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Library Hosts First Open House

Open House Seeks to Introduce Students to Facilities and Services

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Guggenheim Library hosted its first open house to introduce students to the facility and services available through it last Wednesday.

The event came about to accommodate students. All freshman students currently have a library instruction session as part of their IT100 class. However, many graduate and transfer students do not have an instructional session and the open house provided that service.

The open house is also marketing technique which the library has employed to create a broader awareness of resources available to the Monmouth community.

In the spring, the library conducted a user survey and received many requests from students and faculty to make them aware of library resources, especially new research databases.

The open house consisted of three events.

The first event was called "The Amazing Library Race". This



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Students listen as one of the librarians explains how the Reference Desk works.

event helped students become familiar with the Library by having them visit six separate areas. While at each section the student informed about the function of that area by a librarian. When the quick tutorial was over, a librar-

ian stamped the small pamphlet the students received upon entering the Library.

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Rock n' Register Preps Students to

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Rock n' Register, an event sponsored by the Political Science club, Hawk TV, and WMCX, was held in Plangere Center last Friday to help students register to vote in preparation for the 2008 Presidential Election.

With red, white and blue balloons placed throughout the lobby and a few American flags set up, the event sought to encourage students to participate in voting.

Rock n' Register lasted from 2 to 5 p.m. Tables were set up from each organization, providing information and promoting the event. There was live music provided by Backbeat and Eric Ginsberg who performed in the Hawk TV studio, and also a chance to win special prizes.

The event was about the students and making sure that as many of them as possible would voice their opinion in the nation's future.

Though registering to vote is a simple process, some students do not register. Ajda Dotday, a

freshman who registered at the event, replied, "I was too busy and it was at the bottom of my priority list. I had to do other things before I was registered to vote."

"I think that our generation is the future and that my vote really counts. This election is going to change our nation's history," said Dotday about why she decide to come out and register.

The 2008 Presidential Election has been one of the biggest events to occur in our country. Moreover, it has given this generation the ability to take more action into who becomes our leader.

Veronica Rajadnya, a senior, said, "Given the last eight years of what has been going on, there have been a lot of issues that need to be contended with. I think that the evidence by the young

voters turn out in recent years has made people want to take action, because basically we're throwing out a president we have

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Campus Makes Efforts to Go Green

CHRISSY MURRAY
MANAGING EDITOR

In efforts to help rising environmental concerns, the dining areas around campus are consciously taking action to curb harmful effects in the atmosphere

we still have to go through the garbage and pick out recyclables. It's about caring for the environment and doing what you're supposed to do."

Tim Paar, the Production Manager in the Magill Commons

round."

Other improvements at the dining hall include recyclable napkins, cardboard, cans, office paper, and buying locally grown food. Bread, bagels, and ice cream are some of the Jersey fresh produce that are used, trying to promote Jersey fresh items. Coming to campus soon is a cart of fresh apples that compliment the season provided by the NJ Agricultural Department.

Reducing pollution and reducing energy needs are not only important for respiratory health of all, but essential to long term population needs in the future. "The big push to go green is because I wonder what's going to be left for these kids? What are we handing down to them? We're leaving this footprint that they'll have to deal with in the future and I'm not sure they will sur-

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"This is only a small step because we still have to go through the garbage and pick out recyclables. It's about caring for the environment and doing what you're supposed to do."

CHERYL STEWART

Retail Director of the Dining Services

through consumer habits.

Cheryl Stewart, Retail Director of the Dining Services said, "The silverware in the Student Center is now made from corn starch, which is biodegradable. This is only a small step because

spoke of the dining hall's efforts. "About 3 weeks before Earth Week, we started to go tray less two days a week. This was done just to get the students used to the idea. Then on Earth Week we went tray less all week and are currently tray less all year

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MSA and The International Club Host Iftaar Party

LESLIE WEINBERG
CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR

Last Friday, students and their family members, professors and deans of all faiths and backgrounds gathered together for a Muslim celebration.

The International Club and the Muslim Student Association hosted their 4th annual Iftaar Party on Friday, September 26, 2008 and there was not an empty seat to be found in the Magill Club Dining Room. Iftaar literally means the breaking of fast and is the meal following sunset during the Month of Ramadan. Ac-

The five pillars of Islam include declaration of faith, prayer, alms giving, fasting and pilgrimage to Makkah for those who can do so financially and physically. During the entire month of Ramadan, September 1st -30th, Muslims do not eat or drink until sunset.

Traditionally, Muslims eat a pre-dawn meal (Suhur) and pray five times a day, the final shortly after the breaking of the fast. People who are ill, making a journey, too old or women who are pregnant, nursing or menstruating are not required to fast but must make up for the missed days

Muslims fast to become more pious, drop everything to worship and reflect about God and to give back to those in need.

Islamic food must be Halal, which follows Islamic law. This event was catered by EFES Mediterranean Grill in New Brunswick. After the blessing was recited, diners had water and a date to break the fast. A separate room was devoted to saying the fifth prayer of the day. The meal included Chicken and Lamb Kabobs, Rice, Keema-a dish of beef and eggplant, falafel-deep fried balls of chickpeas, pita, hummus and salad. The delicious food ran out before anyone could think about seconds. During the meal, Imam Faraz Khan led a presentation on the customs during Ramadan throughout the world. The religion is the same throughout the world but traditions vary throughout each country.

ous soup kitchens throughout Gandhi’s birthday on October

“I came here for extra credit but I ended up learning about a culture that was completely unknown to me. If it weren’t for this event, I would have never tried this great food.”

JUDITH CAMPOS.
sophomore

“One disease in the world is ignorance. We are not taking enough time to learn about each other”

GOLAM MATHBOR
MSA Advisor

cording to MSA Vice President, Subika Mohammed, “Mosques will sponsor Iftaar parties and the whole community will come together. It is recommended that the bigger party you have, the more good deeds you have.”

“One disease in the world is ignorance. We are not taking enough time to learn about each other,” said Muslim Student Association advisor Golam Mathbor. “That is what we are trying to do. Islam promotes the brotherhood of man, toleration of one another, sympathy for the unfortunate and cooperation for general human happiness.”

throughout the year.

“Fasting is there because we recognize humanity throughout the world. We recognize the fact other people don’t have the blessings we have on our table. We feel the hunger and understand how other people feel who don’t have it.

The Quran talks about fasting has been prescribed onto you, as people who have gone before you to become pious”, said former Rutgers University Chaplain, Imam Faraz Khan. The Quran was revealed during this month and it is encouraged for Muslims to read it in its entirety.

There was everything from pictures of Syrians selling sweets in the market, to a Massachusetts family praying around their dining room table, to factory workers making prayer caps in Bangladesh.

Charity plays a significant role during the month of Ramadan. Zamir Hassan, the National Programs Coordinator for Muslims Against Hunger spoke about his organization. This project started in 2002, when Mr. Hassan went to a soup kitchen in Morristown with his son.

He was shocked that in the second richest county in the state, there were still 225 people waiting for food. He returned to his mosque, gathered volunteers and went to vari-

NJ and NY. Muslims Against Hunger distributes 5,000 to 6,000 meals a year and has over 500 volunteers. They just started a new chapter in New Brunswick and soon to be in Asbury Park. Anyone interested in volunteering, check out www.muslimsagainsthunger.org.

“I came here for extra credit but I ended up learning about a culture that was completely unknown to me. If it weren’t for this event, I would have never tried this great food,” said sophomore, Judith Campos.

The International Club hosts several programs during the year including Diwali, International Festival, Welcome Back Freshers and two major trips throughout the semester. MSA hosted the annual Iftaar dinner and Media Bias and Islam forum during Global Understanding Week. They also held an interfaith dialogue and dinner with Dr. Saliba Sarsar who led the Monmouth Diversity Group. The events they have planned this year are: “Jesus In Islam”, an Interfaith Dialogue and celebrating

10th.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor Thomas Pearson, Ph. D. said, “We will be blessed to learn more this evening about our different cultures and our diversity. Diversity is the essence of a university and we are showing that we appreciate it. What we do here does shape the world.”

This event was held not only to celebrate breaking the fast of Ramadan but to enhance the community’s knowledge of Muslims and Islamic traditions. In addition to the new knowledge participants walked away with, MSA distributed free copies of the Quran in modern day English and software on the Quran. Mohammed Sheikh, President of MSA said, “We want to work with people of all faiths, races, gender and everyone who is willing to work with us. As long as others were pleased or learned something, as long as that occurs or someone took something away from this-religiously or spiritually, that is all that counts. Anything else would be a dream.”



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Campus Makes Effort to Go *Green*

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The reasons for going green have become a national and international concern. Europe has established carbon credits, one of the solutions that Paar and other faculty have been discussing about implementing for the past three months. Expertrating.com describes these credits as providing a way to reduce greenhouse effect emissions by capping total annual emissions and letting the market assign a monetary value to them. These credits can be purchased and redeemed when using electricity or fuel. Another solution is putting compost on campus. Montclair University has already begun this process. Their garbage is put in the compost and within three days it produces perfectly good soil. Paar would like to see compost on our campus in the near future. John Morano, a Journalism professor who writes environmental novels, has also noted Monmouth's "go green" changes. "Most people don't remember that plastic is forever," said Morano as he pulled out a reusable container and fork. "I can't quantify how much [this will help the campus and the environment] but the idea that the ripple effects sensitivity becomes more

firmly engraved in our culture has an immeasurable benefit." "We all need to do what we can. For me, I'm not an engineer. I don't have the ability to make an environmental friendly lawnmower. I don't have enough money - so I write. Journalists identify areas of concern in the tradition of the muckrakers," added Morano. Not only are faculty and staff devising solutions, but students are as well. Ron Gaskill is one

formation Technology minor, is another student concerned with the environment. Jackson said, "There shouldn't be so many fliers about the push to recycle because it's hypocritical and wastes paper. I would make a website so people would be more aware and inclined to participate in Monmouth's recycling habits. Maybe even have suggestion boxes so people can make their ideas known. There needs to be more student involvement...

[Recycling] matters to me. I recycle, I don't litter. The softball team and I do the beach clean ups with the school. I like to think that I'm doing my part. "The State and County Recycling regulations provide four

categories in which we must recycle - paper, aluminum, newspapers, and hazardous waste. Failure to comply with the Monmouth University Solid Waste Recycling Regulations can result in administrative penalties of up to \$15,000 being assessed and civil action. It's important to be environmentally conscious in all your decisions or at least to the best of your knowledge and within the realm of your ability. To help do your part, you can join water watch by contacting Sean Foran at Monmouth@njwaterwatch.org . His office phone number is 732-923-4648 or you can join their Facebook group "Waterwatch-MU Chapter."

Although Monmouth's attempts to go green may only in the immediate sense improve the campus, in the long run they are setting an example for other institutions and businesses."

RON GASKILL
Media intern for Water Watch

student putting his ideas into action. Gaskill, a media intern for Water Watch said, "I decided to get involved because I've always reserved an interest in environmental affairs. It seems as though lately these concerns have become much more concrete on the world agenda than it ever has before. Every little action can evolve into a large scale action. Although Monmouth's attempts to go green may only in the immediate sense improve the campus, in the long run they are setting an example for other institutions and businesses." Jessellyn Jackson, a Management Marketing major and In-

NYU student rocks out with Weezer at MSG to Go *Green*

FRANK GOGOL
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In 2005, Spin Magazine reported that at a New York City Weezer concert, one sad fan who held up a sign asking for the band's classic "El Scorcho" was turned down by Weezer lead singer and guitarist Rivers Cuomo over the microphone in front of the whole crowd. Yacovelli was the guy holding the sign. Weezer didn't play his request the whole night. But last night, he got a little redemption. He stood next to Cuomo and played two songs with Weezer at the concert in Madison Square Garden. Yacovelli won the chance to play with his idol in a contest held by local New York radio station 107.1 The Peak. Entrants had to cover a Weezer song and post their submissions on YouTube.com. Of course, Yacovelli covered "El Scorcho." However, his submission was lost in cyberspace; it was found only after a YouTube search by The Peak judges at 1:50 p.m. last Friday. The contest ended at 2 p.m. that day. "We really had someone in mind before we picked him, and then we saw his [at the] last second," Peak Promotions Director Katarina Suda said. "We were like - crap - we can't, really - we gotta say yes to this guy." Yacovelli, a Steinhardt vocal performance major, said he got the news of his win through a friend's text message during an auditions skills class on Friday. "I was speechless," he said. "I'm really psyched about the whole thing." Yacovelli arrived at Madison Square Garden last night at 5 p.m. "sporting [his] rock jeans and a T-shirt with a Trojan soldier on it." Contests held by several radio stations named about 30 winners in all, Yacovelli said. The group rehearsed

together and then went to seats in the audience to watch the beginning of the show. Yacovelli gave his extra free ticket to a friend from high school who took him to his first Weezer concert. Many of Yacovelli's friends from NYU bought tickets to the concert to see him play. His mom and dad were also in attendance, he said. At 10:30 p.m. the group met up backstage and then headed on to play two Weezer hits with the band: "Island in the Sun" and "Beverly Hills." Yacovelli said walking through the back hallway from the green room to the stage was like being "a gladiator about to go in the arena and fight some lions." Then the group got to play their set with the band. "I ended up right in front," Yacovelli said. "It was sick." Yacovelli plays guitar, and all the guitarist winners were loaned pre-tuned Fenders for the show, he said. Yacovelli said the winners were about eight guitarists, a few flutists, some percussionists and even a cowbell player. The one accordionist was given a solo. After the concert, Yacovelli met Weezer guitarist and vocalist Brian Bell as Bell stood outside the venue with his girlfriend. Yacovelli slipped him his demo, he said. Yacovelli is an aspiring acoustic rock guitarist working on his first album, "Sweet Nimbus Nothings," with a studio in Brooklyn. Samples of his music are available at myspace.com/alexeyacovelli. "He definitely had to be the guy that won," Suda said. Yacovelli is glad he did. "It really is a rock dream come true," Yacovelli said. "It's not every day that you get to jump on the stage with one of your favorite bands of all time, let alone jump on the stage at Madison Square Garden."

