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## O | A | R TO HEADLINE THE MAC

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Multipurpose Activities Center — O.A.R. bass player Benj Gershman closed his eyes just for a second while playing one time and when he opened them all that he saw was the grey swoosh of a Nike sneaker just before it hit him in the face. He expressed hopes that history does

not repeat itself when the band becomes the first act to headline the MAC on November 8.

“We haven’t played a school in a while, so we’re really looking forward to this...” Gershman said, “...and we’re honored to be the first to play in the MAC.”

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## New Lot Being Built for On-Campus Students

GINA COLUMBUS  
EDITOR-AT-LARGE

An additional residential parking lot is currently under construction in order to provide a greater amount of parking for on campus students, and to match the new freshman hall that will finish up for the Fall 2010 semester.

Assistant Vice President for Student Services, Jim Pillar, said that the goal is to have the lot graveled by Thanksgiving, and paved late in the Spring 2010 semester. Depending on the weather, Pillar said that it is a question of timing if the schedule stays on track. Another factor, Pillar said, has to do with the fact that black-top factories shut down during

the winter.

Patricia Swannack, Vice President for Administrative Services, said, “Construction began last spring but has been slightly delayed due to a very rainy summer.”

Pillar said that the residential parking lot is part of the master plan which includes the new freshman residence hall. He said that for a building with 196 beds, additional parking would be required.

Swannack said, “Approximately four years ago the University submitted an application to build an additional residence hall, detention basin, parking lot

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## Greek Recruitment Begins

OLIVIA HANSON  
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Students gathered outside of Anacon Hall last Tuesday awaiting their chance to Meet the Greeks, the first of many recruitment events this year.

As an overhead slideshow played, displaying pictures and facts about the Greeks, potential new members walked around to the different tables seeing what the different organizations were about. Tables were covered with banners, crafts, pictures, and members of the Greek community awaited curious students.

Becky Turner, President of

Greek Senate and a member of Phi Sigma Sigma, welcomed students and advocated Greek life as a way of personal development. Michelle Kaplan, the chief Panhellenic officer, and a member of Alpha Xi Delta, also encouraged students to visit each table to examine every fraternity or sorority and learn what they were about.

“Meet the Greeks is a nice social atmosphere that is easy for people to connect in,” said Brian Brzozowski, a member of Sigma Tau Gamma.

When asked if Meet the Greeks

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## Former First Lady of Ghana Recieves Global Understanding Award

FRANK GOGOL  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Former first lady of the Republic of Ghana, Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings, gave a lecture titled “Mobilizing African Women for Economic Development,” on September 25 in Wilson Hall.

Professor of sociology and

the Assistant Director for the Institute for Global Understanding opened the lecture by speaking about her experiences living in Africa with the Peace Corps.

“As someone who has learned so much from spending three years in West Africa with the Peace Corps I’m particularly interested in helping Monmouth University put Africa square

on its intellectual map, which makes this event just so much more special and so much more wonderful.”

President Paul G. Gaffney II took the podium next to introduce Rawlings.

“Today is a day to discuss

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PHOTO COURTESY of Olivia Hanson

Fraternity brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon at the semi-annual Meet the Greeks held in Anacon Hall on Tuesday, September 22.

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O.A.R. to Play MAC

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The event was first announced via flyer at the at the MAC dedication ceremony at Convocation. It will be the first event held in the MAC since it was officially dedicated on September 16. The band will play even before the basketball team does.

In both 2006 and 2007 O.A.R. sold out Madison Square Garden. Since the show is not scheduled as part of a larger tour and is taking place at a smaller venue the band expects the show to be laid back. "It helps to break things down for us. Playing Madison Square Garden is a big deal, but it's also a lot of pressure. When we play a school, it's a lot of fun because that pressure is not there."

According to Jon Vena, a promoter for Starland Ballroom, AEG Live and Concerts East are responsible or producing this event, but as per their company policy neither can comment on the production cost.

The student presale began at 10 a.m. on September 21. Five hundred tickets were available during the presale for \$25, \$10 cheaper than the full price tickets. All presale tickets have since sold out. The student discount was sponsored by Student Activities Board and the Center of Distinction for the Arts.

Tickets became available to the general public on Friday, September 25. General admission tickets are \$30 and reserved seating tickets are \$30. Tickets are available through Tickets.com, the Monmouth University event box offices, and Funk and

Standard on Broad Street in Red Bank

"I'm pumped to see O.A.R. at the Monmouth because I didn't get to see them at the Madison Square Garden in August," said Dante Barry, a senior political science major.

"As far as the music, we like to mix it up," said Gershman noting that the band's set will consist of some old songs and some new songs.

Gershman would not tell if the band plans to play some unreleased material, but did not dismiss the possibility.

"Yeah, there's always a chance. If we're working on something we like to test it out and get a crowd reaction. See what the crowd likes, what they don't like and go from there with the song."

For those not familiar with the band it's name is an acronym for Of A Revolution. The group consists of Marc Roberge (lyrics, vocals and rhythm guitar), Richard On (lead guitar), Jerry DePizzo (saxophone), and Chris Culos (drums) and Gershman (bass).

They formed in 1996 in Rockville, MD while in high school and sold over 300,000 copies of their first independently produced album The Wanderer before graduating. Since then they have recorded five more studio albums, four live albums, and have been featured on several compilations and movie soundtracks.

"At first, I thought it was all a joke, but it's not and it's the greatest thing to happen at this school since I've been here," said Barry.

Students Become More Aware at Health Fair

BRETT BODNER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Board of Counseling and Psychological services presented the second annual Alternative Health Fair, with a special appearance by the Flu vaccination this past Wednesday in Anacon Hall.

The fair increased in size from last year and featured different kinds of alternative medicines. The fair had twelve stations last year, while this year had over twenty, featuring massages, Pilates, yoga, nutrition, acupuncture, aromatherapy, and many more.

Psychological counselor, Suzette Lawler, said the fair was an excellent way for the students to improve their health.

"They could learn about self care, how to reduce anxiety, and how to build a stronger immune system. The healthier the students are, the more they'll stay in the classroom and won't have to miss class due to illness," Lawler said.

The fair was a way of opening students' minds to alternative health. Students had the opportunity to walk around and experience a vast number of ac-

tivities. They could have gotten a massage, drank some tea at the Tea4U table, received a crystal from the Feng Shui table, had their brain relaxed at the Neuro-feedback display, and more.

Next door, the Flu vaccination was distributed to 525 Monmouth students and employees for \$25. The Flu Mist was \$35.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has advised that all patrons receive the Flu

pect the same type of activity in New Jersey this fall."

In case students missed out on the Flu shot, a second clinic will be held at Health Services on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Once the H1N1 vaccine is released there will be a clinic for that vaccination as well.

Kathy Maloney also added some helpful tips about the flu, as well as the fact that alternative medicine practice can help.

"During any cold and flu season, it is best to maintain your immune system to assist in combating viruses. Getting plenty of rest, maintaining good nutrition, decreasing stressors and proper hand washing are some good

preventive measures. A number of alternative therapies are aimed at helping to decrease the body's stress response. In that respect, these therapies are of some use therapeutic value," Maloney stated.

The Alternative Health Fair will be back again next September for the third annual edition. Students expect next year to be even bigger, as year after year the fair expands to give students some variety, new knowledge and as Suzette Lawler put it "A whole lot of fun."

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KATHY MALONEY  
Director of Health Services

shot this year, as well as the H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available.

Kathy Maloney, Director of Health Services, said that right now influenza is not hitting New Jersey too hard, but in the future this may not be the case.

"College campuses in the South and Midwest are currently being hit with influenza. At the present time there is low-level of activity on campuses in New Jersey but the number of influenza-like cases is increasing in our border states. We ex-

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Living with Lyme, Carol Afflitto, Student Center, 11am-12pm  
202A, Student Center, 2:30-3:30pm

Up 'til Dawn Kick-Off, Anacon, 7pm

Mental Health Screening for Students, Carol Afflitto, Student Center, 11am- 4pm

Think Pink Volleyball, Boylan, 6pm

Information Table for Disability Awareness Month, Student Center

The Body Image Project, Anacon, Exhibit: 10/15- 11am-8pm, 10/16- 9am-3pm

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## First Lady of Ghana Speaks

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Ghana, to ponder the building of relationships that already exist between the Republic of Ghana and Monmouth University, and to here from our speaker about the force of empowered women."

"The spotlight this morning is on one Ghanaian leader and a global model and spokesperson about and for women and their roles as the bedrock of society, peacemakers, and as political influence makers."

Rawlings described what life was like for the people living in Ghana during the 60s and 70s.

"There was not one good street to drive a car on. There was not one good

car that you could sit it. Every car that you met in the night had just one head light. It was a very difficult time in Ghana."

She explained that the empowerment of women was key to Ghana's moving into stability. She stressed that empowering women politically, economically, culturally, and socially in order to create and maintain a strong and functional country.

During the event, Lady Agyeman-Rawlings received the Global Understanding and Leadership Award from Monmouth University's Institute for Global Understanding for her work toward empowerment of women.

Bringing Rawlings to campus was a joint effort between The Institute for

Global Understanding, The Center for the Distinction of the Arts, the School of Social Work, and the Office of Public Affair.

Rawlings and her husband, former President of Ghana, Jerry John Rawlings are visiting the United States to be part of the Clinton Initiative.

In the audience was Mrs. Lucinda Florio, the former First Lady of New Jersey as well as Jerry John Rawlings, the former President of Ghana, and two of Rawlings four children.

The event schedule was changed slightly due to Rawlings' meeting with Secretary of State Hilary Clinton later in the day, but the event began and ended on time.

Lady Agyeman-Rawlings is an ac-



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

From left to right: Lady Agyeman-Rawlings, Dr. Rekha Datta, director of Monmouth University's Institute for Global Understanding, and President Paul G. Gaffney II

tive advocate for women's rights and has received many awards, including the Woman for Peace Award in 1994. She is founder of The 31st December Women's Movement, a non-governmental organization that helps to empower

women throughout the world so they can contribute to the socio-economic and political progress of their countries. The movement, two million strong, has set up more than 870 pre-schools in Ghana.

