



Wilson Hall Hosts Breeders' Cup Gala



Breeders' Cup Limited hosted its charity gala in Wilson Hall on October 26.

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SPORTS EDITOR

With the Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships taking place at Monmouth Park in nearby Oceanport, New Jersey, Monmouth University hosted the

Breeders' Cup Charity Celebration Gala in Wilson Hall on Friday, October 26, to celebrate the richest day in thoroughbred racing.

As the entire thoroughbred racing world converged on Oceanport, New Jersey, for two days the sports world shined its light on the Jersey shore.

On Friday night, with the first day of Breeders' Cup racing having been a success, owners, jockeys, officials, and locals made their way to Wilson Hall for the Breeders' Cup Charity Celebration Gala. At \$600 a person, the event included a cocktail hour, an auction, a three-course meal, and a performance by New Jersey's own Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The charity celebration was hosted by Breeders' Cup Limited and was held to benefit the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, Monmouth Park Charities, and the Monmouth University Scholarship Fund. The event was made possible by Monmouth Park, who over two years ago asked Monmouth University to be partners in the effort to bring the Breeders' Cup to the jersey shore track for the first time since its inception in 1984.

Wilson Hall prepared for the event to accommodate 425 guests from all over the world, who all seemed to be blown away by the impressive appearance of the campus and Wilson Hall. Monmouth University President Paul Gaffney said, "The interesting thing about this dinner is that usually its all very nice and helpful people from around our area, but here we have a lot of people from Kentucky, California, Florida, and Washington who have never been here before that are very impressed with our school."

Greg Avioli, the President of Breeders' Cup Limited, added that Wilson Hall was very special and that it was the most impressive host for the charity gala in the ten years of its existence.

Guests for the event included

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Professor Receives Award for Book on Peru

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Dr. William Mitchell, Professor of Anthropology and Freed Foundation Professor in the Social Sciences, has received a prestigious award for his book, "Voices from the Global Margin: Confronting Poverty and Inventing New Lives in the Andes".

Mitchell received the Latin American Studies Association

(LASA) Peru Flora Tristán Award, which is the major academic association of scholars who work in Latin America.

Members of LASA come from a variety of scholarly disciplines, including anthropology, history, archeology, political science, literature, language studies, sociology, social work and economics. LASA Peru members are scholars who

have a specific relationship with Peru, either through work or interest. Mitchell is a member of both LASA and the LASA Peru Section.

"I became interested in Latin America and Peru by accident, following the advice of one of my teachers at the University of Pittsburgh. I never regretted my choice

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Fundraiser held in Memory of Fallen Marine



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(from left to right) VP Nagy, President Gaffney, Art and Charlene Bowie, Peter Gallo, Eric Sedler, Dan Wisniewski, and Margaret DeVico. Peter Gallo presents a Distinguished Service Award on behalf of the Marine Corps to the Political Science Club.

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Almost two hundred people assembled at Boylan Gymnasium last Tuesday to have fun, play basketball, and raise money for Marines Helping Marines. The event was the Chris Cosgrove 3 on 3 Memorial Basketball Tournament and Fundraiser, and it was hugely successful in every way possible.

Registration opened at 7:00 p.m., and there was an immediate flood of athletes eager to sign up and play ball for a good cause. In about half an hour, twenty-two teams were signed up, their members ranging from fraternity brothers to sorority sisters and even an economy and finance department team. The vast majority of the sign-ups, however, were from people that were not part of any specific organization, who were there to play basketball and support a dignified cause.

Also in attendance was an array of important college and community members, including President Gaffney, VP Mary Ann Nagy, West Long Branch Mayor Janet Tucci, Commandant Peter Gallo, and Marlboro Councilman Jeff Cantor. The guests of honor, though, were indisputably Cosgrove's mother and stepfather, Charlene and Art

Bowie. Each of the preceding, save the Mayor, gave a brief address to the audience and competitors before the games began, and Commandant Gallo presented the Political Science Club with a Distinguished Service Award plaque on behalf of the United States Marine Corps.

Upon the completion of a brief recitation of the rules, the games began, with the gym split into 6 concurrent half-court games. Members of the MU basketball generously team volunteered their time to referee each game and keep score; the first team in each game scoring 15 baskets was declared the winner and moved on to the next round. Each of the final two teams won four consecutive games to get to the last round, and the final game did not end until more than three hours after the tournament started. The winners and runners-up were awarded trophies and the winning team was also given special coins that are carried by all marines as a gesture of camaraderie.

While the games were being played, a silent auction for an embroidered leather Marine Corps jacket was being held. The jacket, which was a donation to the event,

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Snowriders Club Looking for Approval for Second Trip

RON GASKILL
STAFF WRITER

In addition to their annual trip to Mont Tremblant, Quebec, the Snowriders Club will be seeking approval for a second trip in February.

The club hopes to head to Hunter Mountain, NY for either a day or weekend trip. The day trip would include transportation and a lift ticket, while the weekend trip would include lodging, transportation, and a lift ticket.

“We plan on the event costing participants about \$50 for a day trip, or \$200 for a weekend,” said Professor Robert Scott, the club’s advisor. However, more planning is necessary before the event is approved by the school. Snowrider’s president, Kevin Lynch, says they must hold more meetings to hammer out all the details. The trip will be planned through Banchi Outdoor Adventures’ President Joe Ferrera, with whom they book their Canada trip. Taking one busload, about 40-50 students, this trip will be half the size of Canada.

To get the funding necessary, Snowriders would have to appeal to the Student Government Association’s financial committee. A Special Event Funding (SEF) form would need to be fully completed and handed in for review. The committee would then review the form to determine need and eligibility. Aaron Griswold, chairman of the Financial Committee, would question, “Is this unique? Did someone already do this activity?” According to him, funds are eligible to “Any person with an event that could benefit the campus.” SEF funding was raised within the last few weeks from a maximum of \$1,000 to \$2,000.

According to the SEF form, this funding is different from the annual budget in that: “Any student, club, or organization may apply during the school year,” “It may not be used in place of an annual budget,” and “It provides funding to sponsor a specific campus program, to purchase equipment, or to cover some of the costs associated with attending a regional or national conference/competition.”



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In addition to traveling to Quebec, the Snowriders Club hopes to venture to New York as well.

Snowriders must also gain permission from the university. To do so, Amy Bellina of Student Services states, “They must have an advisor for the trip, gather emergency information for the people traveling, make sure everyone has an itinerary for the trip, and that [MUPD] and our offices have the emergency information and itinerary.”

The contract with Outdoor Adventures must be reviewed by the Office of the General Council and signed by Vice President of Student Services Mary Anne Nagy. In certain cases, as with the Canada trip, waivers must be signed by travelers and handed in as well. Just how long this process will take is undetermined, but Bellina encourages the club to apply early.

Snowriders requested \$10,000 in their 2007-08 budget, citing expenses such as the Canada trip, a possible second trip, and supplies. However, according to Lynch, the SGA only granted \$5,200. This is compared to last year’s budget of \$7,200 for the trip alone.

When asked about the cut-back, Griswold responded by explaining that, “The number of clubs on campus has increased, putting a strain on the budget.” While he was unsure of the exact numbers, he estimated that there are five to six new clubs each semester. While the number of clubs rises, the overall budget stays the same.

While the exact details are not clear for the club’s second trip, their Annual trip to Canada will happen once again. Ninety-six participants will be staying at the Country Inn & Suites from January 6-11, according to the itinerary. The trip will cost \$470, \$60 more than last year due to the thinner budget.

Unlike previous years, travelers this year will require a passport to get into Canada. If you do not have one already, sign-ups will be held Tuesday, November 6 in room 202A of the Student Center from 10:30 AM - 3 PM. Applicants will need to bring their original birth certificate or nationalization papers, driver’s license or state ID, two passport photos, and two checks or money orders. Also, be sure to bring your social security number.

The first day of payments for Canada took place last Wednesday, October 24. However, payments can still be made (if seats are still available) Wednesday, October 31 at 2:30. Checks, cash, or money orders will be received in the club’s office on the third floor of the Student Center.

New Club Hopes to Motivate Students

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The Global Service Project is the newest club to come to Monmouth from students of the Model UN. After coming in second place out of 250 schools at last year’s Model UN, the students of this organization have come together to educate other Monmouth students on the major issues affecting our world today.

On November 12 through the 16, the Global Service Project along with other Monmouth clubs and organizations will be hosting Health and Humanities: World in Crisis. This three day event will not only get students motivated on campus, but it will get them to investigate for themselves the monumental problems that the world faces today. “This event is to introduce people on the issues rather than to educate them on the specifics”, said senior Michael Prepelitskiy, a Political Science and International Relations major, “This is something that involves everyone and not everyone is involved.”

This World in Crisis week and the events that will take place have been an ongoing project for the Global Service team since this past July. Senior Robert Marmolejo, a political science major, said, “I worked closely on this event with Mike and we have been coordinating with various clubs and departments around campus, such as Water Watch, the Urban Coast Institute, the LCAC, Athletics Department, Rebel U, and the Health Center to bring a wide variety of issues to the attention of the Monmouth University Community.” Each day has a particular issue that will be discussed accompanied by events that reinforce that subject.

The week will begin Monday, November 12, with a keynote address by Dr. Saliba Sarsar,

Vice President of Academic Initiatives in the Wilson Hall Auditorium on “Learning the Right Lessons from War and Peace: The Middle East Conflict”. President Gaffney will also be there to open up the conference. Following the address will be a panel with Father Brian Butch as well as representatives from the Catholic Relief services and the Islamic Relief Services to speak about charity work in Africa. There will also be tables outside of the student center throughout the day to collect donations for organizations such as Doctors Without Borders, SaveDarfur.org, and there will be information on the Peace Corps.

The main issues that will be discussed on Wednesday, November 14 are the environment and the effects of global warming. There will be student panels on global warming and climate change as well as discussions on what Monmouth University is doing to combat global warming and pollution. A presentation by the Urban Coast Institute will be shown in addition to a collection of used batteries for recycling sponsored by the Outdoors Club. A cleanup of Whale Pond Brook by the Water Watch is another event geared toward the environment.

The last day of events will be on Thursday, November 15th with the topic of day regarding health. The day will have events such as The Great American Smokeout sponsored by Rebel, a 1 mile Healthy Heart Walk around campus with the money from the walk being donated to the Heifer Group which combats world hunger, as well as a speech for students on how to quit smoking. Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President of Student Services of Monmouth, will be doing an elliptical challenge,

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Visiting Writer Philip Terman Shares Poetry

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NEWS EDITOR

As part of the Visiting Writer Series here at Monmouth, poet Philip Terman presented his work in the 800 Gallery on Tuesday, October 23, at 4:30 p.m. He read a variety of poems from his books, *Rabbis of the Air*, *Book of the Unbroken Days*, and *The House of Sages*.

Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr. Stan Green, introduced Terman and noted how these poems are “some of the most difficult to publish.” He also commented on the reading, saying, “Phil Terman’s reading resonated with the audience, comprised mostly of students, because he talks about the experiences that underlie the poem, often with a touch of humor, and then reads his beautifully crafted poems in a way that cannot help but engage the audience.”

Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Terman now lives in western Pennsylvania with his family. He started the Bridge Coffee House series in Franklin, PA to bring poetry, other readings and music to the small rural communities of western Pennsylvania.

He continues his work in Clarion, PA at Michelle’s Café where he sometimes reads his poetry accompanied by a jazz trio. He also teaches at Clarion University and co-directs the Chautauqua Writers’ Festival at the Chautauqua Institute.

His award-winning poems have appeared in the *Georgia Review*, *Poetry*, the *Kenyon Review*, the *Gettysburg Review*, *Tikkun*, and *Blood to Remember: American Poets Respond to the Holocaust*, along with other journals and anthologies.

Terman bases much of his poems on real-life experiences, and added that living out in the country has influenced many of his poems too.

One of the poems that he read was about him and his wife flying to China to adopt their sec-

ond daughter, right after 9/11, and there was a bomb threat on the plane. Another poem titled “What We Own” was about his brother who has passed away, and Terman said right before he read it, “You feel you own the things you do with people you love.”

At the end of the presentation, there was time allowed for questions. One student asked how he starts writing his poems. Terman replied, “I read great poets, like Walt Whitman to get inspired, jot stuff down, kind of like lighting the twigs to get the fire started.”

Terman’s poems range from being sad, serious, and even funny. “I’m lucky in a sense that I was raised in a family that respected humor. I think it’s important to have a mix of poems.”

Professor and Assistant Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Michael Thomas, added, “This reading by Phil Terman was special for me and for the Wayne D McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences, since it was an anniversary for us, marking the beginning of our Visiting Writers Series three years ago when Phil was brought to campus by Dean Green. Dean Green has led the initiative of creating a Center of Distinction in the Arts at Monmouth, and this series plays an important role in that. Terman’s poetry is unique in its perspective and scope. I love his use of the comic and how that ties to his family history. In reading and hearing his poems, one can see how the ordinary everyday events of work and relationships shape us and also influence a larger meaning of cultural heritage.”

For more information on the Visiting Writers Series, go to www.monmouth.edu/arts.com. The next writer to visit Monmouth will be Kimiko Hahn on Thursday, November 15, at 4:30 p.m. in the Wilson Auditorium.

Doctor Speaks to Students on Asperger Syndrome and Autism

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On Wednesday, October 24, 2007, Henry Kong M.D. came to Monmouth University to speak at Young Auditorium. There he spoke about his new book *More Self than Self: At Autism’s Edge* which discusses autism as well as Asperger Syndrome, a disorder which first appeared in 1980 and was first diagnosed in 1987.

Asperger Syndrome is characterized by inflexibility of thought, poor social skills, poor communication skills, clumsiness and repetition.

