

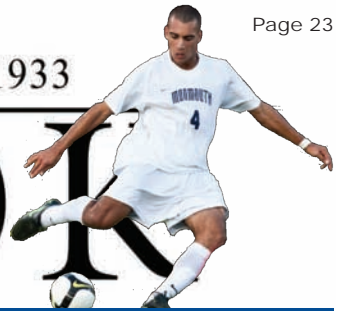


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Homecoming 2009

Alpha Xi Delta Wins Best Float for Fifth Year in a Row

BRETT BODNER
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Homecoming 2009 was celebrated on Saturday October 24 by the students, faculty, families, and alumni in the commuter parking lot.

People arrived at the parking lot around 9:30 a.m. to begin pre-game festivities and to prepare for the homecoming parade. The Greek organizations, as well as the alumni, other students, and families set up tents and grills and tossed around the football.

The overall theme for homecoming was around the world and. The Greek organizations were asked to create floats in relation to the theme. There were six Greek organizations that took part in the parade and built floats. The fraternity Phi Kappa Psi teamed up with sorority Zeta Tau Alpha built a float in honor of the country Jamaica, fraternity Theta Xi and sorority Delta Phi Epsilon created a float in tribute to Italy, and fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon and sorority Alpha Sigma Tau did a float that represented Greece.

For the fifth straight year Alpha Xi Delta took the grand prize and once again won the float contest along with fraternity Sigma Tau Gamma. It took them over two weeks to build the float. The float included a pyramid to represent Egypt, the huge clock tower Big



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Beckie Turner and Harrison Cotler were crowned the 2009 Homecoming King and Queen.

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Business School Obtains Chapter

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The Leon Hess Business School was recognized by the International Honor Society Beta Gamma Sigma for the third year in a row on October 16. The acknowledgement comes shortly after the Leon Hess Business School was featured in The Princeton Review's "The Best 301 Business Schools: 2010 Edition".

According to the Communications Associate at Beta Gamma Sigma, Lauren Scheidmantel, chapters must complete Beta Gamma Sigma's Survey of Membership Acceptance and Chapter Promotional Activities and indicate a membership acceptance rate of 85 percent or greater during the previous academic year to be named a Beta Gamma Sigma Premier Chapter.

There are steps that go into achieving this award each year. Professors and students need to form a team to reach the goal of receiving the award year after year.

Junior Sean Arnell is a Business major who knows about the effort students, as well as professors, put in to receive this award.

"For the most part, the business professors go out of their way to make sure their students are getting good grades, and

are well prepared for the business world when they leave Monmouth. The business professors also make sure they are very accessible to their students. Most will allow students to meet them at their office for additional help or guidance beyond regular office hours, and some even go as far as to give students their phone number," Arnell said.

When asked what he thinks the award means to the University and particularly the Business School, Arnell replied, "It reflects the effort and dedication that the faculty and the business students are willing to put into their work in order to further the growth of this university."

Attaining this award qualifies chapter members to participate in Beta Gamma Sigma's scholarship program. It also pre-qualifies the chapter to be considered for Beta Gamma Sigma's Outstanding Chapter Awards.

Beta Gamma Sigma was founded in 1907 at the University of Wisconsin. Its purpose was to promote and reward the hard work of the commerce students who attended the university. Beta Sigma Gamma is the only scholastic honor society recognized by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools

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Up 'til Dawn Saves Children 'Around the World'

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The Student Activities Board, in conjunction with Greek Life, hosted the fourth annual Up 'til Dawn event, a program that helps raise money for St. Jude's Children Hospital, on October 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Anacon Hall.

Up 'til Dawn is a nationwide student led and run program that asks students to write letters to their friends, neighbors, family, and anyone that they know and ask for donations for St. Jude's Hospital.

St. Jude's Hospital is a non-profit hospital and was founded in 1962. It is a pediatric treatment and research facility, located in Memphis, Tennessee

and is dedicated to treating children patients. All money that is donated will go straight to help cover the costs of the facility.

This year, Up 'til Dawn was run differently than in the past. Students could come in between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and fill out their letters to send.

"We found that this is the best way to ask for donations," said Aly Pearsall, a co-chair to the event. Over the four years that Up 'til Dawn has been at the University, \$62,000 dollars has been raised. Pearsall hopes that Up 'til Dawn will continue to thrive.

Some students have personal interests in St. Jude's. "I love it.

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PHOTO COURTESY of Tyler Havens

The student community came together to participate in the annual Up 'Til Dawn letter writing event in Anacon Hall.

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MU President

Dear MU:

Fall is on us. Temperatures are changing. Midterms are here. The end of the first semester is actually in sight.



All around us we see evidence that H1N1, Swine Flu, continues its threatening march. We have been in very good shape so far. We have a good plan in place. The Health Center is watching carefully and reacting swiftly. And maybe we've all been washing our hands, watching our hygiene and sneezing "perfectly."

No cost H1NI vaccine is here (nasal mist) or soon to arrive (inoculations). I recommend you consider these vaccinations carefully. Don't take my word for it. Discuss it with your family, our Health Services staff and/or your doctor.

Mostly, I want to ask you to re-double your efforts when it comes to washing your hands, using the liquid hand sanitizers, cleaning your keyboards. Wash your hands.

Be well and take care of each other.

Sincerely,

Paul Gaffney
President

Big Brother Big Sister Program Arrives To Help High School

University Students Will Be Serving as Volunteer Mentors for Asbury Park High School Students This Year

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The opening ceremony for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Program took place in McAllan Hall on October 19, where the participating students got a chance to meet each other, share mutual interests and future plans, and take a campus tour.

The program consists of students from the University serving as mentors for students of Asbury Park High School, partnered with the University's Institute for Global Understanding.

At the opening ceremony, Asbury Park High School President Tyler Blackmore, Big Brothers Big Sisters President Barry Weshnak, and Provost Thomas Pearson delivered welcome speeches to all of the participating students.

On every other Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 15 mentors and their partnered mentees, join together because of mutual interests such as photography, film, or music. They meet at the University and learn about a variety of subjects focusing around college life. Some of the activities

that will take place for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program will be campus tours, career workshops, and events focusing on world holidays.

At the end of the year, the mentors and their partnered mentees will create a project based on their mutual interest and deliver it to the rest of the students on April 12, 2009.

The Institute of Global Understanding played a role in bringing the program to the University.

"Higher education opens doors to diverse careers and empowers students to get learning experiences that shape their lives."

DR. REKHA DATTA

Founder and Director of The Institute of Global Understanding

Dr. Rekha Datta, founder and director of the IGU, is pleased that the IGU and Big Brothers Big Sisters have partnered up to form this program. She said the IGU has a mission to "promote awareness of issues of our interdependent world through service learning, academic programs, and field experience."

Datta said, "This program fits in perfectly with the IGU's mission. This program will constitute one of the flagship events

of MU's partnership with the United Nation's Academic Impact Initiative as a pilot model for empowerment through education, a model that can work in both local and global settings. Higher education opens doors to diverse careers and empowers students to get learning experiences that shape their lives. We also hope this program will be replicated in other parts of the world."

As for the costs of the program, IGU is primarily covering funds for transportation and food, while the program is co-sponsored by Admissions, the Center for Student Success, and Students Creating Opportunities for Refinement, Excellence, and Success (SCORE.)

IGU is also working with several departments at the University who have volunteered to offer programs for the students. "If the program is successful, then we hope to cover more areas and departments next year," Datta said. Plus, Big Brothers Big Sisters has been a part of the recruitment and training of the students and the coordination of the events involved.

Homecoming 2009

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Ben to represent England, The Statue of Liberty with Shadow's head for the United States, the Leaning Tower of Pisa for France and an a large globe to represent the rest of the world.

Alpha Xi Delta and sigma Tau Gamma used many materials to build the float. A trailer was used to support the float and they also used wood to support the structures. The structures were then painted and they were also made out of paper mache'.

Sister of Alpha Xi Delta, Olivia Hanson said "We're so excited to have won again. It just goes to show that hard work pays off."

Fraternity Phi Kappa Psi had over 50 alumni and 80 brothers in attendance and the fraternity took home the award of Best Homecoming Theme.

After the parade was over, spectators headed into Kessler Field to watch Monmouth take on Albany. Due to the new tailgating rule, people were asked to pack up their

tents and grills and to head into the game or to head home. Many people came out for the game and at halftime of the football game, the Homecoming 2009 King and Queen were announced.

Senior Harrison Cotler, a brother of Phi Kappa Psi, won Homecoming King and fellow Senior Beckie Turner, a sister of Phi Sigma Sigma, won Homecoming Queen.

"Being named Homecoming King is awesome. It is a great honor and I'm extremely happy to be the 2009 Homecoming King," said Senior Harrison Cotler.

Last year's King, Jeff Cook, and Queen, Amanda Klaus, were in attendance to pass on the titles to Cotler and Turner.

For a good part of the day, the weather was generally nice as opposed to the predictions of rain for the entire day. The rain held off until after all of the Homecoming festivities.

"Homecoming was so sweet and just a flat out awesome time," said Homecoming King, Harrison Cotler.



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Alpha Xi Delta and Sigma Tau Gamma's float took first place in this years contest for the fifth year in a row.

Assemblywoman Angelini Introduces New 911 Lifeline Law

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New Jersey passed the Lifeline Legislation on October 1, 2009 to save lives by encouraging underage drinkers to call 911 if help is needed.

The Lifeline Legislation will serve as a type of Good Samaritan Law all across New Jersey. If an emergency arises, underage drinkers can be immune from legal consequences.

Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini came to Monmouth to inform college students of the new Lifeline legislation. Angelini said the goal she and others who backed the legislation share, is "to promote kids to make the right decision."

There are minors and adults who fail to make the right decision. "Alcohol is the most abused drug across the country," Angelini said.

College students have taken part in this abuse in the past. According to College Drinking, a preventative organization, in 2007, "700 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including motor vehicle crashes."

Drinking alcohol, as well as abusing it, is a personal decision each individual must make. If things get out of control, there is now a safe alternative to hoping a friend will feel better in the morning. Angelini said, "We hope more people will seek the help they need."

Vice President of Student Services Mary Anne Nagy said, "We've had the Good Samaritan Law on campus for three years and it has helped protect our students. This Legislation will now extend that to all of our students off-campus too."

Whether on-campus, off-campus,



PHOTO COURTESY of Tara Fantini

Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini and Rutgers student Daniel Meth informed students of the new Lifeline legislation law.

or anywhere else, fear of trouble with the law plays a factor in many cases where underage drinkers do not receive the medical attention they need.

Rutgers University student, Daniel Meth, is all too familiar with that fear. Meth testified in court when the Lifeline Legislation was being voted on.

Meth shared the story that changed his life forever. After a night of partying with friends, he noticed that one of his friends had had too much to drink. He did what many college students would have done; he put his friend to bed. "I thought he could sleep it off," Meth said.

His friend ended up in a coma and two months later, he passed away. Meth said he felt he needed to get involved with the Lifeline Legislation to absolve himself of "the guilt and burden I have every day."

Meth said he has committed his life to this cause and wants to ensure underage drinkers "don't have

the same fear I had."

The abolishment of that fear is what the Lifeline Legislation is striving to achieve.

Executive Director of New Jersey Prevention Network, Diane Litterer, said the Lifeline Legislation, "by no means condones underage drinking."

Litterer said, "We need to educate the community on the dangers of underage drinking." Those who worked on the Lifeline Legislation believe it will be a step in the right direction.

According to the Lifeline Legislation, this applies only to alcohol related emergencies. She also encourages to "spread the word" because this law applies to everyone who is underage, not just college students.

Several students are reacting positively to the Lifeline Legislation.

Student Ali LoBuglio said, "I think this is a really good idea. Kids our age are scared of calling the cops. This law will definitely save lives."

Professor Honored with SCS Award

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Dr. Mohammad S. Obaidat, Chair of Computer Science and professor of Software Engineering, has recently been awarded the Society for Modeling and Simulation International's (SCS) McLeod Founders Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession.

This award recognizes technical contributions which have been made by the candidate over a significant period of time. Technical contributions incorporate published technical literature and an obvious impact in carrying out ideas in modeling and simulation. The McLeod Founders award has only been given six times in the past 57 years, the last one being given ten

years ago.

Obaidat started with SCS as an author contributing papers to its journals and international conference. Obaidat has now served on the SCS's board of directors, Vice President for Conference, Vice President for Membership, Senior Vice President, and in 2009, he was elected SCS President. In the field of modeling and simulation, Obaidat has made many outstanding contributions. He created several innovative schemes to predict the performance of RISC and CISC computer systems including the well known Message Flow Technique (MFT) and Instruction Flow Technique. Obaidat added, "These schemes are considered breakthrough as they accurately predict the performance of the design of

single and multiprocessor systems."

In addition, Obaidat introduced techniques that can be used for design and performance tweaking of current and future Wide Area Network (WAN) as well as workload models that can be used for WANs sizing and performance evaluation studies.

Another field of research that interests Obaidat is biometrics. "[...]I was the first one in the world who proved that keystroke dynamic of a keyboard of a computer are rich in traits and characteristics that can be used to identify computer systems and network users." This very technology is being used in security of computer systems and networks today.