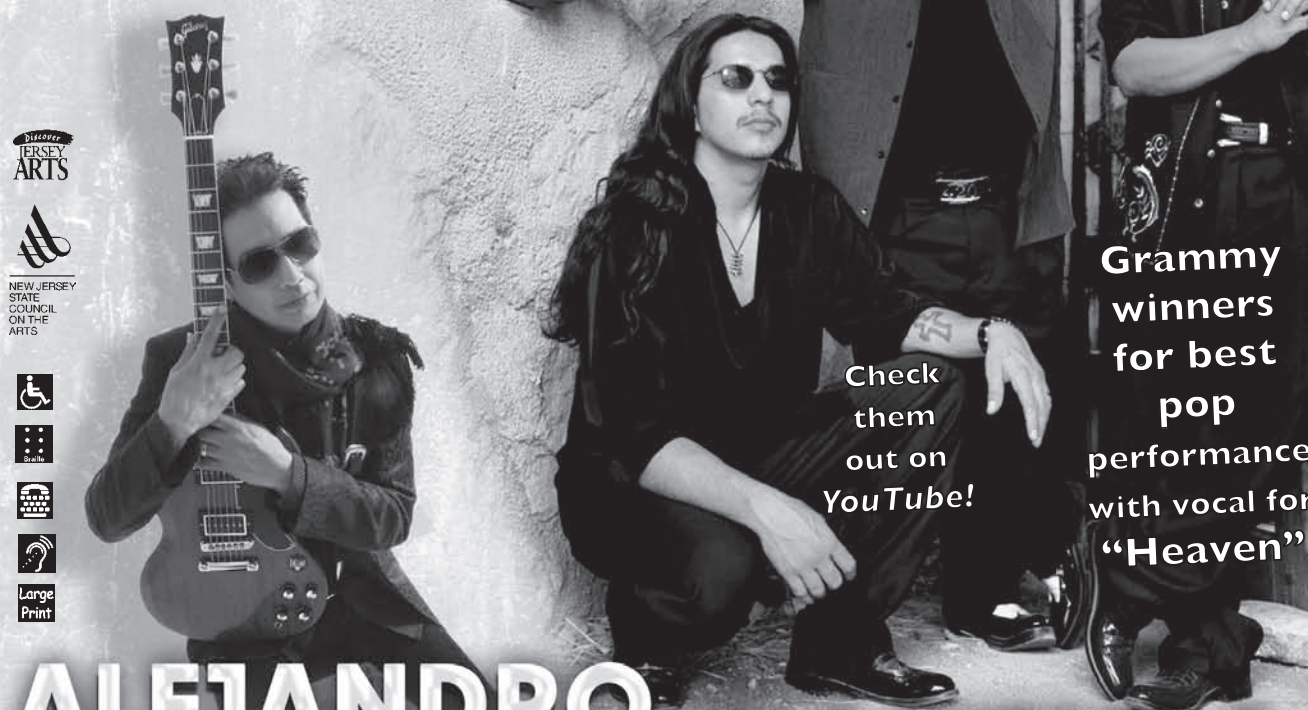
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New Parking Lot

Meet the Greeks Begins

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and tennis courts. Although the University does not intend to increase its student population, we know that it would be inconvenient for students who live on the north campus to park in the commuter parking lot so we included as part of our plan additional parking facilities for approximately 120 vehicles.”

Swannack also said that the plan includes the relocation of an existing detention basin, six tennis courts, and a small parking lot with 22 spaces for people who will be utilizing the courts.

“With new beds and a new lot, it will be closer for students [500 additional students] living in Maplewood, Redwood, Pinewood and Oakwood. It is exciting to see the progress of it from August until now. Even from 1995 until now, it is night and day,” Pillar stated.

Swannack and Pillar both said that the parking lot will not be assigned to specific residence halls, since the north side of campus is designed for general student parking.

Sophomore Karly Butler wishes the parking lot was built earlier when she began attending Monmouth.

“The main reason why I didn’t bring my car was because parking is so awful here. I am not going to pay \$300 to park in a lot that barely has enough parking spaces for its students. If that new lot was completed by the beginning of this year, there is no doubt in my mind that I would have paid to have my car here this year,” Butler said.

Swannack said the new lot has a capacity of 120 spaces.

“The creation of additional parking will not impact student parking fees. Since we will not be increasing the size of the student body but simply providing more on campus housing, the result will be that more students who lived off

campus and commuted to campus will be living and parking on the north campus thus freeing up a comparable number of spaces in the commuter parking areas,” Swannack stated.

Swannack also said that there is a variety of construction workers involved on the project.

On any overall thoughts on the project, Pillar responded, “I think it provides more opportunities for students who want to live on campus and enhance the experience.”

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had changed their view of Greek life, a group of inquiring freshman girls truthfully stated that they thought Greek life was just about parties. After visiting the tables however, they realized that there is much more to the Greek system. It is about brotherhood, sisterhood, and the ability to bond within each organization. Not only does it aid students in becoming more involved on campus, it also facilitates networking once graduating. Although freshmen cannot go out for Greek life until the spring semester, many had decided to socialize during the event so as to have a better understanding of each sorority and fraternity.

“Greek life is a unique opportunity for students, alumna, and generations throughout the country and world to share

rituals and experiences,” stated Tyler Havens, the Assistant Director of Student Activities for Fraternity and Sorority Life. Havens, who is a member of the fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon, still keeps in close

attention with their high-energy performance of stepping.

Brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Brad Silver and Nick Cinquino said, “Joining TKE was one of the best decisions we ever made. We made best friends, and we’ve met other brothers in other fraternities, Greek life is something we all have in common.”

Jenn Mas-trangelo, a sister of Alpha Xi Delta, also said that she has made lasting friendships and has made many more connections by going Greek.

Bid day is scheduled for Friday, October 2 and will be the official conclusion of the fall recruitment season. Brothers and sisters are excited to welcome new members to the life changing experiences of brotherhood and sisterhood.

Meet the Greeks will take place during the spring semester as well to once again welcome all interested students.

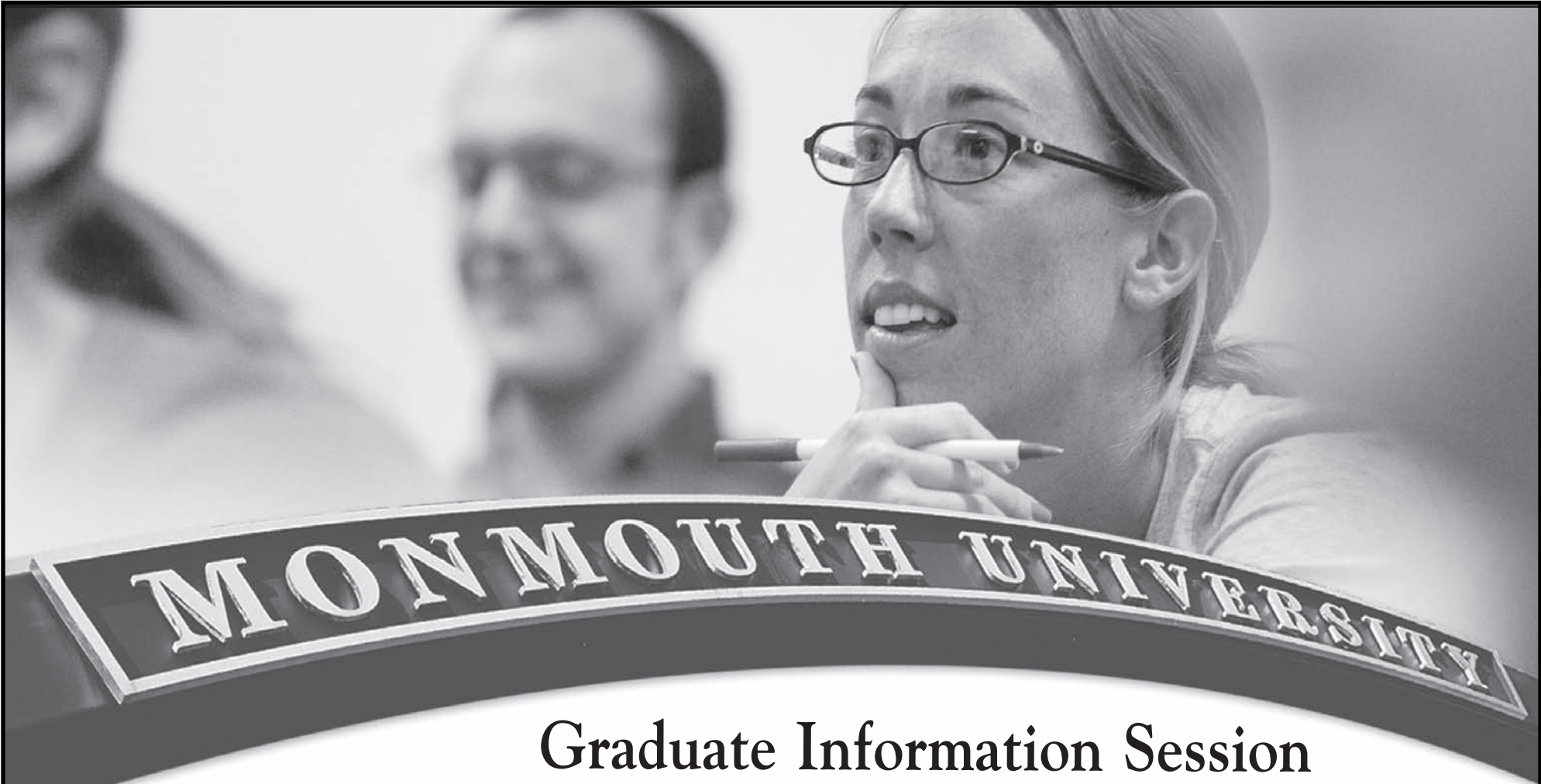


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Sisters of Lambda Theta Alpha perform their stepping performance for potential Greek members at Meet the Greeks.

contact with his brothers. He said he has attended some of his fraternity brothers’ weddings, and seen them become fathers.

Members of the multicultural Greek Latin sorority, Lambda Theta Alpha, grabbed the crowd’s



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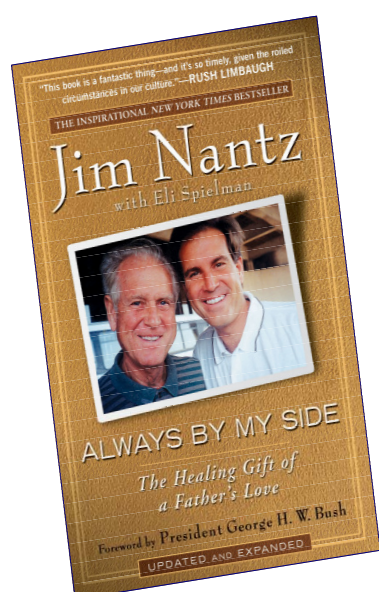
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## To Accept or Deny the Request? That is the

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When it's time to sit down at your computer and focus on your big paper that's due in a few hours, there's that one pesky site that just won't let you be. One word has become an addicting phenomenon, Facebook.

The excitement of a new notification when you log on is incomparable to a friend request. Sometimes it's that guy that sits next to you in class, the girl you met at the bar the night before, a classmate from elementary school, or better yet...your teacher.

You see your professor multiple times a week for an entire semester. From the good grades, occasional failed tests, and intense workload, is it ever OK to take the leap and become friends via Facebook?

Whether we forget it or not, our teachers are real people with real lives, despite the fact that we may think that they are teachers 24/7. So in a time where even your dog can have their own Facebook, professors too should be allowed to dabble into this website. But there are a few key points that you may

want to consider before clicking the "accept" button.

Suddenly the pictures of you and your roommates at a party the night before your big midterm are showing up on your professor's mini feed or that status that said you were out shopping appears after you emailed saying you were home sick. How does that make you look?

Granted we've been told time and time again to not post things

interests, photo albums and bumper stickers with your chemistry teacher, there's a chance that you are merely friends with their pseudo Facebook identity.

Do we have a clear answer as to whether or not it's OK to be Facebook friends with professors? No. But it is definitely something that must be thought through. Will a professor look at you differently when you walk into class late Wednesday morning after a late night at Jack's and 15 newly tagged pictures of you ripping shots? Or will your professor merely smirk and reminisce about their college days?

Obviously there are privacy features that you may want to consider, keeping certain aspects of your page private to unwanted eyes, and that is for you to decide when the time comes.