Kong first diagnosed himself with Asperger Syndrome at the age of 31. Since the disorder is new and there is not an incredible amount of information available yet, there is likely an over abundance of adults and college students being diagnosed with Asperger daily because the Syndrome has a very broad array of characteristics which have not been narrowed down.

“People with Asperger Syndrome tend to be more social than people with autism. They are also generally sadder because they are not able to interact with people,” said Dr. Kong. He explained that people with autism are indifferent to having social relationships while those with Asperger desire social contact. Most cases of Asperger Syndrome are found in males (10-1 male/female ratio), usually

adolescent rather than the very young, and it usually is generated in the genome and brain.

According to Dr. Kong, the syndrome is not just an environmental factor. A genetic component certainly plays a big role in determining whether or not a person will be diagnosed with this disorder. “Vaccines are highly doubtful because there is not a lot of information known on Asperger,” Kong said.

Males are more prone to the syndrome and generally tend to score higher than women by about 3 questions because of the way in which their brains process information. Women also tend to be more demonstrative and show more empathy than men from the time of conception which lowers their chances of attaining Asperger Syndrome.

The only treatment for Asperger Syndrome and autism is to go through therapy for things such as communication as well as build on the child’s interests, offer a predictable schedule, teach tasks as a series of simple steps and engage children in highly structured activities.

According to Dr. Kong, the best thing someone with Asperger can do is try to compensate for it and learn to live with it. A 50-question questionnaire has been created by Simon Baron-Cohen, a professor of developmental psychopathology which screens the adult population for autism traits. The questionnaire can be

found on the Asperger Syndrome website www.aspergerinfo.org/wiredaquest.htm. Keep in mind this is not a diagnostic tool. It is simply to determine whether or not you may have autistic traits.

Although there is a thin line between Asperger Syndrome and autism, a main difference is that autism is usually diagnosed before middle school and nowadays even being noticed before 3 years of age. Autism is also four times more common in boys, a number which is definitely lower than the ratio in terms of those with Asperger Syndrome. According to fightingautism.org, in 2003 data, 1 out of every 179 children has been diagnosed with autism.

“Teachers, counselors, primary care doctors, neurologists and pharmacists can all diagnose Asperger, but may not necessarily be right. Psychiatrists, psychologists, neuropsychiatrists, and neuropsychologists are the only ones who can diagnose,” said Tom McCarthy, a psychological counselor here at Monmouth University.

Dr. Franca Mancini, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services, here at Monmouth University, stated that “this event was meant to increase awareness, acceptance and destigmatize Asperger syndrome and autism. Stay tuned for additional programs offered by Counseling and Psychological Services in the months to come.”

Model UN students form Global Service Project

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where students can challenge her and others on their athletic ability; prizes will be awarded. The day will continue with a worthwhile food drive sponsored by Aramark, as well as the designating of food in the Student Center that is deemed healthy by the American Heart Association.

This week is filled with many different events and activities that reinforce the issues not only brought up during that day, but the issues we face everyday. Prepelitskiy says that, “These are basic ideas that everyone should be familiar with.” This week will show students that not much needs to be done to make a difference. Marmolejo adds, “We hope everyone can come out to all the great events we have lined up. It will be an awesome experience and we hope to bring the Monmouth University community closer to the global community.”

The Global Service Project meets Mondays at 3:45 p.m in Bey Hall, Room 129. A full schedule of events as well as times and locations will be in next week’s issue of *The Outlook*. You can get more information by e-mailing the Global Service Project at GlobalServiceProject@monmouth.edu.

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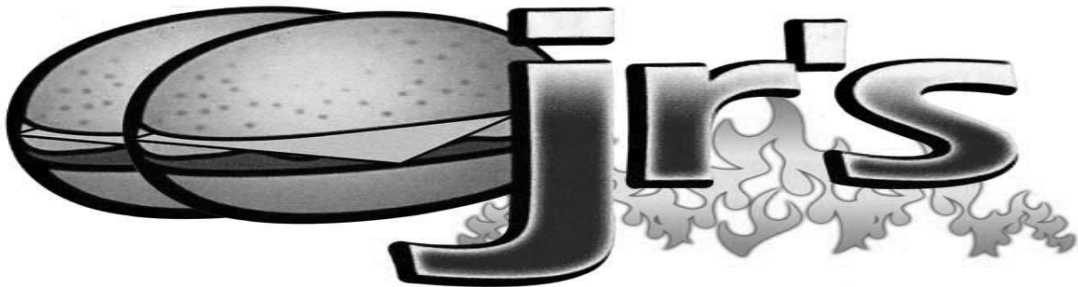
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SAB Celebrates ‘Halloween Around the World’

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The Student Activities Board (SAB) hosted a Halloween party in Anacon Hall at the Rebecca Stafford Student Center on Wednesday, October 24. SAB’s Diversity Chair, Greg Montagnino, was in charge of the event.

“I realized that there wasn’t a dance for Halloween,” Montagnino said. “And I wanted to do something fun.”

The party started around 7:00 pm and lasted until about 11:00 pm. Anacon Hall was decked out in all the best Halloween decorations including food and a DJ.

“SAB and All Lifestyles Included (ALI) helped me set up,” said Montagnino. “My friends from school helped as well as my mom and my grandma.”

The amount of people attending the event varied throughout

the evening, 50 people being the largest amount people at in attendance. At the beginning of the party, the numbers were small, but by the middle of the party, there were people dancing to their heart’s content out on the floor.

There was a myriad of costumes, ranging from Dorothy from *The Wizard of Oz* to a Slytherin from *Harry Potter*. There was also a costume contest for the many different types of costumes. Students had the chance to vote for the best costumes in categories ranging from the scariest to the cutest. The prize was a \$25 gift card to the Monmouth Mall.

While the party was set up for fun, there was a cultural aspect to it, which was Montagnino’s main goal. Throughout Anacon Hall, there was information about how Halloween is celebrated all over the world.

“It has to be educational,”

Montagnino said.

Sophomore Joy Marcus attended the party after a study group with some of her classmates. She, along with some of her friends and classmates, danced, ate the food provided, and danced.

“I forgot my costume, though,” Marcus said. “But I had fun.”

While it was a party, there were a few rules that had to be followed. Costumes were not allowed to cover student’s faces, admission was free, and each MU student could bring one outside guest if they wanted. Everyone, however, had to come with an ID. Also, no one under the age of 18 was allowed, all regular university rules applied, and finally, students were to come dance and have fun! The only disappointment for Montagnino was the turn out.

“I had hoped for a better turn out,” he said. “But I would love to do this again next year.”

Basketball Tournament Raises Money for Charity



PHOTO COURTESY OF Margaret DeVico
Political Science Club secretary Danielle Diodato counts the paper money raised during the fundraiser.

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went to the highest bidder; none other than VP Nagy.

In addition to the jacket auction, spectators and competitors continuously stuffed bills into the donation container to raise money for Marines Helping Marines, the charity to which the entirety of the registration and admissions proceeds were donated. The last donation was made around 10:30PM, near the close of the final game, and brought the grand total of money raised to over \$1080. With admission and registration fees comprising only about \$350 of this amount, it is clear that the campus community members were more than generous in their support of this cause and the memory of Chris Cosgrove.

None of this would have been possible were it not for the organizational efforts of Eric Sedler in coordination with the manpower Political Science Club. Additionally, an outpouring of thanks is in order for the support of everybody who came to the event as a spectator, competitor, or guest speaker. The Club plans to hold another Cosgrove fundraiser and memorial event in Cosgrove’s name next semester.

Students Help Clean-up Local Lake

ERIN STATTEL
STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth University chapter of New Jersey Community Water Watch trekked out to Lake Matawan, despite Saturday’s rain and breezy weather, for a cleanup of the area in acknowledgement of Make A Difference Day, a nationwide movement to celebrate neighbors helping neighbors.

Monmouth University and Brookdale Community College students organized the event that concentrated on Lake Matawan and its surrounding areas, as part of Water Watch’s effort to bring awareness to the state of local waterways.

“Seventy-five percent of New Jersey’s waterways are too polluted for fishing or swimming as a result of overdevelopment, which has a huge impact on our water quality,” said Carissa Maurin, an MU marine biology major and Water Watch cleanup organizer.

Volunteers gathered at the Matawan Municipal Community Center to listen to kickoff speakers Assemblywoman Amy Handlin (R-District 13); Ed Duglosz, President of Monmouth County

Friends of Clearwater; and Steve Taylor of the Bayshore Watershed Council.

“Today is about more than cleaning up Lake Matawan,” Handlin said. “Today is about reviving hope and commitment.”

Other speakers were hopeful about the day’s significance as well.

“It can be hard to determine the impact of cleanups, but people see us out there cleaning up and maybe, just maybe, that person that would normally throw something out their window will wait for a trash can,” Taylor said.

Groups were divided and directed to various areas around Lake Matawan. One group was going out in a kayak to reach trash that was seen floating around in the water. Others were assigned an area on the shore near a liquor store. There was no shortage of liquor bottles and other litter at this site.

“People dump their leaves, their trash and other junk out into the lake,” said Patricia Stott, adjunct psychology instructor at MU and Lake Matawan resident. “It is great to see all of these people here to help cleanup. I just wish I saw more of my neighbors

out here.”

Items removed from the lake and surrounding areas included large chunks of concrete; shopping carts; a dirt bike; a lawn mower; three 55 gallon drums; and lots of recyclables.

“This year we are really trying to monitor the waterways and then assess what needs to be done with them,” said Katie Feeney, campus organizer for the Monmouth University chapter of New Jersey Community Water Watch. “There is a great need to mobilize college students and community members around these important water quality issues by engaging them in activism to protect our most precious resource for future generations.”

Among Water Watch’s latest accomplishments, the MU chapter was recently approached by Middletown Mayor Gerard Scharfenberger to monitor and assess Shadow Lake and report their findings to the town council.

Later this semester, nine students from Water Watch will be attending Power Shift 2007 in the Washington, D.C. area, a conference that is focused on the global warming issue and how students can make a difference, studied with speakers like Nelson Mandela and Al Gore. “Hopefully we can learn a lot and make our campus greener,” said Nikki Starinsky, a freshman marine biology major and campus coordinator for the trip. “Monmouth is already making strides to go green, but there is so much more we could be doing.”

New Jersey Community Water Watch is a project of New Jersey Public Interest Research Group and Americorps. The MU chapter will be holding another cleanup on campus at Whalepond Brook on November 14. For more information on how to get involved, contact Katie Feeney, campus organizer at Monmouth@njwaterwatch.org.

MU volunteers clean up the shores of Lake Matawan. “Unfortunately, there are a lot of recyclables down here,” said Mary Grace Murphy (center), 20, English major and Water Watch veteran.



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Students help clean up Lake Matawan organized by the New Jersey Community Water Watch.

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The Silver Lining to a Rainy Weekend

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

While everyone was up here in good ole Jersey enjoying the Breeders' Cup festivities, I was in Washington, D.C. attending a media convention and taking in the horse races on TV. The weather was just as horrible down there as it was up here if you are wondering. Another editor and I attended this conference that gave us endless opportunities to network with possible employers, meet students from all across the country, and learn valuable tips and tricks from professionals in various areas of the media.

The particular sessions we attended had to do with various aspects of newspapers like coaching writers, improving certain sections, how to be successful after graduation, how to not stress yourself out to the point of exhaustion, and learning how to deal with clashing personalities in the newsroom. Each of these sessions offered advice that we can immediately incorporate in the office and make our newspaper the best it can possibly be. One interesting aspect I discovered from the convention was that there seemed to be more sessions about the latter. I think it is always a good idea to have various sessions on how to deal with that. In the fu-

ture, you will encounter many people in the workplace that you may not get along with and workshops like that will give you the upperhand in the future on how to handle those situations.

I always enjoy going to conventions similar to this because not only can you meet with students who are going through situations just like you are, but you get a real perspective on what students across the country are doing with their student media. You see how they layout their front page, how they cover stories, and how the pictures they used impacted the story it goes with. Like I said before, you can also here about the stories in their newsroom and the trials and tribulations they go through being a daily, a weekly, or if you print only a few times a semester

Another reason why I enjoy attending national conventions is because you can exercise your networking skills. Going to any convention, no matter what field you are pursuing, is beneficial in that department. It's important to talk to people and get your name out there because otherwise it will be even more difficult to find a job you want. At this particular convention, many corporations and publications had interviews with students interested in working with them. They had a box in the

trade show area where students could drop off their resumes. A lot of opportunity comes from experiences like this and helps you prepare for your future.

I also enjoy reading the newspapers from other universities and colleges nationwide while I'm there and finding out what types of events are occurring there as well as what issues are hot topics. Though each newspaper is different either in size, how often they publish, etc, we each have one common goal. That goal is to provide the campus community with a reliable source for news. Reviewing the other newspapers, you learn that each institution has their own flair and their own way to achieve that goal.

In between attending sessions at the convention, the other editor that attended the conference with me agreed that it was only fitting to watch the coverage of the race at Monmouth Park. I couldn't have agreed more. We didn't want to miss all that was happening at the race track. It was exciting to hear announcers that I always watch on ESPN talk about the Monmouth area and the Garden State as a whole. It was fun to hear them talk about all the interesting history and facts about New Jersey. Though I'm not a Jersey native, I was proud nonetheless.

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Monmouth Mourns A Loss

Dear Monmouth University community:

Life Trustee Emeritus William D. Warters, Ph.D., died on Tuesday, October 23 at the age of 79, after a long illness. His wife of 55 years, Margot, was by his side. Dr. Warters was elected to the Board in 1970 and served as Chairman of the Board from 1976 to 1983. He remained actively involved as a trustee until his death, becoming successively a life trustee, and in 2006 a Life Trustee Emeritus. He received an honorary LLD in 1986 and the University’s highest honor, the President’s Vision Award in 2000. As one of our longest serving Trustees, he will be remembered fondly and sorely missed.