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College Students' Credit Card Debt Spurs

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MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

As the fall semester beckons and financial aid from parents and the government runs dry, more college students are turning to credit cards to pay not only for their textbooks, meals and transportation but also for tuition.

A recent survey by U.S. Public Interest Research Groups found that two-thirds of college students have at least one card, 70 percent pay their own monthly bills, and 24 percent have used their cards to help pay tuition.

That helps explain why the average survey respondent will graduate with more than \$2,600 in credit card debt, and those with student loans will owe nearly \$3,000.

Andrew Kunka charged \$4,000 to his credit card several years ago to help pay tuition at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Now a first-year law student at Rutgers University's Newark, N.J., campus, Kunka struggles to make the minimum payment on the card, which is nearly maxed out.

"I feel like credit card companies target us because we really have no financial awareness," said Kunka, who's 22. "We're barely out of our homes, barely having experiences as adults, and they throw these things at us and they don't make you aware of what you're signing into."

In recent congressional testimony, a card industry representative said stories such as Kunka's were aberrations and that two out of three students

paid their card balances in full each month.

However, concern about college students' credit card debt has led regulators, lawmakers and consumer advocates to question whether schools are making it too easy for card companies to market their plastic to students.

Of particular concern are exclusive agreements in which card companies and banks pay millions of dollars to schools or alumni associations for preferential treatment with their card-marketing efforts. The perks can include prime marketing space in high-traffic areas on campus or the use of a school's name and logo on their cards.

Three hundred of the nation's largest universities collectively pocket more than \$1 billion a year on these marketing deals, said Robert D. Manning, the director of the Center for Consumer Financial Services at the Rochester Institute of Technology, in Rochester, N.Y.

The New York Attorney General's Office is investigating the practice nationally, but Benjamin Lawsky, a deputy counselor with that office, provided few details of the probe in recent congressional testimony.

"I think when those provisions in these agreements become public, sometime relatively soon, I think it will shock many people, the kinds of relationships that some of these credit card companies have with the schools," Lawsky testified.

The agreements are usually confidential and often require the school to provide students' personal contact information, such as telephone numbers, e-

mail addresses and home addresses.

This can lead to a deluge of card offers. While most issuers frown on applicants with shallow earnings and sparse credit histories, college students with similar attributes are coveted as potential long-term customers whose earnings will increase with time.

So students face aggressive card promotions on campus, where they're vulnerable to a host of marketing tactics.

One company offered free rides in a bicycle taxi if students watched a video pitch for its credit cards. Others set up tables around campus and offer free T-shirts, movie rentals, music downloads, Frisbees and even food if students fill out card applications.

Experts say these temptations can make an already-difficult decision even harder for young adults with little financial know-how.

"It's practically impossible to be a decent consumer and have a normal thought process when you're staring at a steaming hot piece of pizza," said Christine Lindstrom, the higher education program director with U.S. Public Interest Research Groups.

John Velasco never had such conflicts. Velasco, 22, was a sophomore at West Virginia University when ads drew him to a promotion offering pizza to students who took part in a five-minute survey. "The (ads) never said a word about credit cards," Velasco recalled.

It wasn't until he reached the front of a long line that he realized that the "survey" was

a credit card application, and he couldn't get pizza unless he filled it out.

"I said, 'No way.' I'm not going for that. It was ridiculous," said Velasco, who now attends State University of New York's Albany campus.

Card industry representatives say that the vast majority of college students share Velasco's discerning judgment.

"Certainly there are examples of students who took on more debt than they were ultimately able to manage, but in the vast majority of cases, students are acting responsibly in meeting their obligations," said Kenneth Clayton, the senior vice president of the card policy council of the American Bankers Association.

In testimony before Congress, Clayton told lawmakers that credit cards helped cash-strapped students stay in school, build their credit histories and provide a financial safety net in emergencies. He said that imposing new restrictions on marketing cards to college students would hurt many responsible students who need them.

In addition to the two-thirds of college cardholders who pay their balances in full each month, the rest keep an average balance of \$452, down from \$559 last year, according to a recent survey of college students by the Student Monitor, a market research firm.

The survey also found that the number of students with credit cards in their names is declining because of the increased use of debit and ATM cards, that more than half of respondents

had cards before entering college, and 82 percent thought they were responsible enough to have cards. However, 42 percent said they needed more credit education from their first card issuers.

Recently, U.S. Public Interest Research Groups student chapters at 39 schools launched a "Truth About Credit" campaign to tighten card-marketing rules on campus. The groups are urging school officials to adopt a set of six principles for responsible card marketing.

The principles call for banning gifts for filling out for card applications, requiring card promotional material to meet school posting regulations, increasing student financial education, denying access to student contact information, forbidding card companies from sponsoring student groups and school departments, and discouraging credit card terms that take advantage of students.

Lindstrom said negotiations were ongoing and that schools might adopt some or all of the standards, which are supported by the American Council on Education, the National Association of College and University Business Officers and Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.

A report on concerns about on-campus credit card marketing: <http://www.uspirg.org/uploads/ym/ir/ymirZbG5OLxH2NPuX-QENdA/correctedthecampuscreditcardtrapmar08all.pdf>

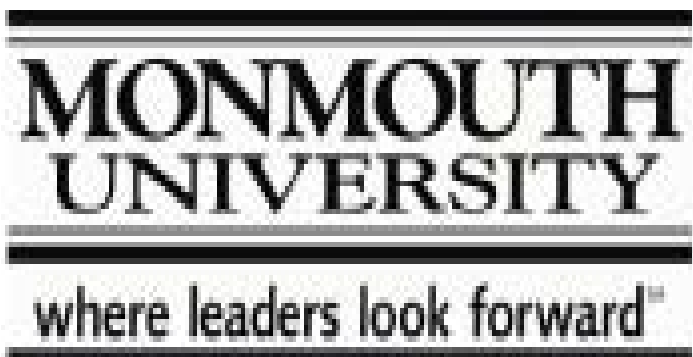
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Be the Change

FRANK GOGOL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about change. I would like to touch on that subject again but with a different focus.

It's no secret that America is in a bit of economic trouble right now. I will not claim to understand it all, but I do know that the situation is serious and needs to be dealt with.

On a different front, the world is in trouble. The planet is in bad

pend on that one person to lead this country. He will inherit this economic crisis that we currently face, as well as many others, and, hopefully, do the very best that he can to reverse it.

By now I am sure that most people have decided who to vote for. I am also sure that many people never gave it a second thought.

We get our political views from all different influences; our parents and our beliefs to name a few. The problem is that we get so set

The other topic I'd like to talk about is our planet. It's in bad shape. It's our fault. What are we going to do about it?

As you will have read on the front page, the Student Center has replaced the old cutlery with a biodegradable substitute. This is just one of many changes at this University to make the campus more eco-friendly.

Unfortunately, this is simply not enough to undo what has been done to the Earth.

All I ask is that you be a part of that change and do it for the right reasons.

shape and it's our fault.

These two topics, at first glance, do not seem to be all that related, but they are. In fact, they are directly related to this campus.

On the front page of this issue you will notice two stories; one on the Rock and Register event and another on the student center's new eco-friendly cutlery. Both of these topics center on change.

With a crucial election coming up, events like Rock and Register are important. Hopefully everyone who is eligible to vote has registered.

Like it or not, in a few months there will be a new President, and like it or not, we will have to de-

in our ways that we can only see one way or the other. There is no in between.

It is important, especially in the coming election, to think beyond political parties. We really need to look at the candidates and understand what it is they hope to do for this country.

We need to pick the best leader and not vote for a candidate because they represent the party your parents are associated with.

A change, one of epic proportions, is coming, and it is in our hands to decide what that change is. All I ask is that you be a part of that change and do it for the right reasons.

As college students, and the leaders of tomorrow, it is up to us to do our part to save the earth. We need to get into the habit of being mindful of what we are doing to the environment.

What I am trying to say, with regard to the two topics I have discussed, is that change will always come and sometimes it will be necessary, but it is in our hands to ensure that the change that comes about is the best one for us. Not the convenient one. Not the easy one. Just the best one.

I think Mahatma Gandhi put it best when he said, "Be the change you want to see in the world."

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Why I Write For the Outlook

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON
OPINION EDITOR

The Outlook is a student run newspaper. There are a few hard working students who layout and edit the Outlook articles, but we are always in need of more writers to write for our paper. So, come out and write for us!

Working, writing or editing, for the paper is a hard, time consuming job, however, when the paper comes out on Wednesday mornings, we all feel so proud of our solid work. We put much time into the Outlook. My articles go right into my portfolio, as soon as I see them; my portfolio is filled with many different news articles which I have written, and that will be a great thing to take with me when I go to apply for a job, out in the real world, after I gradu-

ways looking for different viewpoints and opinions as well as diverse story topics, from special students.

with or attend are always welcome to be part of the Outlook. It's great to write about a class that you are enjoying or a professor that you

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are happy to be in contact with. Facts from a Study Abroad trip which you went on or are excited to be a part of are fascinating to read about. Also, any feature story centered on a big issue at MU is attention-grabbing. Any and all news is more than welcome. There are so many events here on campus to take part in and write about. So do express yourself!

Anytime you have something that you want to write about or that you want others to be aware of, you can write an article about it, for the Outlook. I began writing for the Outlook in the spring of 2007, when I was a sophomore. I was so excited and still am to take part in writing for the MU newspaper. I became the Outlook Opinion Editor in my junior year, and I was thrilled about continuing to work for the paper, during my senior year.

Everybody should write and email their articles to outlook@monmouth.edu! We, here at the Outlook, cannot wait to read all your stories!

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opinion pieces on anything going on in the world that you want others to be aware of are great. Any sports news which you would like to share with others is always interesting to write and read about. Different Greek happenings are always interesting to share. Special clubs' events that you are involved

Parking: A Problem

JENNIFER FYTELSON
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Who doesn't love leaving an hour before you have class all for the purpose to make sure you get a parking spot. And once you drive onto campus you either end up circling like a vulture, row after row or stalking an unsuspecting student walking to their car.

With the rapid growth of Monmouth University there are bound to be problems.

One of the biggest ones has to be the parking issue. 50% of Monmouth University students commute. Right now as I look at a map of the campus I see lots 25, 13, 14, 15 for commuter parking. Though 13, 14, 15 are shared for faculty parking as well as 16, and 25A.. All together there are 29 lots.

The only problem is some of these lots are out of the question. There is lot 29, which is near the library. But personally whenever I have needed to actually go there, the yellow gate is down, so I end up turning into the residence parking and asking the MU police where I should park, only to find when I am done studying that there is a ticket on my car.

Seriously...it's a catch 22.

Then there are those lovely incidents where you actually live on campus, with a parking lot that has just the right number of spaces for your hall.

So you had a rough week and

go out with your friends and get back a little late and surprise, you don't have a spot. But you passed high school math so you know that there should be one. Then only after circling and realizing that no one is going to fess up and move their car you go and park in visitor parking. And here you are thinking that if you get up early in the morning and move it you will be ok. But alas you approach your car only to see a piece of paper flying in the wind, awesome!

Now I have been to a couple of schools and never have I ever seen a valet service for student parking. About my third week in I couldn't find a spot and was already late for my class so I caved, I gave the valet my keys. And let's call a spade a spade, I was nervous as hell! My car is my baby, I have my CD's and books and clothes and God only knows what else in there, so to leave my keys in the hands of someone I don't know, very disturbing.

And when I came back to gets my car all I saw was a line of vehicles blocking the parked cars. It took them about 20 minutes to un-paralel park my car.

So my question, what is the point, clearly the University is aware of the parking issue and the fact that there is not enough, hence why they hired the valet to begin with. So the bigger question is what are they going to do about it?

Don't Call It a Boycott If It Lasts One Day

NICK SGROI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The electric company is a crowd of money-grubbing bureaucrats. It is possible, believe it or not, to protest them whether you mean it or not. However, I believe to willfully turn the power off to your home for a day as a form of protest does not accomplish anything other than making a mockery of the poor and homeless.

I am utterly disgusted with those who choose to do this. I'll explain my displeasure with the "activist youth" by reciting a little anecdote.

I had moved to Deal, NJ in the beginning of the semester with five other guys. No one had put the electricity in his name. The electric company noticed this and switched off all electric energy being sent to our house.

For eight days the house I lived in had no electricity. We lived in what a room-

mate called "The Stone Age". Some minor inconveniences were placed upon us. No more drunken electric guitar, no more static-y television, and no more refrigeration of foods. Oh yes, and a surprise to us all, whatever makes our

Age". However, that is not what got me upset. I became upset when I noticed something that only those with electricity can brag about. That is, the willful one-day protest of electricity. Yes, this made me very angry. You may ask why. I'll say keep

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water hot apparently runs on electric so hot showers we out of the question. There was no charging of phones, computers, and other technological addictions.