For those of you that are comfortable playing Mafia Wars with your professor, exchanging pokes, and liking each others statuses then we encourage you to embrace the fact that Facebook is open to everyone. But for those of you on the fence, consider what we've said and know that you don't have to accept every friend request you get.

**"You see your professor multiple times a week for an entire semester... Is it ever OK to take the leap and become friends via Facebook?"**

on Facebook that you wouldn't want your parents or future employers to see, but teachers are a whole new ballgame. Accept or deny the request? That is the question.

Many professors wait a certain amount of months after the semester has ended to then request a student and some have been rumored to use multiple Facebook accounts, one for their personal life that is private and unsearchable to students and one for their professional life.

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# The University Store: Where Leaders buy T-Shirts

CHRIS NETTA  
GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Like most students at Monmouth University I went to the new University Store, in the recently-completed MAC building, to pick up some books for this upcoming semester's classes. When I got there, I noticed something blatantly lacking: The books.

All books that are sold on campus are now kept behind the counter, and you have to ask a clerk to get you the books specific to your class, pay, and then move along the line and out the door. In the store, prominence is given to t-shirts, hooded sweat shirts, stickers, and other such Monmouth retail memorabilia, whereas the books are, essentially, locked away.

As I stood at the nice granite countertop and was handed my books, I really missed being able to browse and look through other disciplines' books and course requirements. I used to love having the ability to open up an art or history book and just flip through it, daydreaming about the wealth of knowledge that is contained in the books and courses. Now, instead of having books kept in public for any patron of the bookstore to browse, we all can look at different types

of shirts or branded notebooks and planners. Instead of information and education, it seems that the preference is placed on branding and marketing.

It makes one wonder where this institution's priorities are, when the book store is replaced with a "university store" that segments the textbooks from the t-shirts, and prioritizes the latter over the former.

As a communication student, which draws from psychology, sociology, and other social sci-

ences, I really see it as a shame

for the university to take the library of books which are assigned for classes and isolating them from the students. There is a value in, at least on a cursory level, looking over the books from other disciplines and seeing what is current in other fields of study. In the way that the bookstore used to be set up, a student from any major could at least open up, for at least a few minutes, a book from another discipline and look through it, as the majority of books that were assigned for classes were easily accessible. That option

no longer exists.

Some may say that in the age of the internet, a brick and mortar book store is no longer necessary, and could even be seen as an unnecessary expense. The list of books available for each class can be seen on the university store's website, and one can easily compile a list, print it out, and take a trip to the library (or run a few searches on Google Scholar).

This does not alleviate the point that the University will-

ingly took the bookstore and converted it to a blatant retail outlet, subsuming the scholarly application of a university to those of marketing and branding. This is

a concerning and disconcerting move going forward, especially in light of the loosening of the general education requirements and the removal of the Writing Proficiency Exam. MU seems to be losing sight of its responsibilities to provide the student body with a balanced and well rounded education. The university should provide its students with a marketplace of ideas, not a marketplace of clothing.

I feel that we are left to think that, when leaders look forward, they are wearing MU gear, but they are not necessarily looking into a book.

**"As I stood at the nice granite countertop and was handed my books, I really missed being able to browse and look through other disciplines' books and course requirements."**

## Starving Sunday Nights, Where do we go?

TORI JORDAN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This past Sunday night, I got into my dorm room from my freshman student-athlete orientation around 7pm. There was a "BBQ" at 4:30pm before the event began. But of course, that is not considered dinner time for a college student. I had no appetite once I got to the orientation; once it was over, I was craving dinner food. However, battle of the buildings was this same day. A barbeque also took place in the quad from 4-7pm. Since this apparently such a huge gathering of people, the dining hall decided that it would close at 3:30pm that

day. And, as are all Sundays, every place on campus that has even the smallest item of food was closed before or exactly at 8pm. As I sat in my room, I was thinking of places that I could go to on campus to get something to eat until I came to realize that absolutely nothing was open! The dining hall, Java City, the convenient store in the Student Center- everything was closed. I did not want to order delivery from Jr's or Nelly's because, as a personal preference, I'm a really picky and healthy eater. So, for dinner on Sunday, I ended up eating more than the necessary amount of grains, coming from the Nature Valley and Chewy

bars that I have in my room.

I really wish that at least one place on campus could remain open a little later than 8pm on Sunday nights. This isn't only because of my personal experience but also from the many things that people do on Sundays. Some students are driving back to campus from a weekend at home; some are coming back from Sunday night church. There are many activities that people are doing on Sundays that prevent them from being able to eat before every food place on campus closes. If just one place could stay open until at least 9pm, a lot more students who have no choice but to eat a late dinner will no longer starve.

# What to Do at MU on the Weekends

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON  
OPINION EDITOR

Ok, it's Friday; the school week is completely over, finally! Time to relax and party with friends! Monmouth University is a very fun place to be; it's in a great part of New Jersey, the Jersey shore! But hey, it is approximately October; the summer has almost come to an end. It's sad, but no more beach until next May. So, what should we all do during our weekends here at MU?

Well, there is a lot to do here. First of all, you need to make sure that all of your studying and homework is done for the week. When your work is finished, there are many activities that you can go to. Every weekend, there are MU sports events which you can attend and cheer for your team and all of your friends!

The new Multipurpose Activity Center, behind the Student Center, is a great location to hang with friends. It has a pool, basketball court, track and a weight room, so go burn of the calories with some friends!

Monmouth Usually presents feature films for students to enjoy, on weekend afternoons or nights, in Elmwood Underground or Great Lawn.

Many clubs and groups usually have events on the weekends, for students to participate in! Go to the help desk, in the Student Center, to get the low down on some MU clans.

There are also many places that you can go to. Monmouth has a gigantic mall. Everyone loves to shop, so you can go there during the weekends.

There is usually a bus which travels to the Monmouth Mall, so if you do not have a vehicle, check out the bus times to the mall. There is a huge movie theater next to the Monmouth Mall, which always plays the latest hits, so come out to the mall during the weekend!

Monmouth County has many delicious restaurants to eat at, right near campus. A few top choices that I enjoy are Nelly's, The Ink Well, Old Man Raftery's, in New Brunswick NJ, and many other shore dinners or café's! Take your pick!

If you are 21 years of age or older, there are many bars to go to with friends during the weekends. A few local bars include Boathouse Bar and Grille, Jack's Bar and Grille, P K's Shamrock Pub, Paddy Mac's and many other selections.

There are many bands that play in Asbury. Just go to AsburyMusic.com to get concert dates and times, show reviews, CD reviews, and much more Asbury music information. Also, The Stone Pony, in Asbury Park, is where many famous bands come and play. Check it out!

In the winter, everyone should go to The Red Bank Armory Ice Complex to ice skate, in the cold, crystal air.

In Bradley Beach, which right around the corner from MU, there is a bowling alley, so go hit a few strikes!

There is much to do on the weekend, here at MU! Grab a few friends and try some of my amusing suggestions out! I guarantee you will all have a blast Hey; you're not in class on the weekends, so go out and have some safe fun!

**"The Stone Pony, in Asbury Park, is where many famous bands come and play."**




PHOTO COURTESY OF yahoo.com.

The Stone Pony is located at the corner of Second and Ocean in Asbury Park, just minutes from Monmouth University.

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# Sororities Seek New Members During Fall Recruitment

ELIZA MILLER  
STAFF WRITER

“Follow Your Heart” is the slogan most commonly used by instructors who advise those that want to pledge a sorority in the fall 2009 to pick the right spot for them. Many decide to join a sorority because they want to be involved at Monmouth University, have a group of friends, meet new people, and to have a sisterhood.

The Sorority Recruitment for Fall is very different than the Spring. During the fall there are fewer girls that go out for a sorority and the process is slightly different. The first day of recruitment consists of visiting all eight sororities for a half hour each.

Potentials are welcomed into each sorority room with a chant and greeting. Each sorority ex-

plains about themselves and their philanthropy. Additionally, to help girls bond and learn about one another different games and ice breakers are used. Lastly, there is time for girls to mingle amongst each other in hopes to find the sorority that one will fit in best.

The eight sororities include Alpha Sigma Tau, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Phi Epsilon, Phi Sigma Sigma, Theta Phi Alpha, Zeta Tau Alpha, the professional business sorority Alpha Kappa Psi, and the international sorority Lambda Theta Alpha.

Alpha Sigma Tau represented by the anchor, help and support Pine Mountain Settlement School

and Habitat for Humanity.

Alpha Xi Delta represented by the teddy bear, helps and supports Choose Children.

Delta Phi Epsilon represented by the unicorn helps and supports anorexia and bulimia.

Home Missioners.

Zeta Tau Alpha represented by the strawberry, Carpenter’s Square, and Five Pointed Crown, help and support breast cancer awareness and education.

Lambda Theta Alpha and Alpha Kappa Psi differ from the other six sororities. Lambda Theta Alpha is an international and Latin Sorority. They do not do bids, pinning, and they have in-

one wanted. On the second day of recruitment, each potential was handed a piece of paper that consisted of four sororities in which they would visit for forty five minutes. The second day was used to help one further decide in what sorority they felt they fit in best.

Differently from the spring semester, the fall semester potentials are to visit the sorority houses they wish to be in. Potentials must visit the house parties in which each sorority holds at one of their houses. All these steps of recruitment are used to make sure each girl finds the perfect fit for them.

As quoted by sister of the Lambda Theta Alpha’s, Tina Onikoyi, said, “Joining a sorority namely Lambda Theta Alpha has truly become one of the best college experiences and I wouldn’t change it for the world.”

“The Sorority Recruitment for Fall is very different than the Spring. During the fall there are fewer girls that go out for a sorority and the process is slightly different.”

Phi Sigma Sigma represented by the giraffe, helps and supports with the National Kidney Foundation.

Theta Phi Alpha represented by the penguin, helps the homeless and supports the Glenmary

terest groups.

Alpha Kappa Psi differs in that it is the premier developer of principled business leaders.

The last step of the recruitment for the first day was ranking the order of sorority picks in which

## What you need to know about tailgating at Monmouth

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

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

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

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# Club and Greek Announcements

### SOCIOLOGY CLUB

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

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

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

### UP 'TIL DAWN

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

### COLLEGES AGAINST CANCER

Monmouth University Community,

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

Have a great year,  
Mallory Rapisarda  
Colleges against Cancer President

### HAWK TV

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

Some of our original content includes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ZETA TAU ALPHA

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

### ITALIAN CLUB

Welcome Back Students and a special welcome to incoming freshman!

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

### PSI CHI

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

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

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

- Completion of at least three semesters of college courses
- Completion of nine credits (3 courses) in Psychology at Monmouth University
- Registration for major or minor standing in Psychology at Monmouth University
- A cumulative GPA of 3.00 and a GPA of 3.00 in Psychology at Monmouth University.

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

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

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

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

### OUTDOORS CLUB

Students of Monmouth University,

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


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

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

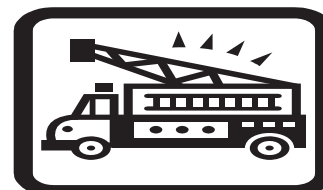


Search "Volunteer Directory" on the MU home page for more opportunities.

