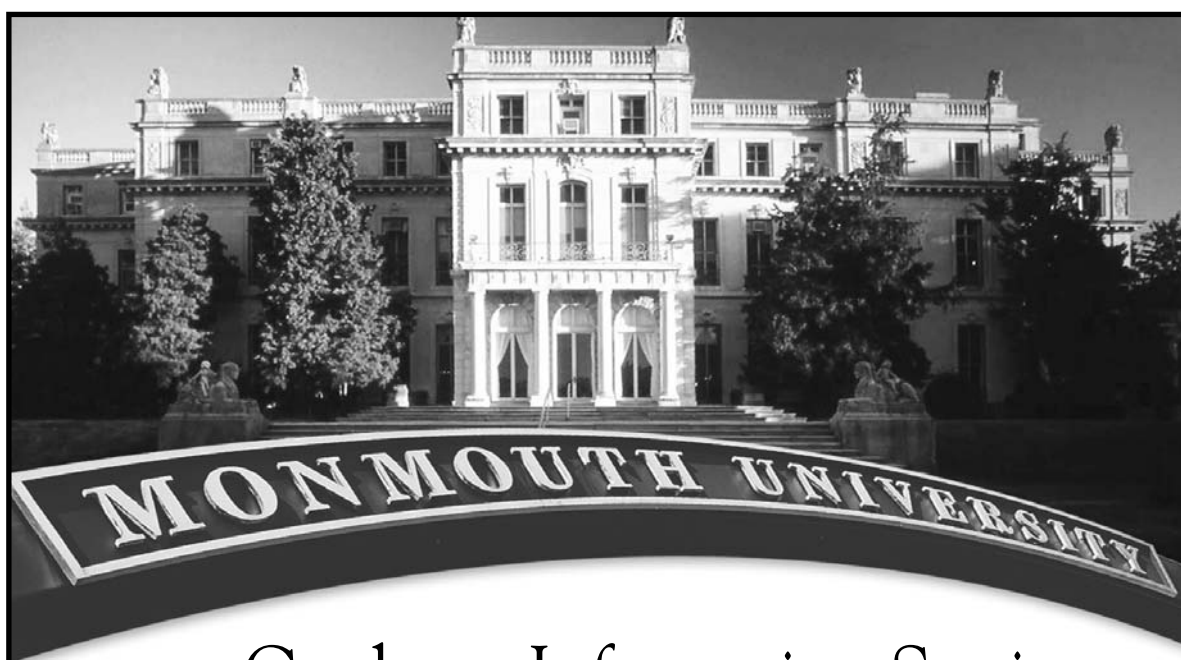
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Marygrace Murphy, a 20-year-old English major at Monmouth University, usually can be found flipping through the likes of a Bronte novel or perusing her homework from Dr. Susan Starke's British Literature I class. A junior who transferred last semester from Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J., this Belmar resident hopes to eventually acquire a master's degree from Rutgers University in library science. She enjoys reading poetry, often buries herself in books and says, "Writing has always been my strong point."

the N.J. Senate Environmental Committee passed a bill establishing a N.J. Coastal and Ocean Protection Council to serve as a catalyst for the restoration and preservation of the coastal ecosystem of the state and entire coastline. During the day-long session, testimonies were given by Senator Ellen Karcher, M.U. President Paul Gaffney II, numerous environmental bodies, several colleges and universities and some members of the public. During the hearings, Karcher claimed that without more pollution regulation, fish from the

liform (bacterial contamination) in the ocean and an abundance of alga blooms (spreading algae clusters) as "really big issues, especially here in Monmouth County," preventing Jersey Shore beachgoers from enjoying the ocean as much as they could. Feeney claimed that tests taken by the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection last fall indicated that the fecal coliform existing in the county's Navesink River climbed sixteen times over the safe level.

"It's a problem that affects everybody," she said. "People have a right to have clean water to swim in and bathe. After a big rainstorm, hopefully issuance will go out from another organization that monitors the water that you can't go in there and swim in there."

Feeney, a 23-year-old Penn State University graduate who has lived in Erie, PA, where similar problems exist, is looking forward to the program's Oct. 20 beach cleanup that will take place that day between 9 a.m. and noon at Pier Village in Long Branch. Another event will be the Oct. 27 "Make a Difference Day," a national day of service during which students here will participate in a beach or river cleanup. Time, date and location of the event will be announced at a later date. During beach cleanup events, students get the opportunity to "enjoy the food, being in the sun, being on

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KATIE FEENEY
Campus organizer for MU's Waterwatch

Urban Coast Institute and the program through observation of water conditions at Deal Lake, an eastern Monmouth County finger lake fed by many small tributaries and the Wreck Pond watershed which encompasses 8,328 acres through Wall Township with tributaries discharging into the Old Mill Pond in Spring Lake.

Another segment of the program has members educating younger students in grades K-12 "to get them to care about it at a young age and carry a torch, so they can continue this work or take it home to their parents and really care."

Feeney remembered the programs involvement during Earth Day last Spring when more than 125 volunteers showed up to work on the cleanup of the Navesink River, attracting the attention of local and state officials, including Middletown Environmental Commissioner Michael Fedosh.

Tony MacDonald is employed as the campus's director of the Urban Coast Institute, assisting in the development of environmental policy. MacDonald, a lawyer who has "worked out a lot of issues related to coastal protection," noted that N.J. Water Watch invites students to gain "general life skills that you get out of the experience" in addition to the other benefits of the program. Observation of the sea level rise, hazards due to coastal storms, the directions of the currents, and alga blooms all help "to predict where the impacts (of water quality disturbances) will be felt," according to MacDonald. MacDonald said the public is searching "for greater concern and certainty" over water pollution matters, as the federal Department of Environmental Protection agency is continually cutting funds.

Students interning with N.J. Water Watch can earn three credits towards their degrees by working ten to twelve hours weekly. Interns are needed to organize and facilitate cleanups, recruit volunteers, plan logistics, build coalitions, gather donations, and help turn out media for the events. Related media interns work within the field of communications, improving their writing and design skills, writing press releases, coordinating public relations efforts, and assembling conferences. Education and community relations internships and independent studies also are available.

Students interested in joining the M.U. chapter of the N.J. Water Watch group can browse the website at www.njwaterwatch.org or e-mail Feeney at monmouth@njwaterwatch.org.



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On October 20, 2007 the Waterwatch program is holding a beach cleanup between 9am and noon at Pier Village.

Science and English are at different ends of the educational spectrum, yet when Liz Glynn, the former N.J. Water Watch campus organizer for M.U., visited Murphy's natural science class earlier in the year to talk about the group and recruit members, the student fell, hook, line and sinker.

"I had been waiting for some kind of volunteer group to join, so (the subject matter of) water was perfect," she explained. "I sort of wanted a way to make a positive impact on the world," she explained. "Even though it's more of a science-oriented group, water is something everyone needs."

The cause is one that has much priority in Murphy's life, as she has lived five blocks from the Atlantic Ocean since she was four-years-old. Elected as the campus organization's secretary at the end of last semester, she assisted in the cleanup of the banks of Monmouth County's Navesink River on Earth Day in April and attends the group's weekly meetings on Wednesdays. Today the program will hold a big kick-off meeting

ocean and waterways would be inedible by the year 2048, according to last week's edition of "The Link News." The newspaper report also mentioned that Karcher quoted from federal and state sources, noting a 70 percent increase in state beach closings and posted warnings.

N.J. Water Watch, a non-profit organization, receives its operating funds from The N.J. Public Interest Research Group (NJPIRG) and AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps is a program of The Corporation for National and Community Service, which was launched in 1993 by President Bill Clinton after he signed The National and Community Service Trust Act. The campus program has a three-fold purpose: to educate students and the community about water quality issues, to organize and oversee beach cleanups and other related events and to provide learning experiences through internships and stream monitoring.