He was a guiding force in the development of Monmouth University as a science and high-technology resource. He worked at Bell Telephone Labs, Holmdel, for 30 years. During his career there, he worked in a variety of areas, including research, systems engineering, personnel and development. He was responsible for the development of the Telstar3 communications satellites and of the WT4 millimeter waveguide transmission system. He was named a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers for his work on multimode waveguide systems. In 1983, as part of the breakup of the Bell System, he joined Bellcore (later Telcordia Technologies), where he directed the Network Technology Research Laboratory until his retirement in 1988. He received his AB from Harvard University and his MS and Ph.D. respectively from the California Institute of Technology.

We are thankful for all that Dr. Warters has given to Monmouth University and look forward to celebrating his life on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Versailles Room of Wilson Hall with a musical tribute led by he artistic director of the Monmouth Conservatory of Music.

Paul G. Gaffney II
President

The Facts about Housing

I am writing in response to Mr. Wisniewski’s editorial addressing University housing. I find that it is necessary for one to know the facts pertaining to a situation before reason or logic can be employed to address it.

There is a notion that the University is bringing in more students each year; therefore, creating a housing shortage. This is simply not true. The number of beds allocated to new students has only increased by 3% in the past decade. Additionally, the overall size of the freshman class has remained stable over the past five years.

The greatest impact to our housing system has been the number of students who desire to remain in University housing. Each year the number of continuing students who request a room grows. In the late 90’s only 70% of the population wanted to live on-campus, while today the demand has grown to 90%.

We are cognizant of this fact and have added over 100 beds to our system. We have doubled the size of our operation at the Diplomat Apartments and have added triples where appropriate (as a side note, we utilize triples as a last resort to minimize the number of students that are potentially displaced).

With respect to utilizing Maplewood for sophomore students; the University believes that as our students progress through their academic careers, they are better equipped to utilize our University-sponsored housing at off-campus locations. Therefore, our beds have been allocated accordingly. The number of “new sophomores” who desire housing has risen by 203; a sharp 40% increase.

The Office of Residential Life works with our students every year to address their housing concerns and adjusts the process to proportionately meet the demand of our continuing students. On average we accommodate 77%-95% of all requests for housing.

The only easy solution for our housing situation is adding beds on-campus – and do so quickly.

Thank you,

James D. Pillar
Director of Residential Life
And Housing Operations

A Big Thank You

Dear Monmouth University,

I am writing to thank you for the students who volunteered at St. James Parish on Saturday, October 20th as part of the “Big Event.” It was wonderful to have six enthusiastic and energetic helpers for our parish clean-up day.

This was the second year that we were fortunate enough to have Monmouth University volunteers with us, and the progress from one year to the next was measurable. Participation from members of the parish increased 100% when they knew students would be giving their time on a beautiful fall Saturday afternoon.

With the help of team leader Mark Williams and the sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon – Christina Stanley, Nichole Battaglia, Samantha Weber, Christina Zaferio, and Jessalyn Ali - we made a great deal of progress. Even though all of us together only worked a little bit, taken together the results were impressive.

Among the items we accomplished together were: installing a new hand-rail in the church, digging up weeds and planting fall flowers, replacing a large number of burned out lights, scraping, priming and painting the church office porch, general clean-up and replacing a broken stair leading to the Bradley Food Pantry.

The Bradley Food Pantry is the cornerstone of our outreach efforts. In 2006, the pantry served more than 18,000 adults and children, an increase of 20 percent from 2005. You can see how students helping to fix a single step can have a big impact on the community!

Please convey the thanks of the parishioners of St. James for the thoughtful efforts of your student volunteers who give so much to the community.

God bless you all.

Rev. Frank M. Goss, Rector

Are You Involved?

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Nothing annoys me more than going to an event on campus and there only being a few students there. Monmouth is known for being a “suitcase” school where students go home on the weekend and don’t stay on campus. One excuse for this that I hear all the time is that there is nothing to do on campus. This is simply not true. There is always something going on here at Monmouth.

There are dozens of clubs and organizations that students can become involved with and these clubs often have trips, and meetings, and other fun events to partake in. One example is the Student Activities Board. SAB has a variety of events that students can attend throughout the year. On Friday, October 19th, SAB brought Ceann to campus to perform. They were hilarious and the students that went had a blast. But the turn out was not as good as I know it could have been. Whether the rain scared students away or the fact that it was

a Friday night, I don’t know, but it was early enough in the evening for students to go out after. And money, or lack thereof, is not an excuse because a majority of the events are free to students or very cheap.

Why go home on the weekend? There are so many things you can do with your friends or things to do to make new friends. Always look for posters and emails from the different organizations on campus for ideas and fun activities to do on the weekends and even during the week. This is your school and these events are for you, so show some support, show up, and have a good time. If you’re bored and looking for something to do, odds are that there is something happening that night. So grab your roommates, friends, girlfriends, boyfriends, and anyone, and get out there. Showing up and supporting events and activities shows the school that you care and want things to happen. So seeing this, we can get bigger and better things to happen here at Monmouth University.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Check in weekly for information on volunteer opportunities both on and off campus.

Are you excited about Thanksgiving? Many families in the Monmouth County area do not have the resources to enjoy a big Thanksgiving dinner; you can make a difference and help them out. Please keep your eyes and ears open over the next several weeks for locations to drop off food and monetary donations (for Turkey purchases). So, start collecting those cans. This Thanksgiving you’ll enjoy your dinner even more knowing that you helped make someone else’s Thanksgiving a happy one.

Search “Volunteer Directory” on the MU home page for more information on available opportunities.

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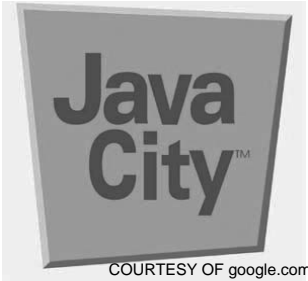
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Who’s in Need of a Java Treat?

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON
ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR

I don’t know about you, but I happen to love the boost that coffee seems to give you, and as college students, we all seem to be in the mood for one of those kicks! Any time of the day, after, prior to, or in the middle of a long afternoon of work, or a day of classes on Monmouth University’s campus, I am in need of a Java fix! If I am not either in class or in my room, asleep or studying my brains off, you can usually find me indulging on some extravagant Java treat in the calm, peaceful environment of Java City, here on Monmouth’s campus, on the first floor of the Student Center!



puts us all in calm, not thinking about all of the schoolwork that we still have on our plates, mood. The City has a relaxing, dim light setting, which seems to still all of their costumers. There always seems to be students, in Java City, resting up either with their caffeine drinks, or meeting up with friends to talk about their days or gossip. Java City is always a filled location; there never seems to be an empty seat in the house, unless you are lucky and walk in just at the right moment! It is a wonderful, reassuring place to take a break, on a long day of work! There is always a peaceful feeling that comes over you, when you enter into the soothing surroundings that Java City has to offer its customers, on campus!

Therefore, if you ever seem to be in need of a break or a caffeine fix, from your long day, here on campus, as everyone; students, staff and employees have here at Monmouth University, or you need a Java treat to start or top off your day with, then, by all means, make your way over to Java City! You will most definitely see me there, enjoying a Javalanche, as I always seem to be doing, and you will be able to view and hopefully taste the delectable munchies, which Java City has to offer Monmouth University’s campus!



ASK THE HAWK

Have a question for The Hawk? Send an e-mail to askthehawk@monmouth.edu and you could be published in the next issue!

Dear Hawk,
I’ve come to the conclusion that...I’m gay. Nobody knows, not even my closest friends or family. I’m really scared, don’t know who to go to, not sure if I’ll be accepted or if I should just keep to myself. I don’t want to lose my friends and I don’t want my family to look down on me. I don’t want to hide for the rest of my life, either. Even writing this is a big step for me...I’m just scared I guess. How can I fix me??

Signed,
Scarednlonely

Dear Scared,

Well, I have some bad news for you: you can’t fix you. But I have some good news, too: you’re not broken! Being gay isn’t about telling others and being accepted or viewed differently, it’s about knowing yourself and being comfortable with who you are. Start there, and the rest will come in time. A lot of people fear that their friends and family won’t accept them once they know they’re gay. This is nonsense! A true friend will not be discouraged by you revealing your true self, he/she will actually feel *more* comfortable around you because you will feel more comfortable with yourself. As far as telling your family, you have to decide when the best time and what the best way is to do it. You should not ever feel like your sexuality is something to be hidden or be ashamed of. Start with accepting and loving yourself, only then can you begin to let others accept and love the real you.

• Hawk •

Student Elaborates On New Webadvisor Changes

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON
ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR

For some reason, the computer staff, here at MU, decided to change the way that we students access our WebMail. Why did they do this? Were you totally stumped at how to access the Web-Mail, I know that I was? Well, it took me a long time, but I’ll let you in on the little secrets... On the main MU webpage, at the top, you click on the “Current Students” bullet. After you’re at that webpage, scroll down to the orange highlighted box which is entitled “Online Resources.” The forth bullet down reads “WebMail.” Click on that, and then you’re at the “Monmouth University Login” page. Just type in your Username and Password, then you have reached your mail. Hope this helps all of you out! I really hope that it doesn’t change again. I don’t know about you, but I’m not a fan of changing things that you’re used to on the computer!

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Political Debate: Terrorism (Week 1)

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: Terrorism: Used as Political Leverage

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We are expressing anxiety about so many issues from the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, War on Terror, Al Qaeda, dirty bombs, nuclear development, Iran and everything that has become lumped within the terrorism related scope. It seems that people fear more and feel more threatened more than ever before. But this negative of fear has turned into a positive for some. Fear has become great strategy for politicians looking for votes.

George W. Bush stressed Democrat weakness on terrorism in both the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections, but it's a two-way street as John Kerry tried to adopt the strategy. But it backfired on him. In July 2007 Secretary of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff had a "gut feeling" of a potential terrorist attack in the United States. Republican Presidential candidate Rudy Guliani, while campaigning in New Hampshire in July said that "if a Democrat were elected to the presidency, we would face having an attack on the scale of 9-11." All of these statements contribute to what has become "the politics of fear"—the use of public fear and anxiety to gain political leverage or advantage. A new low has been reached and this low is dangerous in numerous ways.

What this strategy of 'divide and conquer based on fear' and it's statements have done, is push people up against the wall, not allowing rea-

sonable alternatives of both parties to be examined. Fears, uncertainties and threats are being pushed into our minds, so that we vote based on what we have been made to fear, not hopes of improvement for the future.

Diddy's "Vote or Die" campaign has taken on a new meaning; vote for us and your safe, vote for them and your worst fears will become reality. This strategy has exaggerated the risk of terrorism by playing up fear in the minds of the public – forcing people to not think critically about terrorism. The line between actual terror and fear of terror has been blurred as fear from political rhetoric has dominated our lives. What has happened to basing terror related assessments on fact rather than gut feeling and rhetoric? Risks have been misperceived, and politicians and media have done little to eliminate this problem.

Looking at terrorism and the debated threat, Americans are daily shown images of world terror and are warned by experts and terrorism analysts that attack is imminent. Terrorism and approaching attack has become imprinted in our minds. The fact is: no one really knows! This forces me to question why terrorism threats are played on for political leverage. Part of assessing risk is probability. Assessing probability involves looking at how often something has happened. The probability of Al-Qaeda type terror has been low within the U.S. and has not been as frequent as it is made to seem. It must be realized that the future is not

always dictated by the past, we can not predict the future. So much focus has been placed on the risk and fear threat and on the possibility of out worst fears coming true that we have become quick to cede even our civil liberties without critically thinking.

This does not imply being careless with terrorism, but we should be very worried about disunity from our leaders who have created fear. An issue such as terrorism deserves to be more than the hammer for what John Edwards has called the "bludgeoning of political opponents." We are told that 'America is supposed to be unified' by those we elect into office, but where is the unity in the claiming of an issue to one party?

So what other evidence proves that terrorism has been used a way to gain political leverage and or advantage? Proof of its use for advantage is in the strategy's success in both the 2000 and 2004 Presidential elections. The Republicans were able to take the issue of terrorism, claim it and portray the Democrats as weak and endangering security. Whether this strategy is ethically correct is another debatable question. In a way, the ends justified the means, for the election winner. It has been seen that the fears of terrorism are magnified beyond the border of truth, and the candidate or party who takes advantage of the issue has a history of being elected into office. With the issues recent election success, it does not look like the use of the terrorism for political leverage will come to an end soon.

Side 2: Why Terrorism is a Real Threat

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When one thinks terrorism they often remember the vivid and harsh memories of September 11th. It was a defining moment of our generation and completely changed the face of international relations and how the United States approaches using force and diplomacy. But, I do not need to talk about September 11th to prove terrorism is a real threat. Nor will I need to talk about terrorist attacks before September 11th 2001 or infamous men like Adolf Hitler or Mussolini. Perhaps the greatest examples that prove terrorism is a real threat are those stories that take place in foreign countries and are often forgotten by the American media and the American people.

March 11th is a typical normal day for most Americans. Some might remember it as the day Paul McCartney was knighted or the day Mikhail Gorbachev became Soviet leader. Spaniards, especially those in the city of Madrid, remember it as a day of mourning. On March 11th 2004, a series of coordinated bombings against the commuter train system of Madrid killed 191 people and wounded 2,050. Coincidentally, the bombings took place 911 days after 9/11. An official investigation by the Spanish Judiciary determined the attacks were directed by an Al-Qaeda inspired terrorist cell.