Candles became our main source of light once the sun left the sky. We showered, went to the bathroom, cooked and played Axis and Allies the board game all by candlelight.

Yes, this is what my roommate considered the "Stone

your shirt on, I'm getting to that.

The reason for my displeasure with the "activist youths" is that protesting electricity is a complete mockery of those living day to day without electricity. These so called "boycotts" only last one day, or at least the event I noticed lasted for a single day. Wow! Sticking to the man! One whole day! Meanwhile some schmuck is stuck in the dark huddled around a candle try-

ing to figure out if the food is chicken or pork.

Those with electricity, for whatever reason, find it, shall we say, a triumph of will that they have gone one whole day without the electric company's services. You have single handedly made a complete mockery of the poor and homeless. How does it feel? I bet you feel good. I bet it felt even better to turn the power back on to look yourself in the mirror and say, "Wow, I am a good person."

A close friend spoke in regards to gasoline boycotts lasting one day. He stated, "Quitting gas for a day is like quitting heroin for twenty minutes." Yes my dear friend, no one could have put it any better. This statement can be applied directly to the electricity "boycotts".

When it comes down to the addiction I am not any different. I love my Macbook, electric guitar, refrigerator and so on. I enjoy having a light

over my head more so than a roof. Yet, I take solace in the memory of stumbling home and drunkenly shouting to my roommates, "The drum kit doesn't need - hic - need erectrizerty, the drums are - hic - frine on dare own," and then I proceeded to pound the bejezzus out of them in total darkness.

I also take solace in understanding the idea of boycotting is to oppose consumption in order to crumble a specific industry.

So here I am utterly disgusted, wondering why people think they are making a difference in the world by mocking the poor. I, just as you, will shoot up my electric fix before withdrawal symptoms drive me insane.

Take note as I turn to the electric company and shout at the top of my lungs to the swine that turned off my cherished electricity, "Your \$266 check will arrive later then you expected! Take that!"

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Political Debate: To Raise or Not to Raise?

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

Side 1: Raising NJ's tolls will help fix deficit

JESSICA LANG
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The newly proposed plan to raise New Jersey’s toll prices was recently finalized and addressed to the Legislature. Governor Jon Corzine introduced the plan, which was unveiled in January 2008 during the State of the State address, it is said to gradually raise tolls on the Garden State Parkway, making the current average of 35 cents per passenger car rise to 50 cents next year, 75 cents in 2012 and reach 85 cents in 2023. The newly acquired money would be used to widen the New Jersey Turnpike, the Garden

the number of trips made and send the city a bill to recover the tolls. This decision makes the toll crisis rise to a new level of seriousness, if emergency vehicles are no longer entitled to a “free ride”, why do New Jersey citizens feel they are?

New Jersey’s state budget deficit is no longer a laughing matter for the United States economy, as President Bush calls for a \$700 billion bail-out. The federal government can no longer be held responsible for the debts of spend-happy states. Governor Corzine’s plan to increase tolls is an effective way to fix its own economic problems. Even The New York

finances.

Corzine has been holding town hall meetings throughout the state to promote his plan and has also contributed \$500,000 of his own money to an advocacy organization that is promoting the proposal at the meetings and on the Web. But so far, public reaction is going in the wrong direction. New Jersey residents have failed to see the silver lining in this plan; the proposal would ease traffic, create jobs for struggling workers and help to diminish the state’s debt. “The governor also wants to create a non-profit corporation, tentatively entitled the “Public Benefit Corporation” that

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State Parkway and Atlantic City Expressway, invest in a new rail tunnel under the Hudson River and repair and replace decrepit bridges. Corzine pronounced the plan as a key element in reducing the state deficit, currently set at \$32 billion. State debt has doubled since 2000 and makes New Jersey the nation’s fourth-most indebted state. “Corzine said he plans to pay off at least half of the state’s debt with those proceeds. That would free up at least \$1 billion in the yearly state budget that now goes to pay interest on the debt,” as quoted in The Star Ledger. Corzine plots to use his experience in the world of finance to explain his plan to dramatically raise tolls on state roads to strengthen New Jersey’s shaky finances.

Transportation academics say New Jersey tolls are relatively low compared with the rest of the country, so even a 50 percent increase would not bankrupt New Jersey citizens and drivers. In addition to the toll increase, the MTA has also suspended free rides for all emergency vehicles as a cost saving measure. The vehicles will continue to use their E-ZPass tags, but the change will allow the MTA to keep track of

Times has cited the need for New Jersey to get its fiscal house in order, and this proposal does exactly that. Finally, the corporations, which would have to pay for much of the toll increase, are under taxed, so it makes more sense to tax them indirectly than to add

would operate the state’s three toll roads: the New Jersey Turnpike, Garden State Parkway and Atlantic City Expressway. The corporation would then borrow \$32 billion to \$38 billion from private investors through public bonds, to be repaid by the tolls. Corzine has

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directly to the tax burden of New Jersey’s overtaxed residents. The revenues from the toll increase would also include money from out-of-state residents, which is fair and necessary since they use NJ roads. The parkway is the nation’s busiest toll road and the turnpike the nation’s fifth busiest, according to the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association. I feel that gradually raising the tolls on these roads would hold no significance over the average middle class family’s

also called for a freeze on state spending, as well as new regulations that make it more difficult for state government to borrow funds in the future. The governor is hoping that the state legislature will approve his toll-road plan by March so it can be folded into the fiscal 2009 budget,” quoted from the Governor’s speech in Bergen County. However, Corzine faces a political fight, even if his fellow Democrats control the Legislature. Support New Jersey, raise toll prices and decrease debt.

Side 2: Toll hike will hurt industry

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Last year, Governor Corzine proposed an incredible toll hike on New Jersey’s toll roads such as the Parkway, Route 440, the Turnpike, and the AC Expressway. These names should sound familiar to many students here at Monmouth...all three are main ways to get to our school. If these toll hikes were to be put into effect, it could cost \$65 for a round trip on the Turnpike by the year 2022. These exorbitant toll hikes would not only have a detrimental effect on the daily commutes of New Jersey citizens, but would also impact New Jersey’s economy.

Come Memorial Day Weekend, New Jersey’s toll roads become crowded with both in and out of state drivers heading down the shore. These tourists are instrumental to the success of New Jersey’s economy. Many shore towns such as Long Beach Island, Wildwood, and Lavalette, to name a few, depend on the summer tourism in order to survive economically through the winter months. With extreme toll hikes such as the ones proposed by Governor Corzine, tourism would see a drastic decline. This decline could be lethal to the small towns that dot the famed Jersey Shore.

Not only would the toll hikes hurt the tourism industry, but other industries would

feel the effects of an increase in toll prices as well. Already suffering due to the extreme increases in gas prices being seen lately, the trucking industry has suffered tremendously. Since tolls are calculated by the number of axels each vehicle has, the \$65 round trip Turnpike trip for a regular compact 2 axel car or SUV would seem like petty cash to an 18-wheeler. Without being able to travel on New Jersey’s major arteries due to extreme toll prices, shipping would become incredibly difficult. This would in turn have an impact on other industries essential to daily life in New Jersey.

Consider, for example, the grocery industry. Supermarkets need to get their stock shipped on a daily basis, and these shipments arrive on 18-wheeler trucks. If the companies who own the trucks have to pay both increased gas prices and increased toll prices, they will need to find a way to make up for the extra money they now need to spend in overhead expenses. This will be reflected in the amount of money they charge for their services, which now becomes an overhead problem for major supermarkets. In order to make up their own overhead losses, supermarkets will be forced to raise the price of grocery items. Once again, the New Jersey consumer will feel the effect of the toll hikes.

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

UPCOMING EVENTS

•Wednesday, October 1

Film- “Crossing Arizona”-
Addresses the theme of
American Immigration Policy

•Thursday, October 2

Debate Watch: Vice Presidential
Debate between Sarah Palin and
Joe Biden

•Wednesday October 8

Debate Watch:
John McCain v. Barack Obama

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

THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

AUSTRALIA: A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE, A WORLD AWAY

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Life on the other side of the world is like life in another world. This place is scary, different, wonderful, horrible and just about every emotion in between. Living here for the past three months has taught me so much about myself and life in general.



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An aerial view of the Sydney Opera House can be seen from the Sydney Harbour Bridge Pylon Lookout.

There are some things the world throws at you that can be laughed off and others that run a lot deeper than that. Being here I have had to stand on my own two feet and have learned to shrug off the bad and embrace the good.

The flip side of the world is really flipped. Aside from driving on the wrong (I mean different) side

of the road on the other side of the car, things aren't all that different in the material world.

True the food tastes different and the money is different, but materialistic things are just as they are home. Emotions here are very different though. Being close with a group of Australians has taught me that. They are straightforward and open once they want to get to know you, and very accepting of things.

It is hard to break into a few of the Australian's shells, but once there, they are the best people in the world. Being with them has taught me to be more understanding and made me realize that sometimes it's worth trying to get to know people and putting yourself out there because you can make some really great friends.

A friend of mine here is of Aboriginal descent and I have learned a lot about him and his culture through him and his father's class which I am also in. It takes a lot more effort to get to know people of Aboriginal descent but once

they are willing to open up they are some of the best kind hearted people I know.

That brings me to the differing cultures here. Life in general is so different here because of the attitudes of the Australians.

They feel like there is all the time in the world to get to know people and to live life and that is definitely different than life and attitudes in the United States. Experiencing that kind of outlook here is just different.

At first it is very hard to comprehend living life this way but it has taught me that some things you simply cannot control.

It's awful to try and get some people here to care about things and finally step up and take control of a situation. It drives me crazy even to this day but there is only so much you can do or expect from people that grew up very differently.


It's hard to understand the lifestyle where things don't matter at this moment. Growing up in a New York City suburb, life is always fast and very directed; I needed to know where I was going and exactly how fast I could get there and here information like that just doesn't matter.

Going back home I am going to revert right back to that mentality but hopefully one day I'll be able to step back and take a breath and realize that life doesn't always need an exact path and direction. Slowly I am accepting that here, I just hope I can carry that back to the States with me.



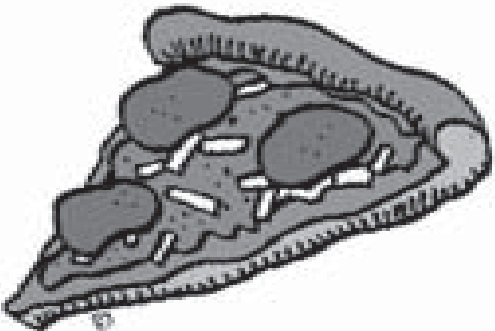
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Top: Monmouth students at the Grand Prix in Melbourne, Australia take a picture with the Victoria Police.
Bottom: Study abroad students pose in front of the Twelve Apostles, one of the many tourist attractions along the Great Ocean Road.



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Students Speak Out on Current Election

RON GASKILL
FEATURES EDITOR

This kind of thing only rolls around once every four years. Thinking about it, four years is a pretty long time. That's a college career. Furthermore, that's a high school career (and how endless did high school feel?).

So when you're asked to cast your vote and select who will be taking charge for the next four years, be sure to consider just how long you will have to deal with the consequences. It appears, judging by war in Iraq and current economic situation, that this is going to be an important election.

The pundits are going crazy, everyone from Stephen Colbert to Bill O'Reilly have enough material to stock their shows for the upcoming decade. However, whether or not there is attention being paid to the election on a national level is not the issue. The issue is whether or not the upcoming generation, college students and young folk alike, will be making an educated decision. Or whether they will be voting at all.

Through speaking with a wide selection of students across campus, it has become clear that for the most part young people will be heading out to vote on November 4. But how much of an influence will the youth vote have on the outcome of the election.

It has been said since the times of the '72 election between Nixon and McGovern that the "youth vote" was going to be the deciding factor in the election. That the young people of America were going to emerge from their dorm rooms, parents basement, or other habitats and get out and change things for good. Hunter S. Thompson even wrote about it in his book "Fear and Loathing: On the Campaign Trail

'72." However, according to State-master.com, a government survey showed that for that election voter turnout between the ages of 18 and 24 was only about 50 percent.

So will it be different for this election? Margaret DeVico and Dan Wisniewski, both Seniors and both active members of the Political Science club, say probably not. Mar-

who come out and vote will vote primarily liberal or conservative, both simultaneously stammer "Yes!"

Dan elaborates, saying "Because this election is so important, more people are seeking information. And because the liberal bias is greater in the media, it is swaying voters that way." Both agree that voting liberal has become the popular thing to do.

that she in fact has been following the election. She said that for the most part she receives her information from her classes, network news (ABC, NBC, FOX), and newspapers.

Jamie revealed that to her, Obama is the stronger candidate, because she feels, "The republican party is just the same old stuff," and that

mation. Outside of that, he says that he reads USA Today & the Chicago Tribune Online, and watches CNN.