Although it is a separate entity, the M.U. chapter of the N.J.



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Pollution is an ongoing problem on our beaches in New Jersey. Beach cleanups help a lot in preserving marine life and ensuring that our water is safe and clean.

your waterway, and actually working hands-on to improve it while also bringing a lot of attention to the issue of how dirty our water is."

The cleanups provide a temporary Band-aid to a never-ending problem. "A lot of people who are going out to beach and river cleanups are shocked by what they see if it's their first time. Sometimes a lot of the pollution has been there for a long time if it's a historical dumpsite," she notified. "But, another situation, like with beach sweeps, the reason they do it every year is because wastes just are not filtered; it all flows right out to our waterways. All those rivers go out to the beach, so all that garbage floats up onto our shore. It affects marine life. It affects our quality of life, and it's always going to keep coming back, so they'll always need people to clean it up." Beach cleanups result in immediate hands-on work. After you clean it, it's a lot cleaner, if only for a day," according to Feeney.

The program, alike other N.J. Water Watch campuses, including those at Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, several within Rutgers University, and Richard Stockton State College in southeastern N.J., enables students to gain

Students interning with N.J. Water Watch can earn three credits towards their degrees by working ten to twelve hours weekly.

for the semester at 2:30 p.m. in the Magill Commons club rooms 107 and 108 to gain new members and discuss upcoming events. Refreshments will be served, and all students are invited. After the initial gathering, weekly meetings will take place Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center in rooms 202A and 202B.

The timing of the organization's start to the 2007-2008 academic year couldn't be better. Last week, after hearings hosted by M.U.,

Water Watch program has been housed by and has worked in conjunction with the university and its Urban Coast Institute for the last two years, according to Katie Feeney, an employee of and campus organizer for the program. Feeney's opinion is that N.J. has "the worst water quality out of any state in the nation. The reason for that is industrial pollution in the state; industry has started up in northern N.J., and it's pretty shocking." Feeney cited excessive fecal co-



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Members of the Waterwatch program have been working together to make our water safer.



Flatts New Album Doesn't Fall Flat



KRISTEN RENDA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Melt, Feels Like Today, Me and My Gang; any of these titles sound familiar? If you're a fan of country music you're probably screaming, "Rascal Flatts!" right now, and you can get even more excited because on Tuesday, September 25th, they released their newest album *Still Feels Good* and it's pretty amazing.

Rascal Flatts is one of country music's biggest bands today, and their newest album is nothing short of incredible. It opens with their hit single "Take Me There" about a guy who just wants to know everything about the girl he loves. It then goes into a beautiful ballad called "Here" which is about a man who wouldn't change his past at all including all the pain he was put in from past relationships because all of that brought him to wear he is with his love right now.

The title song, "Still Feels Good" is a song about how no matter how long you've been with a person; it still feels good to be with them. Now I know what you're thinking, "Are all of their songs about relationships in some way?" The only answer I can give you is pretty much.

Most of the songs on the album are about being in love or losing a

love, however there are a couple that aren't. Like one of my favorite songs on the album, "Bob That Head." This is a really upbeat song that you just can't help but bob your head to. It literally makes me want to put on a cowboy hat and just dance. I can only imagine what the crowd would be like during a Flatts concert when they play this song.

The only song that I didn't like so much on the album is the last song called "It's Not Supposed To Go Like That." The song is so depressing that while listening to the lyrics I literally gasped at some parts. With lyrics like "Tommy found his daddy's gun and Joey had never seen one. Real cowboy all dressed up as he held it in his hand. Said, 'You be good and I'll be bad.'" Then he pulled the trigger back. Stopped little Tommy in his tracks and said, "Get up, man."

As beautiful as the music is and how they sing the song, the lyrics are just so sad I don't think it should have been an ending song. I wish they had put an upbeat song right after it to leave the album on a happier note.

Besides that, I think that any fan of country music would love this CD and should go pick up a copy right now.

ALEXANDRA JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Whether you are first pulled in by lead singer Justin Pierre's whacky hair style, or by their catchy synthesized beats, it is impossible to put Motion City Soundtrack on the back burner.

Their energetic pop-punk vibe, easily identified by their keyboard notes and quirky lyrics, has been attracting fans since their first Epitaph release, *I Am The Movie*. With an upbeat sound and a creative outlook, they consistently construct perfect soundtracks to finding love, battling heartbreak, and defining yourself.

Originating from Minneapolis in 1999, these Midwest rockers emerged like a tornado, spreading their music across the country and the world. Rising onto the scene with "The Future Freaks Me Out", Motion City found themselves responsible for the song that pop-punk music lovers just couldn't get out of their head. Their sophomore release, *Commit This To Memory*, inflated their popularity and had them topping music countdowns with hits like "Everything Is Alright".

Even If It Kills Me exhibits a much softer approach without sacrificing their witty, literate lyric style. The album is a look into the self-discovery of the band, covering universal



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Midwest rockers, Motion City Soundtrack, have fun on their newest album, *Even if it Kills Me*.

feelings and relatable experiences. In comparison to their previous work, songs are much less synthesized, yet still thrive on the fun lively sound that they are so well-known for.

"Broken Heart", their first single off the new album, most closely mirrors what fans would expect from the band, an upbeat song about picking yourself up from the burdens of love. Although most tracks continue to define Motion City the way they have always portrayed themselves, some stray

from the expected. "The Conversation", a slow piano based song, seems to be a personal depiction of dismissing love and the confusion that coincides. Some memorable tracks include, "This Is For Real", "Where I Belong", "Antonia", and "Even If It Kills Me".

The more you listen to the album, the harder it is to escape the lyrics and foot-tapping beats. *Even If It Kills Me* is another stepping stone in the right direction for Motion City, as well as the pop-punk industry.

The Stars Come Out To Dance

KRISTEN RENDA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

It's hard to believe that it's already the fifth season, but it's true; Monday night was the fifth season premier of abc's hit show *Dancing With The Stars*. This season's stars are Jennie Garth, Jane Seymour, Marie Osmond, Sabrina Bryan, Mel B, Josie Maran, Floyd Mayweather Jr, Wayne Newton, Helio Castronoves, Albert Reed, Cameron Mathison, and Mark Cuban.

Hosted by Tom Bergeron and Drew Lachey (Samantha Harris is on maternity leave) the premier was a big success. Making it a little different this season, six girls danced on Monday, six guys danced on Tuesday, and Wednesday night they will announce the one male star and one female star that will be kicked off.

The show started with the 12 professional dancers doing an amazing swing dance. It's incredible how well these people can dance. After that, they introduced everyone and then it was time for Jennie Garth and her partner, Derek to dance. Her partner is new this season, and he is the brother to last season's champion, Julianne Hough.

Next up was Sports Illustrated model Josie Maran and her partner Alec to dance, and the judges didn't like them. They said that her hands couldn't lead her arms and her feet couldn't lead her legs. The judges gave them a score of 16

(out of 30), which was the lowest of the night.

Cheetah Girl Sabrina Bryan and her partner Mark were next. They did a wonderful job, however the judges said she had too much hip-hop in it. They said they know she can dance hip-hop, now it's time to try to ballroom dance. Despite that, they still gave them the highest score of the night with a 26 because her precision with the moves she did was outstanding.

Marie Osmond and her partner Jonathan were next and they did a surprisingly good job. When she began rehearsing she was goofing around a lot, but then she realized how serious it is and really began to focus. She said she wants a woman to win this year since there hasn't been one since the first season.

Spice Girl Mel B and Mas-kim danced next, and of course she was sporting a leopard print costume like she always did as a Spice Girl. They did a nice job and earned themselves a 24 from the judges.

