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University offers new Master's Degree in Public Policy next fall

Dr. Rekha Datta believes program will unite many subject areas

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
NEWS EDITOR

Beginning in the Fall Semester of 2006, Monmouth University will be offering a Master of Arts Degree in Public Policy. This program, which will be based upon a 30 credit curriculum, will be available for both part time and full time graduate students.

According to Dr. Rekha Datta, Program Director of the Master of Arts Degree in Public Policy and Chair and Associate Professor of Political Science at Monmouth University, the M.A. in Public Policy, "will be based on an understanding and analysis of public policy issues."

Dr. Datta also said that since public policy impacts our lives everyday, it is important to understand what goes into making a policy as well as the value of citizen participation.

"As citizens of a democracy, the first goal is how well we understand it, how much are we aware of it, and then the understanding of what goes in to the making of public policy," said Dr. Datta.

Dr. Datta explained that since she began teaching here, she's been hearing about the need to implement a program similar to this.

Public policy is a subfield of political science and that's how we started thinking of developing this program," said Dr. Datta. She also added that it is "an extension of our undergraduate program."

"This is probably one of the most career focused sub-fields that we have in political science," Dr. Datta explained.



"I think there's a strong demand for it and there is also a demand for a focus on public policy."

PROFESSOR JOSPEH PATTEN
Assitant Professor of Political Science

Students, as well, expressed high interest in a public policy program. Those students being mostly political science majors and minors, due to the fact that many other students do not know much information about the program as of yet.

Matthew Zorner a History/Political Science and Secondary Education major at Monmouth University said, "I think that having a masters degree in Public Policy is great for Monmouth University... this is certainly something that I would pursue after college."

Even some alums have "expressed interest" in this particular program being developed at the University, according to Dr. Datta.

Dr. Datta believes that this new program will unite other subject areas at the University.

"Policy really transcends all of the different schools." It plays a role in bringing all of the subject areas the University has to offer together, she said.

Students who pursue the Master's degree in public policy will learn such skills as "research, analysis, how to engage in a research project, the steps involved in making a policy... knowledge of how the government works, and communication aspects or oral and written communication," said Dr. Datta.

She added that the new program will hopefully be working with the new polling institute.

"Students will get an opportunity to learn how polls are done or even possibly engage in data gathering and public opinion polling.

Ethics will also be a key issue covered in the public policy program.

"Issues of corruption and issues of ethics are going to be at the heart of discussion and clearly we will all need to know how that is implemented," said Dr. Datta.

This program will also deal

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Pier Village booms as businesses flourish

MARTIN HALO
STAFF WRITER

Pier Village business and housing complex, located on Ocean Avenue in Long Branch is finally on its feet and drawing in tourism as well as business and housing opportunities.

The project which is now close to three years in the making, has yielded economic success and opened job opportunities for the City of Long Branch.

Property Manager Gladys Koechlein says, "We are 78% full in terms of residential leasing, and 95% full with business owners." "We are very excited and optimistic and have done very well. We believe Pier Village will be a great thing for the City of Long Branch."

Koechlien explains, "We have been very selective in terms of which businesses we would give leases to. We wanted each business owner to have their own unique place here at Pier Village, making it a non-competitive environment between business owners."

"Since we have opened, business has been very good and increasing," says Angelo DiCapua of the newly opened Michael Angelo's Pizzeria and Eatery. "We are very optimistic in terms of business for this upcoming holiday season, as well as the summer."

DiCapua is one of 25 business owners to buy property within Pier Village includes Stewart's &

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MU continues investigation into alleged sex incident

LAUREN BENDETTI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Monmouth University Police in conjunction with the Monmouth County Prosecutors Office continue to investigate a possible inappropriate sexual incident that occurred late Friday, October 21 and early Saturday, October 22, hours before the official Homecoming kickoff.

"I'm not at liberty to discuss specific details, except to say there are no criminal charges," said Monmouth County Prosecutor Luis Valentin.

Since the incident occurred during homecoming weekend Gaffney said the University will continue to look into the events policies.

"I don't see it connected to homecoming," said President Paul Gaffney. "That doesn't mean we won't review homecoming to make it better and safer every year, but I don't connect the two."

That Saturday afternoon, a report was called into the Monmouth County Radio Room about the alleged incident involving three female and seven male students.

After a preparatory investigation campus police contacted the Monmouth County Prosecutors Office on Sunday, said Chief Police William McElrath, "Due to the confidentiality of the investigation, I cannot identify the exact location. I am not at liberty to discuss particular issues as they relate to individuals involved in the case."

Chief McElrath is certain that the University is protecting students to the best of their ability.

"I can assure you that measures taken by the University will safeguard the needs of all involved, as well as the campus community. There is no fear on the part of the Police Department of this becoming a repetitive type crime," said McElrath.

Presently there have been no formal charges made but the University continues to investigate the matter, Gaffney said.

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Corzine wins election



PHOTO COURTESY of Asbury Park Press

Newly-elected Governor Jon Corzine addressed the crowd Sunday at a rally held in Monmouth University's Boylan Gymnasium.

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Before Jon Corzine won the New Jersey gubernatorial election the former Senator attended a rally at Monmouth University.

The "Two Days to Victory Rally" was held on Sunday, November 6 in Boylan Gymnasium to support the Democratic Party for the election. Monmouth and Ocean County supporters arrived enthusiastically at 12:30 p.m. mixed with "Corzine for Governor," signs and optimistic smiles on their faces.

Senator Jon Corzine and Senator Barack Obama of Illinois were greeted by the crowd of democratic followers as well as other state government and county representatives such as Matt Doherty, Jimmy Ryan, and

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Students get out and vote

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STAFF WRITER

As Election Day approached, Monmouth University students found a unique way to encourage voting. “Get Out and Vote” was an event co-sponsored by All Life-styles Included [A.L.I.] and the Sociology Club. It was held on Friday, November 4 near the “Pit” just outside of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

It was an evening that included two live bands, free food, CDs, and some flyers concerning the election. The event was funded by a Week-

“It was a great show, and so many people missed out on a good time. Get out and vote!”

MELISSA FELTYNOWSKI
Monmouth University senior

end Warrior Grant, a program set up at Monmouth that provides financial assistance to organizations who wish to enhance the weekend atmosphere and opportunities on campus.

The motto for the night was “Come listen and be heard,” which supported both the music and voting encouragement featured Friday evening.

According to Angela Blasi, Co-President of A.L.I., the idea began with the Sociology Club, after the organization thought that it would be a good idea to inform students about the election. A.L.I. then furthered it with the musical aspect because they have never organized any musical event, and it was thought to be a good medium to voice the message of “getting out and voting.”

Angela Blasi said that A.L.I.



PHOTO BY Katelyn Mirabelli

Adam Feltynowski and Angela Blasi, members of Broken 3, performed Friday by the Pit at “Get Out and Vote”.

chose musical entertainment because, “Music is universal.”

According to Blasi, the purpose of the event was “to encourage voting.” She also said of the turnout for the event, “Some people showed up, which was nice, but I wish there was more people.” Her final message was, “Support local music.”

The night opened with *Broken 3*, a rock-type musical group which includes Adam Feltynowski with guitar and vocals, Angela Blasi on bass, and Katherine Pretto on the drums. They began their nearly one-hour, nine-song set with “Here Again” and they finished with “No Control.” Some other songs they performed: “Overflown”, “You’re

Mine”, and “The Revolution.” Following *Broken 3* was another band called *Cloak One Nine* who also gave a great performance.