His other areas of research include: wireless communications and networks, modeling and simu-

lation, performance evaluation of computer systems, algorithms and networks, information and computer security, telecommunications and networking systems, high performance and parallel computing/computers, applied neural networks and pattern recognition, security of e-based systems, and speech processing.

Obaidat received his Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in Computer Engineering with a minor in Computer Science from Ohio State University. He has received extensive research funding and authored/co-authored five books and over 300 scholarly journal and conference articles. Obaidat is on the editorial board of several international refereed journals including the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Currently, Obaidat has the following three books that are in the final stages of production: "Wireless Sensor Networks" published by Cambridge University Press, "Pervasive Computing and Networking," and "Cooperative Networking," both published by John Wiley & Sons. He also has a book coming out this winter entitled "Fundamentals of Performance Evaluation of Computer and Telecommunication Systems," published by John Wiley & Sons.

The Director of Information Technology, Professor Maureen Paparella, added, "Monmouth University is privileged and honored to include such a visionary as Dr. Obaidat. His efforts, even when 'behind the scenes,' are invaluable to the success of our visible programs and student successes."

United Nations Lecture Presented for Academic Impact

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The Institute for Global Understanding presented "Ask What the UN Can Do for You & What You Can Do for the UN," a lecture given by the United Nations Department of Public Information (UN-DPI) and Deputy Director for Partnerships and Public Engagement, Ramu Damodaran last Monday, October 19.

Damodaran's lecture took place in Wilson Auditorium and addressed the United Nations initiative, Academic Impact.

According to academicimpact.org, "Academic Impact is a global initiative that aligns institutions of higher education with the United Nations in actively supporting [...] the areas of human rights, literacy, sustainability and conflict resolution. The Academic Impact also asks each participating college or

university to actively demonstrate support of at least one of those principles each year."

In the summer of 2009, the University's Institute for Global Understanding (IGU) enrolled as a participant in the UN-DPI's Academic Impact project. Dr. Nancy Mezey, Associate Professor of Sociology and Associate Director of the Institute for Global Understanding, stated "By participating in the program, IGU is excited to work with students to develop programs and initiatives that not only can be replicated in other places around the world, but that also encourage students to think about issues facing local and global communities."

Damodaran began his speech with an analysis of the evolution of the United Nations. He spoke of the importance of the recent role the UN taken on, as a teacher. The UN's Academic Impact effort is to try

and find unexpected new partners in academic establishments with specific fields of interest. This is an expansion of the teacher-student bond found in academia.

Academic Impact wishes to take the member colleges' studies and ideas, and not only transport them to other areas of the world, but encourage application of these areas of research to communities within reach. Damodaran said that a major UN goal is to promote focus on the individual constituents of the world, not the larger masses. "Our individual actions can make a difference, no matter how little or finite," Damodaran remarked.

The University has started participation in the Academic Impact Initiative through a project that reaches out to local high school students. Dr. Rekha Datta, Professor and Chair of Political Science and Director of the Institute for Global Understand-

ing, described MU's program as a mentorship that places Monmouth students with Asbury Park High School juniors, also known as the Big Brother Big Sister Program.

Datta said this partnership aims to enlighten APHS students about overcoming socio-economic challenges that may prevent the endless opportunities presented by higher learning. "Our hope is that some of these challenges can be addressed through such experiments in establishing bonds among student peers, who can empower each other and open doors to academic and other career possibilities," commented Datta.

Damodaran gave examples of how other academic organizations are donating their fields of study on a global scale. One university in Michigan experimented with installing GPS systems in school buses to improve the safety of children

traveling. The system is now being applied to UN transport vehicles in conflict zones.

Another example given was the public health strides made by the Vienna School of Dentistry. This institution's innovative means for making oral hygiene easier for disabled people has been implemented by the UN for disabled people worldwide.

Damodaran accepted questions from students at the end of the lecture. Many questions had to do with UN involvement in global conflicts.

Academic Impact, in conjunction with the Institute for Global Understanding, advocates for small contributions of individuals to improve the quality of life for those in need locally, nationally, and globally. "If we can do the greatest good for smaller communities in our areas of specialty, we can create a large impact," stated Damodaran.

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‘You The Man’ Teaches Freshmen About Assault

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Unhealthy relationships and relationship abuse effect people of all ages, genders and orientations. The production “You the Man” that was performed in Pol-lack Theatre on Tuesday October 20, and Wednesday October 21 addressed those topics and also relationship violence and sexual assault.

The productions of “You the Man” were sponsored by Coun-seling and Psychological Serv-ices, First Year at Monmouth, Res-idential Life and with the support of 180-Turning Lives Around.

Many freshmen students were in attendance as a Freshmen Seminar requirement. Peer Adv-isor for Freshmen Seminar Jenn Mastrangelo, a junior, comment-ed on the importance of having freshmen students attend “You the Man”.

“In college, it’s easy for rela-tionships to get out of control. It’s important for everyone to be aware of what can happen and how things can get away from you,” Mastrangelo said. Fresh-man Nohely Alanya agreed that the production was important for everyone to see.

Dr. Franca Mancini, Director of Monmouth University’s Coun-seling and Psychological Services, said that although the information and issues tackled in “You the Man” are likely to be repetitive

for students, it is still important to address relationship abuse and sexual assault. Despite some students who believe they have heard it all before, “campuses are still experiencing the problems of sexual assault and violence, so some part of the message isn’t translating,” Dr. Mancini said.

The one man show, “You the Man” was written and directed by Cathy Plourde, performed by actor Daniel Haggerty and produced by ADD VERB Productions Arts and Education.

The performance features six male characters, all dealing with relationship abuse or sexual as-sault in one way or another. Three of the characters are concerned about a young woman named Jana, who is referred to but not performed by the actor. Jana is in an abusive relationship with her boyfriend, and instead of leaving him she stays, while the men in her life try to help her realize the danger she is in, mentally, emo-tionally and physically. The other three characters in the production grapple with sexual assault and relationship abuse by dispensing information and advice.

A focus of “You the Man” was on men realizing that intimate partner abuse and sexual assault is wrong and how to speak up against or confront it. Dr. Mancini said that this production is trying to get men to see their male privi-lege in a positive way, not to bash them. “There needs to be change.

Most of the perpetrators of dating violence and sexual assault are men; they have to be part of the solution,” Dr. Mancini said.

Students who are aware of re-lationship abuse or sexual as-sault taking place have to decide whether they will confront the situation or be a bystander. This dilemma was addressed in “You the Man” as well, illustrating how detrimental it can be to just stand by and watch someone be hurt or abused, and how difficult yet noble it can be to speak up. “Em-pathy is like sympathy, only bet-ter,” the character Stan the Man says during one of his advice ses-sions.

According to Dr. Mancini, re-lationship abuse and sexual as-sault is a very complicated issue for people, including college stu-dents, because it can often be per-petrated by acquaintances.

“It can be hard for people to dis-tinguish it as sexual assault when there is a degree of intimacy,” Dr. Mancini said.

Counseling and Psychological Services is located on the third floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, the phone num-ber is 732-571-7517. There are many hotlines and online re-sources for those who are faced with a problem like sexual as-sault or relationship violence. The Domestic Violence Hotline is 1-888-843-9262, and the Sexual Assault/Rape Hotline is 1-888-264-RAPE.

Up ‘Til Dawn

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I went down to Memphis to get trained, and just seeing how grateful the kids are means ev-erything,” Pearsall said.

Tina Onikoyi, one of the stu-dents that participated in the event, said “I feel that it is our obligation as people to join to-gether to help those who are in need of help or cures.”

Onikoyi went on to say that “All the Greek organizations were involved in this event, and I am happy that people were actu-

ally able to take some time out of their schedules to aid in this effort.”

In past years, Up ‘til Dawn has been mainly a Greek event, however, this year the commit-tee tried to branch out and get other types of students to partic-ipate. “I did not participate this year in Up ‘til Dawn, although I wish that I did. I thought that it was only for Greek life, but now that I know that it is not, I hope that Monmouth has it again next year, or even next semester, so that I can participate,” said stu-dent Delila Osmankovic.

Business Chapter

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of Business.

The members of this society are collegiate schools of busi-ness that meet high standards of eligibility required of accredited member institutions with respect to curriculum, teaching staff,

teaching loads, library and labo-ratory facilities.

The mission of this organiza-tion is to encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business, to foster per-sonal and professional excel-lence, to advance the values of the Society, and to serve its life-long members.



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The Leon Hess Business School has met the requirements for the Beta Gamma Sigma chapter this year for the third consecutive year in a row.

October Was Crime Prevention Month

A Time to Recognize and Celebrate the Practice of Crime Prevention

OFFICER FRANK GRAHAM
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY POLICE

Here at Monmouth University, the safety and security of our cam-pus community is one of our top priorities. A safe campus environ-ment is conducive to our number one goal: providing a quality edu-cation to all of our students. To that end, the University Police Depart-ment encourages the entire campus community to take proactive steps to better secure their personal safety and belongings. Thankfully, our campus has proven to be a very safe place.

However, theft, one of the most preventable crimes, still occurs all too often here on campus and throughout jurisdictions all across

the country. Yet, an act as simple as locking a door can be the differ-ence.

In 2008 the university police took forty reports of theft and thirty-two so far in 2009. The vast majority of these could have been prevented.

Purses and wallets are taken when individuals leave them on a chair or table in the dining hall or student center to use the bathroom or go get something more to eat. CDs, DVDs, Ipods, digital cam-eras, MP3 Players, etc., which, are all small items able to be fit eas-ily into a pocket, disappear when room doors are left open because the owner went to talk to a friend, down the hall, for “only a couple of seconds.” Although it is un-likely he or she was gone for only

seconds, the thief probably wasn’t in the room for much longer than that.

A whole computer system was taken from the back seat of a car because it was left there overnight with one of the car’s windows left open. Complete Sony Play Station game systems, controllers and all, to include the individual games, have vanished from suites because everyone went to sleep and left the suite door propped with a garbage pail.

Without sufficient clues in these types of cases, the chance of get-ting the property back, let alone make an arrest, is next to impos-sible and there usually isn’t any evidence. The thieves don’t have to touch anything but what they’re

taking with them so, fingerprints are not normally an issue.

To compound the situation, build-ing entry doors are left propped open, allowing young people from our surrounding communities, who appear as if students but are not, also called non-members, to enter, take and leave. Something stolen under this circumstance is most likely gone for good.

The university police do offer a program throughout the school year called Operation ID. This program allows you to register with the department any valuable personal property that can be en-graved. Your cell phone, laptop, digital camera, etc. is engraved with your student ID number and our department’s FBI identifier,

known as our ORI. If the item is ever lost or stolen and found, even in Hawaii, and turned over to the local police, that department will find us through the ORI and we will then find you by your student ID number and your property is re-turned. This program is available throughout the year. Please call or come into headquarters to make an appointment.

So, please, lock it up, keep it out of sight, and if you are the unfor-tunate victim of a theft, report it and have the make, model number, serial number, and a good descrip-tion of the item. Some people take a picture of their property.

Thank you and remember, stay safe, stay smart, stay sober and graduate.

CRIME BLOTTER

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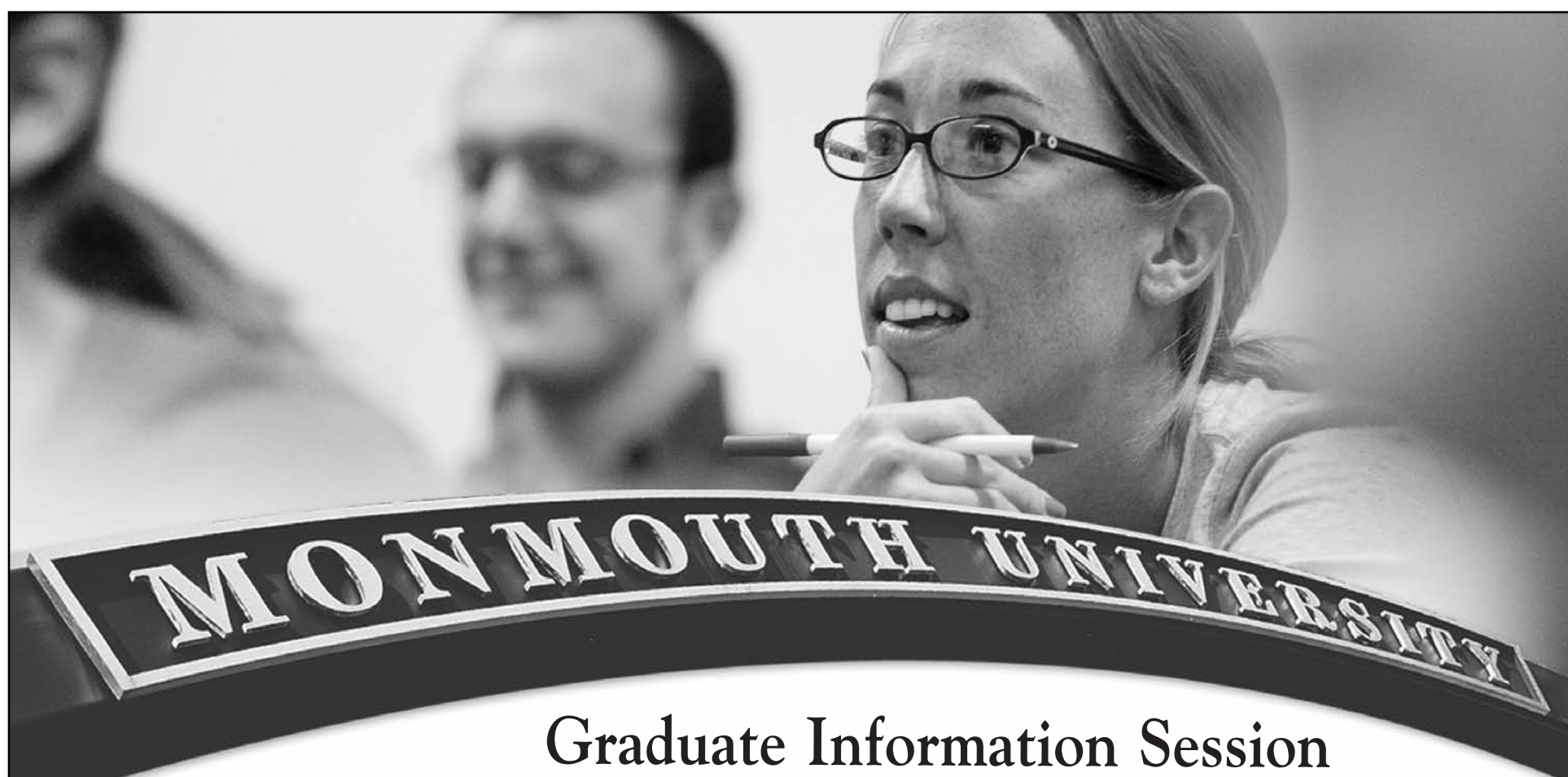
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EDITORIAL

THE OUTLOOK STAFF

Underage drinking is always a hot topic around college campuses nationwide. Everyone knows the rules and yet, there will always be problems. These problems, according to recent e-mails from both our Vice President for Student Services, Mary Anne Nagy, and Director, of the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services, Vaughn Clay, have become larger this semester.