Last up were Jane Seymour and her partner Tony. She was incredibly elegant and graceful as they danced the fox trot and earned themselves a 24 as well.

Hopefully the guys can dance just as well as the girls did, and we'll keep you updated on how well they do throughout the season.

Music, Chaos, and Irish Pride Combine

MEGAN LABRUNA
STUDY ABROAD EDITOR

The Dropkick Murphys newest CD, *The Meanest of Times*, hit store shelves on September 18.

The new songs are upbeat and full of the classic chaos and fun that can be heard on every Dropkick Murphys album. They have managed to successfully blend traditional Irish folk music with the sounds of modern day rock which makes you want to get up and sing right along with them.

The Dropkick Murphys have taken certain classic Irish songs such as "Black Velvet Band", and "Fields of Athenry", which are both about Irish criminals being sent over to Australia and turned these folk favorites into more updated and anarchic versions.

The band began in 1996 in Boston, Massachusetts and consists of seven members, Al Barr as lead vocalist, Ken Casey, Matt Kelly, James Lynch, Marc Orrell, Tim Brennan, and lastly, Scruffy Wallace whose bagpipe playing skills gives the Dropkick Murphys their distinct and unique sound.

Their music is also riddled with distinguishing sounds of less mainstream instruments such as the mandolin, whistles, a bodhran which is a traditional Irish drum, and accordions.

Their last album *The Warrior's Code* featured the song "I'm Ship-

ping Up to Boston", which can most notably be recognized as the opening song in the Academy Award-winning film *The Departed*. Including that album, they have created 4 full length CDs, 2 EPs and numerous singles. Their newest CD features the single *The State of Massachusetts*, along with 14 other vigorous songs guaranteed to put you in the mood to cause a little chaos.

Their live shows are even more energetic, and usually involve them allowing the crowd to jump up on stage and sing along during fan favorite anthems such as "The Spicy McHaggis Jig" and "Kiss Me, I'm Shitfaced". Recently they have toured with Flogging Molly, The Horropops, and Everybody Out. Their shows last week in New York, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Maryland were sold out.



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The Dropkick Murphys newest album is packed with classic chaos and fun.

If you want to see the Dropkick Murphys live and up-close, they are touring back in the New York area on November 15th at Water Street Music Hall. If you don't get the chance to see them live, you can still experience their vigorous vibe by purchasing their newest CD *The Meanest of Times* available on-line and in record stores now!

Gossip is the New Blog

JENINE CLANCY
STAFF WRITER

Following the trend of recent years with movies like *Mean Girls* and *Odd Girl Out*, we enter girl world again with the CW's newest show *Gossip Girl*. The show based off the best selling series by Cecily von Ziegesar, lets us get an up-close look at the super-privileged, spoiled, rich brats of Manhattan's Upper East Side. The scandalous activities are reported in an anonymous blog written by the mysterious Gossip Girl. The kids get to drink martinis, smoke pot, and take their parents pills without question. Series executive producer Josh Schwartz (best known from *The O.C.*) ties in the parental stories as much as he did on *The O.C.* but lets us know that these parents aren't willing to take in an orphaned, reckless teenager into their home.

The show is full of everything that this post-modern generation would salivate over. In just the first scene alone, a sleek LG Chocolate mobile phone is waving in your face. The show is packed with MacBooks, BlackBerrys,

and Sidekicks. The word blog was mentioned a couple times and even the word Myspace. In a conversation between socially awkward introvert, Dan (Penn Badgley who looks too old to play a 16-year-old) and his father, Rufus (Matthew Settle), a suspiciously good-looking ex-rock

The story itself was very riveting and fresh. The show centers around the two fiesty girls Serena van der Woodsen (Blake Lively) and Blair Waldorf (Leighton Meester) who used to be best friends, but since Serena jumped town a year ago, things have been a little rocky. For the girl audience you do get your dose of man candy. All the main men, including Rufus, are very easy on the eyes. The casting was right on target. Unlike *The O.C.* the cast is only 5 years older than they're supposed to be rather than 10 and 12 years. Appropriately enough Dan's younger sister (Taylor Momsen) is actually 14.

Rosalind Wiseman the author of *Queen Bees and Wannabes* the inspiration for the movie *Mean Girls* says, "Gossip is one of the fundamental weapons that girls use to humiliate each other and reinforce their own social status. Gossip is so humiliating because

girls' natural self-focus means they literally feel like the whole world notices everything they do, and what's said about them and their social status in school often serves as the basis for their self identity." Since that is the case, it's interesting to see how a show about a society we think is so foreign, is truly a mirror image for girls that tune in Wednesday nights.



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The cast of *Gossip Girl* poses for a picture as they hang around their town.

star. The two were stapling posters for Rufus' band's concert on lampposts around the Brooklyn neighborhood of Williamsburg. Dan seemed to think it was all tedious. "You know, Dad, there's this thing called MySpace where you post all this information online," he said. "Save some trees. Have a blog."

Hairspray Holds Firm



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MANAGING/ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Although the 2007 feature film *Hairspray* was a remake of both a movie and a musical, it still managed to stun audiences. The film is still in theaters across the country; even more amazingly, the soundtrack is still hovering at 14 on the billboard comprehensive album chart and has been as high on the chart as the second spot since its release on July 10, 2007.

The soundtrack for this version of *Hairspray* included three songs that were not part of the musical but were written specifically for this film version. There are also two tracks that did not appear in the film but were in the musical (performed by the movie cast).

Interestingly enough, "Mama I'm a Big Girl Now," was recorded, not only with Nikki Blonsky (who played movie's lead, Tracy Turnblad), but also the original film version's Tracy, Rikki Lake, and the original Broadway cast Tracy, Marissa Jaret Winokur. The other song that wasn't in the movie but appeared on the soundtrack is "Cooties."

The track, "Come So Far (Got so Far to Go)" is performed by Queen Latifah and is one of the tracks specifically written for the movie. The song is the most emotionally charged track on the soundtrack and is the most beautiful

ful sincere song as well. Queen Latifah proves yet again that she can do absolutely anything and do it well whether it be singing or acting (or both).

Zac Efron's voice has matured since the days of *High School Musical*. During the filming of the first *High School Musical*, Efron couldn't perform a song from the film because his range wasn't broad enough. His voice has grown over the past few years, and is surprisingly perfect for Link. The song, "Ladies Choice" was added for this version of *Hairspray* and Efron does a fantastic job singing it. The song is the one rock and roll track needed to step up the film.

On a lighter note, the album also contains songs performed by John Travolta as a Tracy Turnblad's mother, Edna Turnblad. At moments, it is nearly impossible to tell that John Travolta is singing; at other moments, it's blatantly obvious that

John Travolta is attempting to be a woman.

Being that this is not Travolta's first musical (though his first as a woman), he handled the role with experience and a sense of humor, which was necessary. He certainly does a great job dancing in heels and when he exclaims "I'm the cutest chick that you ever did see" you cannot help but laugh.

The only tune on the soundtrack that isn't entirely 'musical' is the love song performed by Christopher Walken and John Travolta entitled: "(You're) Timeless to Me." The vocal talent is somewhat lacking but the humor and, as strange as it sounds, sincerity, in the performance makes the song worth listening to.

Two actors that I didn't know what to expect vocally from were Amanda Bynes and Elijah Kelley. Needless to say, Amanda Bynes is far from a great singer. In one of the most memorable songs from the show, "Without Love," she hits a note that is so flat that even an untrained ear can tell she missed it.

Elijah Kelley, on the other hand, is one of the most talented vocalists I've heard in a very long time. If there is one song worth listening to, it's "Run and Tell That."

With a talented cast of big name celebrities and talented newcomers, *Hairspray* became a hit movie with a hit soundtrack.