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

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# Alcohol & Fire Safety Day



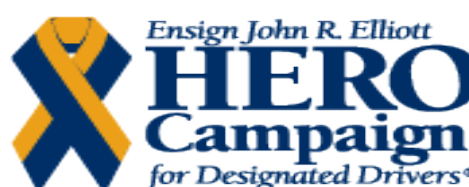
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# The Gluteus MAXimus

“Comedy with the biggest crack”

MAX TIMKO  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Comedy. Is there anything that will take us away from our regular lives like comedy? Honestly, think about it.

With this horrible economy, jobs are at an all time low, and 50 percent of America is obese. We need to have some type of levity in our lives. Comedy is what people need to turn to in this time of need. That is why I have the honor, no, the privilege to re-introduce *LOL! Comedy Show* to Monmouth University.

You may have noticed *LOL!* on campus during the involvement fair, performing a mock press conference on the steps of the Student Center. The entire event was completely improv and there was absolutely zero written material.

*LOL!* is Monmouth University's very own comedy sketch/improv show that is modeled off *Saturday Night Live* and *Mad TV*. *LOL!* is looking for all new cast members and you have the opportunity to be apart of this growing phenomenon. With sketches such as fan favorite “Billy Bonka and the Butter Factory,” and National Broadcasting Society Comedy Segment Award Winner “Remember”.

*LOL!* is ready to start pump-

ing out some crude yet tasteful comedy sketches this semester. Here is the best part. YOU

casting for the show until October 7 in the Plangere Building. If you always wanted to be apart



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The second season of the *LOL! Comedy Show* is here.

could be the next comedy star of Monmouth University. If you are interested in becoming apart of this amazing comedy experience attend a Hawk TV general meeting on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. or email hawktv@monmouth.edu.

*LOL!* will be excepting open

of a sketch comedy show then this is your chance to shine.

If you are interested in the show you can also check out the youtube site at [www.youtube.com/lol-comedyshow1](http://www.youtube.com/lol-comedyshow1).

You can even friend us on Facebook or follow our schedule on Twitter.

## MEDIA POLKA

Swine flu is said to reach an all time high this upcoming month while bacon sales plummet to an all time low. Ironical.

The new *Sex and the City* movie is in production right now, which once again proves that there isn't a god. And if there is he has horrible taste in movies. If you don't agree, then why did he let *Bio-dome* with Pauly Shore happen?

Jessica Simpson is said to be extremely depressed because of the death of her 2 year old dog Daisy being eaten by coyotes. Jessica replied to the media in response to the death of her dog that the coyotes were “meanie poo- poo heads.” Which makes you think, how did she manage to keep this animal alive as long as she did?

Kevin Federline is said to be appearing on the show *Celebrity Fit Club* this month on MTV, which brings to the attention this question. Does anyone really care?

*The Wizard of Oz* turns 70 years old this year celebrating with its re-mastered version hitting shelves this month. While the Paris Hilton sex tape turns 3 years old and is still in the same crappy night vision version.



# Is The Moose Going Extinct?

KRISTOPHER REDZINAK  
STAFF WRITER

It almost seems as if one entered a posche New York City club, as the bass pumped adrenaline into one's heart. An intoxicating aroma quickly pierces their nose, as their eyes began to falter in the dimly lit foyer, one could only wonder what trendy name owns up to this exclusive mystique that was stumbled upon.

One quickly looks around to spot any hot celebs, but suddenly notices being surround by plaid shirts, hoodies, and tight jeans; oh, it is an Abercrombie & Fitch.

For years, Abercrombie & Fitch had staked a claim in being the top teen retailer among college students. Years ago it was almost impossible to make your way through the quad between Willow and Spruce without seeing the retailer's named branded across the chests of the college guys throwing a football to one another, or the cute brunette who sat talking about the same cute boys; Abercrombie & Fitch had made itself part of the college lifestyle.

Once the choice teen retailer, the long lines that once wrapped around the stores famed “canoe room” has become a ghost town as I entered my local Abercrombie this weekend.

Shelves that used to be full of some of the hottest merchandise that was constantly in demand is now bountiful, and it seems as if

the music has been turned just a little bit lower. What has happened to the atmosphere of what used to be one of the hottest teen retailers around?

In the past year Abercrombie's stock price has dropped from \$88 per share to the latest, a meager \$32.88 per share. In it's most recent earnings report, the retailer reported a 29 percent decrease in sales from 2008 to 2009's back to school season. Abercrombie, the father store to the likes of Hollister, Ruehl, and Gilly Hicks, must find a way to hemorrhage its losses as the Christmas season approaches.

In its latest move to save money and turn a profit, Abercrombie & Fitch plans to shut down its Ruehl chain, as it saw a \$27 million loss last quarter. Announced in June, the company plans to shut down its 29-store chain, which was supposed to cater to post-college adults and younger business professionals.

Closing the chain will cost Abercrombie nearly \$41 million, but hopefully save the company more money in the long run. Company representatives said they hope to have the brand closed around the end of January 2010.

With poor results, CFO Jonathan Ramsden said that with 270



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Abercrombie & Fitch is not the same popular store that it used to be.

leases scheduled to expire by the end of 2011, the company would be reviewing the stores with the worst performance through the end of the year.

Despite a recent report by ABC news, that reported that Abercrombie & Fitch CEO Michael Jefferies one of the highest earning CEO's in the country. He was making \$71.8 million dollars a year, while watching his com-

pany earnings fall by nearly 60 percent

Jefferies remained upbeat about the current situation. “We believe we are doing the right things to address those challenges and improve our domestic business. In the meantime, we remain very encouraged by our prospects for international growth,” he stated in a recent press release.

Most recently Abercrombie

has tried to draw the consumer back by reducing their jeans, typically upwards of \$100, by 40 percent. They have also offered a 20 percent discount on a their total purchase to individuals who are signed up on Hollister's mailing list, it is unknown whether or not Abercrombie & Fitch stores will follow suit with a similar discount.

With lower price points for the same style of clothing, and a more inviting atmosphere, stores like American Eagle and Aeropostale are seeing an increase in revenue, while demand for Abercrombie continues to dwindle.

It seems as if moose-hunting season has come early this year, but instead of college students aiming for trendy high-priced Abercrombie merchandise, they are looking instead, towards cheaper alternatives.

It looks as if the moose has indeed hunted itself to the point of extinction by failing to adjust to an imploding teen retail apparel market.



# SURROGATES Is SHORT A FEW CIRCUITS

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Good science fiction movies manage to tell an entertaining story and act as social commentary on our everyday lives. *Surrogates* had the makings to be a sci-fi flick that conveys a message about society's dependence on technology.

With people connected by the hip to social networking sites like Facebook and MySpace, it doesn't seem implausible to think this. However, the movie gets caught up in its own trap-pings and is never able to explore what is essentially a real theme in today's world.

The movie, directed by Jonathan Mostow (*Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines*) and written by Michael Ferris and John D. Brancato, opens with a montage detailing the rise of robotics and surrogates, robots that people can live their lives through while never leaving home. It also details how some disown surrogates and live in Dread Reservations, free of technology, lead by the Prophet (a weird Ving Rhames).

The story begins with FBI Agents, Tom Greer (Bruce Willis) and Peters (Radha Mitchell), investigating the deaths of two surrogates whose eyes had been fried and their humans hosts dead. They discover that one of the dead surrogates belonged to the son of Dr. Canter (James Cromwell), the creator of surro-gates.

Soon, Peters and Greer try to understand how a human can die while connected to their surro-gate despite having it on a fail-safe. As the FBI agents track down their culprit, an unexpected turn happens to hurt Greer and makes him decide to stay unconnected to his surrogate. Being on the outside looking into the world, Greer continues to track down who wants to destroy surrogates as just a man.

Since surrogates are the main focus of the movie, it's a shame that their portrayal is disappointing. These surrogates are not an ideal replacement for humanity and appear somewhat backwards in a world. They don't move fluently or act very human, thus making them feel primitive to this future.

Furthermore, Mostow is never able to make the actors playing surrogates believable. Instead, the actors come off more like human-sized G.I. Joes, moving their heads action figures. When Willis and Mitchell act with one of Dr. Canter's surrogates, the actors barely blink. This makes

the scene play out more like a staring contest than a murder investigation. In general, the conversations in the movie between surrogates feel too cold to enjoy.

The other problem is Mostow has a bad tendency to show many scenes at a slanted angle. While

Once or twice, they make the movie center on this idea but seem more concerned with setting up a boring mystery. The film moves at an uneven pace, never building up excitement or tension to what will happen next.

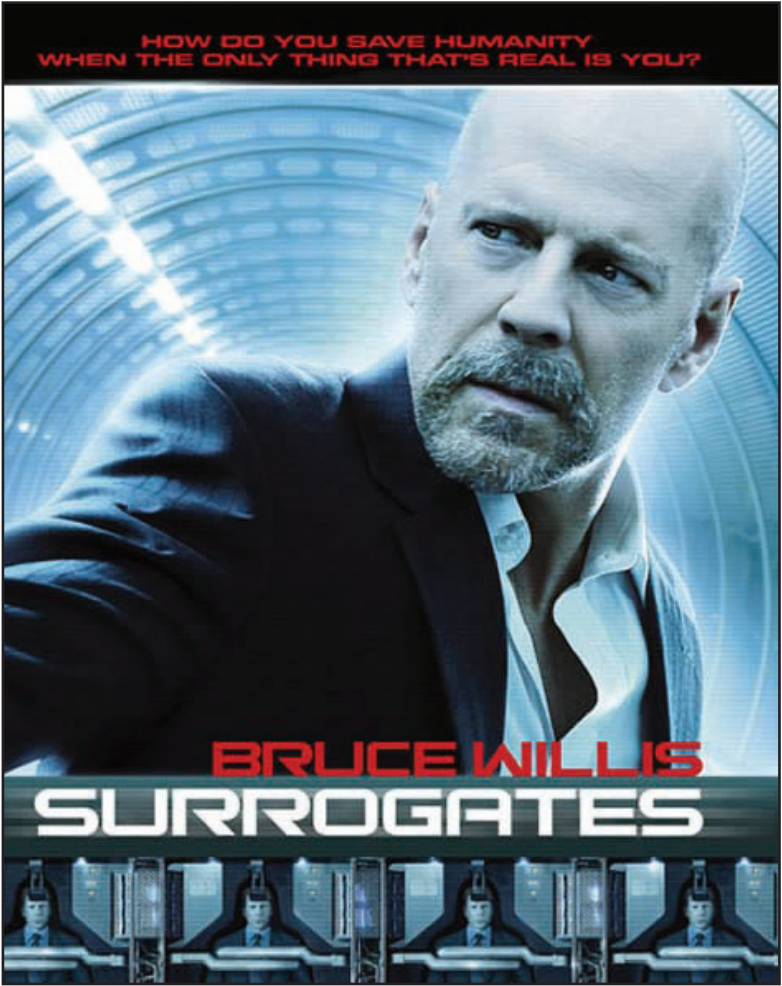


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Movie *Surrogates* starring Bruce Willis is now in theaters.

this device can help a movie achieve some suspense or unevenness for it viewers, here it gets played out.

The film is tilted so many times you can get dizzy watching it. The suspense for the movie should come from the actors and the story. This type of camerawork can't be the only way to make people feel unbalanced (no pun intended) about the movie.