Vice President Nagy pointed out that several large parties have been covered by the local media; this creates a large image problem for the university. This affects all of us whether you are part of the problem or not. Not that we haven't heard people say nice things about our students, because we have, but we much too often hear about ourselves as wild partiers rather than college scholars.

Clay has been taking an active approach to teaching students by informing them of the many penalties and fines that are being enforced because of underage drinking. Ocean Township has come out and stated that they will not tolerate any sort of alcohol violation. Clay said, "Students are being issued large fines, significant community service hours, and the poten-

tial loss of a driver's license as well as judicial action under the Monmouth University Student Code of Conduct."

The e-mail goes on to warn of the long term effects of providing to minors. Penalties can remove a student's ability to pursue a career in law enforcement, teaching and medicine.

The Outlook staff takes a firm stance against underage drinking, with the primary concern being the safety and overall well being of our fellow students. We have many staff members who are over the age of 21 and drink. However, they all believe that they partake in this responsibly. Driving and drinking is not an option and neither is providing alcohol to someone underage who isn't ready yet for the responsibility.

Our staff members who are under aged agreed with this philosophy. One member said, "Underage drinking changes teens in what is supposed to be their most memorable years, so what happens if they get drunk every weekend and can't remember any of it?"

Not to mention that every time an underage drinker takes a drink, or a person of age provides one they are taking a gigantic risk. It can forever have an effect on your life. The habit

of underage drinking college students generally leads to poor grades, health problems, and an overall attitude change in an individual.

A student may look around and realize that all of his or her friends are partaking in the activity, so the cool thing to do to fit in is to drink as well. If this mindset is less prominent in colleges, students would be much more focused and motivated, improving the youth as a whole.

The outlook realizes that this is not the case in every student. It is rather a case of the silent majority, not being as rowdy as the loud minority of students who make unwise choices.

Vice President Nagy has suggested that any students who are having trouble making the right decisions can take advantage of a Monmouth program that provides, "the knowledge to make good, informed decisions about your personal use of alcohol."

The more educated we become on the issues of underage drinking the better decisions we will make in the future. The short and long-term effects of providing alcohol to underage drinkers and drinking if you are under the age of 21 can be very serious. Regardless of being 21 or older or not, we are all adults and should treat these serious topics as such.



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Half Way Through the Fall 2009 Semester

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON
OPINION EDITOR

Ok, so Midterm tests are over, and Midterm grades are in! This is good; we are about half way through with our fall 2009 academic term, and now students know if they need to work harder and push up their grades. Midterms are an early warning system, if you aren't performing so well in the class, and you need to work harder.

Midterms and finals can be tough on your mind and your body—especially if you have two tests scheduled in one day. Unfortunately, test schedules are normally out of your control, so you will end up with back-to-back exams at some point. Back-to-back tests are stressful for several reasons. First, your normal study habits are interrupted since you can't devote all of your study efforts to one particular subject as you normally would. Instead, you are forced to split your study time in half. Another factor that increases stress on double-test days is the physical toll that an extended test time will take on your mind and body. It's important to prepare ahead of time to reduce the effects of added stress. If you did not prepare

properly for this semesters midterms, you need to next time.

Thankfully, they're over now, so pat yourself on the back and look ahead to the rest of your semester. If you did not do so well on your midterms, no fear, there is still half the semester and finals left, so do well on those, and you'll be in good shape. If you feel that you need help in a class which you are struggling in currently, make sure to get help from either your professor, other students in your class, or the tutoring center is always there and willing to help out.

Midterm and final exam weeks freak everyone out. Here are some time management and stress management tips to help you excel on your future midterms and your upcoming finals.

Time management is a good skill to master for exams. Before finals begin, get out your calendar and schedule as much of your finals week as possible. Then stick with the schedule.

Make sure to schedule in study breaks. Don't plan to study non-stop for the next five days. You'll go insane, and you'll be too exhausted to do well on the exams. When you write your schedule, include short study breaks to help you recharge. You'll feel so

much better and will be able to concentrate so much more.

Prepare to schedule in sleep. Some people can function well on three hours of sleep a night. Most cannot. You'll do much better during your exams if your mental state is good, and sleep is necessary for this.

Exercise on your free time. There's no better source for stress relief than to work out. Just don't overdo it to the point that you're procrastinating heavily. Go for short, stress-relieving activities, like tennis or an outdoor run, and don't underestimate the value of a brisk walk.

Remember, prioritizing is essential. You have limited time to study and will have to choose what to spend the most time with.

Study groups are usually effective. Just don't waste your time with rotten ones.

Free your schedule as much as possible, eliminate other responsibilities, and try our best on future exams.

Keep things in standpoint, for future exams. What's the worst thing that can happen if you don't do well on this test? Excessive stress will make you crazy and hurt your performance on the tests, so relax. It'll be over soon!

This I Believe, I Believe in God

KAREN DISARNO
STAFF WRITER

I've always believed in God. Even when it seemed like he wasn't present in certain times in my life, I've never fully given up on Him. I've had my doubts and I've had my struggles, but the Bible tells us we have no excuse not to believe in God.

When I think about the feelings I've had when falling in love, or those moments when my whole body becomes filled with emotion and all I can think to do is cry, or the peaceful feeling that enters my body when I watch the sunset or walk along the beach letting the waves crash at my feet, or even the simple act of laughing...I realize we are no accident. If you think about life, we are standing on a ball that is spinning around a ball of fire over thousands of miles per hour. This is not just another day. There is nothing normal about it.

I grew up in a Christian home. I went to church every Sunday. I come from a wonderful family and a loving mother and father who, believe it or not, are high school sweethearts. You don't see that everyday. I live a life many would die for. I've been given every opportunity to succeed in this world.

But just like everyone else, I've had my hardships. I've struggled with the death of loved ones. I've struggled with illness. I've struggled with depression. I've struggled with my faith.

I was 15. My sister was away at school and my mother had the daunting task of telling her oldest child her best friend was dead. I sat in my sister's room listening to that conversation...that phone call still sits in my head today.

Ashley Streiter and her brother Billy were killed by a drunk driver leaving their parents childless. I grew up seeing Ashley everyday, and all of a sudden, she was gone. I've never felt more mortal in my life.

I was angry with God. I thought

if God is so great why would he allow such tragedies in the world? I never understood and thought I never would, but this summer, everything changed.

After several years of blowing off my parent's requests to travel to Mexico with my church, I finally gave in. That trip was back in July. It was a mission's trip that assigned three teams to build three homes for families who desperately needed it. This was no "Extreme Make-over Home Edition." We did not build a mansion. We built a three room home that for many here is the size of their garage...but they were so grateful. To see the tears in the mother's eyes when we handed the key to her home was the most incredible feeling in the world. I knew God was real.

The story gets better. The night I arrived home was the same night my friend was celebrating her 21st birthday down at her shore house. All of my closest friends were there.

In the middle of the night, an electrical fire broke out tearing through the house completely burning it down. There were eighteen people inside and miraculously everyone made it out alive. Even my one friend who jumped out the second floor window head first unbelievably only broke her back. This was the first year I was not at her house for her birthday. If I hadn't gone to Mexico, I would have been inside that house. The moment I realized this was the moment my anger towards God vanished.

I still struggle at times, but my faith is stronger than ever. He is real and He is wonderful. He saved my life and my friend's lives. The more I think about the story of our lives, the more I understand that we are not the main characters.

God is and He always will be. The reason I've never fully given up on Him is because He never gave up on me. This is not just another day. There is nothing normal about it.

This I believe...I believe in God.

I still struggle at times, but my faith is stronger than ever. He is real and He is wonderful. He saved my life and my friend's lives. The more I think about the story of our lives, the more I understand that we are not the main characters.



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COLLEGES AGAINST CANCER

This past Sunday, Colleges Against Cancer volunteered at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in Point Pleasant Beach. The walk held each year to remember those lost to breast cancer was still filled with spirited people despite the weather. While working a water station the group cheered walkers with kind words encouraging them as they walked. Although, the Breast Cancer walk is just the first event Colleges Against Cancer has planned for the school year. Come to our meeting this Wednesday, and start looking out for Relay Blitz Week!

HAWK TV

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

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

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

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

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

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

UP 'TIL DAWN

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

Our first event will be the Kick-off on 10/7 at 6 p.m. in Anacon Hall. for people to sign up at. The Letter Writing Event will be held on 10/21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Anacon Hall.

PHI KAPPA PSI

We would like to invite members of the University community to come by our 'Grillin with the Greeks' which will be done in conjunction with Sigma Tau Gamma, Alpha Xi Delta, and Zeta Tau Alpha on November 21st.

Our meetings are open to all who are interested in coming out and seeing what we are about. We look forward to seeing you.

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PSI CHI

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

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

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

- Completion of at least three semesters of college courses
- Completion of nine credits (3 courses) in Psychology at

Monmouth University

- Registration for major or minor standing in Psychology at Monmouth University
- A cumulative GPA of 3.00 and a GPA of 3.00 in Psychology at Monmouth University.

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

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

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

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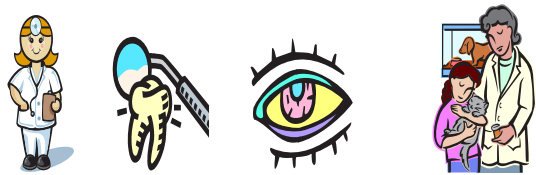
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We Were Promised Jetpacks: Big Name, Big Promise

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A lot of good things have come out of Scotland. Gerard Butler, Scottish Terriers, and Scottish accents are just a few vital examples. Now, our friends in kilts can boast an impressive contribution to the music world.

We Were Promised Jetpacks is an Alternative rock band based out of Glasgow, Scotland. Their sound features the aggression of Against Me!, the vulnerability of Interpol, and the energy of Bloc Party. Music fans should get to know their name (it may take a while to memorize it) because they are slowly but surely gaining some much deserved notoriety.

Band members Adam Thompson (guitar/vocals), Michael Palmer (guitar), Sean Smith (bass), and Darren Lackie (drums) formed We Were Promised Jetpacks, or WWPJP, at their Edinburgh high school in 2003.

These wunderkinds gained success early, as their first ever gig was a high school Battle of the Bands competition that they ended up winning. According to the website for FatCat Records, the bands record label, the quartet proceeded to play after-school shows around the city of Edinburgh and crafted a sound that is "a cacophonous tour de force."

Through word of mouth and passionate live shows, WWPJP

quickly garnered a loyal following. Their music was featured on radio stations throughout the U.K., and was featured on the iTunes Podcasts, KEXP's Song of the Day, and IndieFeed. In 2008 they toured with fellow Scots and label mates, Frightened Rabbit, and continued to win over fans.

This past July WWPJP put out a full-length album, *These Four Walls*, which cemented them as a force to be reckoned with. The album, which sounds somewhat like something The Futureheads or Phoenix might record, is a fine showcase for what this band



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WWPJP's album *These Four Walls* was released in July.

is all about.

Working with producer Ken Thomas, who previously worked with Queen, David Bowie and more recently Sigur Ros,

WWPJP were able to craft a legitimate debut album. The track "Quiet Little Voices" is arguably the band's best song to date. The song starts with subtle vocals and an anxious melody that eventually soar into a melee of thrashing guitars, heart-pounding drums and frenzied vocals.