Tracks to download: "Run and Tell That" "Come So Far" "Without Love" and "Ladies Choice."



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Zac Efron sings a new song for the film version of *Hairspray* entitled "Ladies Choice."

Good Luck Not Enough

GREGORY EGAN
STAFF WRITER

Crude humor, bathroom humor, and bare breasts best describes *Good Luck Chuck*. Dane Cook and Jessica Alba star in this lame excuse for a romantic comedy.

Dentist Charlie (Chuck) Logan (Cook) seems to have a nice life. He has a good job, big house, and gets with many attractive women. There is just one problem with Charlie's life: he's cursed! This began back in the 80's when Charlie was a kid. A gothic girl placed a spell on him during a game of spin-the-bottle when he refused to kiss her. Since the spell was cast, Chuck has been trying to discard his reputation as a good luck charm. Women believe if they sleep with Charlie they will find true love with the next man they date.

Chuck meets the girl of his dreams in the clumsy but beautiful penguin trainer, Cam Wexler (Alba) and develops a relationship. Things seem perfect until Chuck's obnoxious friend, Stu, informs him that every female he slept with has found the right guy. With time running out, Chuck now he has to find a way to reverse the curse before he loses Cam to the next guy she meets.

There are not many things to like about this film. The trailer portrays the film as a light romantic comedy. Except for a handful of scenes, there is nothing genuinely romantic about *Good Luck Chuck*. The movie contains raunchy material at just about every turn. The plot skips around



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Good Luck Chuck isn't up to Cook's comedy standards.

too much during the first half of the movie. Obviously, the producers for this film felt that gross out gags is the only way to get laughs.

The few scenes that were okay happened when Charlie and Cam were alone together. As a couple, Charlie and Cam's relationship provides conversation. A legitimately funny moment in the film occurs when Charlie jumps out of a box in a penguin suit surprising Cam.

If you find a paper thin plot and raunchiness appealing, then you would enjoy this film. I would recommend viewers skipping this film completely unless it comes out on television in a few years.

Kenny Has Another Hit

KRISTEN RENDA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

"The more you live, the more you know...and the more you experience, the more you reflect on everything around you." Kenny Chesney is one of country music's biggest artists and has been for the past decade. On September 11th, he released his new album *Just Who I Am: Poets and Pirates*, and for any fan of Kenny or country music, you'll really enjoy it.

The first song on the album is called "Never Wanted Nothing More" and it's an upbeat song about all the great things in life, and how you can't want anything more because you have all you need. Then it goes into a ballad called "Don't Blink", which is about not letting your life slip by you because it goes by faster than you think.

Not all of his songs are about life and meaningful things like that, one of my favorite songs on the album is called "Got A Little Crazy" and it's about something many people can relate to; getting drunk and waking up the next morning not knowing what happened. It's a song that makes me laugh with lines like "Last thing I remember I told the bartender mix rum and whatever you have."

Along with fun songs and meaningful songs, he also has some songs that are really sad. One especially is called "Wife and Kids" and it's all about how he wants to have a family someday. Listening to the lyrics you just feel so bad for him and want to give him a hug and say, "Kenny I'll

marry you!"

Another one is called "Better As A Memory" and it's about another thing many of us can relate to, being in love with someone that no longer loves you back. They say that they'd be better off for you as a memory, and someday you'll realize this.

The last two songs on the



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Just Who I Am: Poets and Pirates is one of Kenny's best albums yet.

album are really pretty ballads entitled "Scare Me" and "Demons." "Scare Me" is about being scared at how much you care for someone, and "Demons" is about fighting the demons that are inside of you.

All in all I feel that this is one of Kenny's more meaningful albums, and also one of his best.

So if you're a fan of Kenny or country go out and buy a copy now.

Writing Center Changes Location

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This summer was an exciting one for the Writing Center. After packing up the seemingly endless reference books and manuals for several weeks, it was finally moving day! The Writing Center moved from its old home in the 700 Building to the College Skills Center, joining the Department of Disabilities Services and the Tutoring Center in the trailers located next to Boylan Gym. The Writing Center quickly settled into the new space, and everything is working out well. The new Writing Center boasts individual tutoring rooms as well as a private computer lab reserved specifically for students working with Writing Assistants. There are also special texts and software available for students whose first language is not English.

The Monmouth University Writing Center is a free resource available to all enrolled students, faculty, and alumni. The Writing

Assistants (WAs) consist of undergraduate and graduate students, professionals from the workplace, and faculty who are here to assist the Monmouth University community members with all of their writing needs. People may seek assistance with writing traditional academic essays, discipline-specific assignments, resumes, cover letters, personal statements, and even content tutoring for Literature courses. Writing Assistants are knowledgeable in the MLA, APA, and Chicago styles of documentation. By working one-on-one with students, the Writing Center Assistants can help writers discover their strengths and become more confident in their writing abilities.

It's very simple to schedule an appointment with a Writing Assistant using the online scheduling software, TutorTrac (<http://tutortrac.monmouth.edu>). Writers may access TutorTrac from any computer terminal. TutorTrac may also be accessed on the Monmouth University homepage under Academics. There are Writing As-

sistant biographies on the Writing Center's Web site so writers may locate WAs who either share their majors or their interests in a specific area. Please contact the Writing Center 732-571-7542 with any questions.

In addition to one-on-one sessions, writers may consult the new materials available online. The summer tutoring staff made great headway toward expanding the materials available to students on the Writing Center's Web site. Writing Assistants worked on skills pages that serve as quick reference guides to many common writing problems such as comma usage, verb tenses, and sentence fragments. Also included are MLA, APA, and Chicago documentation guidelines. These resources are now available on the Web site, and students are encouraged to take advantage of them!

The Writing Center is currently open for tutoring. A single session runs thirty minutes, but double sessions (one hour) are recommended for assignments longer than three pages.

The Writing Center is open daily for scheduled appointments and walk-ins during these hours:

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Correction:

In an article titled "Writing Center Changes Location" in the September 19 issue three days of the Writing Center's hours of operation were not included. An updated version has been included in the September 26 issue of The Outlook.

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Shadow Nation

Hey Everyone. The Shadow Nation Committee would like to thank all of you that came out last week to the involvement fair and signed up. We would also like to thank everyone who has been attending out Shadow Nation sports games. We are very excited to see that so many students are interested in and participating in our program. If you still have not signed up and want to become a member, we have tables every Tuesday at either the Student Center or in the dining hall. And there are Shadow Nation games every week, so remember to check online at www.gohawks.com . The Shadow Nation committee is anticipating the first member to reach the next level so keep up the good work!

Until next time *Go Blue and White!*
Shadow Nation Committee

Sailing Club

Ahoy there mate! Check out the sailing team! YES, Monmouth has a sailing team. We are an intercollegiate team and sail against teams up and down the east coast! We have a growing team and are always looking for more sailors. No experience is necessary to join! This is a great way to get involved and meet new people! MU Sailing is a club sport meaning that you can participate as much or as little as you like. What you put in is what you will get out! For more information please email MUSAILINGCOACH@aol.com

Alpha Chi Rho

Diggler gets chased by Nixon and Bush, whose failed assassination attempt resulted in a cracked skull and a sad Diggler. Waldo was found down the road in a “two-car twisted metal stylee accident,” accounts Chunk. Thankfully, no one was injured besides a fourteen-year old kid who tripped and broke his arm while trying to get a better view of the crash... He probably deserved it. Ray’s shadows get pulled over on Cedar. Zero Cool ninja vanishes to Alaska after viewing Nanook of the North with Sonny. He may be joined by Cochese in ten years. Tuna thanks everyone for their concern in his darkest hours. With God’s help he can cure this terrible affliction. This was your weekly mostly factual view into the happenings of Alpha Chi Rho, as dictated by Cochese and Chunk. Thanks to all the guys who came out to Meet the Greeks and Round Robin!