Overall, the students that attended the event were pleased with the bands, but thought that more people would have enhanced the experience.

As Andréa Johnson, a sophomore, and Tara Gutkin, a freshman, said, “*Broken 3* rocks my socks and it’s sad that so many people missed out! Rock the vote people, rock hard!” Melissa Feltynowski, a senior at Monmouth, had a similar comment. “It was a great show, and so many people missed out on a good time. Get out and vote!”

Ben Carroll performs at Java City

DEBRA PACHUCKI
STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday, students were given a free performance at the Java City Café by solo artist Ben Carroll, who spent an hour soothing souls and enchanting hearts using nothing other than his voice and acoustic guitar.

From the moment he took the stage, Ben captivated the interest of everyone in attendance- even the café employees who were equally mesmerized by his extraordinary guitar playing and the simultaneously angelic and robust quality of his voice.

“He’s really talented,” said junior Megan L. of Ben after the show, “and there was just something about his songs that really captured everybody’s interest.”

Perhaps that something is the poetic nature of Ben’s storytelling capabilities. With topics ranging from sexuality to love and murder, each song Ben performed told a story in very intimate detail through approximately 200 words or less. The end result: a very personal ambiance, through which the 26-year-old singer/songwriter seemed to connect with every soul that occupied the room.

That connection is one of Ben’s reasons for performing to begin with, as the musician states that “music is a special thing that people often look to for inspiration and comfort,” which he seeks to provide for his audience in a “deep and meaningful way.”

Ben’s idealistic musical ambi-

tion might stem from the fact that he was raised by successful musicians himself. His parents are none other than Margot Chapman and Jon Carroll, members of the 1970s band “Starland Vocal Band,” which took home the 1976 Grammys for Best New Artist and Best Arrangement for Voices. As such, his musical distinctiveness can be considered a fine-bred quality.

As far as what that distinctiveness actually *sounds* like, it’s a little more difficult to describe. Ben certainly hasn’t limited himself to any one musical genre. Often, as with the song “This Love Inside Me,” his guitar playing takes on the characteristics of a bluesy, soulful feel, which he alternately accompanies with his sometimes

soulful, sometimes motownesque vocal range. Songs such as “Angel’s Arms” incorporate gentle strumming and a fifties-sounding refrain. And that only begins to scratch the surface of his musical variety.

“Undercover Lover,” which is Ben’s first solo release, features 11 songs that are all different, yet all charmed with his unique and original sound. Listeners will detect influences such as Stevie Wonder, Bruce Springsteen, and Patty Griffin, as well as hints of indie-rock, doo-wop, and folk.

Even those who are fans of all things loud, belligerent, and angry

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PHOTO BY Debra Pachucki

Singer/ songwriter Ben Carroll performed last Thursday at the Java City Café.

Two River Film Festival attracts students and faculty

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Two River Film Festival partnered with Monmouth University on Nov. 4, 5 and 6, presenting a three-day festival featuring an array of films and panel discussions, some of which highlighted work by students and faculty.

Screenings were featured at Monmouth University’s Pollak Theatre on Friday and Sunday, and Saturday at Red Bank’s Clearview Cinemas.

The University offered students prepaid tickets to the films shown at Clearview, where one student expressed feelings about *The Ladies’ Room*, a film shown on Saturday afternoon that was set entirely inside a ladies’ washroom in a public park in Tehran, Iran.

“I really enjoyed my first experience at the Two River Film Festival, because I was able to see a film that I wouldn’t have been able to see that portrays Iranian women in the only place they feel free to express themselves,” said senior communication major Jacki Murray, “It was great that the Communication Department paid for our tickets, because it showed how important it was for communication students to attend the festival.”

view as both a filmmaker and resident,” said senior communication major, Dan Liptak.

At the conclusion of each film, audience members were given an opportunity to ask faculty and students about their experiences of film making.

Beverly Peterson’s film captured the close-up and horrific events of 9/11 experienced by a resident living in what was considered the “red zone” of NYC.

“My films are really personal. But, when I finish making them, they really belong to the viewer and, in a sense, I lose possession of them. That’s because, for me, it’s all about creating a way for the audience to experience what I’ve seen and heard. I’ve already been through the experience so it’s not the same for me if I watch them alone.”

The second-to-last film of the festival, *Greetings from Asbury Park*, a 22-minute work-in-progress tracing the history and contemporary challenges facing Asbury Park, New Jersey, featured a panel discussion with Artist-in-Residence Christina Eliopoulos and Monmouth University students who interned on site this past summer.

“This may be a biased response, but my favorite part of the day was watching *Greetings from Asbury*



PHOTO COURTESY of Asbury Park Press

Artist-in Residence Christina Eliopoulos and Monmouth University students who worked on set of “Greetings from Asbury Park” answered questions during a panel discussion Sunday in Pollak Theatre at the Two River Film Festival.

Professor Beverly Peterson, a specialist Professor in the Communication Department and Film Selection Academic Chair of the festival, said “Saturday night when I got to Clearview there was a long line outside and ‘sold out’ in big letters in the window of the ticket

Park. It was great to see something that I worked so hard on up on the big screen. I also enjoyed watching the films made by my professors,” said senior Jessica Ross assistant to the producer of the film.

Seton Fell, Co-Coordinator of the

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DAN LIPTAK.

Senior Communication Major

booth. That was definitely a high point. I had no idea it could get better,” adding, “When I looked at the number of seats that were filled by the end Sunday - it was just amazing. Pollak holds a lot of people and we had a strong steady build all day. It was everything I’d hoped. Faculty, students, and members of the community all coming together to share thought-provoking films.”

On the final day of the festival, attendees were given the opportunity to view films created by students and faculty, some of which received awards at national festivals or from the National Broadcasting Society.

“I liked Beverly Peterson’s Film, *71 West Broadway: Ground Zero, NY*. I thought it was interesting to gain perspective on her point of

Festival, has been involved in the TRFF for three months. Drawing a comparison between the previous festival, Fell said, “we had better attendance and better press coverage. The one thing that has not changed is the excellent quality of films in the Festival.”

Students and Faculty from the university had positive feedback about the TRFF. Seton said, “Students got to see the student reels, and were very proud of their colleagues, and faculty liked to see Pollak Theatre and Monmouth University showcased in such a positive light in the media, and to the surrounding community.”

“The TRFF was a great experience, and we were fortunate that it was held at Monmouth University,” said Liptak.

MU students show off musical talent at Open Mic Night

Thursday Night Alternative hosts an "Open Mic Night"

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Even after many attempts by Monmouth University to reduce students' drinking, binge drinking remains a problem at the University. Thursday Night Alternatives (TNA), which occurs every first Thursday of each month, is just another way to help students feel like they don't have to drink every Thursday night.

"Open Mic Night" has been created through TNA to help put a stop to excessive drinking. TNA nights have been very successful in bringing students out to have a good time.

One of the people in charge of these events is Suanne Schaad, who notes, "Since the beginning of the year, every night that TNA held an activity, no students have been written up for drinking." TNA has purposely made their student activity nights on Thursdays, because Thursday nights have been known as big partying nights. These activities have been set up by the Substance Awareness Department, the Residence Hall Association, and Residential Life. All three departments help to bring these Thursday Night Alternatives together.

According to the Schaad, "The funding for these alternatives comes from Social Norms Grants from the Substance Awareness Department and the Residence Life Department."

This month's TNA event was Open Mic Night and 'Mocktails.' Located in the Oakwood Lounge, from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m., November 3rd, a small audience, mostly of students, gathered to hear their peers show their talents. Acts included singing, playing an instrument, dancing, and even reading poetry.