"Roll Up Your Sleeves" is another masterpiece with the punk-rock echoes of The Sex Pistols combined with the vulnerable vocals of a Robert Smith or Morrissey. The angst in songs like "Ships with Holes Will Sink," and "Moving Clocks Run Slow," is painfully palpable.

Each song on the album is flawlessly injected with infectious melodies strung together by intelligent and thoughtful lyrics.

Unlike a lot of Indie Rock bands around today, WWPJP does not have an air of self-importance. Although they craft their songs with care and social consciousness, they do so with flair of spunk and youthful disposition. They infuse their music with a bit of chaos and imperfection that add a certain novelty to



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Scottish Alternative rock band WWPJP is venturing over to the US with their sing-song choruses and catchy melodies.

their sound.

Recently, the band wrapped up a small tour in the United States, including a chance to play at the popular South by Southwest Festival in Austin, Texas this past spring. Presently, fans in the US will have to wait to see this band live, as they are currently on tour in the UK.

Nevertheless, their growing success could mean a return to

the states in months to come. In the meantime, fans of their music can check out their music on MySpace or Facebook, or even find their album on iTunes.

We Were Promised Jetpacks is definitely a band worth checking out, if not for their sing-song choruses and catchy melodies than for their courage to pick a band name that will never fit on a t-shirt.

Flying to Number 1 on iTunes is "Fireflies"

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So until recently, I thought the music of Owl City would end up like much of the music in my iTunes library. It would be a one-week wonder that I bought as filler for my evening runs (when the weather was not abysmal) this past summer.

But something bizarre happened the other day, or actually occurred throughout the past few days as I drove back and forth from my internship. Owl City somehow found its way from my iTunes library onto the radio waves with an apparent hit single, in "Fireflies."

I've had this single for a few months and always found it catchy, but upon further examination, I found I was not the only one who had recently become a fan of Owl City. It is something I've been listening for a little more than a year now, so it struck me as odd when a band I thought had no chance of making it big, is suddenly flying up the billboard charts.

It was much to my surprise, when I found out the number one single on iTunes for the past two weeks was "Fireflies." I decided to break out the album *Ocean Eyes*, and delve into the lyrical magic of Owl City.

But little did I know, that wasn't even the debut album. I ventured back into my iTunes li-

brary and realized, I had songs from the true debut album, *Maybe I'm Dreaming*, and from then on, I knew that I had been listening to something that people were just starting to realize was a fantastical musical effort.

Adam Young first created Owl City in 2007, and in just two short years, his single and album are seeking upward mobility on national music charts.

Ocean Eyes is the second album released by Owl City, but

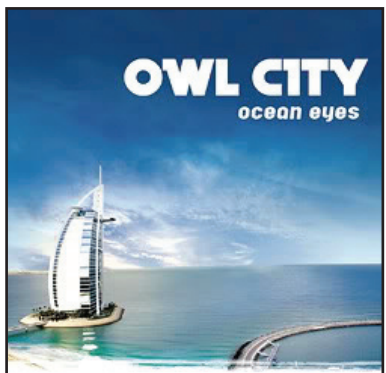


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Owl City's second album is climbing the charts.

currently the one that is garnering plenty of attention.

Ocean Eyes is a fantastic album, but I never really thought anyone knew about it; apparently I was wrong. This was one of my favorite albums of the summer, I probably played it every night

during my evening run, and for months, it never seemed to get old.

Young, combined the catchy lyrics of let's say a band called The Rocket Summer, with the electronica sound of Hello Goodbye. The entire album flows and provides a listener with some of the catchiest lyrics I have heard to date.

The album I originally purchased did not have "Fireflies" on it, but since it is currently the number one single on iTunes, it could be deemed appropriate to comment on this song first.

"Fireflies" can be considered a number one single for a good reason, and provides an adequate summary of what one can expect from the rest of the album.

This is where Young truly displays his talent as a lyrical genius, as he paints a picture with catchy words, which will keep you humming after you hear this song.

The album is full of themes you would expect, young love, travel, but the best part of the tracks of the lyrics. To truly appreciate the songs, you must listen to the words to get lost in the picture Young is lyrically painting for you.

There are various references to places across the US in many of the tracks, which gives the album a universal (coincidentally Owl City was signed by Universal ha-ha) appeal. As Young puts

it in "On the Wing," "We could go anywhere," and he does not disappoint in taking you on a journey within this album.

Aside from "Fireflies", the song that stands out the most to me on the album is likely to be the next hit for Owl City; "Hello Seattle." Young once again paints a picture for a listener with the perfect combination of synthesizer, beats, and words.

Young has the lyrical ability to make even the most ridiculous content of the song into something catchy, which is clearly seen in the song "Dental Care." Whoever thought the subject of oral hygiene could be turned into something so catchy.

This album is something you are going to want to pick up just to hear the lyrical talent of Adam Young.

"Fireflies," puts one of the themes of the album in perspective as Young dictates that "Everything is never as it seems," fortunately for him, this album, is everything that is seems, and in this case, it seems like a must purchase on iTunes.



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Owl City front man, Adam Young, is climbing up the iTunes charts.

Student Noelle McNeil Writes Her First Novel

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The world consists of almost 7 billion people, yet it has proven itself at times to be a peculiarly small place due to the never-ending chains of coincidences and irony surrounding us. I found that irony while reading my most recently purchased and new favorite book, *Heaven Exists*. A dear friend of mine, who sustained a brain injury last year, had heard about the book through his hospital and I immediately had to read it.

I was about half-way through when I realized the author is an undergraduate student here at Monmouth University. In fact, there is a whole chapter in the book dedicated to our school describing how the Monmouth community has helped the author through her unique and special journey.

Heaven Exists, by Noelle McNeil is an autobiographical piece about her life after she was tragically thrown from a horse, causing her to suffer a traumatic brain injury at the young age of 20. Immediately following the accident, she slipped into a coma and remained there for two weeks.

The chances of survival were slim due to the extent of her injury, and those chances were often tested when her heart rate kept slipping from below average, to non-existent.



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MU student Noelle McNeil and author of novel *Heaven Exists*.

As her family and friends clung on to hope in the hospital, McNeil traveled to a place we have only read about with sometimes skepticism. That is a place called heaven.

McNeil describes the feeling of serenity as she approached the gates of heaven and was met by her predeceased uncle. He told her it wasn't her time to enter and that although she had a long recovery to look forward to, she

also had a purpose to come back to earth.

She continues to describe her recovery and the physical, mental, and emotional struggles she has encountered as well as the bitter-sweet lessons she has learned along the way.

As a 20-year-old college student before the accident, her biggest concerns were finding the best party and making sure to be the prettiest and thinnest girl there. In the blink of an eye, her concerns quickly changed to wondering how she would feed and

dress herself on a daily basis. Heartache and suicidal thoughts plagued her mind at times in the infancy of her recovery, but realizing how fortunate she was to be able to continue life after leaving heaven helped McNeil to see the love, faith, and optimism that has allowed her to appreciate life's most precious qualities.

During these so-called "best years of our lives," we struggle

to find a balance between school, work, and a social life.

We are preoccupied with materialism and pretentiousness that can turn us into self-absorbent monsters in which we take the most complex things for granted. For McNeil, she had to find the balance just to stand up and walk again. Walking, something many of us take for granted.

Heaven Exists is a book that should be read by all, for each one of us can take a piece of McNeil's story and learn from it. Her words have inspired many people and her journey is liv-

ing proof that our success lies in the power within, that we are in charge of our own destiny, and everything and anything is possible.

Her trip to heaven provides reassurance to anyone who has lost a loved one. We always fear the unknown but she gives readers a sense of security about what happens when we depart this earth. Most importantly, she provides a realization that each day is numbered, and we should make every one of them count.

Today McNeil continues to work on her recovery while majoring in Business-Marketing here at Monmouth University. At 24, she hopes to become a motivational speaker and raise awareness for our brave soldiers coming home from Iraq with severe head injuries.

Her first speaking event here on campus will be at the Entrepreneurship's Assembly on December 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Pollak Theatre.

I urge all of you to pick up a copy of *Heaven Exists* and be as inspired as I have been. I also urge the Monmouth University bookstore to make her book available as well.

We should all be honored to have a miracle like McNeil as a part of our community and we should honor her by reading this fantastic book. I promise you will enjoy it more than any clichéd vampire love story.

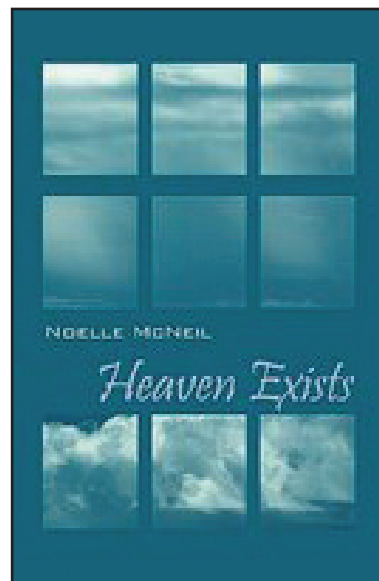


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Pick up your copy of *Heaven Exists* today.

Saw VI Gets The Blade Rolling Again

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The *Saw* franchise seems to be the Energizer Bunny of the cinema world. While other films have stopped after one or two sequels, this series keeps going and going. After so many sequels of torture and gore, many are either disgusted, done with the series, or don't care. However, the small but devoted *Saw* fan base continues to turn out for these movies every Halloween and are anxious to see what the criminal mastermind, Jigsaw, has up his sleeve. Although the last sequel, *Saw V*, was the least interesting entry, viewers will be happy to know that this year *Saw VI* finds its mark.

The most poignant aspect that the writers, Marcus Dunstan and Patrick Melton (*Saw IV* and *V*) add to the movie is health care. That's right! In a movie about fighting for life, these writers include one of this country's most difficult problems to the script. Not only does this newest victim, William Easton (Peter Outerbridge), work at an insurance company called Umbrella Health, but John Kramer a.k.a. Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) fights for coverage and gives a big speech about how health care should work. Without saying much, the film deals with Easton in Jigsaw's test and having to come to terms with rejecting insurance claims and helping people get coverage. If there was to be a subtitle at the end of the title, it should be *Saw VI: Health Care Crisis*.

While the health care angle is wild, the other point is that Dunstan and Melton make an improvement over their last *Saw* entry. *Saw V* was a maze that didn't feel very interesting. It created two different scenarios at the same time that didn't hold a

connection to make the film feel like one storyline. In *Saw VI*, they understood their mistakes and wrote a better thriller. They create a "game" (as Jigsaw says) that has a meaning and balances with against the second storyline. The victims in the movie play an important role to the main character that makes everything feel connected. The movie is suspenseful and has some crazy moments but is mainly a twisted ride featuring one of the most chilling screen villains.

Note: For those who haven't seen *Saw V*, the following review does contain certain spoilers.

Saw VI is directed by Kevin Greutert (editor for *Saw IV* and *V*) and written by Dunstan and Melton. The story follows the new Jigsaw, Det. Hoffman, (Costas Mandylor) finishing up John's last wishes and trying to take over what John started. Helping Hoffman is John's widow, Jill Tuck (Betsy Russell), in setting things up. However, in truth, she has a secret agenda of her own. As Hoffman continues Jigsaw's legacy, while thriving to outdo John, he puts Easton in a carnival of horrors that tests him Easton is put to the test of having to help others or kill them.

Meanwhile, Hoffman tries to stay one step ahead of FBI Agent Dan Erickson (Mark Rolston) as well as the return of the thought-to-be dead Agent Lindsey Perez (Athena Karkanis). These two are trying to catch the deceased Agent Peter Strahm, who was labeled as the new Jigsaw killer. As these two agents try to solve this mystery, Hoffman fights to control the pieces and avoid capture.

One staple of the *Saw* series has, and will continue to be, the elaborate death traps created in the movie. These obstacles continue to be crazy and insane, but

aren't as gory as previous inventions. In this sequel, some of the odd and dangerous traps include a helmet with screws going into the head, a maze with numerous steam pipes blowing out hot air, and a playground carousel of death. From the beginning of the movie, viewers might feel like they have seen this stuff before. While they have, there are still some shocks to be had and certain traps might make people queasy. Simply, *Saw* finds a way to reinvent itself even when it appears to be the same thing over again.

Besides the traps, *Saw IV* has plenty of crazy twists. While it is hard to top twist after twist, Dunstan and Melton finds ways to surprise audiences. In this sixth installment, the twist is unexpected and manages to make one's mouth gap. It continues to surprise and thrill by finding out who is who and the mechanisms behind why these people are involved in Jigsaw's game.

Secondly, the writers expand upon scenes that were featured in previous *Saw* installments and show viewers hidden moments. This is a neat feature as it connects all the past three films and creates a giant thread that makes these movies feel like one extended storyline instead of episodes. The one best moment features John, Hoffman, and Jigsaw survivor Amanda (Shawnee Smith) talking. It is chilling to see three generations of Jigsaws together (the master, the student, and the apprentice).

However, certain surprises and extended scenes are okay, while others, especially the return of Agent Perez, didn't really work. After first appearing in *Saw IV*, viewers and fans might not remember who she is and won't be shocked.