Meet The Greeks

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Monmouth Universities semi-annual Meet the Greeks was held in Anacon Hall this past Wednesday, September 19 at 10:00 p.m. Any student interested in joining Greek life was invited to attend the event.

All of the Greek organizations on campus were in attendance. Each group set up individual tables that were placed around the room for potential new members to go up and ask questions. The tables were set up and decorated according to each organizations colors, mascots, and letters.

As the potential new members were being escorted into the auditorium, a large screen displayed a slide show with pictures representing each organization. The event kicked off around 10:20 with brief speeches from the Greek Senate executive board members including Peggy Jones and Jeff Cook.

First, the potentials are brought in and asked to sit in the seats provided and the organizations are stationed around the perimeter of the room. After the introduction, potential new members were able make their rounds visiting one or all of the tables, allowing each student to see what interests him or her. During this time potential new members can ask whatever questions they may have concerning Greek life while socializing with the different groups and meeting new people.

Once the students are free to move about the auditorium recruitment counselors circulate around the room ready and willing to answer any questions. Recruitment counselors are there to help potential new members through the rush week. Each counselor disaffiliates from his or her fraternity or sorority so as to give an impartial view while assisting new members. Junior recruitment counselor Christina Corsini described her job as “guiding potential new members through the recruitment process and answering any questions they might have.”

The event generated attendance of over one hundred students. Ashely Zozzaro, president of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority explained, “Tonight was a great turnout, better than last fall. Meet the Greeks always helps generate interest for all of Monmouth’s Greek organizations.”

Potential new members Gia Giampa and Ashley Pagano said that the event was especially helpful for them. When asked how they heard about meet the Greeks they answered “through friends as well as the flyers that were posted around campus in the weeks leading up to the event.”

George Roa junior and member of Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity told of his experience with Meet the Greeks when he was interested in joining a fraternity. “This event opened my eyes to other organizations and was influential in helping me with my final decision.”

Although fall recruitment is not as large as spring recruitment, Meet the Greeks was a huge success. Many freshman, although not eligible yet for a fraternity or sorority, were able to get a head start and a feel for what Greek life is all about. However, once freshman have successfully completed twelve credits, he or she will be eligible to participate in Greek organizations in the spring.

Meet the Greeks was an introduction to joining the Greek community and gave the dates for the official recruitment week, starting with round robin on Sunday, September 23, 2007.

START

Hi Everyone! Welcome back to school and congrats on making it through your first month of the semester. Today I want to tell you a little bit about one of the newer clubs on campus, S.T.A.R.T. (Students Taking Action and Responsibility Today). S.T.A.R.T. is fairly new and was officially made a club last semester and this year is our year to begin making a difference. START hopes that you are all prepared to take some serious action towards very important issues involving Monmouth University, the United States and the world abroad. We want to make a difference in our communities and at large, and we want you to help us through educating, demonstrating, and by learning about peace. Want to know more? Come out to our first general meeting, October 2nd, 2007, where you can meet our Executive Board and committee chairs. An email will be sent out during the week so make sure you check your inbox about time and place. Have any questions? Feel free to email us at start@monmouth.edu . This is a great club to join if you want to get involved and make a difference for now and for the future. If you are unable to make it to the meeting, check out our blog in the Outlook for updates about our events and what you can do to make a difference.

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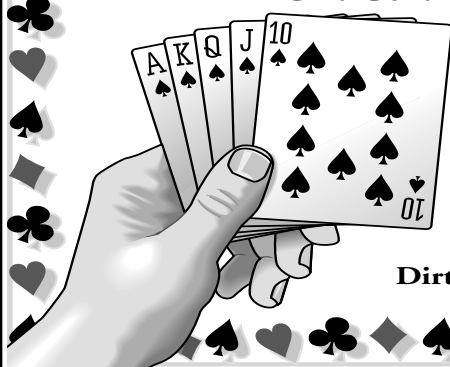
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Today's Birthday (Sept. 26)

A person who's both attractive and annoying is your coach. You'll learn to be more directive than you thought possible, while still being polite. Your concept of "polite" could change.

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

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

Not a good idea to run off at the mouth, just in case you wondered. Don't even say what you're going to do, there will be plan changes.

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 5.

Hunker down and let the other guy try to convince you. Wait for the solid facts.

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 7.

Your friends will admire you even more when you handle a tough situation with tact and diplomacy. Don't weasel out of a jam by lying, that's entirely different.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 5.

You'll be very busy for a while. No need to panic. Simplify your routine instead, so you can do more in less time.

♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - Today is an 8.

The prize is so vivid in your imagination, you can almost taste it. You can't quite reach it yet, but with more preparation-and practice-you can get there.

Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 6.

Your next lesson has to do with buying, selling and saving. If you want to buy something, sell something else, so you can keep what you're saving.

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 7.

Let yourself be talked into doing something a little wild and free. It's good to be good, and you are, but it's great to get a little crazy sometimes, like now.

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is a 7.

Your workload is increasing to the point where it's hard to ignore. Luckily, you can whip out these chores in practically no time at all.

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 8.

Love is in the air and it's the middle of the week. In many cities, this means there's less crowding at movies and restaurants. You and your date are less likely to be bothered by paparazzi.

♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is a 6.

Be careful at your job. Daydreaming leads to accidents. You'll want to make some changes soon, but don't act on impulse. Let your cooler side prevail.

♊ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is an 8.

You want more independence from all the rules and regulations. Unfortunately, this state of being requires great self-discipline to achieve. Practice.

♆ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is a 7.

Wait and let nature take its course. You'll soon be rewarded for efforts you've made in the past. There's no extra effort required now.



“Is your dog friendly or socially maladjusted?”

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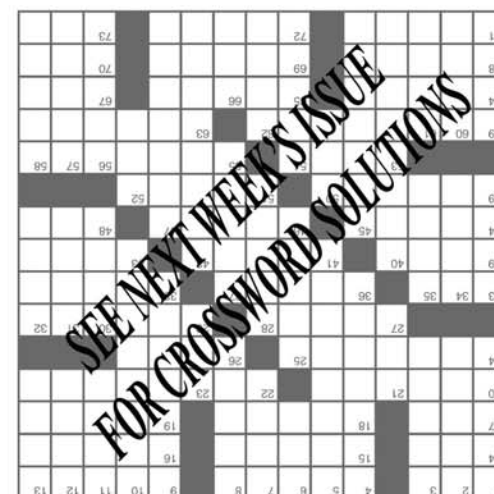
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38 "It Happened One Night" star
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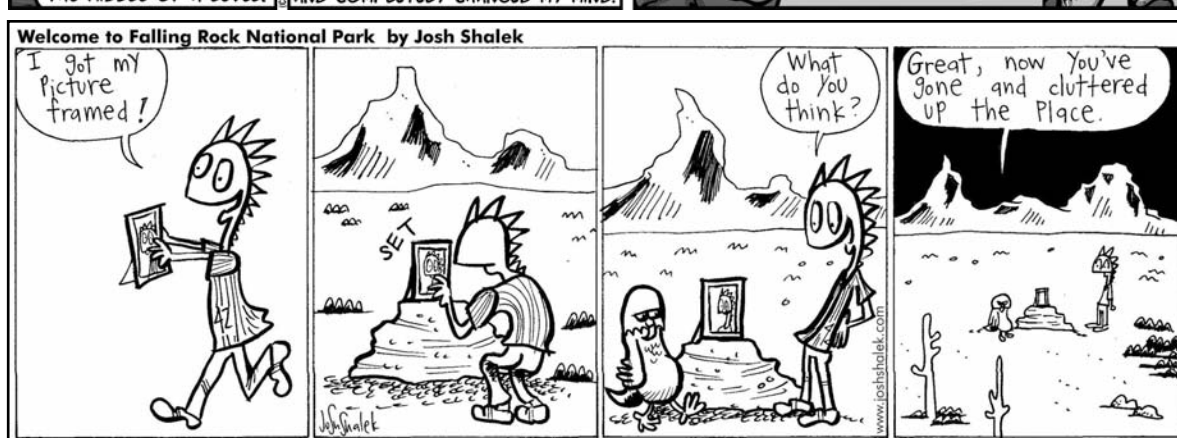