July 7th is another normal day for most Americans. Some historians might cite it as the day the Battle of Hubbardton began in the American Revolutionary War or the day the United States began its first military draft back in 1863. In London it is remembered for something completely different. On July 7th in 2005 there was a series of coordinated terrorist bomb blasts that hit London's public transport system during the morning rush hour. The bombings killed 52 commuters (and the four suicide bombers) and injured 700. Many people might briefly remember what happened just a few months ago in March when three men were arrested in connection with the bombings. Not only were there links to at least one of these men and a terrorist cell of Al-Qaeda, but a group

called "Secret Organization – Al-Qaeda in Europe" claimed responsibility for the attacks. This attack mirrored the attack that happened in Spain and suggested a style eerily similar in tactic as used by Al-Qaeda.

Still don't believe terrorism is a real threat? How about when Extremist Islamic gunmen took over 1,000 hostages at a school in North Ossetia, Russia? The final death toll was over 330, many of whom were children. Or how about on May 16th, 2003 when five bombs targeted at Jewish and western people in the city of Casablanca, Morocco killed 41 people. Still not sold that terrorism is a real threat? How about when car bombs outside popular nightclubs killed 202 people in Bali, Indonesia? An Indonesian Islamist group with Al-Qaeda links is blamed for this tragedy which took place on October 12th, 2002.

The fact of the matter is that I could go on all day mentioning incidents of global terrorism since September 11th. But how about something that hits close to home? Everyone should hopefully remember when just a few months ago four men were indicted on charges with conspiring to "cause death, serious bodily injury and extensive destruction" at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York. The attack plot was to blow up a system of jet fuel supply tanks and pipelines that feed fuel to JFK Airport. Luckily this plot was foiled when the homegrown terrorist cell recruited an undercover law enforcement official.

The events I have cited are more than enough to prove the point that terrorism is still a real threat. Whether our country chooses to combat it, with force or diplomacy, is another story for another day. But in no case should the facts be misconstrued to say that the media and the government have overblown terrorism to play into people's fears. The fact that I can sit here and cite events that most American people are not even aware of should prove to the reader that terrorism is in fact a real threat. The question on everyone's minds should be how the United States and other countries combat it and whether or not to be *pro-active* or *re-active* in approaching the threat of terrorism.

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!

Russians Don't Like U.S. Missile Shield Plans

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From a CNN Article "NATO fails to end missile row": Members from NATO met with the Russian Defense Ministry last week to address concerns over United States plans to build 10 defense missile platforms in Poland. The United States and other European allies have cited a desire to build the defense grid to preempt possible future missile attacks by Iran, which is a growing threat. Russia opposes the defense missile shield because it reduces the effectiveness of their "deterrent" strike missiles, and because Iran is too far off from being capable of launching missiles into Europe. The tensions seem to have been drawn along East-West lines and is very similar to Cold War politics as Russia has even made threats concerning European military balances.

European allies have generally agreed with the U.S. that a missile defense shield would be a great benefit, but the imminence of the Iranian threat is not shared. U.S. Defense Secretary Robert

Gates announced the plan of 10 missile interceptors in Poland and a radar facility in the Czech Republic. When hearing of Russian angst for the plan, Secretary Gates drew up a new proposal ensuring the activation of the sites only in the event of Iranian missile capability. In addition, the Russians were offered to have shared information from, and observers at, the radar tracking stations when activated.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who some are suggesting will try to consolidate power after his mandatory final term, at first responded fairly well to these suggestions. Shortly thereafter though, Russian Chief of Staff Yuri Baluyevsky restated Moscow's initial rejections, sending mixed signals to the international community about their true concerns. They have threatened to pull out of a Cold War era treaty regulating conventional ground force limits in Europe and a separate NATO project to create short-range battlefield missile defense systems. The Russians have also voiced opposition to "west-

ern backed plans" to peacefully separate Kosovo from Serbia, where ethnic tensions have raged for many years. With terminology like "western backed plans" one must consider the odd similarity between the thought-to-be-over Cold War.

It is not clear what Russia's true intent is for so strongly opposing a missile defense shield, especially in many countries the nation is probably allied with. When the Russians cite deterrent theory they re-initiate old concerns of East-West rivalry - essentially a new, not-so-cold, Lukewarm War. The reinitiation of strategic bomber routes that now fly near Great Britain is also another sign of growing Russian aggression. This lukewarm war is increasing with ambitions of the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) -- a con-federal organization of 11 former Soviet Republics -- to possibly reestablish a federation at an unspecified time in the future. It has been 16 years since the official dissolution of the Soviet Union, how many more?

Political Quotes

"Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety." – Benjamin Franklin

"Do not let spacious plans for a new world divert your energies from saving what is left of the old." – Winston Churchill

"A disposition to preserve, and an ability to improve, taken together, would be my standard of a statesman." – Edmund Burke

THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

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Ciao! This week was our fall break and definitely has been one of the most interesting weeks thus far.



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The girls took a photo opportunity while on fall break.

We covered Greece and Italy by plane, train, automobile, ferry, taxi, gondola and of course our feet.

We met some interesting characters along the way, ate some phenomenal cuisine, and saw some pretty cool stuff.

We started off our adventure in Athens, Greece and checked out some of Athens' finest archaeological wonders. We climbed the base of the Acropolis and explored remains of the ancient city of Agora.

Everywhere we went, we experienced the friendliness, helpfulness and hospitality of the Greek people.

Greece had a large number of stray dogs and cats everywhere, including some cats just hanging out on rooftops and ledges. Now here is a homework assignment for everyone, go to It's All Greek to Me and order some moussaka and spankopita.

The next morning, we boarded The Flying Dolphin IV and headed off to the lovely Greek Isle of Aegina.

We discovered very early on that the mopeds can and will drive everywhere, regardless if it is street or sidewalk. Half of our group explored the island by foot and armed with credit cards (there was a lot of shopping on this island) and the other half rode the twists and turns of the island by moped.

Although the weather wasn't

perfect (cloudy and rainy throughout the day), we didn't want to miss out on our chance to swim in the Mediterranean. The clear beautiful water was a lot warmer than the air but it was still incredible.

night. Well, thanks to a four hour plane delay because of a strike between Italian government and airlines, the day turned into a travel day instead.

We left early the next day for Venice, which exceeded all my expectations. Venice had it all, gondolas, singing Italians in striped shirts, beautiful piazzas, fine Venetian crafts, gelatos, pasta, quaint little shops and of course canals.

We were able to take a gondola throughout the tiny alleys via the canals and really got to see the city. We were quite jealous that the entire city is full of water and their main transportation is by boat.

The train ride from Venice to Florence provided incredible views of the beautiful Tuscan countryside. The ride also took us throughout various mountains.

The island Aegina is also known as Pistachio Island because these delicious nuts are widely grown throughout the island.



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The girls explored the sights of the city.

A large portion of our trip was dedicated to food and I could probably fill up an entire Outlook issue describing it.

As luck would have it, on Sunday the weather was absolutely beautiful, 80 degrees and sunny. Before heading back to the mainland, we hiked along the shore and got to take in the beauty of the Greek isles.

When we returned to Athens, we checked out the Acropolis in its entirety. We stood above the Theatre of Dionysus, the birthplace of theatre and worshipped a few gods and goddesses at the Parthenon.

Afterward we hiked up to the top of Lycavittos Hill, where we were at one of the highest points in Athens for an incredible birds eye view.

The game plan for Monday was just supposed to be leaving Athens and check checking out Milan at

The first place we visited was The Duomo, an incredible domed cathedral in the center of Florence and one of it's most renowned sites.

We explored the Academy Gallery which features work by



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Throwing a coin in the Trevi Fountain for good luck is a tradition that most tourists participate in.



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The girls took a relaxing gondola ride through the canals of Venice.

Michelangelo. It houses the "David" statue and displays many other Italian artists. The Pictures are very deceiving; in actuality the "David" is enormous.

We visited the Ponte Vecchio, a medieval bridge which has shops built along the edge of the bridge.

When in Rome, we dressed as gladiators and stormed the Coliseum to fight some lions. Ok not really, but we did go to the Coliseum and pretend we did all that.

Rome is an incredible modern and happening city with random monuments and ruins from cen-

turies ago.

Visiting the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica and riding around in the Popemobile took up a large portion of the day Saturday.

Getting to the Sistine Chapel was like going through a giant maze full of beautiful art work, only the prize was a lot more gratifying than a hunk of cheese. The ceiling was so realistic looking and was truly indescribable. Kudos Michelangelo.

After such a long and intense week of traveling, we were definitely happy to be home! Cheers!

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There were many sights to see and photos to take on fall break.

Monmouth Grad's Tips of the Trade Teach MU Journalism Class

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The Monmouth University students in Professor Mark Grabowski's Introduction to Journalism class window shopped for future careers Oct. 22 when an award-winning Asbury Park Press staff writer and MU grad shared with them newsworthy experiences and a to-do list for gaining employment success.

Alex Biese, a 24-year-old Jackson resident who received a B.A. in music and minor in journalism here in 2006, won Superman-of-the-Month status when Gannett, Inc. recognized him with a "Blue Chip Award" for his exemplary performance in penning an investigative piece earlier this year. The story detailed the arrest of a former police captain who was arrested by several of his co-workers for driving while under the influence of alcohol, according to Biese.

Biese, whose municipal beat for

edged. "That's why we singled him out for recognition." Biese began his career at the newspaper as an obituary writer, later moving on to the news department.

At "Night and Day," Biese spent his time there as a film critic, and he mentioned an interview of Actor Woody Allen, after the filming of "Melinda and Melinda", as one of the highlights of his career. "It was really a neat experience," he said. That position is one he'd eventually like to return to, not necessarily at that place. "That was the best job in the whole world. You get paid to watch movies."

At MTV.com, he built a website, helped to produce on-line shows and co-wrote a column, he said.

Biese's primary challenge as a news reporter has been his age. While his age is "not the norm" for the average reporter in his office, he claimed that that "shouldn't

Objectivity, too, is a monumental ideal. "I have to report both sides, regardless as to how the case" might unravel, he stated.

Biese regards fires, crimes and town meetings as "the bread and butter of reportage" and admitted that one of his primary obstacles has been getting officials to disseminate all pertinent information as necessary. The Open Public Records Act (OPRA) has been instrumental in achieving that goal, he added.

Enterprising and balance are other aspects of the profession that are standards to aim for, he

MU, where he teaches classes of public relations, on-line journalism and critical discourse as well.) He said his class probably learned

that a journalist must be "flexible" and "hard-working...but, hopefully, they also think it's a fun job."

Two students, in response to the discussion, reacted enthusiastically. Tiffany Moncalieri, 23,

a Manahawkin junior with a major in public relations, called his 45-minute talk "interesting" and "educational. I learned how a reporter spends his or her daily day in the field."

Twenty-year-old Jarred Curcio, a junior and psychology major from Point Pleasant, concurred. "I think anyone interested in a career in journalism (like Curcio) would have found the event very informative." He referred to Biese's question and answer session as a "great opportunity for future journalists to find out whatever they wanted about their career path. It was a very friendly and open atmosphere."

"I learned how a reporter spends his or her daily day in the field."

TIFFANY MONCALIERI
MU Junior



PHOTO COURTESY of Theresa Moore
Alex Biese, news reporter for The Asbury Park Press, advised Mark Grabowski's journalism class about the ins-and-outs of news coverage during a presentation Oct. 22.

the publication covers the Brielle, Manasquan, Wall and Spring Lake areas, fielded questions from the curious students after educating them with the ABCs of effective media tools.

Biese told the attentive audience he credited the development of his career to his current job as well as internships with the New York City-based MTV.com and "Night and Day" entertainment

intimidate people from writing." Schoening said Biese's age has not hindered his accomplishments on staff. "He's a fairly young reporter. (But) he's done a good job covering the police departments, and that's not an easy thing to do," he noted.

Biese informed the class that news blogging, a new trend at many newspapers, has affected circulation.

said. "The best publications are the ones that find appropriate balance" on a local, state and national level. "I think with The Asbury Park Press, we've done that very nicely."

"Don't let (anyone) intimidate you," he advised. The public has a need to be represented effectively by the reporter, he said. "You are a conduit for the public to know."

Grabowski said he thought Biese's presentation produced astounding results, assisting in the students' preparation for the years ahead, and even reinforced his own experiences as a writer. "(They) really benefit from seeing someone who was in their position just a year ago, sitting in class like them. They say, 'that could be me in a year or two.'" (This is Grabowski's first semester at

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MARK GRABOWSKI
MU Professor

magazine, located in Spring Lake Heights. He recalled his hectic academic/work schedule during his senior year at MU as a time when he managed to attend classes three times weekly (for two 18-credit semesters) while working at MTV.com two days and weekends at the newspaper office.

"For that one-year long period, I had one day off," he remembered. "I wouldn't recommend it."

Yet, his editors did not hesitate to commend him for the passion he exhibits within his talent. "Writing about the divisions in the police department is very difficult to do," Asbury Park Press Managing Editor Gary Schoening acknowl-

Biese's work load is split between working at the office and attending court sessions and municipal meetings. He said he has learned to comprise and type stories in an hour, he said.

Biese promised his listeners that laptop and photography experience would be invaluable to them. Networking, too, is an action that can never be underestimated, he pointed out. "Get your name out there, and shake as many hands as you can," and "apply everywhere" for internships, he recommended. He emphasized that "you have to learn time management" and establish a strong rapport with editors.

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the office Heads To Scranton

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"Ain't no party like a Scranton party cause a Scranton party don't stop." That seemed to be the theme of the weekend from October 26-28 in Scranton, PA at the first ever *The Office* Convention.