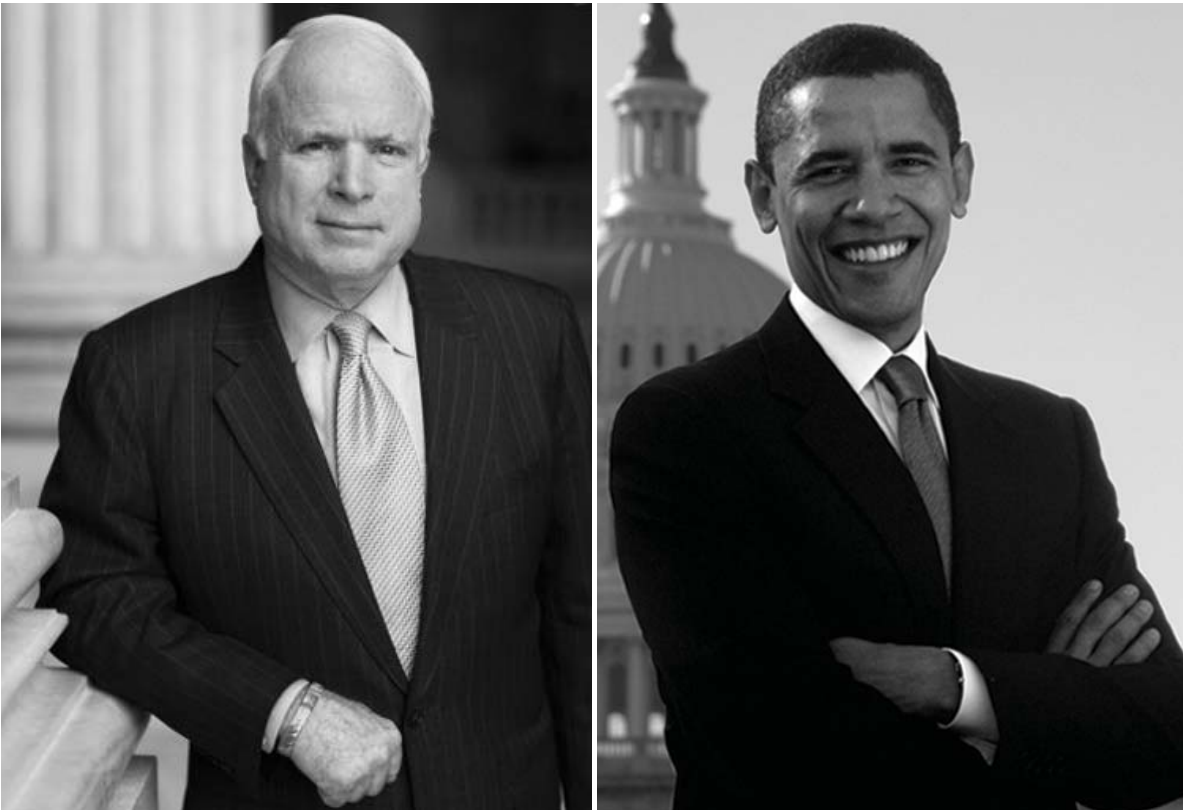
As far as who he plans to vote for, Olatunji admits that he is still undecided. He is focusing mainly on the Vice Presidential Debate because he says he is, "interested to see what the VP candidates can bring to the country and whether they know anything about the financial crisis in terms of action rather than words."

Tim Berry, a Senior, admits that while he is following the election, he is not following closely. Originally a McCain supporter, he says that the first debate changed his alignment to Obama. "McCain skirted the questions more than Obama did," he adds.

For Liana Lustica, a Super Senior, the race for the White House is not the main focus of her attention. "I try to stay out of politics," she says, "It's all phony." She has been disheartened by politics and the politicians who engage in them. She has not given up completely, however, and hopes to register in time to vote. She is still unsure of who it is she will be voting for.

There was only one thing that was unanimous amongst these students: they intend to cast their vote. From there, opinions of who to vote for, why to vote for them, and what issues are important were all over the board. Some said universal health-care, others worried about taxes, many said the economy, and one even stated medical marijuana.

Regardless of whom you plan to vote for (Mario and Luigi for office?), the important thing is to get out and vote. Margaret summed it up well when she said, "I just want to see a lot of people vote. No matter who wins, they're going to put this country on a better track." Let's hope so.



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For more information on the candidates, visit either www.johnmccain.com or www.barackobama.com

garet feels that young people *can* relate more with Senator Obama in this election than with Senator Kerry in the last. "However," she adds, "I don't think that it will have the impact that they are saying it will."

When asked if they think those

Will the rest of campus be voting liberal, regardless of whether or not they have much invested in the campaign? The responses were somewhat mixed. And mostly undecided.

Jamie Maralla, a Senior, stated

Obama's Vote for Change slogan is very appealing to people nowadays. Graduate Olatunji Sanni, claims that he is also keeping up with the election process. Two of his classes, a perspectives and a communication course, offer a great deal of infor-

Bailout Bill Voted Down in the House

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The financial crisis in the United States hit another snag as the House of Representatives voted down the \$700 billion bailout bill with a 225 to 208 vote, 12 votes away from passing.

This decision came as a surprise to many in politics and Wall Street as well as the general public. What didn't come as a surprise to many in the political world was the fact that a majority, 133 to be exact, of the 'no' votes were made by Republicans.

The Dow Jones industrial dropped 778 points, a 20 year low, as the word 'no' circulated around the House.

The main goal of the bill was to let the government buy securities, things like bonds and stocks, that are backed by mortgages from firms directly or through auctions.

The bill also requires that "the government will take equity in the firms that sell the securities to the government, and limits pay packages for top executives," said Chris Isidore's report on CNNMoney.com.

George Stephanopoulos of ABC Nightly News commented on the bill's failure to pass on Monday night. "You had this economic crisis, the market's bearing down, you had the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House from another party, united Congressional leadership across



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the board, and both presidential candidates giving cover, and the bill still went down. We have never seen anything like this," he said. "Congress has left town for the Jewish holiday. There is no plan."

"I trust that the government will find the best solution either way," said Monmouth freshman, Andrew Padula. "In enough time, the free market will work itself out of the hole it's in. The main critique on [Franklin D.] Roosevelt is that if he would've left the economy alone during the Depression, then it would have

fixed itself a lot earlier. I lean towards the free market side more but I'm torn on the issue for the most part."

Not only does the bailout affect people who are already part of the work force, it affects college students who are applying for loans and who are starting to search and apply for jobs. "I don't like the fact that it would bailout the people who caused the problem," says Alyssa Silverston, a Monmouth University junior. "But what other option do we have?"

"As much as we all had

wished for the congress to approve the \$700 billion bailout or rescue plan, it does not sit well with the 'free enterprise' paradigm to which we have been subscribing since Adam Smith (1776), as under this paradigm, the market and the participants are well aware of the risks and rewards associated with the decision a rational person makes," said Y. Lal Mahajan, Monmouth University Associate Professor of Economics and Finance.

Mahajan believes that in the long run the market will fix itself. He argues that government involvement with the market would lead to di-

sastrous results and that we should learn from history that government action is a bad idea.

"I would strongly argue that by not passing this \$700 billion rescue plan we are doing a favor to all the tax payers as this rescue plan may actually cost more than what it is portrayed," he said. "Yes, we are all suffering but fortunately it would be only temporary and things would certainly work out if we leave the market alone with its rewards and punishment."

The House plans to meet on Thursday to discuss revisions to the bill.



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The current financial crisis has nearly everyone one edge.

Library Hosts First Open House

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When student were finished visiting each of the six areas and had acquired all six stamps he or she could return the pamphlet to the front security desk and the pamphlet would then become a ticket for a drawing. There were ten winners and the prizes for the drawings were a gift certificate to a local establishment. According to Eleonora Dubicki, and assistant librarian, “The aim of

the Amazing Library Race was to familiarize students with all areas of the library, and the students who took part really seemed to enjoy the experience. The stations addressed some of the hurdles we’ve discovered our students have in using the library - finding a book in the stacks, locating print periodicals, and getting assistance for computer problems.” Dubicki also said, “The staff also benefit by hearing from patrons about some of the specific questions

they have about the library and several students offered suggestions about new book and media titles they would like in our collection.” The second event of the open house was the Basic Research Skills workshop. The workshop offered a more in-depth look at locating books and article in the library. George Germek, librarian explained how to use the library catalog to find books in our collection and how to locate them in the stacks. He also demonstrated how patrons can use

“It’s important to have events like this because it introduces people to the library and all of the event and things that the library offers.”

LISA RASTEDE
Senior



PHOTO COURTESY of Eleonora Dubicki

Librarians explain to students about the study rooms located on the second floor of the library.

the research databases to find articles, both popular and scholarly, when they are completing research assignments. According to Dubicki, “Again, the aim was to reach those students who have not had library instructional sessions, or who still needed additional help in using our services.” The final event of the open house was an informal lunch in one of the conference rooms. Students were invited to come and eat pizza and cookies while interacting with each other and library faculty and staff. According to Ravindra Sharma, the Dean of the Library, “The open house is one way to attract students to this excellent facility. Many students did visit the library during the open house and took a tour of the building. It also helped the library faculty, administrators and the staff to know the students better and discuss their needs. Their suggestions will further help us to improve the library collections and services for benefit of all users.” This past summer, the library received new computers which have been added to the lab on the lower level and placed along the periphery of the first and second floors, as well

as more laptops which are available for loan at the circulation desk. Lisa Rastede, a senior, said, “By doing the open house early in the semester, we can bring attention to changes which have occurred since the previous year,” Dubicki said. Also, the collections have been shifted to accommodate the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) and the Instructional Technology Services (ITS) which have moved into the library facility. An additional group of parking spaces for commuter library patrons were also designated in Lot 6. One-on-one instruction sessions with a librarian can be arranged if a student needs help with research. These appointments can be set up by contacting the reference staff at 732-571-3438. The Library will continue to publish a library newsletter twice a year, but will also try new approaches in publicizing its services via email and special events at the library. “We were pleasantly surprised when a number of the students arriving at the library during the open house were coming to work on class projects,” said Dubicki.

Rock n’ Register

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been familiar with, and now we have two candidates that are unfamiliar to us and it is time to change.” “I personally think this is arguably going to be the most important election since 1968,” senior Quinn Gilly stated. “Because we have really had this message of ‘change’ built up, it seems that America is at a crossroads. It seems within the eight years we’ve been held up with the war on terror and the energy crisis and

vote for. “Barack Obama ’08,” stated Rajadnya. Dotday answered, “I’m voting for Barack Obama because he wants change and our country needs something else besides Bush’s failed policies. “ Friday’s Rock and Register event emphasized the message that the young voters are crucial to the outcome of the vote. “Whether our generation wants to admit it or not, we are going to be old people someday. It’s very important for them to start becoming

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QUINN GILLY
Senior

economic crisis. It has led us astray, and we need to get ourselves on a new track.” On why it is important to vote, Rajadnya stated, “Even if the things that are going on are good, I am not having any part in it. I think it’s really important that the people of our country govern over the people that govern them because this is a nation of democracy and it is about power.” With the election right around the corner, some students are confident in which candidate they are going to

more politically active and to become a little more knowledgeable about our government and the way it works,” Gilly stated. The University has invested a great deal of time and effort to get students registered to vote. When Election Day comes around the decision will be placed in their hands as to who will be the next President of the United States of America.

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Rockin n' Register Rocks Plangere

JOHN D'ESPOSITO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Friday September 26, Hawk TV and the Political Science Club co-hosted Rock N' Register. The event was a great way to get students to come out and register for this year's presidential election. Musical guests Eric Ginsberg and The Backbeat performed live in the studio to help hype up and inspire the crowd.

After their performance I managed to catch up with both bands

to have them shed light on what they're all about.

Eric Ginsberg a local singer songwriter from the Jersey Shore put on a great show, with a very intimate feel and catchy songs.

His fresh and different sounding voice adds a new kind of sound to his music. Ginsberg had you singing along by the end of each song since they were all both fun and personal.

Ginsberg explained that music for him is like a diary, he gets his emotion out and rids himself of the

burden built up inside.

Each song represents a different memory for him, whether its a girl he really liked or a broken heart in the form of a love song.

Ginsberg's inspirations include Peter Searcy, John Mayer, The Beatles, and most of all the fans. I had to ask what most fans want to know: who he was a fan of and what can be found on his iPod. Ryan Adams, Guster, and local artists like Arlon Feiles are some of his favorites.

Being a local artist himself, Ginsberg loves local bands, making friends with them and just enjoying their original music.

Ginsberg is not only a solo artist but is a part of the band Eric Ginsberg and the New Originals.

When asked what he liked better, playing solo or in a band, he responded with "Picking between playing in the band or by myself is like choosing between sex and sleep ... it's impossible." Adding that, "you can't do both at the same time but you don't want to give up either."

He went on to say that playing in a band is more fun and less personal than playing solo.

For all you aspiring artists out there, his words of advice for a struggling artist is to "go play open mic night and get out there!" He stressed the fact that the most important thing you can do is get out in the scene.

Go to coffee shops, explore different audiences, learn what songs to play and in what order, and most importantly learn how to capture

the audience; learn how to work the room.

To see how Eric Ginsberg and his band can work a room, or to check out their awesome songs and sound you can visit their Myspace page at www.myspace.com/ericginsberg

The next band to perform was The Backbeat; a 60's sounding band reminiscent of The Who and The Beatles.

A local band from central New Jersey, The Backbeat has a fun and exciting sound that gets you on your feet.

The melodic and catchy sounds in their songs were definitely a throwback to the 60's.

Each song they sang told a relatable and almost ironic story like their song "Just So You Know," which includes a shockingly honest chorus that says "I'd rather be with no one than be with you".

Inspired by such timeless bands

as AC/DC, The Who, The Beatles, and current bands like Coldplay, and Dave Matthews Band, Backbeat has a great sound and really catchy songs.