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Interfraternity Council Bid Day

Panhellenic Council Bid Day and Pinning Ceremony Activities

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Women's Soccer vs. NJIT • 3 PM • Great Lawn

Field Hockey vs. Sacred Heart University • 4:00 PM • Field Hockey Field

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament • 5:00 PM • RSSC Cafeteria

Ramadaan Iftaar • 6:00 PM • Magill Club Dining Room

Body Fat and Body Weight Analysis • 6:00 PM • Fitness Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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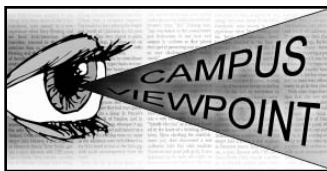
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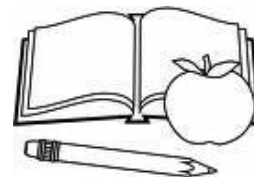
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"A quesidilla that Carlos prepares for me, while we speak in Spanish about the pretty girl standing right next to me!"



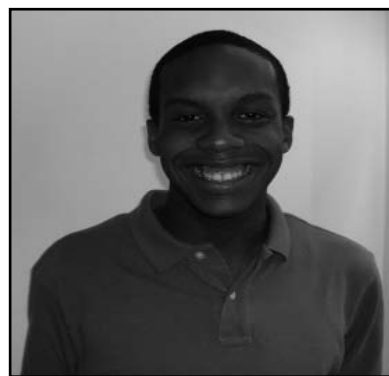
James
sophomore

"Grilled chesse sandwich with a slice of Grilled chicken smothered right in the middle of it!"



Tyree
sophomore

"Chesse Burgers!!"



Kyle
sophomore

"The delicious fluffy cupcakes which the DH Staff specifically makes for me every single night!"



Manny
junior

"Yo, the Pizza's on point, son!!"



Yusra
freshman

"The cereals banging!"



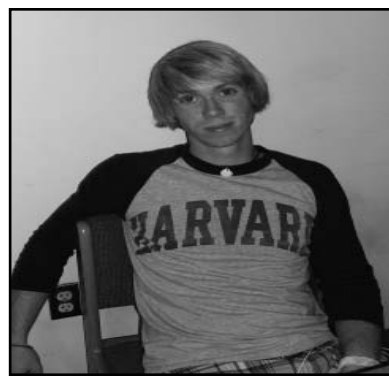
Shanique
freshman

"The banana's rock my world!"



Arielle
sophomore

"Chicken Ceasar wrap made by Barb!"



Dan
sophomore

"Chicken, cheddar and bacon monzerella on a folded tortia with sour cream that I prepare for myself!"



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THE END ZONE

Hawks Remain Winless

Season record drops to 0-3 after 21-15 loss at Stony Brook

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth University football team fell the to the Stony Brook Sea Wolves 21-15 on Saturday, as the Hawks were unable to complete a comeback, after their final drive stalled. That puts the Hawks at 0-3, while the Stony Brook moves to 3-1.

The Hawks were unable to penetrate the Stony Brook defense until the final five minutes of the game, while the Sea Wolves offense was able to move the ball freely against the Hawks defense. Stony Brook outgained Monmouth 366-261 in total offense, while their defense forced two critical turnovers deep in their own territory.

After winning the opening toss, Stony Brook came out in a no-huddle, moving the ball effectively and picking up first downs. Although they were able to get

again, the Sea Wolves took over again. After MU defensive lineman Joe Cella stopped Mason on a third-and-two for a loss of eight, the Hawks looked to have some momentum as they got the ball back on their own 36. But a third straight three-and-out forced the Hawks to once again kick it away.

Although Stony Brook was able to move the ball all the way down to the Monmouth 16, but the Hawks came up with two huge plays one defense. TJ Cerezo broke through and brought down Dwayne Eley for a 13 yard loss. Then, Kevin Walsh sacked Dudash on second down, pushing the Sea Wolves out of field goal range, and forcing them to punt.

After Sinisi picked up a key first down after an illegal procedure on third-and-one, Monmouth Quarterback Brett Burke threw two incompletions and the Hawks again punted for the fourth time in four drives. The two team would struggle to move the ball and exchanged punts through the second the quarter.

Monmouth looked to get a huge break late in the second quarter. Deep in their own territory, Dudash's pass on second down was picked off by Chris Reed, who took it all the way down to the nine yard line. The Hawks were in perfect position to tie the score. After he took the ball down to the one, Sinisi was stripped of the ball by Stony Brook line-backer Chris Brevi and was recovered at the one Josh Auerbach. The Hawks could not capitalize on their good fortune, and went into the locker room still down 7-0.

The Hawks took the ball in the second half and though they were able to pick up two first downs, the drive once again stalled, and Daniels came in to punt. After the Monmouth defense forced a three and out by the Sea Wolves, the Hawks took the ball and would get on the board for the first time. Fred Weingart's field goal from 31 cut the Stony Brook lead to 7-3.

The theme of the Monmouth offense's inability to move the ball continued in the third quarter. After the two teams exchanged punts, the Sea Wolves would widen their lead. After Conte Cuttino ran for 17 yards, his fellow backfield mate Mason picked up a key first down, getting two yards on third-and-one. Then on first down, Dudash found Dwayne Eley for a 46 yard touchdown strike, to give the Sea Wolves a 14-3 lead.

The Hawks would answer back,

however, as Burke hit Steve Dowens for eleven yards on third-and-eight, and then hit Adam San Miguel for a 37 yard connection, down to the Stony Brook five. Sinisi then atoned for his fumble before, punching it in from one yard out on third down. The two point conversion failed, so the Hawks remained down by five, 14-9.

Again, Monmouth seemed to have the momentum, and after the defense forced a Sea Wolves punt, the Hawks were driving, looking to perhaps take the lead. After failing to pick up the first down on third-and-two, head coach Kevin Callahan rolled the dice and went for it on fourth down on their own 29. Burke called his own number and picked up two yards and a first down.

Monmouth's offensive success continued after that, as Burke found Troy Yudin for eleven on third-and-six. But on the next play, Stony Brook defensive back Tyler Santucci stepped in front of a Burke pass and returned it down to the Sea Wolves 25. Just when the Hawks seemed to be moving the ball, a costly turnover put and end to their drive.

The turnover would prove to be even more costly, as Dudash found receiver Kevin Halonski in the end zone to stretch the Stony Brook lead to 21-9. The Hawks would not go away, however, as Burke shook off the interception and came out in the next series and led an eight play, 65 yard scoring drive that took up just 1:28. On the drive, Monmouth did not face a third down, as Burke was as efficient passing as he had looked all season. The Hawks again could not convert on the two point try, so the lead remained six for the Sea Wolves, 21-15.

After the defense forced a big three-and-out, the Hawks took possession of the football at their own 29. The Hawks picked up right where they left off on offense, as Burke spread the ball around to different receivers. On third-and-two, Burke found Dowens for a five yard completion. The Hawks moved the ball down to the Stony Brook twenty-nine, but Burke's three passes fell incomplete. The Hawks were given new life, as Stony Brook was called for pass interference. The Hawks were able to run just two more plays, but couldn't cross the goal line, and fell to their third loss of the season.