'Mocktails,' which are non-alcoholic drinks such as Mudslides and Piña Coladas, were served before the performances. Students could order whichever of the two they wanted, put whipped cream on top, and even dress their drinks up with a little umbrella. The chance to win two pizzas by writing your name on a piece of paper

was also offered. At this particular Open Mic Night, there were eleven performers, and after everyone performed once, they had the opportunity to perform again.

To perform at Open Mic Night, you simply had to show up about 15 minutes early and sign up. Most of the acts were solo; however, there were two group performances. The talented students also sang many of their own songs. The audience was very supportive in making the performers feel comfortable on stage, and there was quite a positive attitude in the lounge. This just goes to show people can have a good time and go out without binge drinking.

One of the performers, Adam Romano, described his music as being "acoustic alternative." Adam has been playing guitar for two years and performing music for eight. Along with that, he plays the drums, bass, piano, and sings. Adam states he is really excited to be performing at the TNA event. The night before, he took part in Roc-Da-Mic night.

Another performer was a student that described her music as "down to earth." This talented girl was Susie St. Amour, who has been playing the guitar for almost two years and performing for a year and a half. Susie tied for first place the night before at the SAB talent show. She was very excited about this performance.

Chris Traum, an RA in Pine-wood, enthusiastically noted that, "Susie's music is fantastic."

Peer pressure can be all around campus, so if you are not into drinking, but still want to have a good time, you can always check out the Thursday Night Alternatives every first Thursday of the month. They always seem to have something interesting and it's a great way to meet new people.

In September, TNA presented 'Mocktails' and offered the experience of going through different obstacle courses with drunk driving glasses. In October, they had Pat Roddy from a local band perform.

If you are interested in performing in Open Mic Nights, you can arrive 15 minutes before the show and sign up for a slot. For more information contact Substance Awareness Department, the Residence Hall Association, and Residential Life.



PHOTO BY Marina Wagner

Susie St. Amour performed at the Thursday Night Alternative's "Open Mic Night" in Oakwood Lounge last week.

SGA President's Corner

Hello, Monmouth University!

It's that time of year again. It's the time where we get to take a break from the rush of September and October (new classes, Homecoming, midterms, etc.). Now it's November, and things are starting to quiet down. Plus, it's almost Thanksgiving break, and we get to see our families for a long weekend (and get a couple days off from school).

However, when you come back from Thanksgiving, stop by the giving tree that SGA will be setting up outside the LCAC. In previous years, we have received tons and tons of wrapped presents that filled up an entire board room. Then, SGA divided them according to family, and we delivered them to the families in need. That has probably been one of the most rewarding experiences in college – making people's holidays. So please take an hour to go buy a present for someone

who needs it. That's what the holidays are about – giving.

Still wondering what SGA stands for?

SGA is the association in which every student at MU belongs. Then every class (freshmen, sophomore, junior, senior) has six elected delegates to represent their particular class (along with two commuter seats). All the elected members comprise the Senate, which is headed by a president, vice president, and executive board. SGA also invites all others interested students to enter the Senate as a general member without an election.

The Senate also recognizes student clubs and organizations as official clubs at Monmouth. SGA allocates money to these clubs to carry out their activities, and is the governing and overseeing body to campus life activities.

SGA runs activities such as Homecoming, SpringFest, and the Big Event, a day dedicated to community service by students.

The committees of the Student Government Association are:

Events Programming, Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, Human and Community Relations, Residential and Health Services, Elections, Finance, Website maintenance, Big Event, Auction, Internal Affairs, and Campus and Safety.

Please make use of our new suggestion boxes in the dining hall and student center. Weekly, I will answer questions in this column. We are currently renovating our website to be interactive with all campus and community. However, for now, please feel free to contact us at **Monmouth SGA** on AOL Instant Messenger or by email at SGA@monmouth.edu.

That's all for this week!
Best regards,

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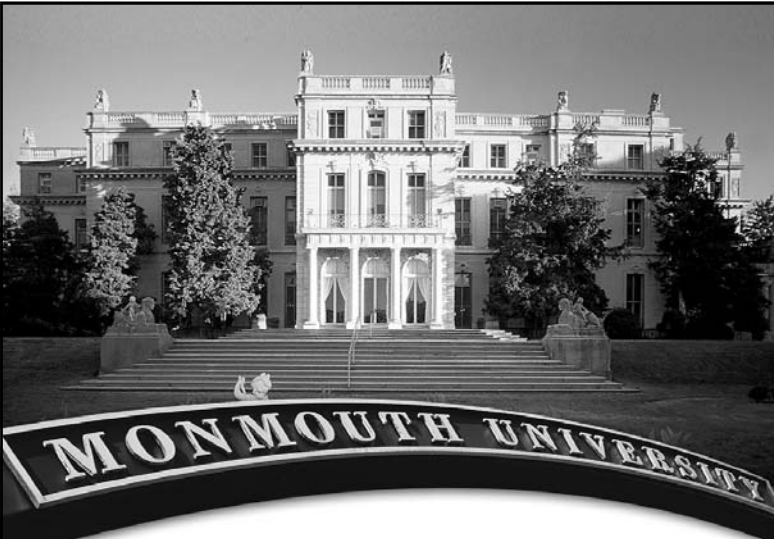
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Ben Carrolls’ soulful music played for guests

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things loud, belligerent, and angry will be moved and enthralled with Ben’s musical dexterity. The local heavy-rock band *Anon*’s lead singer was in attendance Thursday night, and called Ben’s performance a “soft, subtle and soulful experience that felt very intimate and inviting,” enough to make him “spend the ten bucks to own Ben’s disc.” In addition to establishing himself as a talented music artist among the MU community, Ben established that he’s a humble, genuine person who hasn’t been corrupted by the all-too-

common “rock star ego” as well. He took the time to talk with students after his performance, and eagerly took a tour of Wilson Hall. It was well after 10:30 by the time he left the University and headed back to New York City- two and a half hours after his performance had ended. For those who missed Ben Carroll’s performance, go to his website at www.bencarroll.com. If you like what you hear, you can buy the CD online, as well as view a schedule of his upcoming performances in the New York City area.



Graduate Information Session

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Jewish culture program presents Jewish film festival

Dr. Robert Youdin appointed as director of program

NATALIE B. ANZAROUTH
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In partnership with the Jewish Community Center [JCC] of Monmouth County, the University’s Jewish Culture Program is currently running a Jewish Film Festival that will run through April 2006, under the direction of Dr. Robert Youdin, professor of social work.

After facilitating the development of the Jewish Culture Initiative last year, Dr. Saliba Sarsar, Vice President for Academic Initiatives, appointed Dr. Youdin as Program Director this year.

“He has the background, expertise, and vision to make it vibrant and transformative,” Dr. Sarsar said of the recently selected director.

The film festival, which was launched in September, will show screenings both on campus and at the JCC’S Herbert and Evelyn Axelrod Performing Arts Center that opened this past summer, equipped with a 520-seat theater.

Upcoming features are *Uprising* (November 22nd Wilson Auditorium), which tells the story of the Jewish uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II, and *Cup Final* (Jan. 3rd Performing Arts Center JCC), a story that shows a relationship between a Palestinian and Israeli soldier, when they realize they both share a love for soccer’s World Cup Final. Also in this series is a showing of *Kippur* (January 24th Wilson Auditorium), which tells the story of the 1973 *Yom Kippur War* from the perspective of Israeli soldiers.