Although the movie is based on the graphic novel, *The Surrogates* by Robert Venditti and Brett Weldele, that doesn't mean it has to follow the panel-by-panel form of filmmaking as seen in *Watchmen* and *Sin City*. It should be allowed to be itself but keep the spirit of the novel alive. Unfortunately, *Surrogates* screenwriters, Ferris and D. Brancato, take the premise of the book, but don't concern themselves with the idea that technology could be controlling us too much.

The dialogue is also not as strong as it could be. Even though these people are robots living the lives of humans, they shouldn't talk like Hal from *2001: A Space Odyssey*. For example when Greer and Peters are interviewing Dr. Canter through a surrogate, he disconnects himself and ends the conversation. Peters turns to Greer and says, "Well, I guess the interview's over." The way the line is delivered might make a robot laugh, but humans will find it a bit silly.

The special effects in the movie look fantastic but alas those parts last a few seconds. Such as when Peters and Greer walk into VSI, which manufactures surrogates, and see these modern miracles being built or walking into a lab, where robotic heads and limbs are scattered around. This is a great set that feels like walking into a Terminator work-shop.

The height of the special effects in the movie shouldn't be surrogates when their flesh is taken off and circuits are exposed, but the truth is, it is. The rest of the special effects are spent on pointless action scenes that never go anywhere. The action is not exciting and the thrills are mild.

The surrogates might jump great heights or through the air, but never do much beyond that. It seems that Mostow's is unable to capture the excitement and thrills he showed in the great car chase in *Terminator 3*.

Willis has shown that he can work up a sweat like in *Live Free or Die Hard*, but *Surrogates* might be one of his duller performances. Willis never really gets a chance to be that hard-hitting action hero and instead seems to be more depressed than interesting. He never really has the opportunity to explore his role as Greer since it seems to be stuck in a rut. Every other scene in the movie sees him arguing with his wife to let go of her surrogate and be herself. The first time, it makes a point, but it happens too many times, losing any impact it might have had.

He is better in action moments than in the dramatic ones, but it stinks that there is not enough action for him. Yet, the best quality of Willis's character is how he believes that surrogates can't be used all the time unlike his wife. It's that human spirit that manages to make people care about Greer.

However, the only actor in the movie who manages to do something great is Cromwell as Dr. Canter. He does a nice job of playing a very confused genius.

It's unfortunate that the best parts of a movie are fake news footage detailing events in this future world. It's interesting to see society from the point of view of these characters and the commentaries they add. The footage is well handled and surpasses the actual movie itself. The only other worthwhile moment in the movie is when Willis "wakes" up in the world again after being disconnected from his surrogate for the first time in years. Suddenly, he seems to experience the world again using his actual five senses, not the surrogate's sensors.

This brings up an interesting idea that when we disconnect from technology after a long time being connected to it, we forget how amazing the world really is and feels. It's too bad that the whole movie couldn't focus on this theme more.

# Kardashian and Odom Tie the Knot

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We watched her mock her older sisters about their tumultuous love lives on their hit reality show *Keeping Up With The Kardashians* and more recently live up her single life on *Kourtney and Khloe Take Miami*, but this past Sunday, Khloe Kardashian shocked us all when she wed Los Angeles Lakers basketball player, Lamar Odom.

Khloe was always vocal about her struggles with boyfriends and relationships, so to be the first of the Kardashian clan to walk down the aisle was unexpected. The couple had only been dating for a month after meeting at a party, when word emerged that they were engaged.

Rumors had be running like

wildfire until Khloe finally addressed the matter on her personal Twitter, posting on September 22 that the rumors were infact true.

Invitations were sent out just days before the big event, with nearly 200 guests invited. From teammates of Odom such as Kobe Bryant to Hollywood socialites close to Kardashian such as Kelly Osbourne, Chelsea Handler, Joe Francis and Baby Face.



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Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom tie the knot.

Both the ceremony and reception were held outside at a private estate in the luxurious Beverly Hills.

Kardashian kept busy with three wardrobe changes throughout her big day. Beginning in her Vera Wang gown to take her vows, later changing into a different dress for the reception, and ending the night in a purple jumpsuit that read "Mr. and Mrs. Odom" on the back.

A wedding special is in the works to air on E! in the coming weeks. Check your local listings.

## CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

### STUDENT/ CLUB EVENTS

#### WEDNESDAY

##### Involvement Fair

Where: Patio

Time: 2:30-4 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

##### Ghandi Day Speaker

Where: Young

Auditorium

Time: 1:30-2:30 p.m.

##### Welcome Ceremony

Where: Anacon-

Time: 7 p.m.

##### Movie Night:

*I Love You, Beth Cooper*

Where: Oakwood

Time: 7 & 11

#### SATURDAY

Philadelphia Zoo Trip

Bus leaves RSSC at 10 a.m.

Comedian: Robbie Prinz

Where: Oakwood

When: 6 p.m.

Movie Night:

*Public Enemies*

Where: Oakwood

When: 7 & 11 p.m.







# Wii Fit Gets Gamers off the Couch

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Nintendo’s \$90 “Wii Fit” promises to use your Wii video game console to make you sweat. That may be a stretch, but there’s no denying that this fun collection of mini-games, most of which use the Balance Board, makes getting some light exercise pretty darned pleasant.

The Balance Board is about the size of a folded newspaper, and wirelessly talks to your Wii console. It acts as a scale \_ ouch \_ and more importantly, measures tiny shifts in your weight and balance.

On screen, those shifts translate into everything from your balance in yoga poses to how you do crossing a tightrope between skyscrapers. The technology works well, in general, and is customized for the individual player.

Mini-games are divided into categories: yoga, strength, aerobics and balance. Each contains a few games that are open initially and more that open up as you spend time with the game or improve on existing mini-games.

The balance games include things like slaloming down a ski slope, using your body weight to steer between flag gates, or playing soccer goalie, shifting your weight to head off incoming soccer balls (and ducking to avoid thrown shoes and other objects).

Strength training includes things like pikes, push-ups and leg extensions; yoga includes poses like tree, warrior, half-moon and forward fold.

Aerobics includes basic and advanced step aerobics; one and two-player running, which creatively uses your Wiimotes as pedometers; and hula hooping, a hilarious mini-game in which you have to swivel your hips to keep hoops going and periodically lean in the correct direction to catch more.

(Ladies: You MUST talk the man in your life into trying hula hooping. It’s hilarious. Sorry, honey.)

The aerobics and balance games are a lot more fun (and less serious) than the strength and yoga poses, but you have to acknowl-

edge the smart use of technology in every section.

The Balance Board is sensitive and responsive, and there were not many cases where it felt out of sync with the player’s movement. If anything, it’s a little on the small side, but its size makes some of the mini games (like the “Wii Fit” version of step aerobics) possible.

You’ll have to work to break a sweat, but in the same vein as other fitness video games, you always get out of it a workout in direct proportion to the enthusiasm and exaggerated movements you put into it.

The biggest handicap “Wii Fit” has is that it’s relatively shallow. While there are dozens of games altogether when you unlock everything, no one game is likely to command your attention for more than a few minutes. That’s OK if you plan to shuffle through everything that catches your eye in a single workout; even a selection of basic games with nothing unlocked can quickly add up to a half-hour workout.

But it shows how much potential the Balance Board has for future titles that take one idea and expand on it. Instead of the campy synthesizer tones in the basic step aerobics, for example, imagine a title focused just on that, including modern pop and rock tunes with more complex choreography, a la “Dance Dance Revolution.”

“We Ski” has already done that for the skiing balance game, for example.

In many ways, “Wii Fit” feels a lot like the “Eye Toy: Play” game that Sony released with the camera for its PlayStation systems. It’s partly a demonstration of the capabilities of the hardware (in this case, the Balance Board instead of a camera), but slightly disappointing as a freestanding title.

However, that shouldn’t stop you from giving it a try. It’d be a fun alternative to a walk outside on a rainy day, and it might just entice your kids off the couch \_ and that’s never a bad thing.

Finding “Wii Fit” can be a bit of a challenge, and you must already have a Nintendo Wii console to use it.



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Wii Fit allows gamers to exercise why they play.

# One Super Fan Knows How to Watch a Game

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When I arrived at Monmouth my freshman year I was worried about three things: my classes, my roommate and where I could watch the Eagles games on Sunday.

In my quest for a place to watch the games, I met a football fanatic whose passion for the game and the well being of (Tom Brady) was unmatched.

Mat Massahos, now a Senior Monmouth student, introduced me to the Lake House on Sunday afternoons and into the psyche of a diehard New England Patriots fan. Whether you are a fan of the National Football League or not, Massahos’ story is an interesting one.

Question: How important are the Patriots to you?

Answer: The Patriots are second in my life only to breathing, barely. I’ve been a pretty huge Patriots fan since middle school and what started off as a past-time evolved into a love, an obsession and a way of life. I spend all off-season following the team’s personnel moves in anticipation for the season.

Once the season starts, my mood for the week is dictated by how well they played and if they won or lost. I start off every game with precise rituals and superstitions.

This includes the clothes I wear, an exact conversation my dad that I have before each game, and other crazy things that have absolutely no meaning on the outcome of the game, but I feel will cause the team to lose if I don’t perform.

The Patriots are responsible for the happiest I have ever been and also for the saddest I have ever been in my life.

Question: How important to you is it that you watch the game?

Answer: I haven’t missed a snap since the 2000 season. It was a Monday Night game against the Kansas City Chiefs and I had an indoor soccer game. (I didn’t have to look that up).

I remember there was one TV in the entire complex that was showing the game and during half time I lied and said I had to

go to the bathroom so I could go check the score and catch a few plays.

Even if the game has been lost and all that is left is for the other team to take a knee a few times, I feel as if I owe it to them to finish the game with them. I always find a way to watch the game no matter what.

Question: Where is your favorite place to watch the game?

Answer: Before coming to Monmouth I use to watch the game in one of two places: at the stadium or in my living room with my mom and dad. We would all have to sit in the exact spots we watched every game in.

Since coming to Monmouth I had to find a different place to watch the games because they are rarely telecasted nationally. This season is my 4th season watching the games that I don’t attend or aren’t telecasted in the dorms, at the Lake House.

My RA told my about the Lake House when I asked for a place to watch the game that would allow me to watch since I was underage.

When I first started going it was a very low key place to watch the game but it has slowly evolved into an extremely popular gathering for fans of any NFL team.

Question: What about the Lake House makes it your favorite place to watch a game?

Answer: The Lake House has been my favorite place to watch the games over the past three years for a few reasons. First off the owner and the bar tenders there have treated me great. I was usually the youngest one there and they always took care of me and made sure I had a place to watch the game and although I wasn’t buying drinks, they would still take care of anything that I needed. I’ll be honest, the bar tenders love me there.

They got to know me and how crazy I am about the Patriots. I usually watch the games alone when I am not at home, and the fact that I comfortable there watching the games says a lot.

Second, the place is extremely

nice. It’s not just some dump of a bar showing football games, it is extremely well done and all of the TV’s are great.

Third the people and the environment are both fantastic. There is a small group of Patriots fans who have really taken me in. They are in their late 30’s and they have taken me under their wing since I first started going when I was a freshman.

It’s to the point where I’ve been to their house and met their families and they even buy me food and drinks when I am there. The Lake House really puts a lot of effort into game day.

There are always free buffets, promotions and contests not to mention almost every game is always shown. They are extremely flexible and definitely work with their guests.

Question: Do you go anywhere else to watch on game day?