You can also find artists such as U2, The Rolling Stones, Eric Clapton, and Cream on their iPods. They're an amazing band that you can check out at www.myspace.com/thebackbeatnj.

The Backbeat is performing on campus again on October 18th for Rock Out for the Troops at 6 p.m. in Anacon Hall.

These two amazing bands made Rock N' Register a great event. Both bands had original fun sounds that you have to check out, so make sure to head over to both Eric Ginsberg and The Backbeat's MySpace pages to listen to their songs and view tour dates.

And don't forget to catch The Backbeat performing back at M.U. on October 18.



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The guys of Backbeat look for inspiration from classic bands such as AC/DC and The Beatles.



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Eric Ginsberg writes and composes songs about his own life experiences.

SINGER LENKA HOPES YOU ENJOY "THE SHOW"

PAIGE SODANO
SENIOR EDITOR

"Life is a maze and love is a riddle" are just a few of the catchy lyrics from Epic Records' highly anticipated artist, Lenka, whose new single is called "The Show".

Originally from Australia, her self-titled solo debut album was released just last week, with eleven brand new tracks and a variety of emotions portrayed in each one of her songs.

Growing up in Sydney, the singer went on to become a teen actress who trained with Cate Blanchett, later landing roles on stage, television and indie films.

However, music is what really sparked her interest after landing a role in a play, which entitled her to sing. After recording demos, her drummer, who was a member of Decoder Ring, suggested she record with them – and she did just that.

She recorded a second album with the band before going solo and now is excited to have her very own album, which has already landed a spot in iTunes' Top 10 Albums chart.

Beginning the recording pro-

cess last December in Montreal, followed by Los Angeles, Lenka officially finished the album in Woodstock, New York.

The cheerful pop singer whom is new to most people, appeared on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* last Wednesday, and will also appear on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* on October 16th, followed by the *Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson* on October 22nd – along with other performances and appearances along the way.

The lead track off the album, "The Show" was iTunes "Single of the Week" last week, a song that describes life "as a show" which sometimes can be really bad at times.

However, her point concludes that although you might have a bad day here and there, just enjoy it because there are always better days.

The single is climbing on the charts with an already downloaded number of 476,000 copies of the song in just the first week.

The song was the promo for the show, *Ugly Betty*, and featured in Old Navy's back-to-school TV campaign.

VH1 has named Lenka its "You



PHOTO COURTESY of cduniverse.com

Lenka's self-titled debut CD was just released this past week on Epic Records.

Oughta Know" artist, which will start to kick off in early October.

With much of her sound com-

paring to Jem and Björk, the majority of the CD has just the right balance of pop and uses instru-

ments such as horns, electronic drumbeats, and the piano.

"Gravity Rides Everything" is a cover of Modest Mouse's, which she creatively turned the original version into her own. A song about difficult relationships, "Dangerous & Sweet", includes guest vocals from singer Howie Day.

Another track, "Don't Let Me Fall" was heard in the season premiere of The CW's new series *90210*.

"It's a mood-enhancer, I don't like it when people are depressed. I want to cheer them up," said Lenka on her website, talking about her new album.

To check out Lenka's music, go to <http://www.myspace.com/lenkamusic> or her official website at <http://www.lenkamusic.com/>.

Her unique vocals shine through in songs that are not exactly targeted to provoke much happiness, but in "Trouble is a Friend", which is about long-repressed terrors, and "We Will Not Grow Old", which is a track that just about anyone who doesn't want to grow old can relate, there is just a calming vibe in Lenka's voice that you seem to want more of after the album's come to the end of 'the show'.

BRITNEY'S NEW SONG "WOMANIZER" HITS THE AIRWAVES

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Britney is back, with a new single this week. Back to her roots of both pop and dance Britney hits us hard with her new single "Womanizer." The first single off her new album *Circus*, is the catchy fun song she needed to put her career back on track.

After her big win at the MTV Video Music Awards, taking home trophies for Best Female, Best Pop Video, and Video of the Year for her song "Piece of Me" things have been looking up for Britney.

Following the release of 2007's *Blackout*, *Circus* is said to be the comeback that Britney's been working for. Scheduled to be released December 2 to coincide with her 27 birthday, *Circus* has become one of the most highly anticipated albums of the year.

With "Womanizer" just recently hitting the airwaves it is the fans decision of whether or not this will be Britney's come back song. With its catchy beat and repetitive chorus, one can't help but sing along.

Hitting listeners with hard lyrics like "You say I'm crazy, I got your crazy, you're nothin' but a womanizer." Britney is clearly attacking someone and whether it is her ex Kevin Federline or one of her many boyfriends of this year, she definitely manages to keep the listeners interested.

But Britney certainly doesn't

need the lyrics to keep you interested. She grabs you with a catchy hook and a beat that will stay in your head for weeks.

With a sound similar to her last album, this song will be all over the radio and in your favorite club in no time. Britney is making her way back into her fans hearts, their heads, and their dancing feet with her new single "Womanizer."

On the fast track to success, Britney is already working on the music video for her new single.

Directed by Joseph Kahn, (who directed both "Stronger" and "Toxic") Britney is once again dressing as a waitress as she did in "(You Drive Me) Crazy," but for "Womanizer" things are a little different, and certainly sexier.

Britney not only plays a waitress in the video but also portrays an erotic dancer.

Britney, who is seen sporting a short black wig, red lipstick, black leather pants, and fake tattoos, decked her dancers out in waiter outfits, with white shirts, skinny ties, and black pants or legging. This is going to make for one hell of a video.

The highly anticipated return of Britney consists of a catchy new song, video, and sexy image.

Britney is well on her way to a comeback, so make sure to check out her new single "Womanizer" that debuted this week and made its TV debut on Monday's episode of *The Hills*.

PST Fest Takes Over Sovereign Bank Arena with an All-Star Lineup

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton, N.J. was bustling with screaming young girls Friday night for PST Fest.

WPST (94.5 FM radio) hosted their annual concert with a variety of today's chart toppers.

First to hit the stage was newcomer Lesley Roy who has recently been all over the airwaves with her first single "I'm Going, I'm Gone." Roy has come straight out of Dublin, Ireland and has released her debut album *Unbeautiful* this past Tuesday.

Following Roy's set was the boy band Varsity Fancub. The quintet, best known for their song "Future Love," danced around stage in unison making all of the teeny boppers swoon.

Next was Secondhand Serenade, whose set calmed down the audience with his slow melodic songs. Secondhand Serenade is a solo artist who made it big this summer with his single "Fall for You," which is still on Billboard's Hot 100.

Finally it was time for the headliners. 2007 American Idol winner Jordin Sparks immediately got the crowd on their feet and singing along to her current hit "One Step at a Time." Sparks' set was simple, no back up dancers, just the 19-year-old running back and forth waving to her fans.

Sparks sang songs from her self-titled album, including her own rendition of Alicia Keys' song "Fallin." Unfortunately, Chris Brown was not in attendance so Sparks had to close her act singing "No Air" all by herself.

Last to hit the stage was Jesse McCartney who had the entire arena chanting his name in anticipation. Girls rushed the front of the stage eager to get a glimpse of this blonde hair, blue eyed, pretty boy.

McCartney sang and danced alongside two men the entire night. The backup dancers actually got a chance to perform their own version of "Jesse's Girl" while McCartney ran backstage for a wardrobe change. McCartney sang a bevy of hits ranging from "Beautiful Soul," to his latest smash "Over."

The highlight of the night was when McCartney and his two dancers picked one lucky fan to come on stage. The pop star serenaded the girl, holding her hand and gazing into her eyes.

In between sets the arena's crew would work in overdrive to quickly rearrange the instruments and layout. To keep the fans entertained PST DJ's took the stage throwing t-shirts into the stands and getting everyone hyped.

Make sure to lookout for tickets to PST's Winter Wonder Jam 2008 which is being held December 6th at Sovereign Bank Arena.

THE GROUND FLOOR

"I don't care what you think as long as it's about me"

FRANKIE MORALES
STAFF WRITER

Allow me to introduce myself; I'm Frankie Morales, Station Manager of Hawk TV and host of many of its original television shows. However, first and foremost, I take on the occupation of a music fan.

I'm the type of kid who names songs by their ACTUAL names, and not just the track numbers. I'll sit in my car rambling off the complete artist name, track names and albums of the songs in my I-Pod to the surprise (or sympathy) of my friends.

I even started my years at Monmouth by contributing an article interpreting songs in an article called "The Mixtape."

I take so much pride in the music I listen to that my facebook proudly boasts a bumper sticker saying "I listen to bands that don't even exist yet."

It's in that vein that I introduce a new column to get you into my state of mind. Many people relish in the fact that they listen to "underground" music, but I'm here to get you even lower, on "The Ground Floor" to be exact.

In this space I'm renting out, you'll find little known news, up and coming bands and all the essentials to get you in the know and make you a fan.

To kick off this debut edition, I will focus on a band I was on "The Ground Floor" for, approximately seven years ago. They have evolved into pop culture's favorite scapegoats and the group we "love to hate," Fall Out Boy. It's a different world than the one the listener found in their second full length album, *Take This To Your Grave*.

The Chicago quartet have since seen scandals, babies, clothing

lines, television shows, legions of under-aged fans while embracing every bit of it. They even designed a shirt labeling themselves "Sell Out Boy" on their last tour supporting their fourth full length, *Infinity on High*.

The group has taken every opportunity to fool/trick/poke fun at

this up, or vice versa, since you're already out), a massive viral campaign was started. Citizens For Our Betterment was launched in mid-August, a site thin-veiled as an election-related website complete with "issues" and "data."

However, it was revealed through clues to be nothing more

soon became very obvious that "This was just the beginning of Fall Out Boy."

Over the next few weeks, other bands jumped on the bandwagon, including Copeland, who made a mirror website to promote themselves as well, Citizens FOUR Our Betterment.

The boys themselves even released a mix tape entitled "Welcome To The New Administration" with cuts of new songs, which if the response was any indication, the song "America's Sweethearts," will be the song to look out for.

In a few weeks, however, the site disappeared, being redirected to Pete Wentz's Friends or Enemies social community. However, a new website took its place, the Fresh Only Bakery. Armed with donuts, the "Bakery" goes out delivering "Fresh goods" to those who are following the craziness from city to city, including posters, shirts and exclusives.

Although many other things have happened, including the release of a video for their single which has that Spencer Pratt from the Hill get what he deserves, but if I go into all that, I'll have to start paying rent on this space.

The group definitely has defined the name of their album, *Folie a Deux*, which means "a madness shared by two", but in this case, is shared by many more. To catch up on the madness, go to CFOB-Mania.Com, but to get in on the Ground Floor, just stick with me week in and week out.

If you have any suggestions regarding bands or music news you want others to get on the ground floor for, just hit me up at s0615315@monmouth.edu.

Until next time, where we get to "Sing It Loud," I hope you've been flooded.



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The Members of Fall Out Boy (left to right) Joe Trohman, Pete Wentz, Patrick Stump, and Andy Hurley get ready to release their fifth album *Folie a Deux* in early November.

the media, fans, and themselves. On the verge of their next album, *Folie á Deux*, their strategies are no different. Wait, hold on, did I just say next album? Why, yes I did. If that's the first you heard of it, my article has done its job, Goodnight all.

Oh right, the strategies... To prepare us for this release, due out on November 4th, Election Day (which means on your way to the polling booth you can pick

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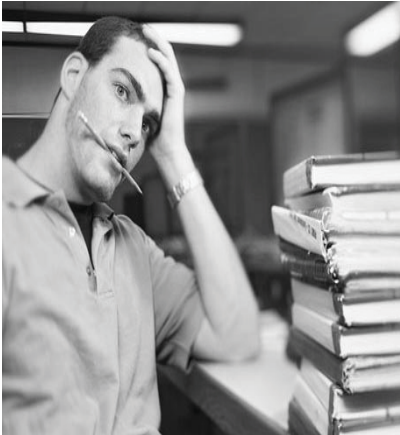
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Panel Discussion: It’s About Ability – Not Disability, Young Aud., 2:30 – 4:00 pm.

Wednesday 10/29

Film Showing: Reign Over Me, The Underground, 7pm.

Wednesday 11/19

Film Showing: The Fisher King, Wilson Auditorium, 7 pm.

If you need special accommodations, please contact 732-263-5755 prior to the program.
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What Are You Involved With on Campus?

COMPILED BY: SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON



Cody
freshman

"I'm a runner on the Cross Country team."



Garth
freshman

"I'm in the Honors Program, and I run for the Track and Cross Country teams."



Vin
freshman

"I'm in the Christian Ambassadors Club."



Jessica
junior

"I play softball for the MU team."



Ali
sophomore

"I'm really not involved in much, but I'm looking to get more involved."



Kaitlyn
freshman

"I'm a part of the History and Anthropology club."



Lauren
freshman

"I plan on attending the Bible Study in the Student Center."



Steven
sophomore

"I'm involved in the SIFE (Students in the Free Enterprise), and I play intermural sports."



Brian
sophomore

"I am on the Ice Hockey team."



Matt
sophomore

"I deliver the Outlook, am involved in SIFE, and I study hard."