Jill Garbi, the Marketing Coordinator for the JCC of Greater Monmouth County said that the partnership allowed both the Arts Center and the University to connect with the surrounding community. “When JCC Executive Director Jess levy decided to add a film series to our 2005-06 performance schedule, it was a great opportunity for both organizations to serve their common need through a collaboration,” adding, “The founding principle of the JCC’s new performing arts center was to provide a home for the arts, and our collaboration with Monmouth University helps accomplish that goal.”

The Jewish Council Advisory Committee, comprised of selected faculty members, plans to meet sometime this year to discuss the upcoming agenda. The schedule includes hosting a Kabbalah class on January 17th and 31st and February 14th and 28th, on campus and open free of charge to the public.

Also in the schedule is a *Klezmer* concert [a compilation of Eastern European music], a premiere of Ronit Avni’s documentary film that highlights the work of peace groups, along with a Jewish Festival in June that will celebrate Israeli culture with music, Israeli folk dancing, and art.

As plans proceed for this year, Dr. Youdin stressed the need for active student involvement.

“I would like to hear the student voice...,” he said, adding, “You

“I would like to hear the student voice, you don’t have to be Jewish to support this.”

DR. ROBERT YODIN
Director of Jewish Culture Program
Professor of Social Work

don’t have to be Jewish to support this.”

Since the programs’ inception in December of 2004, they have had positive participation from surrounding communities, according to Youdin. The committee hopes participation will expand towards forming a Student Advisory Board, where they can work on programs of their interest. “I think because there hasn’t been availability of events in the past for students, they don’t know, and we want to make sure that they know now.”

Dr. Sarsar also expressed the need for student involvement, saying, “It is by empowering people and showing them the benefits of active participation that they will take ownership and lead themselves.”

Emphasizing that the program hopes to solicit “peaceful dialogue” for issues such as the Arab

and Israeli conflict, the University plans to host a discussion on sustaining a relationship between American Arabs and Jews to be held in March. “This is not about religion, it’s about culture...,” Dr. Youdin said.

When asked if he thought the lack of student involvement was caused by an individuals own sense of identity Dr. Youdin said, “Everyone has there own sense of Jewish Culture...but that shouldn’t preclude going to a film or a concert,” he said, adding “no matter what your concept of being Jewish is.”

Junior Mathew Weisfeld said that he would be interested in attending such events, and he thought that programs like these would “help increase the diversity and awareness of Jewish culture.”

Some hopes for the future, according to Sarsar, would be a way for the University to connect to the surrounding community, with a plan “that has sufficient funds to sustain its current programs and possible expansion.”

Awaiting student involvement, Dr. Youdin said, “We’re here. We’d like to see something happen, coming from the students.”

Movies still to be seen

Film: Uprising
When: 8 p.m. Nov. 22
Where: Wilson Auditorium
Film: Kadosh
When: 8 p.m. Dec. 7
Where: JCC Arts Center
Film: Walk on Water
When: 8 pm. Dec. 13
Where: Wilson Auditorium
Film: Cup Final
When: 8 pm. Jan. 3
Where: JCC Arts Center
Film: Kippur
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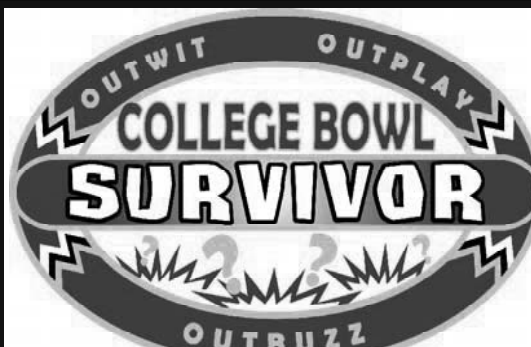
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Is there a future for hopeful graduates?

AMY MUSANTI
STAFF WRITER

A recent study conducted by Monster.com found that 82 percent of Americans are not satisfied with their current jobs. In addition, 61 percent of those people plan to change jobs this year. How can you be sure you will get the job you absolutely adore?

It may not happen the first time around, but as the 2006 edition of The College Career Bible (Vault Publishing) tells us, today's job market is much more fluid than it used to be. Most professionals can expect to work in at least five different industries in a career lifetime as a result of dissatisfaction with their careers.

According to the Reno Gazette, the dissatisfaction of workers comes from advances in technology that many older adults are not used to, as well as a push from employers to be as productive as their younger coworkers. Other factors include the everyday stress caused by home and work life not meshing properly, the lack of high-quality health insurance and benefits, and waning pay in general.

Kate Lorenz, a writer for Career-Buildier.com, informs us that some people are seeking new jobs because they have not received a raise in more than two years at their current job. Around 40 percent of workers did not receive a raise this past year.

MSN.com finds that when it comes to income, college graduates earn an average of 98 percent more than people who do not have a college degree. This year, college graduates will see an increase in hiring and salaries, making it a good year to be a senior!

Is it all about the money? Earning the biggest salary does not mean you have a fulfilling career. According to Richard Layard, author of *Happiness: Lessons from a New Science*, people in the United States have experienced a large financial growth since the 1950s, but they are not happier overall. There is a reason that doctors and

stockbrokers make a lot of money: because their positions involve immense amounts of responsibility. The higher your position, the more stress you will endure to earn that paycheck.

Last week, a recent graduate of Monmouth University visited a class to talk to Communication students. Ralph Hanan started as an intern for Levin/Nelson Entertainment, and now works as a musician agent. He says that when he started as an intern, he was given a lot of freedom within the company. At first, he was unsure of his newfound responsibility. After a while, he became confident that the decisions he made were the best for the musicians and for the company.

Ralph's largest project to date is helping in the creation of rising musician Val Emmich. The success that

Ralph



had so far is based largely in part to his dedication to the same company and his will to work hard during the internship, and long after. Ralph openly admits that he loves his job.

A news anchor for a small television station told me that there is only one way to figure out if you love your career. Ask yourself: "Would I get up every morning and do this job for free?" If the answer is yes, then you obviously love what you are doing, enough that you would volunteer for the position. If you answered no, it's apparent that you do not like your job, and are just in it for the paycheck.

There is nothing wrong with having a job for the money howev-

er; many people could not care one way or the other how they make a living, as long as they make one.

If your main goal is to enjoy your post-graduation life and career, there are a few things that will keep you eager to get up every morning for work. CareerBuilder.com shares four basic guidelines to make your workday a good one.

First, increase your friendliness and demonstrate positive attitudes and body language. Second, raise your relevance by making yourself visible to coworkers, looking for mutual interests with others, and meeting the needs of your coworkers. Next, show empathy and understand and share emotions with coworkers. Finally, just keep it real. Live with a purpose, commit to your work, be direct, be honest, and most importantly, do what you want to be doing in life!

Lorenz gives some final thoughts for first-time job hunters who wish to find the job they will love. Before you send out resumes and go on interviews, you should pinpoint your direction. Plan and map out your future goals. Do research on companies that have shown interest in you, and prove your knowledge at the interview. Update your resume with your best abilities and use descriptive action words.

Don't forget to network! This does not necessarily mean you have to advertise yourself to every important person in your field.

Just share your ideas and plans with people you talk to on a daily basis. You never know who they may be in contact with.

Play the part of the professional by dressing and acting like one. If you present yourself with an air of confidence, other people will pick up on it!

Lorenz acknowledges that the real world is quite a challenge. She encourages college graduates to keep going, and not give up. If you remain persistent, you are sure to find the job that is great for you.

IMAGE PROVIDED by Google

What type of person are you?