Now at 0-3, the Hawks schedule gets even more difficult next week, as they travel to Delaware, a Division-I AA powerhouse.

Notes: With his fourth quarter touchdown, David Sinisi's consecutive game scoring streak now stands at 15, still the longest current streak in the nation.

Adam San Miguel's two catches increases his career reception lead over former Monmouth star and Dallas Cowboy receiver Miles Austin.

Monmouth is running a fan bus to Newark, Delaware for students next week.



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Adam San Miguel led the Hawks in receiving against the Sea Wolves with six catches for 58 yards, including a long reception of 37 yards.

into Hawks territory, the Blue and White held, forcing the Sea Wolves to punt. Monmouth took over deep in their own territory but was unable to pick up a first down on two David Sinisi runs. The Hawks were forced to kick it away, and Stony Brook took over at the Monmouth 49.

After quarterback Josh Dudash's pass fell incomplete, the Hawks were hit with a 15 yard pass interference penalty that moved the ball to the 34. After running back Brandon Mason picked up 11 yards, his number was called again, and this time he took it 22 yards all the way to the end zone to put the home team up 7-0.

The Hawks offense could not respond, and after a three-and-out forced punter Jack Daniels to punt

Game Statistics

| | MU | SBU |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 19 | 17 |
| Rushing | 8 | 8 |
| Passing | 10 | 8 |
| Penalty | 1 | 1 |
| NET YARDS RUSHING | 173 | 77 |
| Rushing Attempts | 40 | 34 |
| Average Per Rush | 4.3 | 2.3 |
| Rushing Touchdowns | 1 | 1 |
| NET YARDS PASSING | 193 | 184 |
| Completions-Attempts-Int.... | 25-39-1 | 17-29-1 |
| Average Per Attempt | 4.9 | 6.3 |
| Average Per Completion | 7.7 | 10.8 |
| Passing Touchdowns | 1 | 2 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS | 366 | 261 |
| Total offense plays | 79 | 63 |
| Average Gain Per Play | 4.6 | 4.1 |
| Fumbles: Number-Lost | 2-2 | 0-0 |
| Penalties: Number-Yards | 5-49 | 7-90 |
| PUNTS-YARDS | 6-208 | 7-217 |
| Average Yards Per Punt | 34.7 | 31.0 |
| Net Yards Per Punt | 34.5 | 28.4 |
| KICKOFFS-YARDS | 4-169 | 4-232 |
| Average Yards Per Kickoff ... | 42.2 | 58.0 |
| Net Yards Per Kickoff | 29.0 | 52.8 |
| Touchbacks | 0 | 0 |
| Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD. | 1--2-0 | 1-1-0 |
| Average Per Return | -2.0 | 1.0 |
| Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD | 2-21-0 | 3-53-0 |
| Average Per Return | 10.5 | 17.7 |
| Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD.. | 1-9-0 | 1-27-0 |
| Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD. | 0-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| Possession Time | 30:30 | 29:30 |
| 1st Quarter | 5:40 | 9:20 |
| 2nd Quarter | 6:43 | 8:17 |
| 3rd Quarter | 9:54 | 5:06 |
| 4th Quarter | 8:13 | 6:47 |
| Third-Down Conversions | 9 of 19 | 5 of 13 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions | 1 of 1 | 0 of 1 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances | 3-6 | 1-2 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards | 1-9 | 0-0 |
| PAT Kicks | 0-0 | 3-3 |
| Field Goals | 1-1 | 0-0 |

Soccer

The Streak is Snapped

Men's 13 game home unbeaten streak ends with 2-1 loss against Iona

ERIC WALSH
SPORTS EDITOR

After extending their home unbeaten streak to 13 games with a scoreless draw against George Mason on September 19, the Hawks suffered a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Iona College on Saturday afternoon. The loss brought an end to Monmouth's home unbeaten streak which dated back to November 13, 2005, when Robert Morris defeated MU 3-2 in the NEC Final.

Last Wednesday Monmouth hosted a George Mason team that was coming into the match looking to hand the home squad their first loss on The Great Lawn in nearly two years. The contest was a struggle throughout, ending in a scoreless draw.

George Mason, known nationally for its Cinderella basketball team that made it to the Final Four in March of 2006, had a .500 record on the season, standing at

save and GMU goalie Sean Kelley stopping three shots. Ryan Kinne saved the Hawks in overtime, clearing a ball that was on the goal line off a corner kick.

"Overall, I am pleased with the effort today, despite missing a few starting players," said head coach Robert McCourt.

The Blue and White returned to action on Saturday when they took on non-conference foe Iona College. Despite giving up two early first half goals, MU battled back in the second half, but came up one goal short. The final score of 2-1 in favor of the Gaels brought an end to the 13 game home unbeaten streak for the Hawks.

Iona came out firing from the opening whistle, producing three corner kicks and three shots in the first 10 minutes of the match. In the 11th minute Iona junior Aly Lo sent in a one-timer off Schenkel that ricocheted off the post and into the net. The goal was scored off a cross sent into the six yard box by Bryan Oelkers, who was

shot off a cross from Michael Millar found the crossbar.

"Iona came in with a lot of commitment to the cause," said head coach Robert McCourt. "From the opening whistle they battled hard and deserved the win."

MU held the clear advantage in shots, 16-7 and had 11 shots in the second half. Schenkel made one save in goal before giving way to freshman Bryan Meredith in the second half.

With the loss, the Blue and White drop to 4-2-1 on the season, while Iona improves to 3-5.

The Hawks will try to rebound from their second loss of the season when they travel to Princeton on Thursday, September 27, for a 7:30 p.m. start.

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ROB MCCOURT
Head Coach Men's Soccer

2-2. Monmouth was the clear-cut favorite with a record of 4-1, and a perfect 3-0 mark at home.

With overtime, in 110 minutes of play, both teams combined for only 11 shots, with George Mason holding the slight 6-5 advantage. Tom Gray registered three shots to lead the Hawks and reserve Ernesto Marquez had three opportunities for the Patriots.

Both goalies recorded shutouts, with Daniel Schenkel making 1

credited with the assist.

Lo scored his second goal of the game in the 41st minute with a directed shot to the near post. The shot was deflected in off the foot of Monmouth defender Daniel Bostock and inside the corner bar.

Damon Wilson got the home team on the board in the 77th minute off a free kick from Gray that was directed to Wilson by Dan Haydu. Haydu almost tied the game in the 89th minute when his

Women Take First, Draw Second

Blue and White defeat Rider, tie with Temple

MIKE TIEDEMANN
STAFF WRITER

Another week is in the books for the women's soccer team. And it is another week that the team has found success on the field.

Over the past weekend, the Hawks improved to 2-2-3 after defeating Rider and drawing with Temple.

On Friday, the Hawks took on a Rider team that entered the game with a similar record to the Hawks at 2-2-2. However, the Hawks were the better team on the day,

story all too familiar to the team once again surfaced: solid defense and the inability to find the back of the net. So, instead of leaving with their third win of the season, they had to settle for a 0-0 tie.

This was the fourth shutout for the Hawks' defense.

But, just like Turner has said, the team will need to work out the kinks on the offensive end before they head into conference play on October 5th.

Through seven games, the team has scored seven goals and also given up seven goals. Lucky num-

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KRISSY TURNER
Head Coach Women's Soccer

posting a 14-2 shot advantage, and defeated the Broncos 1-0 on The Great Lawn. The win improved the Hawks to 10-0-2 in their last twelve games at home.

The win didn't come easily despite the margin in shots. Working hard all day, the Hawks finally broke through when Amy Hoyer collected a misplayed ball and put it past the Broncos' goalkeeper. The goal came in the 83rd minute and was Hoyer's first of the campaign.