Answer: The only other places I would ever watch the game are my house, my room or Gillette Stadium. I am extremely loyal to the Lake House, and everything they’ve done for me.

Question: Anything else you would like to add?

Answer: For those who can’t or choose not to drink, such as myself, I always try to buy food so that I am not simply using them for a place to watch the game. They have shown me a lot of respect over the years so I try to do the same by giving them my business in some way or another.

Mat’s appreciation of the Lake House is well warranted. The restaurant has 15 high definition televisions, five of which are new this year.

The food is moderately priced and the refills on non-alcoholic beverages are free. The Lake House on 601 Main Street in Loch Arbour is the perfect place for students from all over the country to watch their favorite football teams play.

Giants and Jets fans are welcome as well as they are able to watch their local team on the largest screens in the building and usually have the most fans in attendance.

Although, if you are a Jets fan maybe you should avoid Mat and don’t worry you will know who he is when the Patriots score.



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# Teens, Texting and the Sleep Connection

*Technology May be Playing a Key Role in Teen Sleep Deprivation*

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Between their crazy schedules and upside-down circadian rhythms, teens always have been somewhat sleep-deprived. Now technology is making it worse. Teens are not just texting, instant-messaging and surfing Facebook all day; they're sleeping with their cell phones or laptops, too. Or rather, not sleeping. And doctors and parents, many of them raised in an era when phones were attached to walls, are concerned.

"So many teens are having sleep issues, and parents aren't necessarily regulating the use of the electronic devices enough," says Margie Ryerson, a Walnut Creek, Calif., therapist who specializes in adolescent issues. "It's impossible to wind down and relax the body, the mind, the senses and be ready to fall asleep."



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Number of teens waking up to text is on the rise.

The texting doesn't stop, she says, even after Mom and Dad are snoring softly in their beds. One of Ryerson's clients discovered her 17-year-old daughter was sending more than 3,000 text messages per month, many in the wee hours. Of course, for every obsessive texter, there's a teen, "tween" or college student who simply turns off the phone at bedtime. But even the averages are extraordinary. A 2009 Nielsen study on teens and media found a 566 percent jump in teen texting rates during the past two years. The average teen sent 435 texts a month in early 2007. Now it's 2,899 per month which comes out to 97 a day. Teens are texting on the bus, in class, at dinner and in bed. It's the bed part that's worrying experts. A Belgian study published last month found that late-night texting is affecting the sleep cycles of 44 percent of that country's 16-year-olds. Some 21 percent are waking up one to three times a month to answer a text message, according to the Leuven Study on Media and Adolescent Health; it's a weekly occurrence for 11 percent of the teens, and a nightly or every-other-night wake-up call for 12 percent. "We all know teens don't get enough sleep in general," says San Francisco youth culture expert Anastasia Goodstein. "As long as parents allow teens to have these devices in their bedrooms at night, teens will be tempted to use them. "...

Teens would socialize 24/7 if they could especially if it's with a girlfriend or boyfriend." Ryerson calls it the CNN syndrome of teenhood round-the-clock reports on breaking news about everything from homework to wardrobe choices to Starbucks cravings. Norman Constantine worries that the stakes are higher than most parents realize. The director of the Oakland, Calif.-based Public Health Institute's Center for Research on Adolescent Health and Development says sleep deprivation is linked to memory and concentration problems, anxiety and depression, moodiness and hyperactivity. "Many people assume these problems arise directly from adolescence, which is not really true," he says. "The real issue is sleep deprivation. Late-night texting can certainly make the situation

didn't have our phones with us 24/7 while on campus, we would miss out on events, activities and even coursework. There are advantages to being constantly connected, but like nearly everything, too much of a good thing can be a bad thing." What a teen or college student considers an emergency may differ from the standard parental definitions. Orinda, Calif., mom Robin Fahr has seen the full range of teen texting in her own home. Fahr's daughter, Chelsea, 21, sleeps with her cell phone next to her bed. The University of California at Davis senior tells her mother it's in case a friend has an emergency. "Which could be anything from a middle-of-the-night breakup to needing a ride home from a party," Fahr says, "not exactly the kinds of emergencies we grown-ups are used to ..."

Son Tyler, 18, goes along with late-night texting for a while, then types "goodnight" and turns off the phone. "While he loves his friends, he loves himself enough to get the sleep he needs," Fahr says. But little brother Jordan, 12, admits he has pulled texting all-nighters. "It's usually only when there's a sleepover going on somewhere, and others are at home, texting," Fahr says. The psychology behind this constant contact is certainly understandable, Ryerson says. "It comes from wanting to avoid being left out. They won't be considered important and significant in their peer group, if they don't know what's going on. If they're on top of everything, they belong," she says. It's not limited to the teen crowd either. Jones says there's substantial pressure at the college level, too. "Since everyone else is always connected," he says, "they expect their peers to constantly be at the same level of connectedness. And when they're not, people rarely go out of their way to keep those less connected informed of what is happening."

**SETTING LIMITS** What helps, at least for younger kids, says Danville psychologist Sara Denman, is parental involvement. "If all of their friends are all able to text into the wee hours of the night, it is hard for a middle or high schooler to set the limit themselves," Denman says. "Often they appreciate parents stepping in. "... I encourage parents to set a technology curfew."

Some parents find that cell phones carry their own curfew enforcers — their batteries have to be recharged. "Many parents have their kids charge the phone and computer in the hall outside of their room, which confirms the curfew is being followed," says Denman. Some of Ryerson's clients have taken it even farther: "I've actually had parents sleep with (the phones) under their pillow. As parents, we want our kids to be happy, healthy and responsible," she says, "and the most essential prerequisite for achieving balance is to first take care of ourselves physically eating well, exercising and getting enough sleep."

# The Folklore of Halloween and The Joy That It Brings to All Ages

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Hopefully the month of October (in which we currently find the calendar announcing far and wide) will always be linked to the holiday of Halloween, a time of year in which old and new folklore and traditions are joined into a sprawling fantasy world in the minds of joyous celebrators of every age. The innocence of childhood is clearly embodied in this time of year; embodied in the electric excitement generated by young trick-or-treaters, immersed as they are in the pure imagination only barely hinted at by writers such as L. Frank Baum (with his Oz), Sir James M. Barrie (with his Neverland), and Lewis Carroll (with his Wonderland). Children across the country don costumes—the garb of make believe—and parade the haunted sidewalks in a renewal of one of the season's most representative traditions. I have always enjoyed the humorous side of the holiday, symbolized to the greatest eloquence by Washington Irving, in his comical Legend of Sleepy Hollow (one of the many expertly rendered components of his groundbreaking 1819 Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.). Here, Irving presents Americans with one of our earliest folk heroes, the unfortunate schoolmaster Ichabod Crane; who succumbs to the mischievous retribution of Brom Bones and the Headless Horseman. It truly is the definitive tale of the holiday. Irving's ghost story concerning the Headless Horseman suggests the important role of storytelling as a means of celebrating Halloween, and his Hessian Solider is far from the only goblin to occupy campfires discourses. Certainly another figure of vital importance to the festivities of the holiday is the tragic Jack O' Lantern. The story, which originated from Scotland, concerns a spirit forced to wander the earth, rejected by both heaven and hell (due to a series of tricks he had played upon the devil), lighting his way with a carved out turnip as his lantern. When settlers brought this strange tale to the shores of the American South, the turnip was updated to a pumpkin. Versions of the story are present in African American folklore originating from the South, an example of which was recorded by Joel Chandler Harris in his 1880 Uncle Remus: His Songs and His Sayings. In compliment to the lore of the ancients (or semi-ancients, depending upon your relative perspective), there is also the wealth of popular rumors and hearsay which forms what Dr. Jan Harold Brunvand terms "urban legends."

According to a May 8th, 1991 New York Times article by Katherine Bishop, Dr. Brunvand defines urban legends as describing "presumably real events and are

usually told by credible persons narrating in a believable style." Certainly the number of urban legends (which Dr. Brunvand has spent his decade-long career tirelessly attempting to catalog) is infinite, with new additions and variations being submitted to unsuspecting audiences every day. Endless arrays of flashlight illuminated faces have recounted the story of "The Vanishing Hitchhiker," who disappears from the car without warning upon arrival at her requested destination. Only an abandoned article of clothing is left as evidence of the supernatural occurrence. Dr. Brunvand, in the June 5th, 1989 issue of the Post-Standard, calls the story "[...] one of the oldest legends that folklorists have documented. In the United States it goes back to the turn of the century, when the mysterious stranger was said to disappear from a horse-drawn wagon or buggy, often after making a startling prophecy."

Equally as popular is "The Hook," which involves the closest of calls experienced by a young couple, who barely escape a hook-handed maniac on the loose. It is of tremendous interest that "The Hook" made its first print appearance in the November 8th, 1960 Dear Abby syndicated advice column written by Abigail Van Buren. Another story which began



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Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman is a popular Halloween tale.

circulation during the early Rock and Roll era of the 1950s (and just as infamous) is "The Spiders in the Hairdo," in which a woman's vanity over her beehive hairdo becomes her undoing when it becomes infested with spiders. Because of urban legends, alligators seem to live in the sewers of New York, Andy Kaufman and Elvis sightings are on the rise, and patrons of Kentucky Fried Chicken hope to avoid the rumored incident of being served a fried rat. The spirit that resides behind retelling urban legends is the same essence which motivated Washington Irving to pen The Legend of Sleepy Hollow 190 years ago (he must of had a mischievous sparkle in his eye while he was thus employed), or inspired early American settlers to begin carving Jack O' Lanterns in honor of their native Scotland. It is the same sense of fun and innocence which sends trick-or-treaters out into a landscape of fallen leaves and crisp air in search of candy and ghosts; and inspired Ray Bradbury (Irving's only true heir) to compose his beautiful and poetic The Halloween Tree in 1972. It is the power of Halloween, the power of being a child again.





# Reflection on the Accomplishments of Ghana’s Former First Lady: The Power Behind the President

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It is often said, “behind every great man is an even greater woman”. This statement is certainly true of the Former president and first lady of Ghana, His Excellency John Jerry Rawlings and his wife, Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings.

The former president is credited with bringing the country into its own by turning it into a democratic nation in 1992, the year he was elected president.

However, he had ruled the country since he led an opposition in 1981 and banned the political party system. He improved the economic situation of the country by instilling low corporate taxes and improving trade policies, which is helpful for a country rich in natural resources of minerals and gold.

However, the former president might owe much of his successes to the woman who stood behind him. During his reign the former first lady stepped into a spotlight of her own in order to improve the lives of the women of Ghana. She did this by forming the 31st December Women’s Movement in 1981 and became president of this non-profit, non-government organization.

Under this organization she empowered women and gave them the support to take their lives into their own hands and create sustainable communities. The women of Ghana became involved in education, health, and political policies and were given their own voices in their communities. Literacy rates among

adults improved and children were attending pre-school.

Women also began selling jewellery, clothing, and land in order to provide for themselves. This meant that women in Ghana became active participating members of the labor force, perhaps contributing to the thriving economy.

Women were empowered and able to provide for their families. They were not only a strong influence inside the home anymore, but were also able to be a strong voice in the community. The Embassy of Ghana released a statement on behalf of Madame Rawlings and the 31st December Women’s Movement saying that it was her desire to “see the emancipation of women at every level of development to enable them to contribute and benefit from the socio-economic and political progress of the country”.