Answer the following questions provided by IVillage.com to find out what type of person you are when it comes to the world of work. Evaluate your answers and use them to help you make a sound decision on your future career. Try to answer as honestly as possible. Remember, this is about your happiness!

- 1. Are you more likely to:**
 - act before you think?
 - think before you act?
- 2. Do you like to explain things with:**
 - metaphors and analogies?
 - detailed descriptions?
- 3. Would you rather be:**
 - superficially involved in lots of projects?
 - deeply involved in one or two important projects?
- 4. Do you tend to:**
 - talk a lot and listen less?
 - listen more and talk less?
- 5. Do you tend to be:**
 - general and less specific?
 - very specific and literal?
- 6. Do you prefer to:**
 - go with the flow?
 - set rigid goals?
- 7. Are you:**
 - more practical than imaginative?
 - more imaginative than practical?
- 8. Do you live:**
 - for what will be?
 - for the moment?
- 9. When working on a project would you rather:**
 - think out loud and brainstorm with a group?
 - think things through in your head and then share your ideas with others?
- 10. Do you like new ideas:**
 - only if they are practical?
 - because you like new things?

Ratio of female to male median weekly earnings, 1995-2004:
Continued gains for women, no gains for men



IMAGE PROVIDED by www.epinet.org

This graph shows that women's median wages continued to rise throughout the years as men's stayed the same. Both series increased at an annual rate of about 1.5 percent per year between 1995 and 2000. But since then, real male median earnings have been flat, while women's earnings have continued to rise at that same rate. The figure shows the impact of this shifting trend by simulating the gender gap had male wages continued to increase at their 1995 to 2000 pace (see the dotted line in the figure). Had this occurred—if male earnings had not decelerated—the gender wage gap would not have narrowed.

Choosing the major that will bring bliss

Confused on what major to choose? Read on to learn tips.

ASHLEIGH JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

According to Ben Stein, “The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you want.” Many college freshmen enroll without knowing why they are enrolling, or what they want to attain. It is possible that they are taking business courses because their parents said it would be a good basis for whatever they wanted to accomplish. Maybe they are taking communications because they thought a communication degree would be helpful to any field. Of course, they hate public speaking, they never watch the news, and they definitely do not read the newspaper.

As a freshman, this might be acceptable. After one’s first semester, however, he or she needs to pursue a specific major that will cater to a specific career. Everyone always thinks, “I’m only a freshman; I have plenty of time”. A year later, they continue to think, “I’m only a sophomore; I have plenty of time.” Before they know it, their senior year rolls around and they still have no aspirations toward a specific career, they have not done an internship, and now they do not have the time to complete anything!

The earlier one figures out what they would like to pursue, the better, because most departments at Monmouth have strict major requirements outlined on the curriculum charts and academic audits on WebAdvisor. If one believes he or she is not enrolled in the correct major, it would be wise to switch majors immediately. The sooner one changes, the better. A lot of courses have prerequisites, such as completion of other courses or a required number of credits

According to Bea Rogers,

Monmouth’s Associate Dean of Educational and Career Planning, “Students should start their career exploration early- don’t wait to look into the course requirements and career possibilities. Many of the majors here at Monmouth University are highly structured, which means students need to begin taking the correct sequence of courses right from the first semester of freshman year.”

How can one be sure he or she is in the right major? Unless one is 100 percent sure that he or she is in the correct major, he or she should visit the LCAC, the Life and Career Advising Center. The advisors there are very helpful. They are there to serve the students and help them make the

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most out of their years at Monmouth. The LCAC has many resources that help point students in the right direction. One LCAC resource is COPS, the Career Occupational Preference System, which assigns students with career choices based on the strengths in different interest groups.

A second resource the LCAC provides are various workshops

that cater to a wide variety of topics and majors. These workshops focus on academic, personal, and career topics. These workshops deal with everything from choosing the right major to winning the interview. An example of these workshops is *Choosing A Major*. This workshop provides information about the different majors. *Choosing A Major* also outlines which majors will be most beneficial for certain careers.

A third resource the LCAC provides is SIGI, System of Interactive Guidance and Information. According to the LCAC, “SIGI 3® is a very special tool that can help you to plan your career. SIGI 3® software integrates self-assessment with in-depth and up-to-date career information that is easy to use and provides students and adults with a realistic view of the best educational and career options for their future success.” It is advisable that students take full advantage of this great, free service provided for them.

After one has chosen a major and has designated a career path, he or she will have to begin thinking about the future and what he or she would like to accomplish upon graduation. Is graduate school a possibility? Or is jumping right into a career more important and practical? Attending graduate school is more pertinent for certain majors. However, it is a major decision and is not something one chooses to do on a whim.

According to Randall S. Hansen, Ph. D., founder of Quintessential Careers, “You need to have a clear understanding of what you want to do with your career and how earning a graduate degree will help you reach that goal...While certain careers definitely require an advanced degree, doctors and lawyers, for example, many other careers offer plenty of job opportunities for job-seekers



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One way an employer can gauge your commitment is to see if you’ve done an internship in your field. “Employers who hire people with internship experience can be more sure they’re hiring people who know they want to be in the particular profession,” says Stephanie Specchio, director of communications at Elmira College in Elmira, New York. “Internship veterans aren’t trying to find the perfect fit. They’ve already done that as interns.”

with just an undergraduate degree. In fact, in some situations having an advanced degree can actually hurt you in a job search if you also have little or no job experience.”

It is never too early to start interning. The more professional experience one has on his or her resume, the better. Most executives are looking for experience. Maintaining a high GPA and earning a degree is only part of attaining a job. The

grades and the degree mean are not held in high regard if one cannot perform the job in the field.

It is extremely important to seriously think about choosing the correct major, to zone in on one’s career aspirations, to become involved in clubs/groups that pertain to that field, and ultimately intern with various companies in that field. Remember, the LCAC is always there to help. Good luck with the job search!



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Women are projected to comprise 47 percent of the total labor force in 2012 as they did in 2003. They will also account for 55 percent of the increase in total labor force growth from 2002-2012.

Work and family

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When it comes to having a family, it’s difficult for both genders in the relationship to work full-time. Statistics.gov provides comparisons between fathers and mothers in the workforce and how their families affect their work activities.

Working age women with depen-

dent children are less likely than those without to be economically active: 68 percent compared with 76 percent in spring of 2003. The age of the youngest child usually determines the economic activity of the mother.

Fifty-five percent of working age women with children under five were in the labor force. This compares with 73 percent whose youngest child was aged five to

10 and 80 percent whose youngest child was aged 11 to 15. Around 76 percent of working age women without dependent children were in the labor force.

Conversely, men with dependent children are more likely than those without to be in the labor force. The age of their children has no impact. Around 93 percent of men with dependent children are in the labor force regardless of the age of their youngest child.

Women are more likely than men to work part-time, particularly if they have dependent children. Nearly 40 percent of women with dependent children work part-time, compared to 23 percent of those without. Only four percent of men with dependent children and nine percent of men without dependent children work part-time.

Women spend more time caring for their children than men, and this is true even for full-time workers. In 2000-01, women living as a couple and working full-time spent on average nearly four and a half hours on childcare and other activities with their children on a weekday.

For men in the same circumstances, the comparable figure was just over three and a half hours.

Both men and women working full-time spent just over six and a half hours a day with their children on the weekend. Nevertheless, the time with their children is spent in different ways.

Women spent around two hours on housework while with their children, compared with one hour and 20 minutes spent by men. In contrast, men spent around one hour and 20 minutes watching TV in the company of their children, compared to around 50 minutes by women.