Fans from all over the world came to this historical event filled with excitement for all. Fourteen out of the nineteen cast members of the popular television show even showed up, and they were so excited to get the chance to spend intimate time with their fans. Melora Hardin (Jan) said at the cast Q & A that it's so rare for television actors to be able to connect with fans that she was so thankful that this event brought everyone together.

Although the fans were extremely grateful for the cast members that attended, they were very disappointed that the main four actors; John Krasinski (Jim), Jenna Fischer (Pam), Rainn Wilson (Dwight), and Steve Carell (Michael), didn't show up for this—as Andy would say, "dawesome" weekend.

The weekend kicked off at the Radisson Friday night in Scranton where *Office* fans could check in, get their passes, shop at the NBC stores, and maybe even catch a glimpse of some of the actors roaming around the hotel.

Of course it wouldn't be Scranton if the weather wasn't bad, and it rained on Friday and most of Saturday. Saturday morning's events such as the ribbon cutting ceremony, and "Office Olympics"

(which is based off of an episode in the second season), were forced to be pushed indoors because of the weather.

Office Olympics was a very fun event that I was able to attend. We were able to compete in five events. "Flonkerton" was



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The cast of *The Office* answers fans' questions.

what I was most looking forward to playing. In the episode, Jim and Pam invent this game in which you had to walk across the room with your feet attached to the top of boxes of paper. In a trial run, the ropes holding your feet on top of the boxes were ripping so they had to slightly change the game. We had to simply put our feet inside the boxes and run across the room. It's a lot harder than it sounds, but it is a lot of fun.

Other games played were "Skeet Schruting", "Inventory", "Coffee Mug Race", and "Garbage Can H.O.R.S.E." There was even a closing ceremony complete with origami doves and the medals were yogurt lids tied with paper clips just like in the show. It was a lot of fun, however extremely unorganized. Next year (Yes I said next year, the mayor of Scranton said he wants to make this an annual event.) I'm sure they will figure out a better way to follow through with the event.

During the Office Olympics,

another event was taking place that those who had been lucky enough to receive a ticket were able to attend. Autograph signing tickets had been placed randomly in the packets distributed to those who attended the convention. The chances of receiving one of these lucky tickets were estimated to be one in four. I was lucky enough, along with a few other people I knew to receive "the golden ticket" as I exclaimed when I realized my packet included one.

The idea was a good one, but the follow through had a few details to work out. The weather was not on our side and the autograph signings were held outside under a tent. Unfortunately the tent was not large enough to cover everyone, so eventually most people ended up drenched. The lines were chaotic and somewhat uncontrollable. People, such as one of my friends were able to easily sneak past without a ticket and get themselves an autograph as well. The cast on the other hand, aside from arriving late were completely amazing to talk to. Despite the rainy and chilly atmosphere, they patiently and excitedly answered questions, signed autographs, and posed for pictures with everyone on line.

After the Office Olympics and autograph signings, it was time to wait in line to get a good seat for the cast Q & A. At the Q & A was Greg Daniels who is the creator of the American version of *The Office*, along with the fourteen cast members that were in attendance.

For two hours they answered questions that fans wrote in, as well as some that audience members asked. It was filled with many many laughs, and great insight into the characters and the actors. We learned a cool fact that Ed Helms (Andy) and Brian Baumgartner (Kevin) went to high school together, and were in the school plays together as well. When Ed joined the cast of *The Office* they hadn't seen each other in about fifteen years, so it was a nice reunion.

Throughout this event, Ed Helms

sang quite a bit, and he gave amazing impressions of Tom Brokaw and "Gay Al Gore" that made the crowd go wild. Another one of the highlights was Craig Robinson (Darryl) kissing Mindy Kaling (Kelly) as an answer to many of his questions. (they are dating on the show) Mindy said "He's been [aching] to kiss me for the past 14 hours. Anytime we get in front of the microphone he's like 'Where's Mindy we gotta kiss.'"

When Oscar Nunez was asked about the infamous kiss between him and Steve Carell in the episode "Gay Witch Hunt," he said it wasn't in the script, but Steve leaned in and got too close and they kissed and he saw fireworks. The way he said it was absolutely brilliant, and he had the crowd roaring with laughter.

Although those moments were all great, to me Creed's answers at the Q & A were the funniest because he never broke character. He got a question that asked if Creed Bratton is anything like the character Creed Bratton, and he answered it as if he were the Creed working at Dunder Mifflin in Scranton. Ed Helms then said "To answer that question, Creed doesn't actually know this is a TV show."

That is basically how the whole Q & A went, it was just all of them joking around and having a good time.

To wrap up Saturday night, an office look-a-like costume contest was held at a local community center followed by a performance by the Scrantones. (The band responsible for creating The Office theme song.)

Costume categories included best Michael, Dwight, Angela, Andy, Meredith, and even Sprinkles (Angela's recently deceased cat). There was even an amazing recreation of a real life Dwight bobble head and the vending machine stocked with Dwight's personal office supplies.

Earlier in the day Creed and Oscar were quoted as saying they were both looking most forward

to the Scrantones concert, with Creed adding that he was excited to be playing with them. Their predictions couldn't have been more correct! The concert was the best part of the weekend. Surprisingly enough, many of the cast members including Kate Flannery, Melora, Brian, Ed, Craig, and Creed came up to perform along with the band, some acting as their character and others just for fun.

Many of the songs included modified versions of popular favorites, such as "Hit Me With Your Best Shot", "Close To You", and "Roxanne" along with a few new songs including "Buttons" by the Pussycat Dolls and "Crazy" by Gnarl Barkley. Creed also performed a song from his late band The Grass Roots entitled "Midnight Confession."

The show ended with a bang when all the cast members rushed the stage for a final performance of The Office theme song and had the crowd going wild.

Sunday afternoon was a Writer's Block at the Scranton Cultural Center. It was set up similar to the Cast Q&A. Several members of the writing and production staff included Greg Daniels, Kent Zbornak, Mindy Kaling, Michael Schur, Justin Spitzer, and a surprise appearance by B.J. Novak who along with writing, plays Ryan in the show. They answered questions sent in from viewers along with those asked by audience members.

While in Scranton, they said they took in as many local attractions as they could in order to possibly feature them in future episodes. The writers were incredibly funny and quick-witted, which is no surprise since the show features much of the same humor.

At the end of the session, the writers surprised the crowd with a clip of next week's episode, which was a great way to wrap up the convention. Overall the convention was a great time for all in attendance and I personally hope to do it again next year, that's what she said!

Say Anything Defends the Genre

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If all of our deepest, innermost thoughts came together and conceived a rock band, Say Anything would be it. Lyrics that make you shoot a glance towards your speakers and say "I can't believe he just said that" are what set this band apart from their contenders. With content ranging from sex, love, religion, drugs and anything in between, their music stands as an eclectic journey through the life of a bipolar, dirty minded rock star that is bold enough to speak his mind. Through the use of metaphors and one-liners packed with double meanings, front man Max Bemis always manages to conjure a bizarre twist on almost everything he blurts out. The band's new

double album appropriately entitled, *In Defense of The Genre*, is chock-full of mosh invoking, concert ready tracks.

The CD opens with "Skinny, Mean Man", an unconventional love song about the hopes of picking someone up after a destructive relationship. Metaphorical lyrics such as, "How he preyed on your ripe insecurities. The thorn in your side is alive, and it's killing me", are exactly what fans would expect on the band's follow up.

"That Is Why" is a vengeful "I hate you" song, with a show tune-esque beat as a backdrop. About a girl detrimental to his happiness, Max peels away at her, exposing an ample list of flaws right down to her blemished core. On the contrary, "Shiksa

(Girlfriend)" celebrates new found love through a song that incorporates Bemis' off-center commentary. Through lyrics such as "I'll need new contraceptives", Max boasts in disbelief of the new addition in his life.

Their first single off the album, "Baby Girl, I'm A Blur", offers a catchy, electronic-based beat. On their official site, Bemis concludes that he "envisioned it was like a nine inch nails-y affair, with a pulsing drum beat". The song definitely manages to hammer itself into your head, and lives up to being one of the albums many strong points.

The title track, "In Defense of The Genre", retaliates against the industry stifling artists to fit a par-

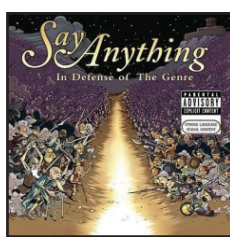


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Say Anything's new album.

ticular, marketable mold. Speaking out against the corporate ideal, the song blames the desire to produce cookie cutter bands for suffocating the emergence of raw talent and variety.

"Spores", one of the few acoustic tracks, thrives on the angst and loneliness of missing a former counterpart. Disregarding prior pain, Max confesses feeling overcome by emptiness. In "You're The Wanker, If Anyone Is", lines like "With you out of my life skies are blue and love is real and true" prove that sometimes losing love is for the better. Covering the many emotions that coincide with love, this

album comes fully clad with an anthem for everybody.

Must listen songs include "The Truth Is, You Should Lie With Me", "The Church Channel", "Vexed" and "The Word You Wield".

As if the 27 tracks are not enough to make it worth your ten dollars, Say Anything collaborated with the lyrical talents of many of today's biggest names in the pop-punk music scene. Vocal appearances from Adam Lazzara, Hayley Williams, Jordan Pundik, Kenny Vasoli, Chris Carrabba and a bunch more, serve their purpose without taking over the album.

In Defense of The Genre does not fall short of its expectations. A mixture of wittily written lines, refreshing musical talent, and various lyrical cameos concoct an album of heavy hitting tracks, void of filler.

“Oh My God *They*’re Back Again”

The Backstreet Boys are back again with the release of their seventh album, Unbreakable

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It appeared as though the mid-nineties world of boy band mania, girl power, and pop music ruling the world seems to have passed. Who would’ve guessed that the Backstreet Boys would be releasing another album, the Spice Girls are going on tour, and the 90’s have risen again.



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The Backstreet Boys re-leased their album, *Unbreakable*, October 30 2007.

More than a decade after the Backstreet Boys released their first album, (their international debut was in 1996 while their US debut was in 1997) the Backstreet Boys are releasing yet another album, *Unbreakable*. There are no songs like “If You Want it to be Good Girl (Get Yourself a Bad Boy)” or “Larger Than Life” on this new album. The Backstreet Boys have grown over the course of the past decade and continue to wow

audiences with great harmonies and lyrics that strike the right chord on everyone’s heartstrings. There is one very important part of the Backstreet Boys missing on *Unbreakable*. The man who completed the band’s five part harmonies, Kevin Richardson, left the band to pursue personal endeavors prior to the recording of this CD. The new album is a quality CD. The harmonies on *Unbreakable* are tighter than ever. The introduction for the album proves that the Backstreet Boys can certainly sing. The introduction is sung a cappella (without instruments) and really demonstrates the vocal talent these men have. Shocking to some, a major change has happened in the boy band world. JC Chasez, one of the heartthrobs from the Backstreet Boys’ greatest competition from the 90’s, ‘N sync, actually co wrote a song with Backstreet’s reformed bad boy A.J. McLean for the new album entitled “Treat Me Right.” Although he was previously thought to be the Backstreet Boys weakest member, Howie Dorough proves to have grown drastically. Dorough always sung the top of the harmonies (the high notes) and rarely had a lead vocal part until this album. Nick Carter, known for singing the majority of the lead vocal parts shines with confidence. After his immense weight loss, Carter appears more confident in appearance and vocals. Brian Littrell provides the smooth vocals that Backstreet fans have come to expect and love over the years. *Unbreakable* allows each member of the band to shine and demonstrate their talents. “Trouble Is” is one of the most radio friendly and audience friendly tracks on the album. The song begins

with an improved and vocally solid Dorough singing the lead. “Trouble Is” is different from any other on the album and does a great job revealing how diverse the Backstreet Boys are. The song is similar to a pop-country tune (reflective of something the Rascal Flatts may play) and certainly worth listening to. The one genre that the Backstreet Boys are still making an effort to jump into yet cannot seem to make the leap is dance. The second track on the album, “Everything but Mine” was an attempt at creating a song for the club scene. The song is not strong enough. “Everything but Mine” really brings to mind the question: what were they thinking? Overall, it is the weakest track on the album. The collaboration with JC Chasez, “Treat Me Right,” is closer to a success than “Everything but Mine” but it still isn’t quite the perfect club song. If the Backstreet Boys hold true to the famous words Nick Carter sings in “Everybody (Backstreet’s Back)” that “As long as there’ll be music we’ll be coming back again,” the boys will have another chance at a successful dance track next time around. “You Can Let it Go,” and “Love Will Keep You Up All Night,” resemble the past successes the band has had. “You Can Let it Go” is very similar to a track on their previous album entitled “Weird World.” The song is a warm song with solid music and even better vocals while “Love Will Keep You Up All Night” is a beautiful upbeat love song. Upbeat love songs are the one area the Backstreet Boys cannot seem to mess up. *Unbreakable* is another step on the Backstreet journey. It is a step in the right direction. The Backstreet Boys realized they have a rock-solid formula for a quality mellow pop track. Missing from *Unbreakable* is a suc-

Backstreet Boys Success Story			
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October 28, 1995	We’ve Got it Goin On	69	20
June 29, 1997	Quit Playin Games (With My Heart)	2	43
April 18, 1998	Everybody (Backstreet’s Back)	4	22
December 5, 1998	I’ll Never Break Your Heart	35	21
January 30, 1999	All I Have To Give	5	21
May 1, 1999	I Want It That Way	6	31
September 18, 1999	Larger Than Life	25	19
January 1, 2000	Show Me the Meaning Of Being Lonely	6	24
May 27, 2000	The One	30	15
October 14, 2000	Shape of My Heart	9	20
February 17, 2001	The Call	52	6
May 26, 2001	More Than That	27	20
October 20, 2001	Drowning	28	20
April 23, 2005	Incomplete	13	20
September 10, 2005	Just Want You To Know	70	4
September 29, 2007	Inconsolable	86	2

cessful catchy cheerful song. “One in a Million,” and “You Can Let it Go” are both songs that flow well and can work in the dance and club scene but the feel of the songs is not fun and lighthearted. There are two versions of *Un-*

breakable, a deluxe and standard version. The deluxe version is worth the extra dollar or two because it has two bonus tracks, “Downpour” and “In Pieces.” Both tracks will quickly become favorites and make the deluxe version a must have.