Almost 30 years after this organization was formed, the for-

mer first lady continues to empower women and giving them the courage to change their own lives.

Compared to the history of the United States, Ghana seems to be moving at a faster pace. Under Madame Rawlings, women were able to join the workforce and become influential in policy making in less time than women in America.

In the same amount of time, Ghana became a democratic nation, women were also gaining their own independence, unlike the United States where women had to wait almost 150 years for the right to vote and it wasn’t until the 1960’s and 70’s

where women were actually able to fight for equal rights in the workplace, on the coattails of the Civil Rights Movement.

Madame Rawlings was a revolutionary first lady. During a time where women did stand behind their husbands and provide private council, she stood beside him and fought for improving the lives of every individual in the Republic of Ghana.

After her husband’s presidency ended, Madame Rawlings was still gaining momentum. She left a positive impact on the nation and continues to pave a way for women of Ghana and an inspiring path for women around the world. The former first lady puts to rest the statement that “behind every great man is an even greater woman”, but instead proves that an even greater women is able to step out of her husband’s shadow and create her own light that shines over an entire nation.

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December Womens Movement

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The former first lady is responsible for forming the 31st December Women’s Movement to improve the lives of the women of Ghana.

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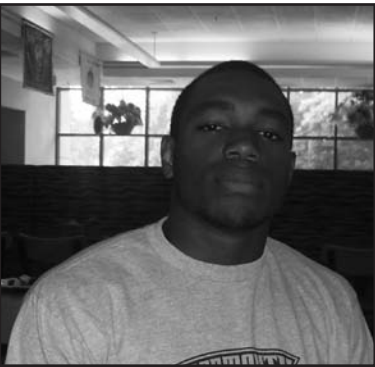
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Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19)

Home disputes and family discussions may this week require delicate timing. Loved ones will now request public loyalty concerning group plans or social promises. Dramatic moments, although eventually helpful, will be unavoidable. Remain diplomatic. A previously distant friend will ask for greater involvement in your private life. In the coming weeks emotional demands will increase. Pace yourself.

♉

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20)

A workplace battle of wills may be on the agenda this week. Egos are easily bruised over the next few days. Avoid acting as mediator and refuse to be drained by petty differences. Later this week a close friend may reveal an unexpected romantic attraction or social history. Listen objectively and offer encouragement.

♊

Gemini • (May 21 - June 21)

In the coming weeks new love affairs will rapidly expand to include revised social celebrations or new home routines. Friends may probe for private details. Remain silent: this is not the right time to reveal personal hopes, dreams or desires. Friday through Sunday minor financial restrictions will be lifted.

♋

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22)

Be supportive of friends but stress underlying emotional consequences of their actions. Reliable guidance may be needed. Many Cancerians will encounter a complex financial proposal from an older colleague or key official. All may not be as it seems: remain cautious and watch for unexpected facts.

♌

Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22)

Group alliances may be disrupted this week by sudden disagreements. Long-term friends may now openly question the romantic ethics or social sensitivities of others. Wait for clarity: this week disputes will be brief but extremely irrational. Friday through Sunday a family member may reveal a powerful need for privacy. Offer meaningful support.

♍

Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22)

Short-term finances will require creative planning over the next few days. Although resources may be limited, special purchases are now highly favorable. Propose new ideas to loved ones and expect concrete, timely answers. Many Virgos will be asked to take on added workplace responsibilities or assist new employees. Don't hesitate to show enthusiasm: key officials may be quietly reviewing the skills and habits of others. Stay focused.

♎

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

Business colleagues and officials may this week rely on your expertise. Past experience, public reputation and the ability to lead will now create new job openings. In the coming weeks co-workers may ask for guidance and new direction. Your efforts will be respected and acknowledged. Private family events or romantic promises may be a concern. Remain philosophic.

♏

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Distant or forgotten friendships may reappear over the next six days. Scorpions will now return to old relationships in order to properly resolve outstanding emotions. Study complex memories for valuable clues. Workplace promises and minor financial agreements may quickly prove misleading. Take your time: private tensions may be high.

♐

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Seniority and workplace respect may be a delicate issue this week. Expect reluctant or reserved colleagues to express strong opinions and ask for greater authority. Welcome all improvements and expect new roles to soon bring clarity to group relations. Late this week someone close may discuss a recent social disappointment or romantic triangle. If so, remain silent..

♑

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Authority figures will be easily dissuaded from new ideas. Competing instructions from managers or unusual disagreements may be an ongoing problem. Although new business ventures are promising, expect long-term projects to be postponed. Through Saturday a trusted friend may act and react more emotionally than usual. Minor home disputes or private family needs may be at issue. Offer support and encouragement. All is well.

♒

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is a 9

Love relationships will now experience a wave of nostalgia. Expect loved ones to reflect on recent romantic or family breakthroughs. Honesty and acceptance are a continuing theme this week. Use this time to explore new levels of emotional intimacy and expect others to be genuinely supportive.

♓

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) This week is a 10

This week is an excellent time to plan revised strategies and submit new applications. Stay alert to new ideas. Friday through Sunday romantic promises are meaningful and revealing. Key relationships will steadily expand over the next 18 days: make sure others understand your needs, goals and expectation.

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# THE END ZONE

## Blue and White Topple Old Dominion, Improve to 2-2

KEVANEY MARTIN  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Despite a less than ideal start Saturday at Foreman Field, the Hawks managed to turn it around and, after virtually dominating the fourth quarter, were able to squeak out a 31-28 win over the highly favored Monarchs of Old Dominion to improve to .500.

Monmouth found themselves with their backs against the wall early after giving up two scores with just 2:53 expiring from the clock, which led to a 14-0 deficit. But due in large part to the phenomenal running performance of senior David Sinisi, who recorded his third 200+ yard game on a career-high 41 carries, the Blue and White retaliated and came out victorious.

“It was so important that we didn’t get down and we kept our heads up,” said Sinisi. “I think a lot of it was just nerves, but once we got them out of our system we really took over the game.”

On the opening drive of the contest, Old Dominion marched 74 yards on six plays into Monmouth territory and after converting a third and 11 situation, quarterback Thomas DeMarco hit wide-out Nick Mayers on a 55 yard slip screen pass who eased into the end zone untouched.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Monarchs struck again after ODU’s Craig Wilkins stripped MU’s Bobby Giles at the 29 yard line. Just three plays and a minute later, DeMarco hit Carlos Davis for a seven yard touchdown pass.

Old Dominion appeared to be running away with the lead, but the hungry Hawks had other

plans. After a botched onsides kick attempt went out of bounds, Monmouth took over at the 41 yard line and the offense, which had yet to see the field, went to work. Led by redshirt freshman Kyle Frazier, Monmouth cut the lead to seven after covering 41 yards on five plays that was finished off with David Sinisi plowing eight yards for the score.

Knowing that they had to redeem themselves for the slow start, the Monmouth defense took the field on the ensuing possession looking to make a statement. Junior Ken Amsel did just that by picking off a DeMarco pass and returning it 55 yards up the left sideline to the ODU 30. The interception was Amsel six in his career, moving him into ninth all-time in the Monmouth record books. The Hawks offense failed to capitalize on this stellar defense after facing a fourth and one on the nine yard line.

A 43-yard punt from Jack Daniels pinned the Monarchs on their one yard line on the following possession, and although ODU was able to work their way out of their own end zone, the drive was cut short after linebacker Joe Valenti intercepted an attempted pass from the ODU kicker Drew Hereza, which ultimately led to a Sinisi touchdown, tying the game 14-14 with 7:36 to play in the half.

Monmouth took their first lead of the game on the first possession of the second half after kicker Jake DelVento converted a 31 yard field goal to give MU a 17-14 advantage. That lead diminished quickly though, when Old Dominion drove 50 yards on three plays to go up 21-17 on the Hawks with



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David Sinisi was named NEC Offensive Player of the Week after carrying the ball 41 times, for 216 yards and two touchdowns. To round out the boxscore, Sinisi also had a passing TD.

4:35 to go in the third.

MU responded with a scoring performance of their own after Frazier kept a stalling drive alive with a career-high 25 yard run on third and five, which led to Sinisi hitting a wide open Giles, who ran for a 24 yard touchdown, putting the Hawks back on top with 1:31 remaining in the third quarter. This touchdown pass was the fourth of Sinisi’s career and second of the season.

The Hawk’s defensive forced

yard run from Desmond Williams to pull within three.

The Hawks were able to run the clock out on the next possession, after Fraizer converted a key third and five hitting Giles for a 12 yard pass play, giving the Hawks a fresh set of downs and ultimately their second win of the year.

“It was a great win over a great team. This is exactly what we needed to come down here and do, but now we have to look ahead to Wagner who will also be a hefty challenge,” stated Sinisi.

Sinisi led the Hawks with his 216 yards and two touchdowns on a career-high 41 rushing attempts. He also threw for one score. Frazier, in his first career start, went 14-of-19 with 138 yards and a touchdown.





Giles had a career-high four catches for 47 yards and a touchdown. George also had a career-best three catches for 29 yards and a score. The offensive combined for a 430-382 advantage in total offensive yards.

Defensively, Joe Cella led the Hawks with seven tackles, while Kendall Haley finished with six stops. Valenti finished with an interception, three tackles and a sack, and Amsel had the pick and two other pass breakups.

DeMarco went 16-of-35 for 215 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. Williams, who averaged 8.6 yards per carry going into the game, finished with 44 yards on five carries and a touchdown.

The Hawks, who improved to 2-2 overall and 1-1 in conference, have the bye next week, but will be returning to action on October 10th when they host Wagner.

## Outlook’s Weekly NFL Picks - Week 4

	Away	New York Giants	New York Jets	San Diego Chargers	Buffalo Bills	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	St. Louis Rams	Dallas Cowboys	Baltimore Ravens
	Home	Kansas City Chiefs	New Orleans Saints	Pittsburgh Steelers	Miami Dolphins	Washington Redskins	San Francisco 49ers	Denver Broncos	New England Patriots
Eric (6-2 Last Wk) (16-8 Overall)									
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Frank (5-3 Last Wk) (16-8 Overall)									



# School Spirit Is Alive and Well With Ten Animated Freshman

KEVANEY MARTIN  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

What began as a spur of the moment idea from a group of ten animated freshmen has developed into an acknowledged attempt to drastically improve the amount of school spirit at Monmouth athletic events. Mark Untisz was thrilled about attending his first ever football game as a college student and wanted to make it as memorable as possible.

and stomachs, they began belting out chants to cheer on their home team.

“We really didn’t think much of it, we thought that every other student at MU was going to be doing something at least similar to that,” explained Untisz. “But after getting to the game and seeing that we were pretty much the only fans including students who were actually involved in the game it was a little disappointing, but that didn’t stop us.”

Monmouth, has seen a lot of school spirit throughout the years, but nothing quite like this for awhile. “It seems that for some reason each year the students at Monmouth become less involved in school spirit. It took a lot of initiative for this group of freshman to come out in the fashion that they did and I hope that it catches on with the rest of the student body.”

To show his gratitude, Callahan presented each student with an autographed Monmouth Foot-



Ten freshman students attend every Hawk football game and spell out GO HAWKS! in body paint.