Women in the workforce

Differences between women’s and men’s earnings are partly explained by the extent to which they work in different jobs. Women and men have equal rights to enter almost any occupation, but women often end up in low-paid jobs. Below are listed 6 high paid occupations and 6 low paid jobs, with the percentage of women working in each, provided by Equal Opportunities Commission.

High paying jobs and the percent of women who obtain them:

- ICT Managers 16%
- Marketing & sales managers 25%
- Medical practitioners 39%
- Solicitors, lawyers, judges & coroners 42%
- IT operations technicians 32%
- Software professionals 14%

Low paying jobs and the percent of women who obtain them:

- Waiters and waitresses 73%
- Hairdressers and barbers 89%
- Care assistants & home carers 88%
- Sales and retail assistants 73%
- General office assistants & clerks 83%
- Cleaners & domestics 79%

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Truth can stand by itself

Editorial

LAUREN BENEDETTI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Last week President Paul Gaffney announced that a possible sexual incident occurred on campus during Homecoming weekend. From that day forward rumors have circulated around campus informing people of what could possibly be nothing further from the truth. Without knowing all the facts, I ask myself, why do we find these tales so amusing? Ridiculous stories about anything we deem to get our hands on.

Most gossip somehow relates to sex, occasional banter about intelligence levels, job offers or the lack there of, family secrets, and financial means. Does any of this matter? It's obviously part of human nature...at least on a small campus and in America. After all, supermarket tabloids, filled with fascinating accounts of superstar scandals, line magazine racks. Likewise, even our nation's political realm revolves, in large part, around the personal lives of those who choose to participate. So why are people innately interested in gossip?

Some find comfort by measuring their rank relative to others. Depending on whether they identify someone as being inferior or superior dictates whether to snub or suck up. Snubbing includes rumors designed to trash those they perceived to be inferior. Furthermore, comfort exists with a common enemy. Focusing negative attention on a

select few unites others invoking feelings of power and security. Generally rumors aren't going to increase GPA's, but reducing people on the totem pole isn't limited to class rank. Jealousy of any attribute can drive someone to fabrication.

Perhaps because speculation consumes daily thought processes, it extends to fact-finding related to peers' personal lives, generating a surge of far-fetched rumors. Maybe, a universal communication problem offers justification. Because peoples' perceptions of actions and speech provide unlimited interpretations, miscommunication represents the root of rumor. "He said/she said" isn't exactly reliable. Still, for others, rumors provide needed entertainment, breaking up the monotony of an otherwise uninteresting life. Often a pathetically selfish form of amusement employed at the expense of another. This theory stems from suspicion combined with one's own fear of living. Hence, living vicariously through stories created. Maybe, it's no big deal. No harm, no foul right? Even so, I wonder, what renders these tales so to be so satisfying in everyday life? Why must human nature take in the desire for gossip despite unreliability?

As I sat in Media Law last week I took in the unkind and contradicting words spoken by fellow classmates who presumed they knew the answers to the possible sexual incident.

Don't get me wrong, the Editor in Chief doesn't know or hasn't

"heard" more than the rest of the student body, nevertheless I am concerned for the wellbeing of the students involved. Place yourself in the shoes of the people you might be falsely accusing or defaming? Imagine hearing appalling stories about what "may" have happened to you or a friend. Due to the integrity of the investigation, to yourself or the people involved you would sit in silence and hope that people will ignore the rumors and carry on with their life, not yours, not loved ones, not anyone besides themselves. As President Gaffney noted, "innocent until proven guilty," this goes in the court of law and what many of us have taken for granted the fairness of life.

Obviously, answers rest with the source and make note, there are three sides to every story, his side, her side and the truth. Discovering whether inadequacies, indirectness, inferiority, speculation, competition, or just sheer boredom inspire transmission precedes squashing the root of where rumors begin.

Try asking, "what makes this information imperative?" Regardless of the reason, rumors prove irrelevant in the classroom and, on a broader note, life in general. Yes, everyday life can almost bore you into a coma sometimes, but come on. Find something else to do with your time, like solitaire, minesweeper, or perhaps even paying attention in class.

AMUSED

BY: CHRIS NETTA



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The Op/Ed section of the *Outlook* is having a comic contest! This week's winner was Kevin North. If you would like to see your drawings grace these pages either e-mail a scanned image to Outlook@monmouth.edu or drop them off on Monday's between 4 and 9 p.m.

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Dirty politics make NJ gubernatorial race a no win situation

DAN ROTH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

I was sitting in class today and my teacher turned on the New Jersey Gubernatorial debate from Saturday evening. As I leaned back in my chair I was astonished by what my ears were picking up. In the 11 years since my introduction to politics I had never heard such an atrocity.

I was used to politicians throwing cheap shots at each other, after all I have heard Brett Schundler speak live; but these two politicians brought the game to a whole other level.

Time after time, I watched as each of them made accusations, and then I watched as the

paign ad where Andrea Forrester said, ‘Doug never let his family down and he won’t let New Jersey down,’ all I could think was that Jon did let his family down, and he’ll probably let New Jersey down, too.” This was a reference to Corzine’s ex wife with whom he had a rough divorce.

This blatant use of dirty politics shows to what extent these politicians are willing to go. The fact that Forrester would endorse using Corzine’s personal trauma as a way of furthering his campaign is horrific.

I’m not for or against either candidate but that is just horrendous. It used to be that a politician would go to any length except using personal matters as a way to further their campaign.

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other person provided “facts” claiming these accusations inaccurate. My question was... If they are facts, how could they be proven inaccurate? Are they estimated numbers? Did they hear these things through the grape vine? I don’t know. I was always told that the best way to shut someone up is to give them facts that prove them wrong.

Even my professor made the statement that this is quite possibly the worst use of dirty politics in American History. I’m sure all of you have watched the commercials I am about to reference but let’s take a closer look at them.

The first is a commercial endorsed by Democratic candidate Jon Corzine, in accordance with The Newark Star Ledger... “Picturing Forrester with President Bush, whose popularity among New Jersey voters has plummeted. It accuses Doug Forrester of using “Bush-Rove” smear tactics, a reference to Bush’s top political adviser, Karl Rove,

...where in the world is Ross Perot when you need him

who is embroiled in political controversy about the outing of a covert CIA operative.”

In this commercial Corzine uses the growing distaste in New Jersey for President Bush as a way of telling people that Forrester is for use of dirty politics in order win the campaign.

Neither candidate has shown any class in the matter at all.

While to most this would not seem all that bad, its innuendos are far worse then the dialog.

The second commercial is one endorsed by Republican candidate Doug Forrester in accordance with the Newark Star Ledger, When I saw the cam-

the case. As a journalist I am taught to look for and report strictly the facts.

However when all we see is politicians bickering back and forth, we are left with no truth and facts to report on.

Stark Raving Bland

Weekly observations and ravings

REUVEN FELDMAN
STAFF WRITER

Many things we consider to be without life are in fact alive. With some, we subconsciously understand this to be true. For example: starting your car on a very cold day. You’re sitting on what is supposed to be a seat but feels like a pubescent glacier. Your breath exhales in visible plumes of air as you twist the key in the ignition and say...that’s right...you say: “come on (baby) start!”

You have just addressed your car as an object that is alive. Don’t feel bad, there’s no shame or support groups for it, we all do it.