"Amy showed a lot of composure to finish on that goal. We have three games left in our non-conference schedule and we will be looking to fine-tune our offense," said head coach Krissy Turner.

With their second win under their belts, Turner and the team had to shift their focus to Temple.

The Hawks, once again, held the advantage in shots at 12-6. But, a

ber seven it is not.

The Hawks will get their next chance to improve on their record and work out those offensive kinks when they travel to Lafayette on Wednesday night. They will then host NJIT on Friday on The Great Lawn.

Notes: After seven games, the squad has scored seven goals while also giving up seven goals. The team leaders in goals are Andrea Lopez and Illiana Blackshear with 2 apiece.

The Blue and White remain unbeaten on The Great Lawn and sport a 10-0-2 record in their last 12 games at home.

MU has out shot its opponents 105-50 and holds an advantage in corner kicks as well, 37-28.

Amy Hoyer leads the Hawks in shots taken with 25, followed by Andrea Lopez with 20, and Mary Wilks with 14.










































Schedule

9/27
at Princeton
7:30

10/2
NJIT
4:00

10/6
Mt. St. Mary's
2:00

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| Jacqueline (5-3 Last Wk) (16-8 Overall) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Lisa (5-3 Last Wk) (14-10 Overall) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| Mike (4-4 Last Wk) (16-8 Overall) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |

Field Hockey Gets First Win of Season

Defeat Fairfield 2-1, help Figlio to first career win

PRESS RELEASE

The Monmouth University field hockey team fell to Columbia 4-2 at the Baker Field Athletics Complex in New York City on Wednesday evening. The loss drops the Hawks to 0-7, while the Ivy League’s Lions even their season mark at 3-3.

After Christine Buszczak gave Columbia a 1-0 lead with just over five minutes gone by in the first

goals, seven minutes apart, from Liz Reeve to take a 4-1 lead 51 minutes into the game. Monmouth freshman Katie Amundsen ended the game’s scoring when she tallied her first collegiate goal at the 52:24 mark of the second half. Monmouth was outshot 21-5 in the game, and Columbia held a 10-2 advantage on penalty corner opportunities. Megan Smith got the start in goal for the Hawks and made six saves in the game. MU Freshman Nora Bosmans made

Kelly Crist. “We played very well today and it is good to see results from all the hard work our team has put in,” said Figlio. “We will look to build on this win with the Northeast Conference portion of our schedule coming up.” Crist put Monmouth on the board first as she scored off an assist from Megan Kubek at the 17:44 mark of the first half. Fairfield was able to tie the game at 1-1 just before halftime when Brittany Bates scored off an assist from Emily Janis, and the game remained tied until late in the second half. With ten minutes to go in the game, Crist scored again, this time off an assist from Enza Mazza at the 65:54 mark to give the Hawks the 2-1 lead.

Sophomore Megan Smith made one save in goal to earn the win, the first of her career. Monmouth outshot Fairfield 9-3, including 8-1 in the first half, and also held a 7-4 advantage on penalty corners, including 6-1 in the first half. Both MU and Fairfield now have identical 1-7 records. MU returns to action on Friday, September 28 when they host NEC foe Sacred Heart at 4:00 p.m.

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CARLI FIGLIO
Head Coach Field Hockey

half, Monmouth’s Molly Passarella took a corner feed from Morganne Firmstone and scored her second goal in a week to even the game at 1-1 with 8:35 gone by. The Lions got another first half tally, this one from Julia Garrison, to take a 2-1 lead into intermission. Columbia came out of the halftime break and received two

a defensive save in the game as well. The Blue and White returned to action when they defeated Fairfield, 2-1 on Saturday afternoon for their first victory of the season. The win is the first career triumph for first year head coach Carli Figlio, and it was made possible by a pair of goals from sophomore

A Word on Sports

The Column of Alexander Truncale of the Outlook Newspaper of Monmouth University of West Long Branch, New Jersey of the United States of North America, including Barrow, Alaska.

ALEXANDER TRUNCALÉ
STAFF WRITER

Like that headline? If so, you’ll love the Long Beach Armada, an independent minor league baseball team with a ridiculously long name, rivaled only by Elizabeth Rosemond Hilton Wilding Todd Fischer Burton Warner Fortensky Taylor (aka, Liz Taylor). Back in May of 2007, the Long Beach Armada, in effort to gain more fans (according to the team’s CEO Dave Kavel), officially changed their name to the Long Beach Armada of Los Angeles of California of the United States of North America Including Barrow, Alaska. Kaval said of the name change, “In order to better reach the larger Armada Nation, we felt compelled to lengthen the name to incorporate all our fans stretching from the warm beaches of Los Angeles to the frigid beaches of the Arctic Circle.” Um, wow. Somebody had too much time on their hands. However obscure it may be, I love the new team name, especially the Barrow, Alaska reference. For those that don’t know, Barrow, Alaska is the northernmost town in the US. It is located on the northern most-tip of Alaska. In other words, it’s up there. And because I appreciate the fact that even the farthest parts of our nation are not left out, I have decided to officially become a fan of the Long Beach Armada of Los Angeles of California of the United States of North America Including Barrow, Alaska (we’ll refer to them as the Armada in

order to save time and space). That’s right. I am officially part of the aforementioned “Armada Nation.” Although I’ve already ordered my Armada hat from the official team store, (according to their website, they ship anywhere in North America!) I still have the nagging feeling in the back of my mind that the Armada are not being entirely truthful with their name. If they really are part of the all of North America, then they shouldn’t play all their home games in Long Beach, California. Therefore, as the self-appointed President of Armada Nation, I move that the Armada play at least some of their 38 home games in Barrow, Alaska. I’ve never been to Long Beach or Barrow, but I can surmise that they are two very different places. I’m calling on Mr. Daval to think of the fans up in Barrow. It’s not enough to just change your name to include them. They want to see their beloved Armada live and in person. Sure, the team will be playing on nothing but dirt (they can’t grow grass in Barrow) and they might have to play through a blizzard, but think of all the loyal fans in Barrow that you could reach out to! I haven’t even mentioned the distinct home field (or, in this case, home dirt) advantage the Armada would have. Since they play in the Golden Baseball League, based mostly in California, there’s no way those teams would be able to run the bases in five feet of snow. Factor in the long bus ride up to Barrow, and you can just pencil in victory for the Armada. Think about this: In 2007, the

Armada finished third in their league, and entered the playoffs for the first time in franchise history as a wild card. Playing some games in Barrow could be just what they need to tip the Golden Baseball League their way. Getting a few more wins might mean the difference between third and first place. First place means home dirt advantage in the playoffs. And since we’ve already established that no one can beat the Armada is Barrow, they can easily coast to the league championship. Can you say dynasty? So, citizens of Barrow, do not despair. One day, the powers that be will come to their senses, and you will in fact come aboard Armada Nation. As long as I have saved all that room from not writing the “Long Beach Armada of Los Angeles of California of the United States of North America Including Barrow, Alaska” a bunch of times, I want to take this opportunity to talk about Ohio State. As I sit here and write this, the Buckeyes are up 28-0 over Northwestern in the first eight minutes of the game. After watching them so far this season, I can’t help but flashback to the 2002 season, when the Buckeyes won the National Championship. Like in 2002, the offense is built on a solid running game and a quarterback that doesn’t put up great numbers, but finds ways to win games. The defense is led by playmakers at every position. Everyone seems to be overlooking the Buckeyes. Could it be their year? I’m not saying...I’m just saying.



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A CHORUS LINE



Amy Hoyer and the women's soccer team got back in tune last week with a 2-1 win over Rider and a draw against Temple. *Story on page 22*