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Campus Events This Week

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Philadelphia Museum of Art Trip • 8:30 AM • Contact 732-263-5738 for details

Film Screening: Crossing Arizona • 10:00 AM • Wilson Auditorium

Major Fair and Experiential Education Expo • 11:30 AM • Anacon Hall

Men's Soccer vs. Columbia • 3:00 PM • Great Lawn

Band - Raposo • 3:00 PM • Student Center Patio

Field Hockey vs. Villanova • 4:00 PM • So Sweet a Cat Field

Monmouth Idol • 10:00 PM • Pollak Theatre

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Late Night Lounge • 10 PM • The Underground

Latin Dinner and Cultural Exhibition • 6 PM- 8 PM • Anacon Hall

Debate Watch: VP Debate between Sarah Palin and Joe Biden • 8:45 PM • Wilson A.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Women's Soccer vs. Sacred Heart • 3 PM • Great Lawn

Free Movie: WALL-E • 7 PM & 11 PM • The Underground

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Manna House Halloween Party • 10 AM • Anacon

Football vs. St. Francis (PA) • 1 PM • Kessler

Up Til' Dawn with Dippin Dots, Snapshot Photos, & Prizes • 7 PM- 10 PM • Boylan

Free Movie: Hancock • 7 PM & 11 PM • The Underground

Ice Hawks vs. Shippensburg (tent.) • 8 PM • Wall Sports

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Field Hockey vs. Louisville • 12 PM • So Sweet a Cat Field

Women's Soccer vs. Fairleigh Dickinson • 12 PM • Great Lawn

Men's Soccer vs. St. Peter's • 2 PM • Great Lawn

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

Mental Health Screening for Students • 1 PM- 5 PM • RSSC 202A

Department of Disability Services Open House Week 10/6 to 10/10

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Cardiovascular Fitness Testing using Treadmill or Bike • 1 PM- 2 PM • Boylan

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Founders Day Celebration • 2:15 PM • Pollak

MTV Rock the Vote with Shane & Rachel • 8 PM • Pollak

Debate Watch: John McCain vs. Barack Obama • 8:45 PM • Student Center

To have your campus-wide events included, send an e-mail to activities@monmouth.edu. We do not list club or program meeting times in this schedule.

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The Underground



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FALL 2008



Pre-Professional Health Careers Meeting
Wednesday, October 15, 2008
Wilson Auditorium ♦ 2:30 PM ♦ Refreshments

Special Guests:

Professor Carol A. Biscardi, PA-C, MS
Program Director
Seton Hall University, Physician Assistant Program

Michael Chaump, M.D.
Surgical Resident
Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, NJ
2002 Monmouth University Graduate
Monmouth Medical Center Scholar

- Pre-Professional Health Advising Office – Howard Hall, Room 541
- Pre-Health Registration Form & E-mail notices
- Affiliation Agreements:
 - ❖ Seton Hall University – Physician Assistant Program
 - ❖ Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine
 - ❖ Monmouth Medical Center Scholars' Program – Drexel University College of Medicine
 - ❖ Hackensack University Medical Center
- Requirements for Admission to Professional School:
 - GPA
 - MCAT/DAT/GRE, etc. Scores
 - Demonstrated Interest in a Health Professional Field/Volunteering
 - Courses Outside Major
 - Research
 - Online Services, e.g. AMCAS
 - DAT computerized tests
- Strategies for Verbal and Writing Sections of Tests (MCAT, DAT, etc)
- Letters of Recommendation
- When to Start The Application Process
- The Interview
- Foreign Medical Schools

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The October Happenings at the MU

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON
OPINION EDITOR

Many fun events happened at the Catholic Center during the month of September, and they are looking for more to come, in October. There are daily fun events which the Catholic Center hosts, so come out and take part in a few, or come enjoy them all; everyone is welcome. The Catholic Center is full of friendly loving faces; everyone should come out and take part in all of the fun we have, at the center.

Wednesday afternoon, October 1 and 8, the center hosts Adoration, from 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m., followed by *Why Believe* at 7:30 p.m.

Beginning Wednesday, October 15 through the remainder of October, the Catholic Center will continue to hold, from 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m., followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.

Mass, at the center, is held every Sunday night at 7 p.m., followed



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On October 30th at 7:30 p.m., there will be a pumpkin carving/Halloween/All Saints Day Party.

by food and fellowship. Members of the center pray the Rosary every Monday night at 9 p.m.; come to the services and be blessed. The center will host a Java Talk, on Tuesday, October 14, in Java City. Come benefit from Java City's delicious treats while listening to a discussion revolving around the aspects of the Catholic faith.

The Catholic Center's new Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23. The Book Club discussion will revolve on the book chosen to be read for the month of October, *Welcome to College*, written by Jonathon Marrow.

A new book will be chosen for the month of November, so come out and see what the new book will be, to read and participate in the discussion which will be on it, in the November Book Club meeting.

Halloween is coming up, and the Catholic Center is ready to celebrate that frightening holiday. A Pumpkin Carving/Halloween/All

Saints Day Party will be hosted by the center, on Thursday, October 30, at 7:30 p.m.; come to the

org for any further information on events which the center has to offer the Monmouth University stu-

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SARAH JAMIESON

PR Director of the Catholic Center

Catholic Center dressed as your favorite Saint and party!

These are the events which the Catholic Center has to offer for the month of October. Show up, meet friends of the center and have some fun. Visit www.mucatholic.org

dents.

Any questions, email Sarah Alyse Jamieson, the PR Director of the Catholic Center, at s0599128@monmouth.edu. The Catholic Center hopes to see you all there soon.

HILLEL

On behalf of Hillel, you are cordially invited to a Night of Comedy: A Dedication to Daniel DeVries - a Monmouth University Alumni that passed away on Mother's Day to due a tragic car accident. The event takes place on Monday October 13th at 8:00 pm in Pollak Theatre. Admission is \$5. All proceeds from the evening shall go towards a Daniel DeVries Memorial Scholarship Fund. Aside from comedy, there will be a small band performing at the conclusion of the show. Hillel is anticipating a good turn-out for this event, and would be very honored to have you as our guest.

PEP BAND

Hey Pep Banders!

Welcome to our newest members, percussionist Matt Pagan and clarinetist Emily Curry. We will rehearse on the 3rd Floor of the Student Center on Wednesday, October 1st from 6:00 – 7:30 PM and Tuesday, the 7th from 8:00 – 9:00 PM. Next game is Saturday, October 4th against St. Francis (meet at 11:45 AM in the Student Center). New members are always welcome; if you're interested in joining, please stop by at any of our rehearsals!

PHI SIGMA SIGMA

Can't get enough of American Idol? The sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma are doing Idol, Monmouth style. Come check out your fellow student's karaoke skills in Pollak Theater, tonight, October 1st at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door and proceeds benefit the National Kidney Foundation. Presidents Kevin Barnes, Amanda Klaus, and Jeff Cook will be judging a range of bands, guitarists, and singers. Come hang out with Angela Flemming and Brandon Bosque, our hosts, who will lead you into a night of fun. Also soon to come – Phi Sigma Sigma's candy sale!



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DELTA PHI EPSILON

Congratulations to our latest addition Alpha Sigma!! So excited for you ladies and we couldn't be happier! 2Roseld<3love u girls! Jewelz can't keep your hands out the cookie jar haha<3fabuloUS::my life<3 Deephers! 2Roseld has my heart. Love, Vogue*::Best&Wife I love you both. Deephers you have my <3 AphroDiTy::wife&the rest of the bombshells you are my life. Recruitment chairs thank you for being my sanity. Deephers i love you all<3Utopia::Thank you for a great recruitment ladies. So excited for the new additions to DphiE. Little-such a fun time with you this weekend sleepovers are great. Secret can't wait for dinner xo VEGAS:: Little! You are my sanity! Can we do another Brennan's lunch very soon! love you! dolce::Elektra... cant wait to play<3pseud! gliMMer-really appreciate everything you did. You're an amazing sister!-XStAtic::fabuloUS-I'm animal for your crackers. The sleepover with you and CoCo was wonderful. Dance party tonight obviously-Jewelz::3 in the bed&Jewelz said ROLLOVER. I love both of you<3CoCoMojito,VEGAS,glitz, I love you girls you make me smile! I love you Alpha Pi and DphiE-Shine:: big! im so obsessed with you!! Alpha Rho thank you for always being there for me<3-lushious::

ZETA TAU ALPHA

Zeta Tau Alpha would like to invite you to their second annual Think Pink volleyball tournament on Friday, October 10. Table signups will be outside the Student Center on Thursday, October 2, Tuesday October 7, Wednesday October 8 and Thursday October 9 from 11:30-4:30. Teams must have 6 players and must raise \$25 per team. Come support breast cancer and enjoy a night of fun! Also, this Sunday October 5, Race for the Cure will take place at Six Flags in the early afternoon. You can either race or just come cheer on those who have been affected by breast cancer. For more information or to give any donations, stop by the ZTA volleyball tables. Save Lids to Save Lives, our national fundraiser, is still collecting Yoplait pink lids as well, saving money for breast cancer awareness and education. Collection bins are located in the Student Center, the dining hall, and throughout campus. Last but definitely not least, congratulations to all of the new classes!



ATTENTION CLUB AND GREEKS!!!

GOT ANY NEWS ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH THE REST OF CAMPUS? EMAIL OUTLOOK@MONMOUTH.EDU WITH SUBMISSIONS BY MONDAY NIGHTS. THANKS!

Horoscopes

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

- ♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - This week is a 6

This week you are emotional to a point that you may be blinded. Take a second and analyze your emotions before reacting on them. Once you can control your emotions, you have the opportunity to really look at what is before you.
- ♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - This week is a 5

This week you may be looking everywhere and anywhere for something which can get anyone dizzy. Be careful not to share all that you're seeing with everyone else; everything will get even more muddled. Take a few minutes to really sort through the chaos and find a pattern in these seemingly out of control.
- ♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - This week is a 7

A healthy discussion is a great way to expand your mind this weekend. You know the world is not revolving around you so make sure you don't start acting that way! Give everyone a chance to change your mind that way you can start seeing everything by other angles you didn't even know existed.
- ♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - This week is a 9

Close your eyes and leap! You can trust yourself so go for it, whatever it is. Why does everyone else deserve success and you don't? Well, you do, you just have to make the first step.
- ♌ Leo • (July 23 - Aug. 22) - This week is a 9

I know you hate being wrong but when something you thought was over resurfaces again you have to remember there is more to that story or series of events that you ever realized. This weekend you are looking to move forward and really take a step toward success in that new relationship so learn from your past and your present will be that much sweeter.
- ♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - This week is a 9

Well, fighting can be fun. As a stubborn Virgo, you of all people know that and what a better way to improve yourself than to learn from others. All this healthy fighting puts you in a great mood for the weekend. You aren't in control but that's okay for the first time in a long time.
- ♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - This week is a 10

Finally the stars are shining down on you. After what seemed like a tough start to this school year you seem to be succeeding in all areas. Don't be afraid to open up and finally reveal what is on the inside because it is your time. Even if you don't feel ready to do so, you will find yourself bubbling over and communicating through the weekend. Remember, it's not a bad thing!
- ♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - This week is a 7

You feel like you haven't been able to make the right decision on your own over the past few days but don't worry, you are coming back to your senses. This weekend you are just drawing people in with your natural allure. Don't be afraid to look beyond the surface.
- ♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) - This week is an 8

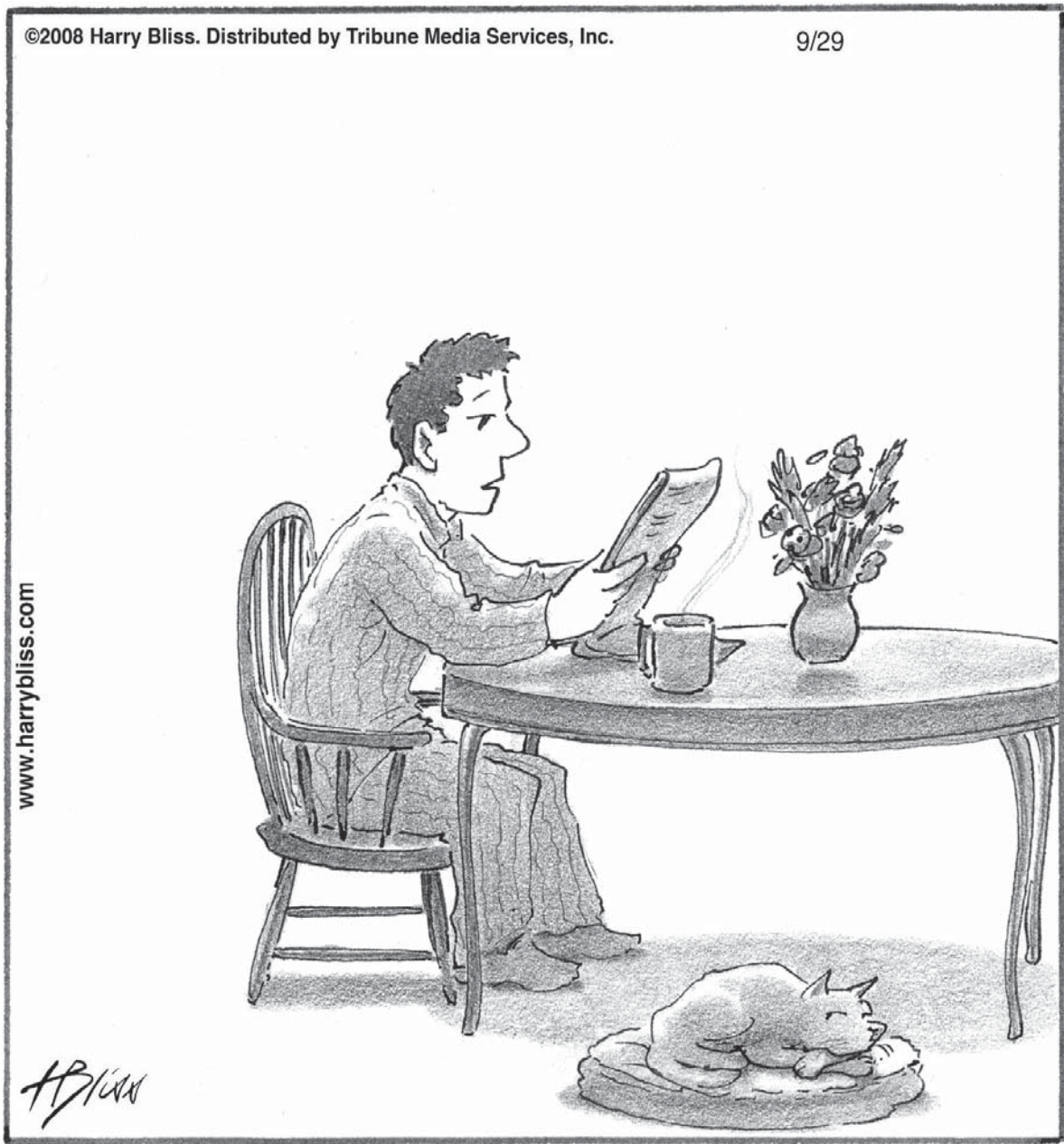
On cloud 9? While things have been easy the past few days, prepare yourself to open up. You cannot hide what you are really feeling these days so don't even bother trying. The aspects of mystery slip away but fear not! It is replaced by fun.
- ♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - This week is a 6