There are other examples that have led me to conclude that there is life in inanimate objects. Some have been derived just from my own experiences with them, such as my Chemistry Lab equipment. In a world of Erlenmeyer flasks, “bring to 90 degrees Celsius”, and “dude, this lab sucks”, there are many different beakers, you the student are issued. They all lie in a drawer and are used till they break. Now although I rarely used my smallest beaker, it always seemed to be broken. I would open my drawer and it was always the same thing: the larger beakers would be pretending to look busy as the poor 15 milliliter, lied smashed in the open. After several replacements, I realized that my drawer held some sort of prison-like atmosphere and any-

There is life in inanimate objects

thing small and new was prey for the bigger beakers. This all ended one day when I dropped a 250 milliliter beaker in front of all the others. Apparently beakers crack quite easily (both literally and figuratively). So if some ridiculous mom-magazine that keeps on changing its mind on the healing or killing powers of coffee has a piece entitled: “Is your child’s beaker someone b*tch?” you wont have to read it because you already know the cruel reality.

OK, so a lot of you are not anywhere near a chemistry lab and so you’re not convinced. That’s fine, how about an example we all can relate to?

You pop something in the microwave for 30 seconds and look outside the window waiting for it to finish...Beep!

All fantastic thought disappear as you take out your plate of food realizing just from holding said plate (I love using “said”

“I mean, come on! There has to be more to life...”

like that, it’s so ridiculously bureaucratic. Before you know it, I’ll be drafting interoffice memos!).

Wait, what was I saying? Oh yea, that there’s cold spots in your food!

If the dumb thing has been turning around and around inside, getting zapped by microwaves, then why are parts of it still cold? The reason is that your microwave devils are just getting lazy. Microwave devils live behind your microwave’s number panel in little hammocks and such (again with the “and such”) and are dispatched when “pressed” into action. You press “30 seconds”, they light their little fires and run around under the revolving plate till their time is up and they go back to their little places. This is fine until one of them start asking questions to the others like: “why do I need to do this my whole life? I always wanted to be an accountant” and other such questions usually tolerated only in a bar, right before closing time. Yet, soon he is bravely talking in front of all of them and has now gotten to the age old complaint of “I mean, come on! There has to be more to life than...”

(Stammer’s seeing the size of the crowd, then grips the lectern and blurts out...)

“...pe...pe...perfectly warmed, Pepperidge Farm Oatmeal Raisin cookies at 12:25 in the morning!”

(Silence from the crowd till someone in the back shouts “actually, that may be all there is too life.” Arguing then commences over the merits of Oatmeal Raisin versus White Chocolate Macadamia).

These questions and minor scuffles over the veracity of their servitude and the various merits of nuts and fruits in cookies eventually leads to a strike and so, some devils (in my appliance) refuse to work and now spend most of their day sleeping and looking at online dating profiles.

Solution?

Inform someone while standing near the microwave “in a conversation” that you may have to “send it back” and “get a new one.” This usually scares any machine into compliance as the fear of having their innermost parts violated by an underpaid guy whose neck is red is usually enough to bring back order to most household appliances. This is not fool proof as I think my car’s clock light has called my bluff and realized there is no such place as “English-is-Not-Our-First-Language-Car-Repair”...

“actually, that may be all there is too life.”

Before you know it, I'll be drafting interoffice memos

“Action is eloquence.”

William Shakespeare
(1564-1616)

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“For believe me: the secret for harvesting from existence the greatest fruitfulness and greatest enjoyment is - to live dangerously.”

Friedrich Nietzsche
(1844-1900)

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“Hope is a waking dream.”

Aristotle
(384 - 322 B.C.E.)

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“Glass, china and reputation are easily cracked, and never well mended.”

Benjamin Franklin
(1706-1790)

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“Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday.”

John Wayne
(1907-1979)

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“There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have altered.”

Nelson Mandela
(1918-)

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“Fifty percent of the doctors in this country graduated in the bottom half of their classes.”

Al McGuire
(1931-2001)

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“Sometime they'll give a war and nobody will come.”

Carl Sandburg
(1878-1967)

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“Never seem more learned than the people you are with. Wear your learning like a pocket watch and keep it hidden. Do not pull it out to count the hours, but give the time when you are asked.”

Lord Chesterfield
(1694-1773)

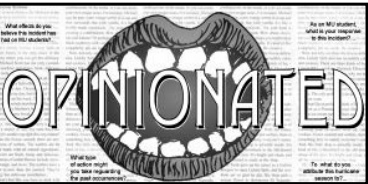
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“If a man is offered a fact which goes against his instincts, he will scrutinize it closely, and unless the evidence is overwhelming, he will refuse to believe it. If, on the other hand, he is offered something which affords a reason for acting in accordance to his instincts, he will accept it even on the slightest evidence. .”

Bertrand Russel
(1872-1970)

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BY SUZANNE GUARINO

“As an M.U. student, what is your response to the recent ‘sexual assault’ incident on our campus?”



Lindsay junior

“I feel that it makes our school look bad because no one has all of the information.”



Meghan junior

“I am disgusted not only with those allegedly involved, but with those who are spreading rumors about it when no one really knows the facts.”



Patrick junior

“It is a serious issue, but it seems to have been blown out of proportion. No information should have been released if no charges were pressed.”



Meaghan freshman

“It makes you question your safety here.”



Gina freshman

“I think it gives people a negative vibe about the M.U. community.”

Riots in Paris continue to blaze

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Violence spreads to 300 towns in France. Areas near Paris ablaze. Over 5,000 vehicles set on fire. Hundreds injured, with fatalities reported. Youths riot, more than 1,000 arrested.

These are some headlines that could be used to describe what is going on near Paris, France right now. What is going on, however, is more than simply a riot or an outbreak of violence by youths, Arabs and Africans. This is a lesson in how a country cannot accept a people without accepting their culture, and an extension of East vs. West sentiments that have run for a long time.

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Riots broke out on October 27, after two boys were electrocuted by a transformer they were trying to hide by, supposedly on the run from police. Distrust of the police ran high in these areas. Word quickly spread, and soon dozens of men came out of Clichy-sous-Bois, a collection of housing projects about an hour from the center of Paris, looking for police and starting fires. Night after night for the riots continued in this poor area and word came into news bureaus

of rioters screaming “Jihad” and “this is a war.” Reports place most of the rioters as youths and Muslim, of which there are over five million in France, the highest Muslim population in Europe.

Years ago, in a prior generation, the French people welcomed Muslims, Africans, and Arabs as a source of menial labor, as workers to perform jobs that the average Frenchman wouldn’t want. Today the job scene is bleak.

According to Newsweek, in a report published just days before the riots broke, the French government named 751 neighborhoods “sensitive urban zones.” In these zones the average unemployment is 21 percent, twice the national average of France. In young men, those under the age of 25, the rate is 36 percent.

France also passed a ban on the wearing of head scarves in French schools, directly affecting the Muslim community. The Prime Minister of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, directly relates this to inciting some unrest in these Muslim communities. He feels that with Turkey’s acceptance into

crusades, but recently like this seem rare, that is they did before Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda were household names.

In today’s incarnation of the same war, the East is cast in the Islamic religion, where West is cast in Christianity. Current globalization trends had led to the mixing of these cultures, and unfortunately, in most cases, this enculturation has led to poverty, unemployment, and the feeling of marginalization of Islamic residents in Christian countries. And now, in Marxist fashion, the oppressed lower class is rising up.

When the mass transit strikes occurred in London some time back, the press researched the background of the terrorists and found a situation similar to France

existing in London, a land of broken morale and poverty. And even though London allowed for more religious freedom than France, and was more tolerant to fundamentalism and extremism, their Islamic population still fell into poverty and unemployment.