While Mandylor as Hoffman

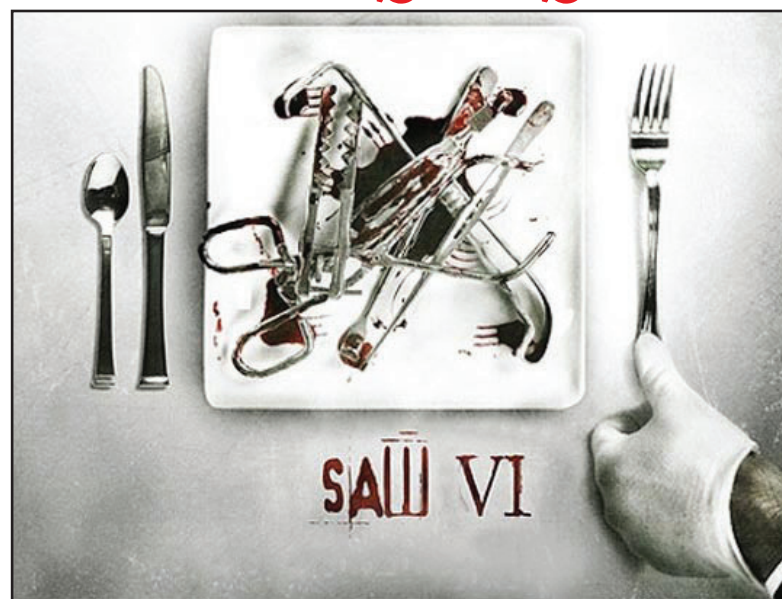


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The *Saw* franchise is back in the cinemas this season.

plays a creepy and sicker Jigsaw, he can't beat Bell as the original Jigsaw. Bell is and has been the voice and face of the *Saw* series from Day One. Whenever fans think of this movie, most times their first thought will be of Bell, talking in his low, raspy voice or being eerily calm in thought. After his character, John, died in *Saw III*, the writers left Bell in for the last three films because they know how much of an important element he is. Without Bell, the movie wouldn't feel the same.

Luckily, the filmmakers understand this and include Bell through flashbacks. Regardless of the scene, Bell can still keep audiences glued to the screen because of his character's determination that he had a huge part in making special.

Now, Russell does a fine job in her role because she has more depth in her character, Jill, than before. In the previous films,

Russell had to play Bell's widow as a lead for authorities to understand her husband and finds clues to his crimes. However, now, Russell is menacing and conniving in her efforts to fulfill Jon's last wishes. She is not a significant side character anymore, but someone in the spotlight which makes Jill much more interesting.

As always, the last few minutes of *Saw VI*, and any other *Saw* movie for that matter, are the best. The end of the movie continues to be the epicenter when all the truths and secrets come together.

Meanwhile that wonderfully chilling score begins to play faster building suspense in the process. Uttering the final line of the movie, Jill says the classic *Saw* phrase, "Game over." Yet as fans know, with the upcoming *Saw VII* planned for 3-D, this horror series has plenty of moves left.



Paranormal Activity: Not Your Average Horror Movie

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Paranormal Activity came in at number five at the box office in its fourth week with a seven million dollar finish. This sounds less than impressive, but when you hear that it was only released in 159 theaters you can understand the type of buzz that had been building.

Three weekends ago “Paranormal Activity” was released nationwide and moved up to third in the country with an impressive 19.6 million dollars. This low budget independent picture, against stiff competition, like the family oriented, “Where the Wild Things Are”, and star driven films like “Law Abiding Citizen” and “Couples Retreat,” held their ground at movie complexes across the nation.

Then two weekends ago, in its second weekend of nationwide release, “Paranormal Activity” raked in a projected 22 million dollars, which was good enough for first place over fellow horror film Saw VI in its opening weekend.

The film was shot three years ago by Oren Peli, an Israeli-born film maker. He shot this film

initially in (drum roll please) a week for a mere \$11,000.

The movie is shot in a mockumentary format, that is similar to both “Cloverfield” and the “Blair Witch Project”.

The “Blair Witch Project” was similar to Paranormal Activity in that it was a low budget project that found success through word of mouth creating a strong buzz. The film picked up steam starting back in 2007 at the Screamfest Film festival and continued at other festives for the next two years.

Steven Spielberg found a copy of the film and began to watch it; he then claimed to find his bathroom door randomly locked. Paramount Pictures then picked up the film, released it very limitedly, decided to stick with the original cast, change the ending and create an online campaign where fans could demand seeing it.

Over one million people went online and demanded that the movie be played in their town. This gave Paramount the ability to say that the film was the first to be released thanks to the fans.

This only stoked the fires of “Paranormal Activity” hype and

now it beat out the most popular horror franchise of the millennium in it’s opening weekend.

Monmouth students have taken notice as well. Alyssa Kraus, a Monmouth Junior, saw an advertisement online and saw the film two weeks ago when it came out in Eatontown. Kraus said, “I was nervous to see the movie at first because I don’t like gory movies or crazy horror films, but I do like suspense type movies.”

Upon further research on IMDB, the parental advisory warnings claimed the film was not bloody. Alyssa was still a bit nervous but with her boyfriend, Mat, and a fellow Monmouth junior, Courtney Speer, took a chance by going to the theater.

Kraus was not disappointed. “The movie was awesome! It was so suspenseful. The setup of the movie made it seem so much more realistic than other horror movies I have seen before. I was curled up in my seat the whole time. It was very well done,” Kraus said.

Alyssa then went on to tell her friends about the movie. After speaking with Alyssa I talked to her friend Courtney and she said, “The movie was honestly probably one of the scariest mov-

ies that I have ever seen. It was awesome and had me at the edge of my seat the whole time.”

Both girls recommended it for any fan of the genre. As Halloween is on the horizon, Paranormal Activity could be a fun night out for all. Regardless of personal opinion of the film, the fact that it has had success on a very limited budget is remarkable. It is a testament that you don’t need blood to be scared just an imagination that allows a shaky hand camera to scare the wits out of you.

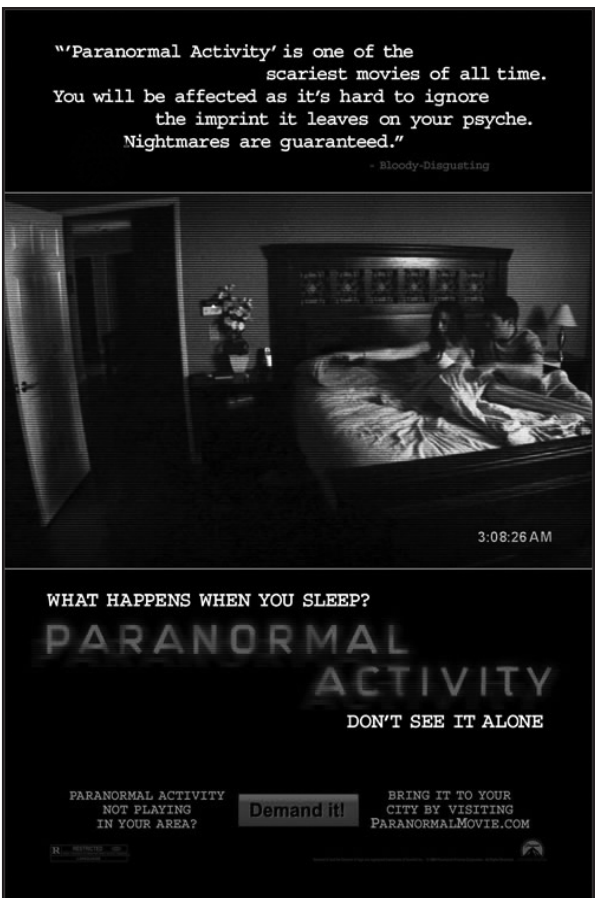


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This promotional poster shows the website over a million fans of the film went to demand it be shown nationwide.

Ancient Egypt: Where Discoveries Abound

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Mummies, tombs, curses, snakes, and crazed religious-artifact-seeking robbers! Just kidding about the last part. No, this isn’t the plot for a fifth Indiana Jones film but the real thing.

Over the past two summers, Egypt has been an archaeologist’s dream land, with new finds and discoveries around every corner.

Ancient Egypt, the land of pharaohs, papyrus, mummies, and location for mystery answers in movies like “The Mummy, Raiders of the Lost Ark, The Fifth Element, and Transformers Revenge of the Fallen?” Never saw the last one coming.

Not only is Egypt one of the most popular ancient cultures but one of the most fascinating and

oldest. They worshipped animal headed gods, including cats; they created embalming, buried their elites in elaborate and breathtaking tombs, and provided us with so much more that has yet to be explained.

Most people associate Egypt with mummies coming back from the dead

Many historical people ventured into Egypt including Alexander the Great, Napoleon, and obviously Julius Cesar. These are several exciting Egyptian adventures, just three of the many you can find online, in books, or perhaps on your own journeys.

But as pointed out earlier Egypt is literally a hot spot for new discoveries or ones from long ago.

Several sites have been discovered or rediscovered throughout time itself:

Just before summer, in April 2009, scientists discovered Egypt’s oldest wines in none other but the Scorpion King’s tomb, (For the last time, not the Rock!) The Scorpion King, like Narmet, is known to possibly be one of the first kings of Egypt though both are not on Manetho’s list but on artifacts. Manetho was responsible for the actual list of all the kings of Egypt and the breakdown of the dynasties into a book called the Aegyptica.

The 5,000 year old wines, contained natural medicines such as herbs, tree resins, and other natural substances. Archaeologist Patrick McGovern and his colleagues found the chemical residues of these ingredients in the wines, the first medicines used in Egypt.

“The Early Egyptians were living in a world without modern synthetic medicines, and they were very aware of the benefits that natural additives can have—especially if dissolved into an alcoholic medium, like wine or beer,” McGovern explained.

The Scorpion King’s wines pre-date Egypt’s vineyards; therefore the wine was imported from the Jordan River valley. It’s suggested that the imported wine contributed to Egypt’s future medical traditions, one of several wine finds in Egypt. This medical miracle laid the groundwork for later Greek and Roman medical traditions.

In 1886, English Egyptologist Flinders Petrie, first excavated the site called Tell Dafna.

“Believed to be the largest fortress in the eastern Delta,” Farouk Hosni the Egyptian Minister of Culture announced.

Petrie believed it to be Psammetichus I’s camp for Greek mis-

sionaries. Little did he know then that he was right. Tell Dafna covered about 1,247 to 2,051 feet, with an enclosed wall 43 feet wide. This was a fortress used to protect the eastern Egyptian borders from its enemies.

Greece was not their first; we shouldn’t forget the Hyksos, Libya, Nubians and the Asiatics. The fort was first erected by King Ramses II of the 19th Dynasty and then established as a garrison for foreign mercenaries to defend Egypt, by King Psammetichus, ruler of the 26th Dynasty.

Today Egyptian archaeologists are recovering much of its remains near Suez Canal. Items unearthed from the site include pottery vessels, local and imported pottery, bronze arrowheads, alabaster kohl pots, and stones used for grinding seeds.

One of the many finds to prove it was used for military purposes was the discovery of “a group of drainage networks for rain water, made of pottery, tunnels that ended with a group of pottery vessels buried vertically in the sand to a depth of about 10 feet.”

Found inside the fort itself was a mud brick palace with eight rooms inside a temple that consisted of storage rooms. Excavation of this amazing site will continue in 2010.

During August 2009, British explorer Andrew Collins, found a series of underground caves beneath the Pyramids of Giza.

His book, “Beneath the Pyramids” published this September explained all the juicy details of his findings.

In 1817, Italian explorer Giovanni Caviglia and British consul general Henry Salt, investigated

the same catacombs and left his discovery in memoirs that Collins studied. The documents provided Collins an outline of the caves, two of which were “several hundred yards”.

British Egyptologist, Nigel Skinner-Simpson, and Collin looked through the documents finding the entrance to the catacombs discovering an unrecorded tomb, west of the Great Pyramid.

They explored part of the tomb but needed to stop due to the air becoming too thin to continue. “They are highly dangerous, with unseen pits and hollows, colonies of bats and venomous spiders,” Collins said.

Both believe that the caves are either tens of thousands years old or hundreds of thousands years old. It may have also been what inspired the Ancient Egyptians when creating their version of the underworld.

Does this mean that the Scorpion King was the first official king of Egypt having begun the medical field for Egypt?

Will Tell Dafna be fully excavated so deep underground and show us how their battles were fought behind a fort?

With the caves being thin, unable to provide air we need to breathe; will we ever discover what lies deep inside besides spiders, snakes, and bats?

I don’t have the answers but I will tune in to see what happens next. The only thing you can predict in a world of unpredictability is that Egypt never fails to amaze us.

Once we think all that can be found there is found, there’s more and more untouched waiting to be discovered.



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The Scorpion King, (not the Rock) was one of the first Kings of Egypt.

The 2009 World Series: A Dream Matchup For Monmouth Students

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The World Series is always a big deal, but when you go to a school an hour and a half from both Philadelphia and New York City, and the Phillies square off against the Yankees, it ratchets up the intensity a bit.

At the time this was written the Phillies find themselves in a huge hole down 3-1 in the series. Although, the series may not be close the games have been incredibly fun to watch.

In this article we will take a look at how the two best teams in baseball got to the grandest stage of them all, the World Series.

This is the second year in a row the Phillies have returned to the World Series.

The last National League team to make consecutive appearances in the World Series was the Atlanta Braves, who were led under manager Bobby Cox, in 95 and 96.