Did You Know?

The total amount of time the Backstreet Boys have spent on Billboard’s 200 Album Chart amounts to 308 weeks or approximately 5.9 years?

1998- Backstreet Boys

133 Weeks

1999- Millennium

93 Weeks

2001- Black & Blue

42 Weeks

2001- The Hits Chapter One

24 Weeks

2005- Never Gone

16 Weeks

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Two Worlds Collide in the new movie *Martian Child*

MEGAN LABRUNA
STUDY ABROAD EDITOR

The old saying, men are from Mars, women are from Venus might actually hold true in the case of the upcoming movie *Martian Child*. The film centers around a young orphan named Dennis (Bobby Coleman) who believes he is from Mars. He spends most of his days at the orphanage inside a box because the sun is too bright for his martian skin and wearing a homemade gravity belt in order to keep him from floating away. The outcast orphan is seen as the perfect match for science fiction writer David (John Cusack), who despite the passing of his wife, has decided to continue with their plans of adopting a child. The story continues to follow the two through the trials and tribulations that adoption can bring on a new family such as a scene where David cooks Dennis a grilled cheese sandwich, but Dennis refuses to eat anything but

Lucky Charms. David tries his hardest to help assimilate Dennis into the life of human beings while patiently waiting for Dennis to recognize that he is, in fact, a human being and not a martian from Mars. Unfortunately, to David’s surprise, the more time he spends with Dennis, the more he starts to witness events that lead him to believe Dennis could actually be telling the truth. The film features several cast members such as John’s own real life sister, Joan Cusack. Being a producer for the movie John immediately thought of his sister for the role of Liz: “I just asked her to do it, because I knew she’s gonna kill it. She’s the best.” Liz serves as the sensible sister who sees the problems in adopting a child such as Dennis with such clear attachment problems. Amanda Peet plays Harlee, a character who serves as the opposing belief and helps to convince David that Dennis’ unique take on the world is a good change in both

their lives. The flick also features small appearances by Oliver Platt and Anjelica Huston. The movie was adapted from the award winning short story by David Gerrold, which semi-autobiographically chronicled the issues he dealt with when adopting his own son. Producers David Kirschner and Corey Sienega fought over the rights of *Martian Child* and have been working on producing the film for ten years. Screen writers Seth Bass and Jonathan Tolins have been working on adapting the short story to big screen for 7 years. The pair has worked together since they landed a job in 1988 writing questions for the game show Wipe Out, to which Bass humorously claimed “did just that.” When asked about the films allure to the writers, Tolins stated “The human side of the story was so beautiful. It just captivated us immediately.” Working on the movie *Martian Child* has shown to have personally inspired Seth Bass and his

partner when he claimed “I actually adopted my own child, from earth.” This enthusiasm is exactly what the producers were trying to get out of the film. The idea of this movie and the short story as explained by the Producers is to shed light on the adoption process and to help people realize it’s not as intimidating as most perceive it to be and that the experience is actually incredibly rewarding for both parties. Aside from the film’s obvious theme, there are several underlying layers in the plot which really ring true with the movies audience. “As far as I’m concerned, they’re all from mars, yours is the only one that’s willing to admit it.” David’s brother in law states this and isn’t too far from the truth. Tolins realizes that even if children don’t consider themselves to be actual martians, many times they are asked to change their personality in order to protect them. “You see their eccentricities and their uniqueness and the way they

stand out. On one hand you want to find a way to support and encourage that while on the other hand not have them stick out and be ostracized. You have to find a balance between the weirdness and normalcy while letting them be who they want to be.” The film is appropriate for all ages and can be somewhat cheesy. The story covers all emotions. One moment it will have you feeling incredibly happy and in another will bring a tear to your eye. The only problem is that the end leaves a few loose ends for the audience to make up their own mind about. All in all, the story is a light-hearted feel-good movie that will have you leaving with a smile. The movie’s main message can be summed up best by 10 year old actor Bobby Coleman. “It doesn’t matter if he [Dennis] is from Mars or not. People should be loved for who they are.” Be sure to catch *Martian Child* opening this Friday, November 2.

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Sigma Tau Gamma

What Up Monmouth,
Happy Halloween! Everyone’s geared up for some serious trick or treating tonight, and we hope that everyone has a blast. The semester’s already half over, and it isn’t slowing down at all! Finals are just around the corner and soon enough it’ll be Winter Break. Sig Tau is planning some big philanthropy events for Books for Kids, so be on the look out! We also have our comedy show coming up on January 30, we know its next semester but it’s never too early to practice your routine. If anyone wants to perform or even just go to watch keep your eyes peeled for advertisements that’ll be up soon! We just spent the last two week-ends working at Six Flags Fright Fest which was a blast, we can’t wait intramural dodge ball to start up to show people how great we are at dodging, dipping, diving, ducking, and dodging. Also our bowling team, May Cause Drowsiness, is steadily moving up in the rankings every week. Be sure to check out our newly revamped website www.eostg.org for lots of Sig Tau awesomeness.

Delta Phi Epsilon

D Phi E wooh! I love TriniDy, love your little AphroDiTy. Happy Halloween sisters!! cieLo, stop being 21! –SINplicity. Love my pirates! Thanks to all my sisters that came out for the tro’s (my 21st!) birthdays. Hal-loween is gonna be nuts! uToPia and SINplicity. I’m back down to earth, but can’t help being 21, still love you though! Love cieLo. Happy Halloween girls <3 HARMONi. Perfect and Aloha I can’t wait to rub all over your sheets when you aren’t there. AphroDiTy you rock my world! Love TriniDy. Happy Halloween <3 VEGAS. I’m so ready to hit a homerun GLISSAdE! <3 you! dolce. p.s. team blue rocked at Up ‘til Dawn! Oh dolce, can’t wait for the birthday, you will be a homerun! p.s. I have a surprise for you!! Love, GLISSAdE. dolce, happy birthday pretty girl! fabuloUS, thanks for always being there and listening to my “funny stories!” ☺ love always, Vogue! p.s. I love d phi e! Happy Birthday dolce! Vogue, your stories are great, they make me laugh... keep ‘em coming! Happy Halloween ΔΦΕ!! Love you girls! –fabuloUS.

Shadow Nation

Hi Shadow Nation Fans. I just want to remind all of you that we will be tabling on Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at the Rebecca Stafford Student Center starting at 11:30am. If you signed up and did not get a T-Shirt or your card, come by the table on Tuesday to pick them up. If you want to become a member of Shadow Nation or you are qualified to move up to the next level, also come out to our table on Tuesday. Remember to keep checking the website www.gomuhawks.com for updated Shadow Nation information and Shadow Nation games and if you have any questions, feel free to ask a Shadow Nation member or email us at shad-ownation@monmouth.edu . See you guys at the game.

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HOROSCOPES

By Linda C. Black,
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Today's Birthday (Oct. 31).

This year you'll have opportunities to achieve enormous success. It won't be easy, but you're determined and creative. Watch out, world!

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

♈

Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is a 5

Conditions are easing up on you, but it hasn't quite happened yet. Hold off on any major decisions or moves for another day.

♉

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 6

Don't feel like a party pooper if you decide not to go out. Let the party come to you. It'll be lots more fun that way.

♊

Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 5

You're doing well, but don't go flashing your money around. That's not wise. Pretend you're barely getting by and you'll gather up more treats.

♋

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is an 8

A person who's usually good with words doesn't seem to understand your subtle, non-verbal innuendoes. Come right out and say what's on your mind.

♌

Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - Today is a 6

Not a good time to try a new method. Don't ask for an extension, either. Do the job you said you would, quickly and well. That will work best.

♍

Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is an 8

Be calm, patient and well-disciplined around one who's falling apart. Words won't help nearly as much as a display of your inner strength.

♎

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 5

This oral exam is not easy, but it could be very important. Be polite, follow the routine you've been taught and don't argue. Remember the password. You can do this.

♏

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is a 9

Delays and other minor frustrations do get in the way. Consider them inconsequential and keep plugging toward your goal. Or just have it delivered.

♐

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 5

Listen to your friends before making a big financial decision. Don't have that be your only resource, however. They could be wrong. Ask your banker, too.

♑

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is an 8

Words said in anger can cut like a knife, but sometimes they also reveal stuff the speakers holding back. This skill will serve you well.

♒

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6

One urgent matter is followed by another. These are not all your fault, but you are asked to fix them. Even if you're not in the mood, you are good at this. You'll do fine.

♓

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

You should be in a marvelous mood, floating on cloud 9. Still, you should listen to critics, as some of them have a good point. And if there's a payment that's late, definitely get that into the mail.

Crossword

ACROSS

1 Run-down
6 Small boys
10 Summit
14 Embankment
15 Disembarked
16 Roe source
17 Scene of the action
18 "Fame" star
19 Kong, for one
20 Great weight
21 Carl or Rob
23 Otherwise
24 Biting fly
25 Advanced on all fours
27 Rue
30 Part of a dance
31 Plaits
32 Veteran
37 Distinctive doctrines
38 Random choice
39 Brood
40 More than miffed
43 Ascended
45 Ceases
46 Aerie builders
47 Legal permit
51 Model Moss
52 Adam's grandson
53 Straying
55 Like Abner
58 Pauper's plea
59 Pronto letters
60 More than miffed
62 Notoriety
63 Bill of fare
64 Roof overhang
65 Type of dive
66 State of irritation
67 Quantities of paper

DOWN

1 Louver piece
2 Saarinen of Finland
3 Tied
4 Winter quarters
5 Pined
6 Unspoken
7 Arkin or King
8 As the crow flies
9 Played lead
10 To one side
11 Cold snap

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Solutions to last week's crossword

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10/24/2007

48 Acquired family member
49 Bottom half of a semicolon
50 German industrial city
51 Inoperative

54 Delhi princess
55 Volcano output
56 News piece
57 Not quite as much
61 "Norma __"

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Hi! I'm Jack Pumpkinseed

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Oct 2007

PAUL

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Frankie Valli
Performs in
Pollak

Gala continued from pg. 1

Jerry Zaro, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, Carl Goldberg, the Chairman of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, “Mr. Monmouth Park”, Bob Kulina, Terry Finley, founder and President of West Point Thoroughbreds, and “Jersey Joe” Bravo, a leading jockey and staple at Monmouth Park Racetrack.

As a man who is very involved with horse racing and who worked at Monmouth Park as a young boy, Finley was pleased with the initial day of racing at Monmouth Park. Even though the day was a washout in regards to the weather, Finley said, “...everything was fine. The real important factor of the Breeders’ Cup is money that people bet, and that was really high today. So all in all, it was a good day.”

Bravo, who was born in nearby Monmouth Medical Center, and resides in Eatontown, New Jersey, was excited about the upcoming Breeder’s Cup at Monmouth Park. “It’s like having the Super Bowl right here in your backyard.” He also commented about how well the dinner was going and the effort of everyone at Monmouth Park in preparing for the biggest day in thoroughbred racing.

With all of the guests in place, dinner was ready to be presented. To serve 425 guests, executive chef Anthony Garuto, with the help of numerous servers, prepared the meals in a large white tent behind Wilson Hall. It took approximately three days to organize the meals, which included filet mignon and many delectable dessert items.

During the meal, guests were encouraged to bid in an auction that offered one item and a trip package. The first item, an original painting of the official picture of the 2007 Breeders’ Cup at Monmouth Park, was auctioned for \$10,000. The second package, which was auctioned for \$22,000, was two first-class tickets to the Dubai World Cup (a night of some of the richest thoroughbred racing that is very similar to the Breeders’ Cup) aboard Emirates Airlines, which included a three night stay at Al Maha Desert Resort and Spa.

After the dessert, guests made their way to Pollak Theatre to enjoy a concert by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Valli, who received an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Music at the Monmouth University Commencement in 2006, was the perfect choice for live entertainment for the night having grown up in Newark, New Jersey and having garnered great success in the music business during his career. Guests danced in the aisles of the theatre to such hits as, “Big Girls Don’t Cry”, “Walk Like a Man”, “Sherry Baby”, and “Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You”.

As the night came to a close, guests exited Pollak Theatre with smiles on their faces and music in their hearts. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the event. Simply said, there is no better way to end a great evening.

Professor Awarded for Peruvian Book

Award continued from pg. 1

and feel that I have had a great life,” Mitchell said of his experience and work in South America. “I’m dancing at 12,000 feet above sea level in the Andes, the sky alive with brilliant stars, and I can say I am working. How many can say such a wonderful thing?”

He was presented with the award at the meeting of the Peru Section during the last convention of the LASA this past September in Montreal, Canada. It is named after Flora Tristán, a nineteenth century French feminist and social activist of Peruvian ethnicity. She lived in Peru for two years as a young adult, and is considered by Peruvians as a symbol of their desire for social justice and the rights of women. “I feel honored to be associated with her name,” said Mitchell.

This award is given annually to the book they consider the best publication on Peru between LASA conventions. Submissions may be made in any language, and topics are accepted from a broad range of disciplines including anthropology, history, social work, economics, and any others that LASA Peru members may specialize in.