Well, there have been interruptions but breathe. Everything is not over. You have been delayed, not stopped entirely. Call a few of your most fun friends and spend time with them this weekend. It's time to escape your mind and the chaos of your life and have some fun. Your plans have already stalled; they can handle being pushed off for one more day.
- ♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is a 5

Feeling like you cannot focus? There is a distraction at every turn. Make your own distraction. Go for a walk on the beach or call up a friend for a few minutes. If the rest of the world sees that you need to step back for a minute then you may just get the space you are looking for. By the weekend you will finally feel ready to go!
- ♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) This week is an 8

Short-temperedness is a disease that you feel like everyone has (including you)! By the weekend it seems like you've finally found a cure. Be sure to share the cure with anyone willing to listen and if they aren't, make them!

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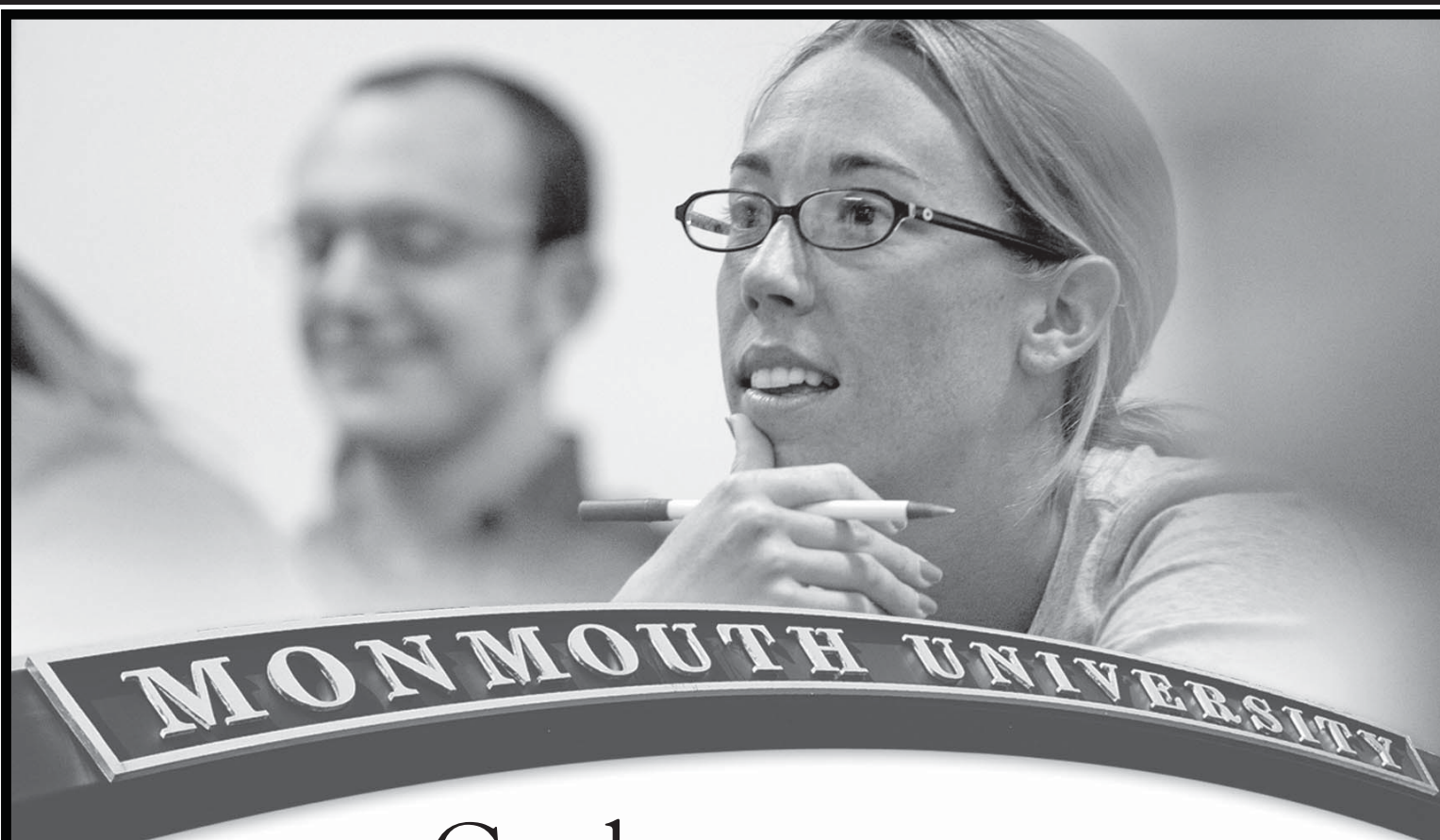


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by LOUIS COPPOLA



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First-Year Composition Academic Essay Contest Announced

The First-Year Composition Committee of the English Department and the *Monmouth Review*, Monmouth University's literary and art magazine, are co-sponsoring the first annual First-Year Composition academic essay contest for EN 101 and EN 102 students.

Faculty teaching those courses will nominate their students' essays written during the 2008-2009 academic year.

The winning essays in both courses will be published in the *Monmouth Review*, and other submissions will be considered for publication.

Current EN 101 and EN 102 students are encouraged to sharpen their writing skills in order to be considered for the contest.

For more information, contact your composition instructor or Professors Linda Sacks (lsacks@monmouth.edu), Sue Bloir (sbloir@monmouth.edu), or Virginia Samaras (vsamara@monmouth.edu).

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

ALL MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND FACULTY are invited to most inspiring and meaningful High Holiday services, in a place where everyone feels at home and welcome. You may see yourself as unaffiliated, Reform, Conservative or Orthodox. At Chabad, we see you as Jewish. No labels. No differences. Chabad is a home for every kind of Jew. Our services are refreshingly casual and easy to follow. The English-Hebrew prayerbooks, along with song and commentary, make everyone an active participant.

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THE END ZONE

Strong Defense Seals a Blue and White Victory

ANDREW SCHETTER
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Monmouth University came into Robert Morris on Saturday afternoon looking to start conference play with a victory, and in the process start their first winning streak of the year. This is exactly what the Hawks made happen as they defeated the Colonials on their home turf 34-26 improving their record to 2-3 on the year.

This was not a pretty game in terms of clean play, as it saw over 200 yards of penalties combined between the two rivals. However, the blue and white had to be thrilled with their offense that produced a season high 456 yards; 363 yards were credited to the Hawks two main weapons Quarterback Brett Burke, and power runner David Sinisi. Burke had a season high 211 yards through the air, while Sinisi continued his spectacular season with yet another rushing performance over 100 yards. This marked the fourth game in which Sinisi rushed for over 100 yards this season and he ended the day with a stout 152 yard total.

The game began with Monmouth once again losing the toss but gaining possession after their opponent's deferred to the second half. Quarterback Brett Burke trotted out to the field and began the first drive of the game on his own 28 yard line. The offense came out with a balanced attack, as they passed six times to go along with seven David Sinisi rushes. Coach Callahan could not have been happier with his team who started the game eating up over seven minutes of clock and taking the wind out of the home crowd right out of the gate. The opening drive was

highlighted by tight end John Nalbhone who had three receptions on the drive including a touchdown.

The colonials started their drive with good field possession after a 26 yard return to the RMU 40 yard line. The balance shown by the Hawks offense was not reciprocated as Myles Russ ran the ball six times on the seven play drive. Kevin Walsh a hero from a week ago took advantage of the one passing attempt by Quarterback Erik Cwalinski, as he sacked him for a seven yard loss and forced a Colonial punt.

The punt was a beauty as it pinned the Hawks at the three yard line to start the drive. Despite, David Sinisi picking up a first down the blue and white could not muster any more offense on this drive and were forced into a Jack Daniels punt. The Colonials started their second drive of the game at just about midfield. Cwalinski looking for his first completion of the day hit Shadrae King for a huge 45 yard gain to the Monmouth 11. On the next set of downs Cwalinski struck again on an eight yard touchdown pass to Regis Flowers. With 13:36 to go in the first half the score was even at seven.

After a nice return to the 38 yard line by Ayo Falae the Hawks looked to regain the lead. The drive started with two David Sinisi rushes for nine yards. On the next play Brett Burke showed off his mobility with a 22 yard run to the Robert Morris 36 yard line. On the next play it was wide receiver Rodney Salomon showed he could run the ball as well as he went all 36 yards into the end zone putting Monmouth back on top 14-7. The Hawk defense came onto the field and allowed just one first down on

another ten yard Myles Russ rush. They then forced another Colonial punt giving the red hot Monmouth offense a chance to extend their lead.

The offense was moving once again but a Joe Hurley face mask stalled the drive putting them in a 3rd and 24 situation. After a Bobby Giles rush came up short the blue and white once again were forced to punt and the Colonials regained possession at their 22 yard line. This drive featured four plays which resulted in over ten yards gained for Robert Morris. Cwalinski went four for five with 56 yards and a touchdown on the drive. The good news for the Hawks was the missed extra point attempt which allowed them to maintain a one point lead.

Monmouth came back on the field and showed they had big play making ability as well as Burke stepped back and fired a 46 yard touchdown pass to Troy Yudin. Fred Weingart once again booted the extra point successfully and put Monmouth in the driver's seat with a 21-13 advantage heading into the locker room at half time.

Robert Morris took the ball to start the second half and utilized their star running back with six Russ Myles rushes on the ten play drive. However, the drive was capitalized by an eleven yard touchdown pass from Cwalinski to King putting the Colonials down 21-19 with a two point conversion attempt looming. The attempt however proved futile as Kenny Amsel was there to stop a Raphael Johnson rush attempt securing a two point Hawk advantage.

The theme of the game up to this point had been the Hawk's offense uncanny ability to continue

to bounce back after each Robert Morris rally. This trend was maintained by the Hawks offense that relied on Sinisi who ran the ball eight times during the possession including another Monmouth touchdown run. After another Weingart extra point attempt sailed through the uprights, the Robert Morris coaching staff had to be second guessing their decision to go for the two point conversion as it was now a two possession game with the Hawks leading 28-19.

A well rested Monmouth defense forced an RMU three and out on their next possession giving back the ball to the Hawks at their 30 yard line. Bobby Giles got into the rushing action as he carried the ball five times for 21 yards and a touchdown. The play of the drive came from Burke who avoided the Colonial rush just long enough to complete a 45 yard pass to wide receiver Nick Romeo. After the Giles touchdown, Weingart missed the extra point giving the Hawks a 34-19 lead with the 4th quarter just under way.

The Colonials down 15 in the 4th quarter understood they needed a quick score and they executed a beautiful four play 86 yard drive that took less then two minutes off the game clock. The player of the drive was once again Russ, who gained 65 yards and scored a touchdown on only two carries. After the extra point attempt was up and good the home team had regained hope and momentum cutting the deficit to a mere 8 points and once again making it a one possession game.

From this point on the defenses had decided to put an end to this track meet as both teams forced three and outs for the opposing

offenses on their next possession; this left the Hawks with the ball, the lead, and 9:10 remaining in the game. The Robert Morris defense knew they were going to face a steady diet of Sinisi rushes but stopping him still proved difficult for the Colonials. Sinisi touched the ball on all but one play in the 11 play Hawk drive. However, on a crucial fourth and one from the RMU 41 yard line the defense rose to the challenge and stopped Sinisi in the backfield giving their offense another shot at a comeback with just over three minutes to play.

In a game where two offenses looked unstoppable it came down to one final possession for the Hawk defense to seal a victory for their team. The Colonials, knowing they had to score, gained only seven yards on a four play drive that was capitalized by a crucial sack by Senior David Kennedy on third down forcing what would be a failed fourth down passing attempt. The Monmouth offense was then able to run out the clock and go 1-0 in conference play.