In the regular season, the Phillies and Yankees played a series against each other; the Phillies took the series, 2-1.

The Phillies were looking to win their third championship and second consecutive world title; the Yankees looked to add their 27th world championship.

A little over two years ago, the Phillies lost their 10,000 game, which is a record for any sports franchise. This team however, is not your Grandfathers Phillies; with a strong core group of players they have changed the losing culture of Philadelphia.

Last year's title was their second title that was won in the city of brotherly love. The first was in 1980.

This season they won their third straight NL East title. The Phillies defeated the Rockies in the first round of the playoffs, winning the series 3-1. In the NLCS, they defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-1; first baseman Ryan Howard was named the MVP of the series.

Howard's dedication to getting in

better shape has greatly helped the Phillies so far. The Phillies will have had a week's rest before Wednesday night's contest, but the team does not believe that will hurt them.

One of the biggest surprises during the entire year has been the play of outfielder, Raul Ibanez. Ibanez has hit 34 Homeruns this season. The Phillies got him from the Seattle Mariners.

A surprise for the Phillies during this playoff season has been catcher, Carlos Ruiz. This young talent has been playing solid defense and hitting the ball well.

The middle of the Phillies infield is probably one of their strongest points. Utley and Rollins are two young players that have good experience under their belt. Utley and Rollins are two of the best players in the national league. Right fielder, Jayson Werth has had a great offensive year.

The Phillies made a couple of late season moves and got pitchers, Pedro Martinez and Cliff Lee. Lee has given the Phillies a lot of innings and has kept them in many games.

The main pitchers for the Phillies are; Brad Lidge, Ryan Madson, Cliff Lee, Cole Hamels, J.A. Happ and newly acquired veteran Pedro Martinez.

Jayson Werth got his first chance to start a whole season in right field and reached a career high in homeruns, 36 and needs one more RBI to hit 100.

The Phillies will rely on their power offense and solid pitching, to repeat as champions.

One of the Phillies weaknesses all season was their bullpen. Last year, Lidge was lights out and perfect. Lidge did not blow one save during the whole season.

This season he was the worst closer statistically in baseball, and Manager Charlie Manuel stuck with him. This move looks brilliant now as Lidge boasts an ERA of 0 this post season, something the great Mariano Rivera of the Yankees can't say.

They are also the only two closers

this postseason not to blow a save opportunity.

Last year at this time, the Yankees were sitting home watching the Phillies and the Rays compete in the World Series.

This led to the New York Yankees having the busiest off-season of any major league club.

They spent over 400 million dollars this off-season to acquire 4 players. The players they acquired were; Nick Swisher, A.J. Burnett, C.C. Sabathia and Mark Teixeira. The Yankees acquired these players for one reason, to get back to World Series and play deeper in October and early November.

The Bronx Bombers won the AL East and had the best record in the American League and in all of baseball.

The Yankees won in the ALDS against the Twins, 3-0. The next round they played the Los Angeles Angels. The Yankees had a little more trouble with them but won the series in six games.

The Yanks have relied on three starting pitchers; Sabathia, Burnett, and Pettitte. The Yankees have been using Joba Chamberlain in the bullpen this postseason instead of having him as a fourth starter. The Yankees have had home advantage throughout the playoffs and this will continue in the World Series.

The Yankees relied on their high powered offense, their three starting pitchers and their bullpen. The Yankees have seven players in their starting lineup who have hit 20 homeruns or more.

One player who has done great this post-season for the Yankees is Alex Rodriguez. The third baseman hit .333 in the ALCS, which Yankees fan are happy to see. Rodriguez has been known to struggle in the post-season.

Additionally, shortstop Derek Jeter and first baseman Mark Teixeira could be MVP candidates. Teixeira leads the Bronx Bombers in homeruns and RBIs. He could also win a

Gold Glove with his play at first base. Jeter has had clutch hits in the regular and post-season, which is expected out of him.

The two biggest surprises for the Bronx Bombers would be Nick Swisher and Phil Hughes. Swisher has been playing right field and has hit 29 Homeruns. The Yankees picked Swisher up in a trade from the White Sox after he hit .220 last year and had one of his worst career years.

The most pleasant surprise for the Yankees would have to be reliever Phil Hughes. The California born native was originally a starter, but was moved to the bullpen because he was struggling. In the regular season, he pitched before Mariano Rivera and was almost lights out. Though Hughes has struggled in the post-season, he brings a lot of promise because he is only 23 and has a great arm.

The Phillies Yankees World Series has been fun to watch. There is no doubt that these two teams are the best teams in the MLB.

They were one and two in the league in both come from behind wins and homeruns.

Walking around campus, you can feel the buzz as the turnpike series has created a battle for bragging rights.

Phillies and Yankees apparel have become the hottest fashion trend. The excitement level has been high and the trash talk has been fun. All we can hope for now is that the Eagles and Jets battle in February, for the Lombardi trophy.



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Jayson Werth hopes to enjoy another champagne shower, after a Phillies repeat.



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The 2009 American League Champions, look to bring home their 27th world title.

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I went the Jasper Awards Dinner with my husband Marc Rosenthal at the PCN Arts Center on October 9, 2009. I was invited to the dinner to receive a \$500 dollar scholarship, because my artwork was chosen to go on the cover of The JSPARR Dinner Booklet. JSPARR is the Jersey Shore Public Relations and Advertising Association.

I am an adult part-time student and have been attending Monmouth University on and off for the past 20 years. I am currently a substitute teacher working part-time. I was a graphic artist for 14 years before having children. I am also currently a senior Art/Education Major at Monmouth, a member of Kappa Delta Pi (the education honor society) and Omicron Delta Kappa (the leadership honors society) at Monmouth University.

Deborah Rosenthal

Senior,
Art and Education major,
Member Kappa Delta Pi & Omicron Delta Kappa



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Class of 2010 to Have a Memorable Year

Dante Barry's Plans as Senior Class President

DIANA CAPPELLUTI
POLITICS EDITOR

Monmouth University - Dante Barry-Williams has, what he calls, exciting plans in store for the class of 2010 throughout the duration of his presidency, including fundraisers and trips to Atlantic City, NJ. Barry was announced President of the Senior Class after a six-candidate, electronic election beginning on Tuesday, September 29 and closing Wednesday, September 30 at midnight.

Barry is a political science major who said his desire to become Senior Class President was primarily to guarantee that all members of the class of 2010 have a fun-filled year. "My plans this year for the senior class include ensuring that the seniors enjoy their last year at Monmouth by organizing group events [leading] up to Senior Week that in-

clude various fundraising activities and some AC trips," he said.

Barry feels his fundraising ideas are innovative and will help raise substantial funds for Senior Week. These activities include everything from Student Center sale booths to contests and spirit week.

Barry claims his pride for Monmouth University will keep many members of the class of 2010 in contact with the school.

"[Dante] is a dedicated, ambitious person, and I'm sure he will do a great job with everything he is planning for the seniors this year."

KIM FARRICKER
Monmouth Student

"The President of the Senior Class gets to sit on the Alumni Association Board for one year, and I will make sure that after the seniors graduate, a good and stable relationship with Monmouth University is main-

tained," he said.

Amy Bellina, Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations, declined to comment on possible reasons for Barry's victory in the election, saying that members of the senior class would be able to provide a more accurate response.

Kim Farricker, a Monmouth senior majoring in secondary education and history, said she voted for Barry because she trusts that he will fulfill his promises to the class of 2010. "He is a dedicated, ambitious person, and I'm sure he will do a great job with everything he is planning for the seniors this year," she said.

The newly inducted president said he does not feel that there are many changes to be implemented on campus and that he should be concentrating, foremost, on giving the class of 2010 the memorable year they deserve. "There aren't any changes to be

implemented since I am just organizing and coordinating events for Senior Week," Barry said. He claims that he will help seniors, after graduation, stay in contact with and support Monmouth University in the future.

According to Bellina, the presidential election process is a grueling one. The qualifications for becoming an election candidate, she said, are holding senior status, eligibility to graduate in May 2010, and holding a GPA of 2.5 or better.

Six presidential candidates are selected by various administrators who feel that such individuals are serious about the position. Then, members of the senior class are permitted to vote electronically for a 24 hour period. "Seniors vote online. The answers to the question [portion] of the application are shared with seniors in case they would like to review the candidates' responses prior to voting," Bellina said.

Barry said that some of his other goals for the year include preparing the Senior Class gift and arranging senior class trips.



PHOTO COURTESY of Diana Cappelluti
Dante Barry was recently elected President of the Senior Class.

Massive Baghdad Bombing Casts Doubt on Iraqi Security, Elections

MOHAMMED AL DULAIMY
HANNAH ALLAM
MCT CAMPUS

BAGHDAD - Suicide bombers in cars packed with explosives killed at least 132 people and wounded 600 more outside Iraqi government buildings Sunday morning in nearly simultaneous blasts that were powerful even by Baghdad's grim standards.

The bombings were the deadliest in two years, according to casualty figures released by Iraqi authorities, and they drew particular outrage because they struck at cabinet ministries and city government offices that are supposed to be especially secure.

One of the explosions also ruptured a water line, causing a flood that turned red as it mixed with blood. Corpses bobbed underwater and dangled from rooftops. An Iraqi soldier fainted at the scene upon hearing eight of his comrades had died.

"This is unbearable; this is criminal," said Mahmoud al-Fahmawi, an ambulance driver who collected jaws, a heart and other body parts from the scene. "God didn't order jihad as this. Jihad is not killing or bombing innocents."

Iraqi authorities said Sunday's bombings appear to have been carried out by two suicide attackers in cars or trucks that exploded almost simultaneously at around 10:30 a.m. Sunday, the first day of the workweek in Iraq. The timing was devastat-

ing, both for the scores of ordinary Iraqis who were killed en masse as they arrived at their jobs and for the Iraqi government, which has been trying to address security and political problems in time for January elections.

American and Iraqi officials were hoping for a calm election season that would pave the way for a swift U.S. withdrawal from Iraq, but a political stalemate over election laws and the insurgents' continued ability to exploit the Iraqi government's vulnerabilities are potential spoilers. Now the January polls are in jeopardy, along with the Obama administration's goal of leaving behind a much more stable Iraq than the weak, violence-ridden nation of recent years.

"The United States will stand with Iraq's people and government as a close friend and partner as Iraqis prepare for elections early next year, continue to take responsibility for their future, and build greater peace and opportunity," President Barack Obama said in a statement that condemned the bombings.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's administration was still reeling from twin truck bombings in August that killed about 100 people outside state offices. Together with Sunday's similar attack, insurgents have now rendered four key government buildings the ministries of justice, finance, foreign affairs and municipalities uninhabitable.

Al-Maliki, a Shiite Muslim, released a statement blaming elements of Saddam Hussein's predominantly Sunni Baath Party and militants from al-Qaida in Iraq for the attack. As of late Sunday, no group had claimed responsibility.

A somber al-Maliki visited the scene of Sunday's attacks within hours, perhaps mindful of the criticism he received after he failed for days to tour the site of the August bombings.

Although he remains popular with Iraqis, who consider him a less sectarian figure than some other prominent Shiite political leaders, al-Maliki faces a fearful constituency and security forces that still rely heavily on U.S. military assistance despite security improvements this year.

U.S. Marines arrived at the scene of Sunday's attack with Iraqi forces, in accordance with a U.S.-Iraq security pact that requires American forces to coordinate with their Iraqi counterparts before getting involved in combat or other operations. Americans at the scene asked Iraqi security guards for surveillance videos from buildings in the area, and investigators took soil samples and carted off pieces of twisted metal.

"The challenge is that we don't own heavy rescue equipment," said Iraqi Gen. Abdul-Rasul al-Zaidi, the commander of the Baghdad civil defense force, who toured the site. "Secondly, it's hard for our men to arrive



PHOTO COURTESY of ABC News
An Iraqi citizen shows emotion after a suicide bomber destroyed the Justice Ministry and the Provincial Offices in Baghdad, Iraq.

quickly to the sites of incidents because of checkpoints."

In interviews, residents and workers near the bombing sites said the attacks were politically motivated, required collusion from the security forces and were intended to bring down the al-Maliki government before the January elections.

"Look at all these checkpoints surrounding us, so how did these cars enter?" asked Radhi al-Aboud, 50. "This government will never protect Iraq. Politicians seek office to live in luxury, so it's impossible for this government or the incoming one

to protect the country."

Ahmed Hussein, a carpenter who found a corpse on top of his workshop after the bombing, said he was disgusted with the heavy security presence that appears only after a massive attack.

"Where are all these soldiers before the bombings?" Hussein asked. "Some things make me furious with our security forces. They ask us silly questions at checkpoints: Where did you come from and where are you going? Then they ask what's in the back trunk _ as if there's no other place to hide explosives."

Political Debate: Free Trade vs. Fair Trade

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: In Favor of Fair Trade

TRENNA FIELD
STAFF WRITER

Nothing is free. From a distance, free trade seems like it works. It does work, but only for the governments and companies who are profiting from international trade rules that work in their favor. The hidden costs of free trade are the basic human rights that it violates. If trade were “free”, it would liberate people in all populations, not simply the ones who benefit the most from it. Fair trade would allow people who are hurt the most from free trade to be unshackled from the trade rules that chain them to poverty.