The goal of the award is to celebrate and reward excellent scholarship

through peer recognition, and heighten LASA Peru’s members’ awareness of the scholarship being produced about Peru across an array of disciplines.

Mitchell began his work on *Voices from the Global Margin* between 1999 and 2000, pausing when he was appointed as Interim Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. After serving as dean for a term of three years, he stepped down in 2004 and returned to work on his book, which was published in 2006.

Mitchell explained that the beginnings of his book originated in 1965 when he traveled to the Andes, South America’s longest mountain range, for the first time. “The book recounts the lives and experiences of people I have known since then up to today, including people who have migrated to the United States. Since 1965, I have lived and worked in Peru for a total of almost six years, including a year as a Visiting Professor at Catholic University in Lima,” said Mitchell.

As a social anthropologist, Mitchell lived in a small village in Peru without water or electricity for two years while gathering research material for his doctoral dissertation. During this time, he completely immersed himself in Peruvian culture. He ate meals with them,

helped work in their fields, and celebrated their religion, which follows the Roman Catholic faith, but also offers festivals to a mountain god—complete with dancing in the streets at times. Many of his hosts only spoke the Quechua language, which was spoken by the Incas. Mitchell studied Quechua at Cornell University before leaving for Peru.

While living in Peru, Mitchell researched the lives of its citizens, asking questions about what they did, what they valued, and what they thought about their lives. He also took interest in their perception of the supernatural and the outside world.

“I incorporated these stories in my book, making it a very human portrayal of individual people as they cope with incredible poverty,” he said. “I certainly believe that my book is an eye opener for many people.”

His book addresses the lives of the rural people in Peru, and also the ways in which the American economy is associated with creating their poverty. Mitchell said he used drafts of the book in several of the courses he teaches at Monmouth, and said that he received positive feedback from his students.

Orin Starn, the Sally Dalton Robinson Professor of Cultural Anthropology at Duke University, wrote in a review on

“Voices from the Global Margin” that the book “is a sensitive, well-written piece of work that offers a vivid view of the power, beauty, and hardship of life in the Andes today. . . Perhaps the greatest strength of this book is that it gives a human face to the realities of poverty and violence across the Third World.”

Mitchell said he hopes that, through his book, his readers will gain an understanding of the realities of poverty that affect Latin Americans. “When we speak about the rural poor, when we speak of Latin American migrants in Long Branch, Red Bank, Asbury Park, and Freehold, we are speaking about individuals—not abstract numbers,” said Mitchell. “They are people who suffer pain and express joy, just as you and I do, and they have come to the United States to get ahead, driven in part by international economic policies over which they have no control.”

Next semester, Mitchell plans to bring two artisans from the community in Peru where he worked to Monmouth University in order to participate in a month-long festival called “Latin American Realities” focused on the cultures of Peru and Brazil. They will be mounting an art exhibit, and will hold a demonstration of native ceramic techniques for Monmouth students.

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Texas Hold'em Tournament • 7:30 PM • RSSC Cafeteria

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Gang Culture and Gang Activity • 7:30 PM • Wilson Auditorium
Late Night Lounge • 10:00 PM • The Underground

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Open Mic Night • 7:00 PM • RSSC Cafeteria
Tara Navarra & Susan Pezzutti • 6:00 PM • Wilson Aud. (Reception follows)
Movie - Transformers • 9:00 PM • The Underground at Elmwood Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Walk for Cystic Fyrosis • 1:00 PM • Residential Quad
Movie - Transformers • 3:00 PM • The Underground at Elmwood Hall
Ice Hawks vs. Widener • 5:30 PM • Wall Sports Arena
Movie - No Reservations • 9:00 PM • The Underground

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Women's Soccer vs. Mount St. Mary's • 1:00 PM • Great Lawn
Movie - No Reservations • 3:00 PM • The Underground

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Choosing a Major Workshop • 3:00 PM • RSSC 202A
Philosophy Philm Phorum "Morality" - Max • 7:25 PM • Turrell Boardroom

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Drew performing Acoustic • 12:00 PM • RSSC Cafeteria
Diversity Panel • 2:30 PM • Wilson Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
Network 2007 Career Fair • 12:30 - 4:00 PM • RSSC Anacon Hall
Student Loan Consolidation Presentation • 6:00 PM • Wilson Auditorium
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Transformers, 9 PM

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
No Reservations, 3 PM

THE UNDERGROUND AT ELMWOOD HALL



THE END ZONE

Sinisi, Hawks Steamroll CCSU

Running back scores six touchdowns, breaks school record

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
STAFF WRITER

It was David Sinisi’s day to shine, as the red shirt sophomore set a school record with six touchdowns in the Hawks 51-36 win over Central Connecticut State in New Britain, Connecticut and ended CCSU’s 11 game home winning streak. Not since Chris Reed’s five touchdown performance against La Salle in 1998 has a Hawks player had such a prolific day. Sinisi had 192 yards on a career high 26 carries with five scores and added four catches for 86 yards and another touchdown. The Monmouth defense forced five turnovers and the two teams combined for over 1,000 yards of total offense. The game started off sloppy for both offenses, as the Blue Devils were able to drive to the twenty before fumbling it away. The Hawks took possession and went three-and-out. Two plays later, Bobby Cole intercepted Aubrey Norris for the Hawks second forced turnover in as many drives. But, again, Monmouth was unable to come away with any

the drive with his second score of the day. The Hawks lead would not stand for long. On two plays into CC-SU’s next drive, Norris tied up the game at 14-14 on a 43 yard scamper. The Hawks regained the lead on their next offense series, when Sinisi took a Burke screen pass the distance to give the Hawks a 21-14 advantage. The Hawks cashed in on an Ayo Falae interception when fullback Kevin Hahn scored his first career touchdown from nine yards out. The Blue Devils would come be deterred by the two quick Monmouth scores. Freeman ripped off a 23 yard run. Norris on a series of passes would move to the ball to the Hawks six. But for the third time in the game, the Blue Devil drive ended in a turnover as Norris fumbled the snap on the Hawks six. The Hawks were again able to move the ball effectively, as Burke led the team to the midfield stripe. After two false start penalties and faced with a third and long, Burke hit San Miguel for ten yards and a first down. Despite San Miguel’s efforts, the Monmouth drive

leading the Hawks in both rushing and receiving. Burke finished the game 19-for-25 for 222 yards and two scores and Derek Bischoff led the Blue and White on the defensive side with 10 tackles. The Hawks evened their record to 2-2 in NEC play and are now 2-5 overall, while Central suffered its first conference loss of 2007. The Hawks will be back in action next week in Loretto, Pennsylvania against the Red Flash of St. Francis. **Notes:** Sinisi has now scored in 19 straight games, the longest streak in the nation. Adam San Miguel’s second quarter catch made him just the third Hawks receiver to total 2,000 career receiving yards. The 51 points CCSU gave up was the most since 2005.

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth running back David Sinisi earned Northeast Conference Offensive Player of the Week for the second time this season after his record setting performance against Central Connecticut State. Sinisi was the team’s leading rusher and receiver as he set the new NEC and Monmouth record for touchdowns in a game with six. Sinisi scored five rushing touchdowns on the day, which tied the Monmouth and conference record. The redshirt sophomore finished with a career high 26 carries and a 192 yards on the ground, his second best day to date. The former NEC Offensive Rookie of the Year averaged 7.4 yards per rush and scored on runs of 37, three, four, five, and seven yards. He also caught four passes for 86 yards, including a 46 yard screen that he took to the endzone. The Cedar Grove, N.J. native had 311 total yards of offense, which included his 33 yard kick-off return. Sinisi extended the nation’s longest current Division I scoring streak to 19 consecutive games with his 37 yard run in the first quarter that gave the Hawks a 7-0 lead over CCSU on the road. Sinisi was the main offensive weapon that snapped Central’s 11 game home win streak and helped The Blue & White score the most points ever by an NEC team on the Blue Devils. Sinisi now leads the Northeast Conference with 14 rushing touchdowns and is second in yards with 813. “Dave had an outstanding performance against Central Connecticut,” said MU Head Coach Kevin Callahan. “He had several key runs, and was able to get into the end zone six times on the day. His ability to break tackles, his vision when running with the ball, and his desire to get into the end zone make him a very difficult back to tackle. His offensive performance was one of the best I have ever seen, and he also contributed on special teams by recovering a fumble that set up an important score.” Sinisi earned the same honor three weeks ago after an impressive performance against Sacred Heart. He was also named ECAC Offensive Player of the Week after the game against the Pioneers.



PHOTO COURTESY of MU Sports Information
David Sinisi rushed for 192 yards and scored an NEC record six touchdowns against CCSU.

points as a result of the turnover. Quarterback Brett Burke moved the team all the way down to the CCSU 30 before the drive stalled, and the snap on the field goal attempt was botched. After forcing a Blue Devil three-and-out, the Hawks took possession on their own 24, Burke found receiver Steve Dowens for a 26 yard pickup, then found Adam San Miguel for 15. On third-and-short, Sinisi ran 37 yards untouched for his first touchdown of the day, giving the Hawks a 7-0 lead. The Blue Devils would even the score as Norris hit Josue Paul on a 23 yard screen pass on fourth down. The CCSU drive was aided by running back Jo Jo Freeman, who accounted for almost all of the Blue Devil’s yards. The Hawks found themselves with good position after a 33 yard kickoff return by Sinisi gave Monmouth the ball at midfield. Chris Kiley’s reverse run of 33 yards brought the ball down to the CCSU four, and Sinisi finished off

stalled, and the Blue Devils took over looking to close the gap. CCSU would cap the high-scoring first half with an easy nineteen yard touchdown toss from Norris to Nick Calogiovanni, and headed to the locker room down 28-21. The second half belonged to the Hawks offense. Burke found Troy Yudin for 29, and hit San Miguel on a key third down conversion. Sinisi scored his fourth touchdown of the game on a direct snap to give the Hawks a 35-21 lead. After stopping the Blue Devils on three straight plays on their next series, the Hawks defense rose to the occasion stopping Norris on a fourth and four. The Hawks took the ball and again David Sinisi would cap the drive on a four yard touchdown run, his fifth of the game, and the Hawks doubled CCSU 42-21 midway through the third quarter. Sinisi would get his sixth score on a seven yard pitch after the Hawks defense forced their fourth turnover of the day. Sinisi was the star of the game,

Game Statistics		
	MU	CCSU
FIRST DOWNS.....	24	28
Rushing.....	14	14
Passing.....	9	12
Penalty.....	1	2
NET YARDS RUSHING.....	302	294
Rushing Attempts.....	54	45
Average Per Rush.....	5.6	6.5
Rushing Touchdowns.....	5	3
Yards Gained Rushing.....	335	309
Yards Lost Rushing.....	33	15
NET YARDS PASSING.....	222	259
Completions-Attempts-Int....	19-26-1	14-27-2
Average Per Attempt.....	8.5	9.6
Average Per Completion.....	11.7	18.5
Passing Touchdowns.....	2	2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS.....	524	553
Total offense plays.....	80	72
Average Gain Per Play.....	6.6	7.7
Fumbles: Number-Lost.....	2-0	4-4
Penalties: Number-Yards.....	7-48	2-30
PUNTS-YARDS.....	4-92	1-40
Average Yards Per Punt.....	23.0	40.0
Net Yards Per Punt.....	21.5	40.0
KICKOFFS-YARDS.....	9-418	5-238
Average Yards Per Kickoff...	46.4	47.6
Net Yards Per Kickoff.....	34.3	32.4
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD.	0-0-0	2-6-0
Average Per Return.....	0.0	3.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	3-76-0	6-109-0
Average Per Return.....	25.3	18.2
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD..	2-29-0	1-0-0
Possession Time.....	35:53	24:07
1st Quarter.....	5:43	9:17
2nd Quarter.....	9:54	5:06
3rd Quarter.....	9:22	5:38
4th Quarter.....	10:54	4:06
Third-Down Conversions.....	6 of 14	4 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	0 of 2	1 of 4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	6-7	3-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	3-14	3-23
PAT Kicks.....	6-6	4-4
Field Goals.....	1-2	0-1

Soccer

Hawks Split Games Over Wet Weekend

Men lose to CCSU 2-0, rebound to defeat Quinnipiac 1-0

ERIC WALSH
SPORTS EDITOR

Weather played a key role in the Hawks' 2-0 loss on Friday to CCSU, as the skies opened up and dumped heavy rains onto The Great Lawn. However, by Sunday, the skies had cleared and the Blue and White rebounded to take a 1-0 decision against Quinnipiac to earn a spot in the NEC tournament.

On Friday afternoon, as the rains fell, so too did the Hawks. By defeating the home squad, CCSU broke MU's six game win streak and 24-game NEC unbeaten streak. The Blue and White dropped to 10-3-2 on the season, and 5-1 in NEC play, as CCSU improved to 4-8-2 overall, and 2-3-1 in the NEC.

The Blue Devils struck first in the 44th minute as junior Yan Klukowski sent a corner kick to freshman reserve Christopher Brown for the header. The goal was Brown's second of the year.

Just after the intermission, in the 49th minute, it was Brown again who provided the offense for CCSU. Brown received a cross from teammate Jonathan Agbatar that skipped along the slick surface past an MU defender. Brown was able to control the ball and beat Hawks goalie Daniel Schenkel to the right side of the net.

Monmouth held a 12-10 advantage in shots, with Damon Wilson compiling four of the twelve. MU hit the crossbar twice in the match,

with one coming nine minutes before intermission. MU also held a 6-4 advantage in corner kicks. Schenkel came up with one save for the home squad and Blue Devils' goalie Paul Armstrong made 4 stops.