After the game Dedensive tackle Kevin Walsh was named the NEC defensive player of the week for the second time this season. Walsh recored two sacks in the victory against the Colonials and has set the tone for the Hawk defense throughout the year. Coach Callahan praised Walsh saying "He is playing inspired football and I am glad he is getting recognized by the conference office for his efforts."

Next Saturday Kevin looks to to be recognized for the third straight week when the Hawks return home to face St.Francis (P.a) at 1:00 at Kessler field.

Outlook's Weekly NFL Picks - Week 4

	Away	Seattle Seahawks	New England Patriots	Washington Redskins	San Diego Chargers	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Buffalo Bills	Cincinnati Bengals	Pittsburgh Steelers
	Home	New York Giants	San Francisco 49ers	Philadelphia Eagles	Miami Dolphins	Denver Broncos	Arizona Cardinals	Dallas Cowboys	Jacksonville Jaguars
Eric (3-5 Last Wk) (14-10 Overall)									
Andrew (5-3 Last Wk) (15-9 Overall)									
Lisa (3-5 Last Wk) (13-11 Overall)									
Brian (3-5 Last Wk) (14-10 Overall)									
Frank and Meg (3-5 Last Wk) (10-14 Overall)									

Field Hockey Earns First Victory of the Season

PRESS RELEASE

The field hockey team took a 2-1 lead into half but couldn’t hold on in the last 35 minutes as they dropped a 4-3 game to Appalachian State at neural Davidson College Saturday afternoon. A trio of seniors got into the action with a set of goals and an assist to lead the Hawks in the game. ASU started off the scoring just five minutes into the game off of a corner from the Mountaineers’ Caitlin Counts. Monmouth answered hard twenty minutes later with a freshman-to-senior connection from Kayleigh Kalamar to Aileen Bosmans for the Blue and White’s first goal. Sophomore Katie Amundsen scrapped for the Hawk’s next goal

hard to tack on one more goal before the end with senior Enza Mazza taking a pass from fellow senior Aubrey Clark and smacking one past Adams. The Hawks were outshot in the game, 14-19 and were doubled up in corner opportunities 10-5, but controlled the game with aggressive play by their seniors. Goalie Melissa Katz provided an extra spark between the pipes with eight saves in the game. Monmouth falls to 0-8 on the season with six games lost by only one goal Momentum and aggressive senior play from the earlier day’s game carried over as the team posted their first win of the season, 3-0 over Davidson on Sunday afternoon at Davidson College. After six losses by only one goal,

goal to put the Hawks up early. Clark followed up with another rebound goal, putting one past Davidson’s goalie Goeke just five minutes later. With two goals on the day, this marked Clark’s first multi-goal game in her career. “Aubrey (Clark) really stepped it up in the last two games and has been a key player for us,” pointed out Coach Figlio. Earning her first shutout of the season, and second of her career, was Katz. Her two stops on the day provided the defensive insurance to give the Blue and White their first win. Coach Figlio praised her sophomore in net, “Melissa {Katz} played great and deserved the shutout.” Senior Janine Rini smashed in a corner shot insurance goal – her second goal of the season – in the second half to end scoring for the Hawks on the afternoon. The Wildcats owned the shooting and corners opportunities on the afternoon, 6-7 and 5-4, but the Hawks relentlessness around the net, putting away two rebounds, proved to be the difference in scoring for the game. The Hawks will look to continue their winning ways as they return back home to So Sweet A Cat Field Wednesday, October 1st for the first of a three game home stand. Game time is slated to start at 4:00 pm as MU hosts the #11 ranked Villanova Wildcats.

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minutes before half knocking in a rebound off of Mountaineers’ goalie Denise Adams, and putting the Hawks ahead at half. The Mountaineers controlled the second half scoring, putting in three goals and pushing the game just out of reach. Despite being down two goals, the Hawks fought

the Hawks broke out scoring early and never looked back. “The girls came out and played so hard and with so much heart,” prides Coach Carli Figlio. Monmouth jumped on the Wildcats with two goals in the first ten minutes of the game. Clark opened the match with a scrappy rebound

A Word on Sports *Shea-ken Up*

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The year was 2007. It was late September and the final stretch of the pennant races was well underway. The New York Mets, who had once had a seven game lead in the NL East with seventeen games to play, were now desperately fighting to keep their playoff hopes alive. Their struggles were to no avail. The New York Mets had failed. All excuses aside, the Mets had suffered through one of the greatest collapses in regular season history. To make matters worse, their cross town rivals, the New York Yankees, had once again found a way to overcome a huge deficit and squeak their way in to the playoffs. The last year at Shea was a symbol of hope for Mets fans nationwide. Looking to close out Shea Stadium in style, and in hopes of leaving their fans with something to remember, the Metropolitanans from Queens gave it one last try before moving to Citi Field. Fast forward to August 10, 2008. The Mets are two games out of first place in the NL East and four and a half games back in the Wild Card. With more than a month of baseball to play, they were certainly in range to make a push for the post-season. By September 10th, the Mets were playing phenomenal baseball, leading the division by 3 ½ games. They were generating runs, pitching, and even with the bullpen faltering at times, winning games. As all this was taking place, the New York Yankees were falling short. It was clear to most that for the first time since 1994 the bombers would miss the playoffs. As expected, Met fans reveled in the spotlight. Jeers and taunts were flying from Queens to the Bronx. The Metropolitanans could finally celebrate a year without looming in the Shadow of the “Evil

Empire.” The Mets themselves, however, forgot one thing. They forgot to finish the season. The Brewers played abysmally up until their return to Milwaukee after an eleven game road trip. On their home stand they won five and lost only one game, making up plenty of ground on the floundering Mets. The Mets played so horrifically on their similar home stand, that is was unclear to many if they were even on the field at times. When the biggest opportunities in the most important games of the year rolled around, nobody was to be found. Their supernova all-stars went dark, their standout closer was sitting down and their charming new manager had his tail between his legs. The Mets “big three” (Reyes, Beltran and Wright) COMBINED for two RBI in the final weekend of the season. Not to mention the Mets lost all three of those games. Even if you added Carlos Delgado in to that equation, it would bring the astounding total up to a whopping three RBI. The Mets went on to lose their last 10 of 17 games. However, they once again controlled their own destiny. With two games left in the season, they had to win both to at least tie the Brewers for the NL Wild Card spot and force a one-game playoff to decide which team was October bound. With a Brewers lost to the NL leading Cubs, the Mets could tie Milwaukee with a win. This time, New York came up big, on the left arm of ace Johann Santana, who pitched a complete-game shutout against the Marlins. But once again, the Mets could not finish, losing the final game of the season 4-2, with the bullpen coming away with the loss. Just under 900 miles away the Brewers were finishing off the Cubs, guaranteeing at least another game against the Mets. That game wasn’t necessary though, and so the Brewer celebration began. Just as they were in the final contest the Mets bullpen was atrocious. By season’s end the bullpen blew 29 save opportunities. Santana felt this the most as he pitched outing after outing

of great baseball just to have it blown completely due to late inning heroics surrendered by the bullpen. The Mets are kidding themselves if they believe the bullpen is the one and only problem. The real problem lies within the core of the team. The previously mentioned Reyes, Wright and Beltran are the true culprits. The day after the forgettable Mets’ season ended, Omar Minaya (Mets GM) said on the Mike Francesa radio show that he may have to “shake the tree a little.” This is referring to making some changes, some big changes. Minaya didn’t rule out trading one of the Mets’ three stars. He is making sure everyone in the baseball community is aware one of these players could be in a different uniform when it comes time to lace up the spikes in 2009. There will not, however, be a new manager for the 2009 season. As of now that is. According to SI.com Jerry Manuel will be back, negotiating a deal in the next day or two to remain the Mets manager. Since taking over for Willie Randolph back in May, Manuel went 53-38, breathing new life into the struggling Mets. But, much like Randolph the year before, Manuel could not will the Metropolitanans into the playoffs. Now that the 2008 season is over the Mets will leave Shea behind, along with the two world championships they completed and celebrated there in 1969 and ’86. While there wasn’t as much hype surrounding the close of Shea as there was with the close of Yankee Stadium, many Mets fans will forever remember the triumphs and tragedies, the good and the bad. With the opening of Citi Field scheduled for April, there will be new memories to be celebrated in the new ballpark. Sadly though, the bittersweet recollections of the last two monumental collapses will remain, but hopefully won’t prevent the Mets from starting over on pristine ground.

Women’s Tennis Backhands the Competition

PRESS RELEASE

The Monmouth women’s tennis team traveled to Pennsylvania for back-to-back conference matchups and came out with identical 6-1 team wins on Saturday and Sunday. The Hawks defeated Robert Morris on Saturday, 6-1 in Moon Township, Pa., and finished off St. Francis (Pa.), 6-1, on Sunday afternoon in Loretto, Pa. Coach Patrice Murray’s squad played solid tennis all weekend going undefeated in first, fourth, fifth and sixth singles while picking up points in all doubles matches. The winning streak started Saturday when senior Sarah Ragan lead the Blue and White with a number one singles win over Robert Morris’ Kali Delore, 6-3, 6-3 to open up scoring in the match. Fellow classmate Kaitlin Gallagher posted her second singles win in the season with a hard fought 4-6, 6-4, 10-8 win over the Colonial’s Libby Shaw. Rounding out the wins for the Hawks against RMU was Jessica Slinger, Kelly Friedrich, and Britney Dupuis all winning in straight sets at fourth, fifth, and sixth singles. The Hawks also picked up the doubles point with wins at second singles duo of Diane Washer and

Slinger posting an 8-4 win and the third singles team of Katie Tierney and Friedrich winning 8-6. Bringing the momentum into Sunday, the Hawks took all singles matches - but second singles - to win the match with St. Francis (Pa.), giving the Hawks a 2-1 NEC record to start the season. Ragan posted her second singles win of the season taking the first singles match in a fight with St. Francis’ Abby Ball 7-6(5), 3-6, 6-3. Katie Tierney bounced back from an earlier day’s loss to win third singles 6-4, 6-1 and Slinger continued to improve her singles record at fourth singles winning 7-6(3), 6-3 to go 4-1 on the young season. The Hawks posted wins at fifth and sixth singles and took the doubles win with second and third singles wins. On the weekend, freshman Slinger and Dupuis went undefeated, winning their fifth and sixth singles flights. The underclassmen are a combined 8-3 on the season for the Blue and White. The Hawks take their two-match NEC winning streak into October as they return to the home courts Wednesday, October 1st to take on conference rival Wagner at 3:00 p.m. at Firemen’s Field in Ocean, N.J.

Women’s Soccer Continues Winning Ways

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The Hawks faced off against Seton Hall on Tuesday September 23rd in South Orange, New Jersey, the final result was a 1-1 draw. This was the third game in five days that Monmouth played in that went into overtime. Even though the final result was a tie it was very important to see the women not let the game slip out of their grasp. The lone goal of the game came during the 50th minute off the foot of senior midfielder Illiana Blackshear off an assist from junior forward Andrea Lopez. The goal from Blackshear was her 2nd consecutive goal; her first goal came during the meeting between LaSalle which won the game in overtime. This marked the fifth straight contest in which the defense didn’t allow more than one goal. The goalkeeper for the Blue and White was sophomore Lia Fierro who had 4 saves while allowing one goal. It’s essential for the Monmouth to win close games even if they are out of conference. Performances like these prove that losing is not a part of the women’s vocabulary. The defense has been a strong point for the team this year; however, a key player will be out for the remainder of the season. Sophomore defender Ali Klimment suffered a separated shoulder against LaSalle. The women took on St. Peter’s on Sunday, September 28th on the Great Lawn which the women won 4-2. It was a much different look for the Hawk’s defense without starting goalkeeper Lia Fierro; however Fierro did make an appearance late in the game

while making a save. The starter was instead senior Katie Buffa who allowed 2 goals while saving one. Twenty minutes into the game the women took a 1-0 lead after a goal from junior midfielder Alesandra DeTata off an assist from junior forward Andrea Lopez. Shortly after the goal from Deta-ta, Blackshear scored to give the women a 2-0 lead. Saint Peter’s responded with a goal 30:04 into the game. Shortly before the intermission freshman midfielder Jennie Vartebedian knocked in a cross off a free kick from junior defender Leanne Clarke to put the Hawks up 3-1. At this point many thought that the game was well in hand for the Hawks until St. Peter’s Loren Rich scored at 63:09 to cut the lead to a one goal advantage for Monmouth. Fortunately senior Joni Demoor added an insurance goal at the 81st minute as MU went on to win the matchup against St. Peter’s 4-2. Some interesting side notes from the game are that the hawks outshot St. Peter’s 23-8 and also held an advantage in corner kicks 6-1. Also, this year the Blue and White have not lost a game at home, accumulating a 4-0 record. However this stat doesn’t fortify how dominating the women have been at home. Since 2006 the women have gone 20-1-2 on the Great Lawn. With their performance last week, going 1-0-1, the Hawks have been recognized by Soccer Buzz Magazine as the 15th best team in the Mid-Atlantic Region. MU returns to action on Friday, when they open the NEC season with a home game against SacredHeart, at 3 p.m.



THE DEFENSE ~~NEVER~~ RESTS



Defensive Tackle Kevin Walsh leads the Hawks defense as they plead their case as the best team in the NEC.

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