Fair trade can simply be defined as fair payment for producers. However, Oxfam International’s Make Trade Fair Campaign offers an official definition as “a trading partnership, based on dialogue, transparency and respect, that seeks greater equity in international trade”. Key points to fair trade include sustainable development and better working conditions to producers (Make Trade Fair). Fair trade is used, but the effects of it are not widespread. In order to gain the full effects of trade that is fair, it would have to be regulated and applied across a broader spectrum.

Free trade would work if everyone were on the same economic level. In an ideal world,

this would be possible. However, free trade will not work in today’s world because the top 1% of the world’s population owns 40% of the world’s wealth according to a study done by the World Institute for Development Economics Research of the United Nations. Free trade does not work and will not work because of unequal wealth distribution. There is a global poverty among

Fair trade policies would create environmental sustainability, justice in human rights, and a reduction in poverty.

developing nations while Free Trade continues to fill the pockets of the wealthiest nations and companies in the Western world.

Some argue that free trade is fair trade because it allows traders to exchange goods that benefit both parties. Traders exchange goods that they produce with others who have goods that they are unable to develop on their own. If the cost of the trade does not benefit one or both parties then trade does not happen. It seems like a simple situation, however producers in the developing world are often struggling to survive and cannot afford to compete with trade prices that more developed regions can. It is during this time when producers in the developing world are taken advantage of and therefore workers are not given living wages. Free trade does not even come

close to being fair.

A main argument against fair trade is that trade would become more regulated and force people to buy goods at higher costs than they would sell for in a free market economy. Fair trade would create fair rules and regulate trade so that the producers are not taken advantage of as they are now. The World Trade Organization has taken some steps to make trade fair by cutting import tariffs on agricultural products for producers in the developing world, according to Oxfam International. More needs to

be done in order to ensure the protection of traders in all parts of the world.

Fair trade policies would create environmental sustainability, justice in human rights, and a reduction in poverty. Without fair trade, the world will see a widening of the already deep economic divide and an even stronger focus on the interest of the wealthy. Without fair trade, the developing countries will continue to be caught in a dependency upon the wealthier, western nations and will succumb even further in the battle against poverty.

Free trade comes at a cost, and unfortunately the cost is the dignity and human rights of producers in the 99% of the population that shares 60% of the world’s wealth. Money is not distributed equally and without fair trade, neither is equality.

Side 2: In Favor of Free Trade

MEGAN MCCLURE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Free trade is an economic model in which there is the exchanging of goods and services with no tariffs or deregulated government involvement’. These tariffs raise the price of the products that are imported from other countries. “In 1990 U.S. tariffs and other import restrictions cost American consumers about \$70 billion by adding the price of imported goods” according to David Vogel in *Is Free Trade Harmful or Beneficial?* The cost added to import something then forces that product’s price to increase. The consumer must then pay this increased price for goods as necessary as food. By allowing regulations to be eliminated, obtaining these goods from other countries is much cheaper.

Through this model each person in the world produces what they are best at producing and are able to export them to countries around the world. In the Fraser Forum, Donald Boudreaux explains “By directing resources around the world into these tasks that each does best, free trade arranges the world’s resources so that they produce the greatest output while giving consumers maximum access to this output.”

This would then allow consumers to buy the highest quality products at the lowest price. This highest quality product is also allowed to reach the greatest number of people through free trade.

Fair trade adds to the prices because of the exceedingly large amount paid for the goods. Fair trade organizations favor buying products from Third World producers at prices exceeding the free market price as a form of assistance. They’re free to pay that additional ‘fair’ price, but have no right to demand anyone else pay it also, it is voluntary. Free trade is allowing people to be able to buy these same quality products at the lowest price.

Free trade meets the demand for justice amongst consumers by providing goods at prices that make them more accessible to the public; however fair trade attempts to portray this as an imbalance of justice that is in favor of more powerful countries. As people trade freely with each other there is no third party who can choose what countries should and should not do or what is fair or unfair. Each country chooses and prefers what they are trading for over what they are trading away.

The freer the trade, the better and more fair it is for everyone involved.

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"I was a mad scientist with my friend, Emily."



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"I was a costume with my girlfriend."



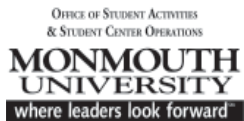
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Now these days everyone on the planet Earth and very few on Uranus have a Facebook account. There are several games on Facebook that you can join such as Mafia Wars, YoVille, Café World, and many more. But the really addicting game that is sweeping through the Internet is FarmVille. If you are not familiar with FarmVille let me enlighten you. You make a character that barely looks like yourself that is your farmer. You then have the opportunity to plow the ground, plant seeds for trees or crops, and also buy animals such as cows, chickens, and the occasional elephant (not a joke, you can actually buy elephants for your farm). It is a nice relaxing game that can pretty much determine what you will be doing with your afternoon. For example, if you plant artichokes you will be waiting four whole days for them to be ready to harvest. However, if you plant raspberries that har-

vest in two hours you will have your computer right in front of your face faster than Kirstie Alley swallows a cupcake. It is a game of give and take. You plant seeds that cost money and then you earn Experience Points (XP) points and coins back when you sell your crops or tend to your animals. It is pretty much how everyone makes fun of people who play World of Warcraft, except this time it is with animals and no wizards. This is what people say to justify that FarmVille is still not as dumb as World of Warcraft. Even though I will openly admit I play FarmVille and still think World of Warcraft ridiculous. FarmVille is a game that even if you don't really like video games you can get into. You don't have to have good coordination to play FarmVille you just really have to have good timing when it comes to harvesting your crops before they die. As far as it goes as people who let their crops die, have some respect for the game. When people visit your farm and all of your crops are dead that is a

reflection on you. My friend Bill has a FarmVille and had his entire homestead die. Needless to say I am no longer friends with him. Personally, I am not friends with people who have no knowledge of visual appearance or respect for their garden.

Aside from my own values, the addiction that you receive from this end is almost endless. I started playing this game two days ago and I feel the need to spend most of my day harvesting and petting my cows. Don't judge me; I will spend my days however I would like to. I have heard of stories of people losing their mind because they had so many coins they just did not know what to buy anymore. Other people will become obsessed with one particular animal and feel the need to obtain as many of them as possible. This game is a trend that will only result in loss of friends and a life down the drain. If you have a FarmVille it would probably be best to break your computer right now to get rid of it, or you can just grow up and stop playing. This is not just a game. It consumes your life. One minute you are worrying about real problems like you need to get your laundry done and the next minute you have been on FarmVille for 9 hours and you are more worried about harvesting your squash on time. If you are in the zone in FarmVille your house could be on fire and you would still be wondering if you should spend FarmVille dollars to buy a lawn gnome. Word to the wise, if you don't have a FarmVille great! Don't even think about joining or your life will be ruined. If you have a FarmVille end it now before it is too late and your life is consumed. I should know. Every other sentence while writing this article I have been checking on how my strawberries have been growing. It's a problem but I am taking it day by day.

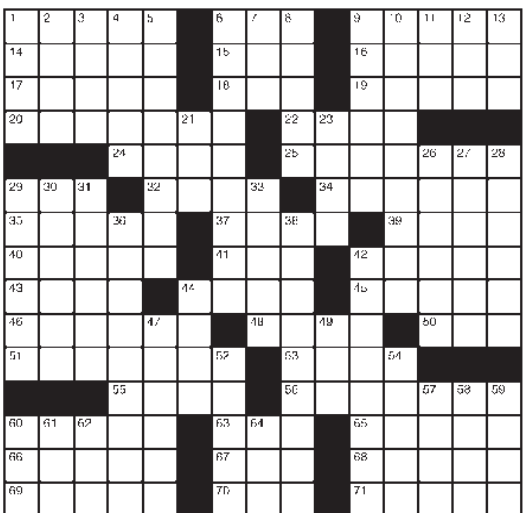


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FarmVille is the new obsession sweeping the internet.

Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Scarlett's last name
 - 6 All-purpose MDs
 - 9 Oregon capital
 - 14 Indian princes
 - 15 Old card game
 - 16 Worship
 - 17 Squeals
 - 18 "the land of the free..."
 - 19 Pentium makers
 - 20 Stories in installments
 - 22 Forum attire
 - 24 Club fee
 - 25 Of one's mate
 - 29 Bossy's bellow
 - 32 Weaver's need
 - 34 Boot cushion
 - 35 German playwright Toller
 - 37 Flower holder
 - 39 Agatha's contemporary
 - 40 Wet sprays
 - 41 Lilly or Wallach
 - 42 Cavalry sword
 - 43 Max or Buddy
 - 44 Engendered
 - 45 Greek letter
 - 46 All in one piece
 - 48 Crystal gazer
 - 50 Asian holiday
 - 51 Scamps
 - 53 Poet Teasdale
 - 55 Cash drawer
 - 56 Neptune's spear
 - 60 Promotes heavily
 - 63 "Maria"
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 - 67 Dance type
 - 68 Bacon unit
 - 69 Businessmen, informally
 - 70 Aliens, briefly
 - 71 Flat-head nails

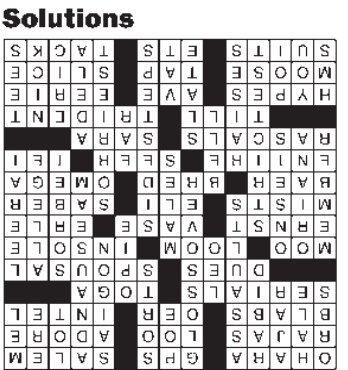
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 - 2 Patriot Nathan
 - 3 Not quite closed
 - 4 Fanatical
 - 5 Onslaughts



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 - 7 Eerie author
 - 8 Alphabetizes
 - 9 Ho Chi Minh City, formerly
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 - 12 Before, poetically
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 - 29 Part of a group
 - 30 Italian journalist Fallaci
 - 31 Beginnings
 - 33 Men and boys
 - 36 Most exacting
 - 38 Skirts
 - 42 Most lamentable
 - 44 Tower ringer
 - 47 Pay increases



- 49 Serving of corn selection
- 52 Election
- 54 Ms. Rogers St. Johns
- 57 Olympic skater Heiden
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- 59 Golfers' gadgets
- 60 "Pinafore"
- 61 Mirror image?
- 62 Taro paste
- 64 Dyeing tub

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In every falling autumn leaf/I hear the folklore of our nation speak/
They blaze with reds/smoky flames
Ghostly fires which burn again.



The stories which we tell/
The stories which are told to us/
Have a history like the leafy veins/
From the great tree of knowledge sprung.

Ghost stories/old wives tales/
Urban legends/fairy tales/
Shakespeare and Homer/
It is all the same/
Ancient stories begun without an end.

In the imagination of our culture,
Handed down/
The stories live with us forever/
We pass them down.

Treasured sparks from campfire chats/
Old pages of forgotten treasure maps/
Halloween has returned to us once more/
Autumn air seasoned with folklore's implore.

Under every bridge/
There must live a troll/
And every haunted house/
Will be a sanctuary for ghosts/
For each mechanical fault/
To the gremlin/
Place the blame/
And October 31st/
May Halloween always be proclaimed.

THE END

As we meditate upon Irving's Horseman/
Still haunting Sleepy Hollow nights/
Hessian sentinel/proudly employed in his goblin station/
Or we carve a Jack O'Lantern pumpkin/
And illuminate his internal candle/
We create a Phoenix fire/
We renew/we tell anew.

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THE END ZONE

Hawks Earn 100th Victory in Program History

Defense Holds Bryant to Two Field Goals, Sinisi Rushes for Over 100 Yards

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Defense has traditionally been a staple for the football team and is a large reason for the program’s success in recent years. The 2009 season, in contrast, has lacked the customary defensive prowess and as a result the Hawks have dropped to fifth in the conference giving up an average of 25.5 ppg. In Saturday’s 10-6 victory over Bryant University, the program’s 100th all-time win, it appeared that Monmouth was back to its old ways after they held the Bulldogs without a touchdown, a feat that has not been obtained since their 2006 campaign.

Going into the contest it was questionable how the defense would perform with MU’s starting linebackers, Jeff Brady and Joe Cella out with injuries. An unlikely candidate, sophomore Jose Gumbs, one of MU’s top safety and cornerback, was called upon to temporarily fill the linebacker position and he did much more than simply fill the spot, he stepped up tremendously and was a huge asset for the Hawks.

“It was a significant change for me, and I knew that I had big shoes to fill because of our extremely talented starters,” said Gumbs, who finished the game with a game high 11 tackles. “I’m just so pleased with how our defense played as a whole.”

On the first drive of the game the Hawks defense proved that they came ready when Mike Avent picked off a pass that was intend-



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme/MU

David Sinisi, who became the Northeast Conference’s all-time career rushing leader last week, added another 139 yards on the ground and one receiving touchdown in the 10-6 victory over Bryant.

ed for Bryant’s wide out, Michael Croc. The Hawks failed to capitalize on this opportunity though and ended up punting the ball away, which would happened on their next four drives. It wasn’t until the 1:17 mark in the first quarter that Bryant would take a 3-0 advantage after the Bulldog’s 15-play, 70-yard drive was capped off with a 27-yard field from kicker Chris Bird.

The Blue and White defense continued to come up big in the remainder of the first half and make up for the uninspired offensive play by forcing two additional BU turnovers that included an interception from Kenny Amsel and Elijah Philips to maintain the 3-0 deficit at the break.