The Hawks returned to action on a brisk, but sunny Sunday afternoon on The Great Lawn against

in the NEC. Quinnipiac falls to 9-2-3, and 3-2-2 in the NEC after starting the season 9-0-3.

After the game, head coach Robert McCourt said, "We are proud of the way the team responded after the loss on Friday." "That shows a lot of character to beat a very good Quinnipiac team."

LaRocca put in the goal off of low, line-drive cross from Michael Millar who was on the right wing. The goal, which just beat Bobcats' goalkeeper Freddy Hall to the near side of the net, was LaRocca's third of the season.

The Blue and White out shot the visiting team 18-5 in the match, which included an 11-0 advantage in the first 45 minutes. The Hawks also held an edge in corners, 7-2.

Schenkel earned his seventh shut out of the season and 20th of his career in the contest while making one save. Hall made five stops in net for the Bob-

cats, including one goal-line save with just over three minutes left in the match.

After the win over Quinnipiac on Sunday afternoon, Monmouth takes over the sole possession of first place in the NEC with a 6-1 record. The leaders of the Northeast Conference will travel to ninth place Robert Morris for a 3 p.m. start.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MU Sports Information

Rob LaRocca scored the game-winning goal in the 72nd minute against Quinnipiac.

Quinnipiac. Rob LaRocca scored the game winner in the 72nd minute as the Blue and White defeated the Bobcats 1-0 to clinch their third straight NEC Tournament berth.

With the victory, MU, which had been tied in first place with Quinnipiac in the NSCAA/adidas North Atlantic Regional poll, improved to 11-3-2 overall, and 6-1

Women Clinch NEC Tourney Berth

The Blue and White clinch postseason appearance with win at St. Francis

PRESS RELEASE

The Monmouth University women's soccer team dropped a 3-0 decision at Robert Morris, in Northeast Conference action on Friday afternoon. Monmouth, now 8-3-4 overall and 4-1-1 in the NEC, had its 11-game unbeaten streak snapped with the loss. Robert Morris improves to 5-9-2, 2-3-1 NEC.

Robert Morris freshman Kathleen Caggiano registered a hat trick in the win for the Colonials, netting two scores in the opening half and another in the second stanza.

RMU got on the scoreboard in the seventh minute when Kelly Hilderbrand played a ball through to Caggiano, who recorded her first score on a breakaway. Caggiano put the Colonials ahead 2-0 at 29:33, when Jaimie Morra found

getting back into form."

Monmouth outshot Robert Morris 14-7 in the match and held a 4-2 advantage in corner kick opportunities. Freshman Lia Fierro made four saves in goal for the Hawks, while RMU's Jessica Onufer made five saves for the shutout. Senior Amy Hoyer and Joanna DeMoor each had three shots to lead the Hawks.

Behind freshman Gianna Russo's first career goal, the Monmouth University women's soccer team clinched a 2007 Northeast Conference Tournament berth with a 1-0 win at Saint Francis on Sunday afternoon. The Hawks, now 5-1-1 in the NEC, improve to 9-3-4 overall on the season.

At the 61:14 mark in the second half, Russo collected a ball from junior Joanna DeMoor 11 yards out and beat SFU goaltender Jessica Boyer.

"Today was our best performance of the season..."

KRISSY TURNER
Head Coach Women's Soccer

Caggiano at the top of the box. Caggiano split two Monmouth defenders and struck a shot from 20 yards out.

Monmouth had an opportunity to trim the lead in half in the 36th minute, but sophomore Andrea Lopez's penalty kick chance hit the post.

Trailing by two goals late, Monmouth shifted its formation to leave three defenders in the back and gave up another breakaway score to Caggiano, as the rookie placed her own rebound into the net.










































"Unfortunately, we did not play to our ability level today," stated head coach Krissy Turner. "Give credit to Robert Morris. They showed up and wanted to win. We are looking forward Sunday, and

"Today was our best performance of the season to rebound from Friday's loss," said head coach Krissy Turner. "We were able to play a complete game today and we are happy to get a great win. We are excited to make it back to the NEC Tournament, but we have more team goals to accomplish."

Monmouth held a 20-5 advantage in shots, including a 12-1 edge in the opening half, forcing Boyer to make eight saves. Freshman netminder Lia Fierro made three saves in goal for the Hawks, earning her sixth shutout of the season. Monmouth also held an 11-4 advantage in corner kicks.

MU returns to action on Tuesday, when the Hawks host CCSU at 2:30 p.m., on The Great Lawn.

Outlook's Weekly NFL Picks - Week 9

	Away	Washington Redskins	New England Patriots	Dallas Cowboys	Jacksonville Jaguars	Denver Broncos	Carolina Panthers	San Diego Chargers	Cincinnati Bengals
	Home	New York Jets	Indianapolis Colts	Philadelphia Eagles	New Orleans Saints	Detroit Lions	Tennessee Titans	Minnesota Vikings	Buffalo Bills
Eric (5-3 Last Wk) (39-25 Overall)									
Alex (6-2 Last Wk) (46-18 Overall)									
Jacqueline (7-1 Last Wk) (45-19 Overall)									
Lisa (5-3 Last Wk) (40-24 Overall)									
Mike (7-1 Last Wk) (42-22 Overall)									



Come out and cheer on your
Monmouth University
IceHawks Hockey Team

Your MU IceHawks went 15 and 3 last year, finishing 2nd in the Delaware Valley Collegiate Hockey Conference. This season will be action packed with lots to cheer for, so mark your calendars and don't miss any of the action.

IceHawks t-shirts and programs are available for sale at every home game, that are played at the Wall Sports Arena, 1215 Wyckoff Road, Farmingdale, NJ (732-919-7070). Lots of extra give-aways and prizes will be available at these special events:

Home Opener: Support the team at their opening home game on Sunday, October 7th at 7:00 PM. Your admission ticket stub will be entered into a drawing for door prizes given away during intermission (Bose headphones, t-shirts and more).

Alumni Game (with NHL Prizes): Take a break before exams and come watch as your current IceHawks team takes on some great players from the past in an exhibition game on Friday, December 14th at 9:00 PM. There will be a skills competition before the game and door prizes for NHL Tickets, Autographed Memorabilia, Great Collectibles and Gifts.

Monmouth IceHawks Game Schedule			
Date	Opponent	Time	Location
October			
Sunday 7th	Farmingdale	7:00 PM	Home Opener
Saturday 20th	George Washington	8:15 PM	Home
Sunday 21st	Shippensburg	1:45 PM	Hershey Arena
Friday 26th	Stockton	8:30 PM	Home
Saturday 27th	Albany	6:00 PM	Albany Arena
November			
Saturday 3rd	Widener	5:30 PM	Home
Saturday 10th	South Connecticut	5:30 PM	Home
Sunday 11th	Lehigh	2:00 PM	Bethlehem, PA
Saturday 17th	Penn State	8:15 PM	Home
Sunday 18th	East Stroudsburg	5:00 PM	Whitehall, PA
December			
Saturday 1st	Shippensburg	8:15 PM	Home
Saturday 8th	Rutgers	5:30 PM	Home
Friday 14th	Alumni Game with NHL prizes	9:00 PM	Home
January			
Saturday 19th	East Stroudsburg	5:30 PM	Home
Friday 25th	Rutgers	8:45 PM	Pennsauken, NJ

A Word on Sports

College Football, NFL Football, Canadian Football, and Baseball!

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
STAFF WRITER

OK, no Canadian football. But here are a few comments on a few observations I've made from around the world of sports.

Apparently, winning four championships just isn't enough to save a man's job. Such was the case with Joe Torre, who was let go by the Yankees after winning four World Series titles in his 12 year stint as Yankees manager. When you look up "spoiled" in the dictionary, there is a picture of Paris Hilton and next to that is a picture of a Yankee fan.

George Steinbrenner and his crew have set an unrealistic precedent for coaches everywhere. By their standard, the Patriots should fire Bill Belichick, the Spurs should fire Gregg Popovich, and Tiger Woods should just retire. Ridiculous right? Maybe the Red Sox will fire Terry Francona. I know they went 86 years without a championship, but two titles in four years is simply unacceptable.

Speaking of the Red Sox, I heard Michael Kay from Yankees Propaganda Television Network (commonly known as YES) on ESPN's Sports Reporters suggesting that the Red Sox have now replaced the Yankees as the new "Evil Empire." Like most people who work for the Steinbrenner Kabal, Kay is of course flat out erroneous. Sure, the Red Sox spent big money on Ramirez and Ortiz, but the two most productive players in the World Series for Boston have been Justin Pedroia and Jacoby Ellsbury, the two "cheapest" players on their payroll. And just for the record, the gap between the Red Sox payroll and the Yankees? \$46 million.

I'm willing to bet that \$46 million on that gap getting larger

next year. I'm hearing rumors that the Yankees are going to offer A-Rod a \$230 million contract. I can't image why, as the Yankees funds could be better spent on bolstering their starting rotation, as opposed to stacking the team with offensive power. Neglecting a staff that features a guy who can't pitch on the road, two guys old enough to be my father, and a relief pitcher who can only pitch every so often (unless, of course, there are bugs on the field) is not the way to be successful. Let me write this in a way so that the average Yankee fan will understand what I mean: U kneed pitchin'. Let A-Rod, his wife, and her vulgar t-shirts take a walk, and sign a pitcher that will go longer than one inning when facing elimination in a playoff game.

"This is the best American football has to offer?" That must be what people in London are still thinking after the Giants-Dolphins snoozer. In effort to further outsmart themselves, the NFL decided it would be a good idea to play a regular season in game in London, England. I've heard the argument that the NFL wants to make more money and expand their fan base in Europe. Interesting, especially since the NFL is by far the most popular sport in America, and the league is expected to gross something like \$6.3 billion dollars this year.

By the end of the game, the field at Wembley Stadium looked like the fairway at your local municipal golf course, Fox didn't even send their best announcing team over there, and no one seems to be talking about how the Miami Dolphins had to get on a plane and fly to another continent to play a "home" game. Roger Goodell, you have a great thing here in the states, so please, keep American football in America.

One of the most enjoyable games

this week (other than Ohio State's pounding of Penn State) was the Georgia-Florida game, also known as the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party (I went to a Georgia-Florida game two years ago. It is a must for any college football fan).

Unfortunately, stupidity reared its ugly head. After Georgia's first touchdown that put the Bulldogs up 7-0, the entire Georgia team ran out onto the field in a planned celebration, probably in an attempt to show up their hated rivals from the Sunshine State. At halftime, when Tracy Wolfson (by far the best looking sideline reporter ever) asked Georgia head coach Mark Richt about it, he responded by saying "I told them that I would be upset if they didn't get a penalty for excessive celebration."

Go back and read that again. Here's the head coach of an SEC football team, telling his players to go out and show up their opponent. In a word: classless. I don't care how much you hate the team on the other side of the field, or how big of a rivalry this is, it's bush-league to pull a stunt like that. And for a coach to encourage such behavior, rather than condemn it is even more disappointing. Of course, I'm glad Georgia hung on for the victory, because after last year's national championship game, there's no coach I dislike more than Urban Meyer (being an Ohio State fan, you would think Lloyd Carr of Michigan would have that distinction, but Jim Tressel has pretty much made him irrelevant).

So that's what I think. Later this week, I will be part of a consulting group that is going to lobby Major League Baseball to hold next year's World Series in Harare, Zimbabwe. Hey, the MLB needs to build a fan base in Africa.



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Cross Country Makes History

PRESS RELEASE

The Monmouth University men's and women's cross country teams each finished second at the 2007 Northeast Conference Championships at Stanley Quarter Park, the best combined finish in school history for the two cross country programs. Five Hawks, including three men and two women, earned All-NEC honors, which goes to the runners on each side that finish in the top 14.

"I am proud of the way both teams battled in adverse conditions to stay near the front of their

27:05.6. The three all-conference runners on the men's side were the most since 1997.

The rest of the men's finishers were Jeff Cody, who finished 25th in a time of 27:32, followed by freshman Ben Hutterer, who took 26th in a time of 27:32.8. Senior Dustin Coleman finished 31st running 27:40.3 and freshman Shawn Platz finished 52nd in a time of 28:30.7.

Quinnipiac, who is ranked in the region, won the men's race with 31 points, while the Hawks men totaled 84, marking the second straight year the men have scored 84 points and finished second.

The women's side featured a pair of sophomore All-NEC runners in Cailin Lynam who finished third in 18:05.1, breaking her own Monmouth course record at Stanley Quarter Park, and Meredith Malloy who finished seventh in 18:34.2. The women's race was 5K and was also ran in rainy and muddy conditions.

Laura Embrey finished 16th, just missing out on all-conference honors, running 19:05.1 and teammate Courtney Spratford finished 18th running 19:16.1. Jessica Jones finished 22nd in a time of 19:26.6, and she was followed by a pair of freshman in Tiffany McKenna who finished 26th in 19:33 and Christine Altland who finished 29th in 19:37.6.

Quinnipiac also won the women's race with 22 points, as MU's 65 points were good enough for a second place finish, their best finish since winning the league crown in 2000.



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The men's and women's cross country teams each finished second at the NEC Championships for the best combined finish in MU history.

respective races," said head coach Joe Compagni.

The men's side featured three All-NEC runners, led by sophomore Peter Forgach who finished eighth in a time of 26:51.3. The men's race was 5.1 miles and the course conditions were very rainy and muddy. The two other all-league runners for MU were seniors Matt Caporaso who finished 11th in 26:58.2, and Randy Hadzor who finished 14th in a time of



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David Sinisi scored an NEC record six touchdowns in the Hawks' 51-36 victory over CCSU. Story on page 21