On the day of Monmouth’s first home game against Duquesne, Untisz came up with a brilliant idea that would not only allow him to enjoy the game, but would demonstrate his school spirit as well. After purchasing an abundance of blue and white paint and recruiting more students, Untisz and company made their way to Kessler Field and prepared for their big debut. As the energetic crowd started filing into the bleachers to cheer on their Hawks, the lively group stationed themselves front and center and, after tearing off their shirts revealing “GO HAWKS!” painted in blue and white across their chests

Not only did this spectacle turn the heads of just about every individual in the stands, but it also caught the attention of the Head Football Coach Kevin Callahan.

“I honestly can’t say that I saw them during the game because my back was to them, but I have had a number of people including fans, players, coaches and members of the media who were up in the press box tell me how unbelievably energetic and how much excitement that they brought to the game,” stated Callahan.

Callahan, who is beginning his 17th season as the only head coach in the history of football at

# Men’s Soccer Pushes Record to 8-0, Moves into National Top 15

CHARLES KRZITS  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Week after week the national rankings are changing as teams win and lose. One thing that’s noticeable is the Men’s soccer team rising up among those boards.

ing personal accolades as well. Junior Bryan Meredith has earned TOPDRAWERSOCCER.COM Men’s Goalie of the Week honors, while Ryan Kinne has been named adidas/NEC Player of the Week for his six points.

The Hawks were finishing up

en conference games the Hawks were a perfect 7-0 and looked to continue that against Loyola. This game was a battle in which a goal would be the deciding factor, and with Meredith in goal a shutout is nothing unusual. Through 45 minutes of play the score was 0-0 with each team having two shots on goal.

Twenty-two minutes later the Hawks’ prayers were answered by freshman Ryan Clark; Clark has lived up to the hype so far and has excelled faster than many thought. The goal from Clark gave the Hawks a 1-0 lead and they never looked back.

The Hawks kept their lead and finished their out-of-conference schedule with eight wins and zero losses. The shutout gave Meredith his fourth of the year.

For his effort against the Greyhounds, Clark earned his second adidas/NEC Rookie of the Week award in three weeks. He led the Blue and White to their first ever 8-0-0 record in program history. With the goal in the game against Loyola, Clark ranks atop the NEC points list, with 11. He shares the lead for most points in the NEC with Hawk teammate Ryan Kinne.

The Blue and White are off until the 2nd of October, which will be their first conference game against Sacred Heart. Their first home conference game is against St. Francis College (N.Y.) on Friday, October 9th.

Currently the Hawks are sitting at no. 14 and have been outperforming their opponents without a problem. Along with their team success many players are garner-

their non conference schedule against opponent Loyola College; the game took place in Baltimore, Maryland, on Saturday, September 26th. Along the course of sev-



Ryan Clark scored the game-winning goal in the 78th minute against Loyola to secure the victory.

# Women’s Soccer Stays Afloat Against Navy

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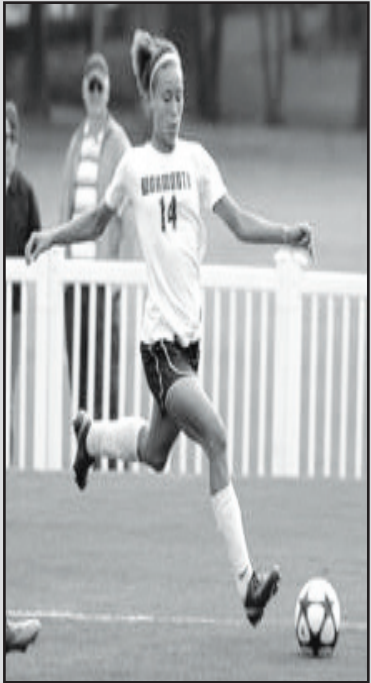
The women’s soccer team is on the move again. This past Saturday afternoon, the lady’s of Monmouth came together for a big victory over a competitive Navy team. Navy was the number five ranked team in the Mid-Atlantic conference, which is generally more competitive than the NEC.

For both teams, defense was a key component in order to come out victorious. Both teams were shut out after regulation time had come to a close. For more than 99 minutes of play, the Hawks cornered the midshipmen forwards and did not allow one shot on goal. While the hawks battled to get nine shots on goal throughout the game, it seemed as if their efforts would not be good enough to gain victory over their opponents. With overtime winding down, Monmouth took a stance and refused to give up. All they needed was one shot, and it came with 17.9 seconds remaining in overtime.

Junior Mary Wilks took to the sideline to throw a ball in, and found senior Alessandra DeTata. DeTata beat a defender and passed it back to Wilks. With exactly 17.9 seconds to go, a line drive shot found its way fired in to the far corner of the net for the go ahead goal. Senior and Navy goalkeeper Beth Reed had no chance to stop the blazing shot on goal. She made an attempt at a dive, but it was already too late. The goal would stand up as time ran out and the hawks came off the field victorious for the sixth time in their last seven games.

After starting the season with

two disappointing losses, the women of MU rebounded with four straight victories before dropping a heartbreaking double overtime loss to Lehigh. It



Mary Wilks registered the game-winning goal against Navy in overtime, giving MU a 1-0 win.

# Lucky Number for Cross Country is Three

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This past weekend the men’s and women’s cross country teams traveled north to Connecticut to compete in the 2009 Quinnipiac Invitational. On Saturday, September 26, out of eleven teams competing in both the men’s and women’s divisions, Monmouth’s teams each turned in a gusty performance, finishing third.

The men’s team was led by senior Peter Forgach, who was recently named Road Runner Sports/NEC Men’s Athlete of the Week for his first place finish in the 8K. The local product finished the race in a new course record of 25:52.4, which surpassed the previous record of 27:18 set by former Hawk Martin Suarez in 2004. As a unit, the men finished in the third position with 95 points, behind meet winner Sacred Heart (58 points) and Central Connecticut State (88 points). Monmouth also finished ahead of Ivy League member Yale, who came in with a fourth place finish.

Senior Eric Shaffer was next for MU, finishing 11th in a time of 25:48 with Billy Dowd finishing 20th in a time of 27:05. The top three men’s runners for the Blue and White broke the old course record at Quinnipiac.

Ryan Culbreath finished 31st overall in a time of 27:19, breaking the freshmen record of 27:49. Dan Collura was next, finishing 32nd in 27:20, followed by Andrew Seaver who finished 43rd in 27:32 and Alec Richardson who came in 47th in 27:38.

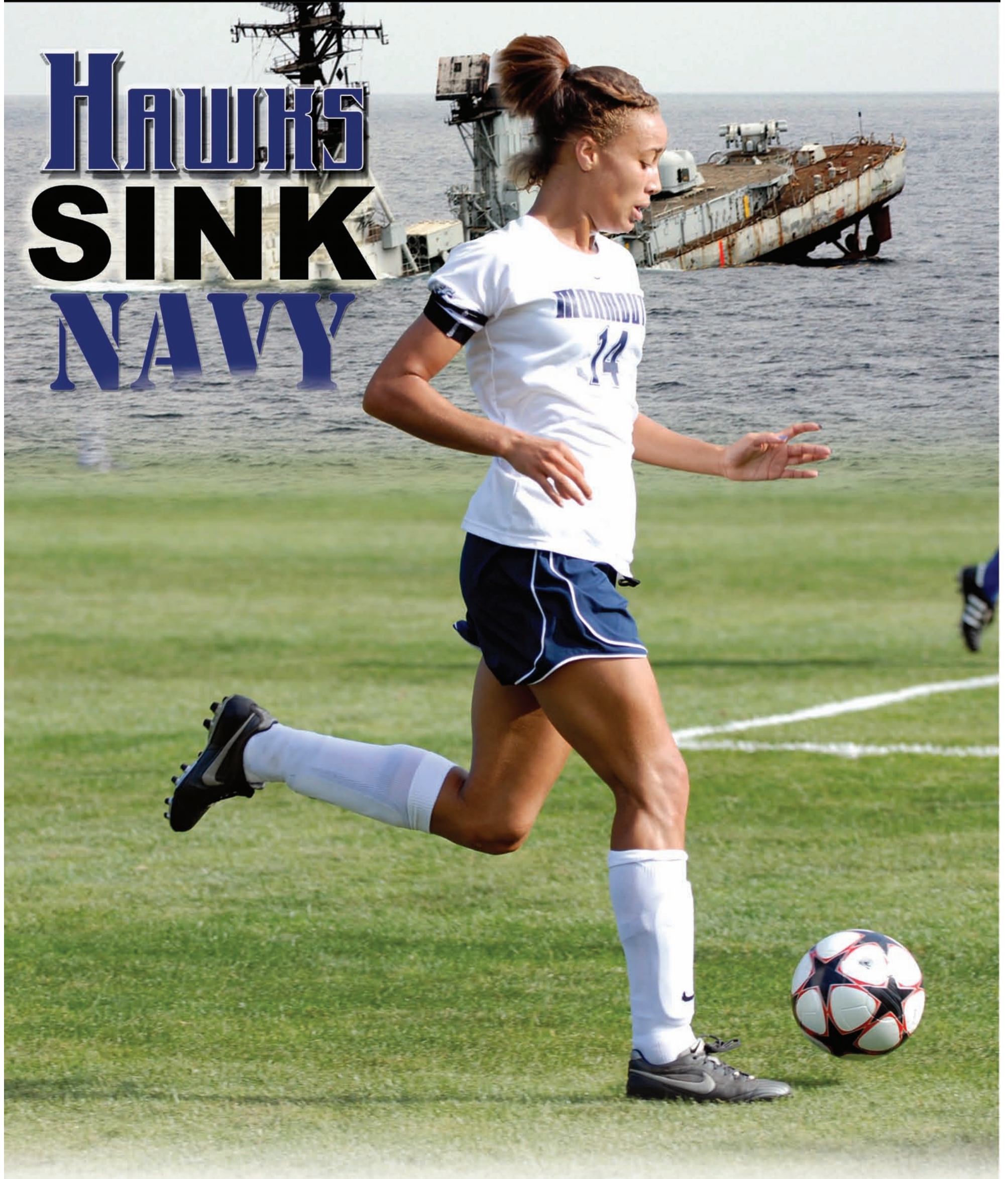
The women followed the pace of senior Cailin Lynam and her ninth place overall individual performance. Lynam finished the race in a new course record for women, in a time of 18:51.2, overtaking Katina Alexander’s mark of 18:55 set back in 2004. The women’s squad also finished in third overall scoring 106 points, placing them behind the host Bobcats, who scored 19 points, and second place Sacred Heart, with 59 points. All of the women’s opponents hailed from the NEC.

Christine Altland was second for MU in 15th overall running 19:19.7. Courtney Spratford was next in 24th running 19:40.1, while Juliet Smith came in 27th in 19:43.7. First-time Hawk runner Emily MacEwen broke the MU freshman record at Quinnipiac, running 19:52.9 to finish 31st. She breaks the previous mark of 20:52. Tiffany McKenna followed in 41st in 20:05 for the Blue and White.

“This was really our first true race so the results were encouraging,” said head coach Joe Compagni. “We had some great efforts and we know we will get a lot stronger as the season goes along.”

Both teams return to action this Friday, October 2nd, at the Paul Shore Run at Lehigh University.





**Mary Wilks' overtime goal torpedoed the Navy Midshipmen, capturing the women's soccer team a heroic 1-0 victory.**  
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