Monmouth finally managed to put points on the board with seven minutes remaining in the third when Kyle Frazier, who went 9-for-23 passing with 126 yards in this matchup, connected with David Sinisi on an 11-yard screen pass to score the lone touchdown of the game and propel the Hawks to a 7-3 lead. Sinisi, who finished with 139 total yards on 29 carries, managed to set yet another record for the year when he became the first Hawk ever to rush for at least 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons.

On Bryant’s following possession they put together a scoring drive of their own when Bird drilled his second 27 yard field goal of the day to finish off an

11-play, 50-yard drive and cut the lead to just one.

MU kicker, Jake DelVento, would give his squad a little breathing room, and ultimately score the last points of the contest, when he nailed a 28-yarder with 6:37 left in the game to set the final tally at 10-6 and improve the Hawks record to 4-4 overall and 3-2 in league play.

“It is an honor to be a part of such a monumental win for this program,” explained Sinisi. “I hope we can carry this momentum through the rest of the season and end on a high note.”

The Blue and White return to the gridiron next Saturday when they travel to Loretto, Pa. to take on Saint Francis at 1:00 pm.

Upcoming Football Schedule

11/7
@ St. Francis
1:00

11/14
@ CCSU
12:00

11/21
Robert Morris
12:00



Outlook’s Weekly NFL Picks - Week 9

	Away	San Diego Chargers	Dallas Cowboys	Miami Dolphins	Houston Texans	Baltimore Ravens	Green Bay Packers	Washington Redskins	Arizona Cardinals
	Home	New York Giants	Philadelphia Eagles	New England Patriots	Indianapolis Colts	Cincinnati Bengals	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Atlanta Falcons	Chicago Bears
Eric (5-3 Last Wk) (47-17 Overall)									
Andrew (5-3 Last Wk) (39-25 Overall)									
Lisa (5-3 Last Wk) (46-18 Overall)									
Brian (5-3 Last Wk) (45-19 Overall)									
Frank (4-4 Last Wk) (43-21 Overall)									

Men’s Soccer Sets Program Record For Wins in a Season

CHARLES KRUZITS
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The Hawks spent the past two weekends fighting to make sure that the NEC playoffs will be held at their home field on the Great Lawn. The weekend of October 23 – 25, the Blue and White traveled an approximate eight hours to Western Pennsylvania to take on Robert Morris and St. Francis (Pa). Through much of both games the players dealt with torrential

the match was scored by junior defender Anthony Vazquez. The 1-0 win for the Hawks continued their streak of shutouts to eight, and 11 on the season. The Hawks were ranked as high as no. 7 in the country and faced off against SFU, but the outcome was one for the Hawks to forget. SFU got off to a fast start after scoring at the 10:26 mark. Things turned out even worse for the Hawks a little more than a minute later.



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme/MU
R.J. Allen scored two goals and had one assist in weekend wins over CCSU and Quinnipiac.

downpours that even caused their game against St. Francis (Pa) to be delayed until 4 p.m. and moved to their turf football field. Against RMU the Hawks offense scored at the 29 minute mark and preserved their 1-0 lead because of outstanding defense that only allowed one shot on goal, which was stopped by junior goalkeeper Bryan Meredith. The lone goal of

In front of the net there was a confrontation between MUs Meredith and SFUs junior forward Patrick Fleming. The referees felt it was deserving of an ejection and gave Meredith a red card and Fleming a yellow card. Due to the red card MU was left without one of the best goalies in the nation and a man down for 80 minutes. The Hawks couldn’t overcome the

1-0 deficit or the man down deficit and suffered their first loss of the season, 2-0. Over this past weekend the Hawks played host to Central Connecticut State on Friday, October 30, and Quinnipiac on Sunday, November 1; the match against Quinnipiac had first place in the conference on the line. Against CCSU, MU wasted little time blasting shots passed the opposing goalie. The Hawks scored three goals in the first 26 minutes of the game. The goals were scored by: Cody Calafiore, Ryan Kinne, and Cesar Blacido. Two of the three goals were assisted by sophomore RJ Allen. Starting for the suspended Bryan Meredith freshman goalie Alex Blackburn turned in an impressive performance saving five shots while recording his first career shutout. The Hawks rebounded and turned in a 3-0 win against CCSU. While at home the Hawks have a spotless 6-0 record and were looking to improve on that against Quinnipiac. Sophomore RJ Allen single handedly lifted MU on his shoulders and carried them to a 2-0 win over QU. Allen registered two goals in the game to give him four total on the year and 10 points overall. Meredith returned to form and recorded his 12th shutout of the season. The Hawks return to action for the last game of the season against Mount St Mary’s November 6th. Currently the Hawks are first in the NEC with St. Francis (NY) a close second. The Hawks would win the tiebreaker against SFU if the situation should occur because MU was victorious on the Great Lawn in their only meeting by a score of 1-0.

Field Hockey Makes First Post Season Appearance in Four Years

PRESS RELEASE

With a Northeast Conference Championship berth on the line, the Monmouth University field hockey team defeated Siena, 5-1, Sunday afternoon on So Sweet A Cat Field to earn the fourth seed in next weekend’s tournament. The Hawks, sparked by their highest scoring outburst of 2009 with five goals, punched the last ticket left into the NEC Championships after missing post-season play by one game the last three seasons. “We’re very excited to make a tournament appearance,” Said Head Coach Carli Figlio. “After falling short the last couple of seasons, it’s great to be back in the hunt for the title.” Redshirt senior Enza Mazza saved her best for last, fittingly on Senior Day, as she tallied her second career hat trick and added an assist to set a program record for points in a game with seven. On a day honoring the program veterans, freshman Michelle Pieczynski was nothing less than great as she added two goals and an assist on the afternoon as well. “It was an amazing effort today by everyone,” Exclaimed Coach Figlio. “But our seniors really shone today. Enza {Mazza} had a fantastic game.” The first half was a scoreless back-and-forth battle between both teams until Mazza notched back-to-back goals at the 31 and 33 minute marks. The veteran opened up scoring with a fast break two on one goal then added an impressive reverse chip shot past Saints

goalie Renee Clavette to put the Blue and White up 2-0 going into halftime. Thirteen minutes into the second half, Pieczynski notched the first of her two goals on the afternoon on a rebound flick shot from junior Nora Bosmans. The Saints got onto the board at the 50 minutes mark on a rebound goal, but the Hawks answered twice after with Mazza and Pieczynski posting goals to give MU the 5-1 victory. Hawks goalie Melissa Katz



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme/MU
Enza Mazza has rewritten the Hawks field hockey record books this season in several different offensive categories.

played solid between the pipes with four saves on the afternoon. Sophomore Tori Symonds notched a career-high two assists in the game while Bosmans added her second assist on the season. Mazza and Pieczynski led the offensive attack for the Hawks with eight and six shots a piece while juniors Morganne Firmstone and Meredith Violi tallied two shots a piece. The Hawks owned the shots advantage on the afternoon, 20-9, while the Saints recorded more penalty corners, 8-7. The win propelled the Hawks to 8-11 overall and 4-4 in NEC play while the Saints dropped to 4-14 overall and 2-6 in the conference. The NEC Championship appearance is the first for Coach Figlio in her young three year tenure at MU. Mazza, a 2008 All-NEC Second-Team honoree, has re-written the MU all-time record book as she now stands third all time in goals (17), second all time in assists (11), and third all time in points (45) while also etching her name into the single season record books this season as third in goals (11) and third in points (29) while owning the assist record (7). Pieczynski has also made her mark in the single season books as she is in a sixth place tie in goals (8) and a seventh place tie in points (18). With a Rider win over Lock Haven this afternoon, the Broncs are the 2009 NEC Championships hosts with the number one seed. The fourth-seeded Hawks will return to the field this weekend when they take on the one-seeded Broncs on a date and time yet to be determined.

A Word on Sports

A Local Topic Revisited: Mr. Austin Continues to Impress

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What are the odds of an athlete picking up football for the first time in high school, getting recruited, and accepting a scholarship, to play for a division I-AA school, and then getting signed by an NFL team as an undrafted free agent? Just ask Dallas Cowboy wide receiver, and Monmouth University Alum, Miles Austin. Austin may not be as convinced at the unlikelihood of the previous events, probably because he has done it all.

Born June 30, 1984 in Summit, New Jersey, Austin was a letterman in track and field, basketball and football at Garfield High School. He was garnered with All-Bergen County and All-State honors as a wide receiver and defensive back his senior year. He was also named All-Bergen County in basketball. In high school, Austin was most accomplished in track and field. He recorded the second longest javelin throw of 214 feet 8 inches. At the New Jersey Meet of Champions, Miles Austin finished third in the long jump and the triple jump. Little did he know, by accepting a scholarship to play football for Monmouth, Austin was on the fast track to super stardom.

In his freshman season at MU, recording 10 catches for 208 yards (20.8 yards per catch) and a trip to the end zone, it seemed as if Miles was accustomed to making big plays right off the bat. Austin’s stats steadily increased by year. He accumulated 44, 47 and 49 receptions, over his next three years at Monmouth, for a total of 2,659 yards from sophomore through his senior year. Austin made himself a fixture in the end zone as well, scoring 33 TDs throughout his career. He also got the chance to show off his ball-handling skills (on the gridiron). He ran the ball 15 times for 147 yards and another score. To round out Austin’s stellar resume, he electrified crowds with 2 touchdowns on kick returns and also completed 2 passes, giving him a passer rating of almost 500.

The history major finished his college career as the school record holder for catches, with 150, and receiving yards, with 2,867. He also holds the single-season mark for receiving touchdowns with 12.

Even though he had the size of a prototypical NFL wide receiver at 6-3, 216 pounds, and the speed (ran a 4.41 40 yard dash) he went undrafted in the 2006 NFL Draft. He was later picked up by the Dallas Cowboys, who utilized him first as purely a special teams player. Austin played in nine games his rookie season, recording five tackles on special teams. However, he also became the Cowboys’ premier return man. He had 29 kickoff returns for 753 yards, for an average of 26 yards a return. His highlight that year came in Dallas’ playoff game against the Seattle Seahawks. He had 3 kickoff returns for 136 yards, including a game-changing 93 yard kickoff return for a touchdown. That alone was history-making for the Cowboys. In the franchise’s 55 postseason games it was the first ever kickoff return for a TD. In a replay of the return the camera caught Austin smiling as he made his way down the sideline for the score. This would not be the last time Austin flashed that smile though, as he would find the end zone again soon.

In just his second season, the Garfield native played in all 16 regular season games. Once again he was a feature return man, accumulating 612 yards on 24 returns. However, Austin also had a breakthrough on the offensive side of the ball. In the eleventh game of the season, against none other than the New York Jets, he caught the first pass of his career. Although he only snagged five balls in 2007, Austin found pay dirt once. In the final game of the 2007 regular season, number 19 pulled in the first touchdown catch of his short NFL career. Even though it was in a losing effort against their NFC East rival Washington Redskins, Austin showed that he could be a reliable target for Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo.

The former Hawk saved his best performance of his career for the biggest stage. On the Monday night football telecast on September 21, 2008, against the Green Bay Packers, Austin put on a show. His first catch went for 63 yards down the middle of the field, as he beat the Green Bay secondary. He looked like he was about to score, but he was caught at the three yard line, setting up a Dallas score. Austin got another chance though, as he again ran right by the Packers secondary and made a great over-the-shoulder catch and bounded into the end zone. The 52-yard TD catch was the first of the season for Austin and just the second of his career. For his performance in the Cowboys’ 27-16 victory, Austin was interviewed after the game on national television, with Al Michaels mentioning the small private school in New Jersey that he came from. His photo was also featured on ESPN.com.

With his performance under the bright lights at Lambeau Field, many fantasy football players have added Austin to their team (my writing partner Brian picked him up right away). To their delight he has not disappointed, pulling in four more catches for two touchdowns in just two games. Just as Austin has defied the odds and proved all the doubters wrong, there is no telling how high this former Hawk will soar. Something tells me we will certainly be hearing from him.

UPDATE: Austin set the single-game Cowboys record for receiving yards in a game with 250 in a week 5 win over the Kansas City Chiefs. Austin not only had two touchdown receptions, he also had the game-winning touchdown catch in overtime. What’s most impressive about this stat is that the Cowboys had receiving greats such as Michael Irving, Drew Pearson, Bob Hayes, and the infamous Terrell Owens. And the ever-smiling Monmouth grad is the one that is in the record books in just his fourth season in the league.

The Garfield native followed up that performance with another stellar performance against the Atlanta Falcons, with 171 receiving yards and two more touchdowns. He has already more than doubled his receiving yard total from a year ago with 563, his receptions with 26, and touchdown receptions with six. He also leads the Cowboys in receiving yards, yards per catch, and receiving touchdowns. Even more impressive, Miles is tenth in the league in receiving yards and tied for first in the league in receiving tds.

So, gauging our original prediction of Mr. Austin continuing his NFL success, I’d say we did a pretty good job. Maybe you can’t call us the Swami just yet, but we are almost on Chris Berman’s level.



100 WINS

HAWKS HIT CENTURY MARK



The Football team earned the program's 100th all-time victory on Saturday with a 10-6 win over Bryant University.

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