What causes this lack of employment that seems to plague Islamic populations in Europe? Is it a lack of tolerance by Christian European employers? Is it unfair policy, political maneuvering to keep the dark skinned man oppressed? Is it a giant conspiracy, or part of God’s

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master plan?

Perhaps it is just our Western perceptive, anger that there is a mosque in the holy land, a distrust of cultures we don’t know. Maybe the Eastern Islamic population feels a lot of the same way. Whatever the reason is, it is only fair that everyone be treated equal and given the same opportunities, especially in today’s times, where we consider ourselves so intelligent, advanced and developed.

I don’t know what causes the destitute nature of the Islamics in Europe, or what caused the rift between Christian and Muslim cultures ages ago. One thing I do know, however, is that this rift needs to close if our world is to survive into the upcoming centuries

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the European Union, Eastern and Western cultures can coexist, but “some did not want to understand, above all the French,”

East and West have clashed on numerous occasions since civilization has dawned. These two cultures have also gotten along for the sake of trade and peace sometimes. The most notable memory of battles between these two is the

Jerusalem is more than just a city when you’re talking about the Crusades. It is a bout the holy land, an ideal that may or may have never existed. It also represents an age old clash of cultures, one which continues to this day. Someday the French riots, London subway bombings and invasion of Iraq will be remembered under the same heading.

DAN: Unleashed and Uncensored

DAN ROTH
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Let me start this week’s column by saying that I love what I do. I love (hopefully) entertaining all of you that read this stuff. That being said why do you read this? Are you that bored, do you have nothing better to do then sit on your behind and watch

watch episode after episode, day after day (which I have) and never ever get tired of. Why can I do this you ask? It’s simple, this kind of raunchy comedy is the very essence of what makes this country great.

There is nothing better to me then leaving at midnight to go get my White Castle, coming back with the fresh smell of heaven and puke in my car, go-

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me moan and groan about stupid topics? For real folks my column makes about as much sense as an episode of Seinfeld, or a rant by George W. Bush. My article borders on being as useless as the Bill O’Reilly show, granted mine is less offensive. That being said, this week I will be discussing why “Married with Children” is the single greatest sitcom of all time.

When you think of “Married with Children” what is it that you think about? What strikes your fancy? Is it the viscosly stupid blonde represented by a young Christina Applegate or is Peggy the big haired, lazy, money hungry, good for nothing wife portrayed perfectly by Katey Segal more your cup of tea? Perhaps you are infatuated with Bud Bundy, a woman starved kid that looks like he just stepped out of a trailer, played by David Faustino. Then there is Marcy the misguided feminist spark plug who was so eloquently portrayed by real life feminist Amanda Bearse. Those older women reading my article might have loved Jefferson Darcy, the good looking, womaniz-

ing inside and tuning in to FX at 1 a.m. to watch the greatest sitcom ever produced. There is something about White Castle and “Married with Children” that just go together. Those two are a perfect couple, and I love

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it. Gender advocates would say that Married with Children has set them back a 100 years. Well guess what you can do? Stop watching it. The producers of “Married with Children” know what they are putting on TV; there is no dispute, no argument, and no attempt to correct any apparent wrongdoings. It is what it is. For me it is a relaxing experience. Regardless of what bad has gone on that day I know at 1 a.m. I will have some darn good comedy to keep me going the next 24 hours.

Ah even writing about it makes me relaxed. Anyway I guess that ends my article for the week. I hope you haven’t lost any brain cells reading this. Before I forget this weeks “Top 5 Shaaaw-

Each character had a purpose and a position that made you hate them while also loving them at the same time.

ing, pre-paid husband of Marcy, as played by Ted McGinley.

Personally I loved Al, the woman hatin, junk food eatin, football lovin, toilet driven puke of a father I never wanted. He was made famous by Ed O’Neill.

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ing of the week” goes to the two Carolina Panthers cheerleaders who were arrested in Tampa for fornicating on a bar bathroom. You just proved every one of my high school fantasy’s can come true. As for this weeks “words of stupid wisdom” I think its only appropriate to go with the

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Bundy Credo “Lie if your wife is awaking. Lie if your belly is aching. Lie if you think she’s faking. Lie, sell shoes, lie.”

To each their own; a look at relationships

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STAFF WRITER

Every person has certain traits that they look for in someone to end up being compatible together. Yet, the more I think about this statement the more I find myself questioning the truth of it. I don't know about you, but as a person I have my own routine, one that I need to do everyday. If I somehow end up in a relationship I want that person to fit into my routine, not make it more difficult, but more bearable. I'm sure you've been in that relationship where someone constantly let's you down and in turn, you constantly make excuses for them, not wanting to admit your wonderful partner really isn't to wonderful. Once you stopped making excuses for them I'm sure he or she stopped being in your life.

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When you meet somebody and eventually get closer with them, you're going to be introduced to who they are along with their flaws and all. By agreeing to be with this person you're accepting how they live their life, meaning if he or she does something frequently now, the word girlfriend or boyfriend is not going to change that. With all the movies out there we see love that goes terribly wrong but always ends up with a happy ending. It usually ends with a couple professing their

true love to each other and promising to never hurt each other again. Guy's change and mold into what a girl wants while women smarten up and everyone's happy. Cut. End of story. Unfortunately, or actually from my perspective fortunately, that is not real life but it did get me thinking. The more I analyze relationships, the more interested I become. The thing I wonder most is, why do some people stay put or should I say put up with so much while others shut the door and give no one the key?

In the beginning, I will agree most people do like a challenge. It could start out as fun but the more I think about it, how long should this challenge last? Should it be a fight to get along, to go to certain places, or to hang out with your friends? The way I see it, friends were there first and would never be there last, so if you don't like them, you don't

like me. Shouldn't your partner respect the things that are important to you? Drive them away from those things and you will inevitably drive each other apart.

As a relationship goes on there are numerous paths it could take. I have always been intrigued by the couple who has one good day together in turn for six bad ones. If you are constantly fighting with someone should an alarm not be going off in your head? You see a cycle of getting along for one

day, getting into a fight leaving both of you seeing red, making up a few hours later, and then tomorrow doing it all over again. Is that really fun to people, and do they actually believe that fighting so much makes their relationship that much better or intense? I believe the measurement of one's sanity depends on how long they stay in that type of relationship. We fight so much for things we don't like, things that bother us, but after going through the same motions every day, don't we see that nothing is being changed?

There are also people out there who are looking for something special and go out of there way for it. If there is one thing I have learned something like that isn't handed to you, it's not something you could hand pick. Things like this happen when you aren't looking, when your happy enough just with yourself. Sometimes we want something so badly we go after whatever comes our way. You all know that guy or girl, the one everyone seems to fall madly in love with and end up with a broken heart. Chances are, you go after him, and you'll be one of them. Don't give your phone number to someone who is one of those people and be upset when they don't call you. Maybe

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one will think there is something they can do to change somebody, the way they dress, the way they talk, or going out of their way for this particular person. None of this will work, nor should it even be attempted, embrace who you are, and if that person doesn't want to

accept or take advantage of it, that alone should be enough for you to leave.

Another classic couple story is the couple who turns into a one-uple. Where one goes, the other follows and the separate life they each lived before seems light years away. Every minute of the day is spent together and soon they lose themselves in each other. How do

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you grow as a person separately when you're always waiting or trying to catch up with another person? So when this couple breaks up, do they have to search to find their other missing half? More importantly, will they find it within themselves where they should be looking, or will they set out to find a new person the fill that void?

Some people on the other hand refuse to even consider relationships an option. Some may just enjoy their freedom while others may have reason. It's hard to be optimistic about relationships in today's society. With the divorce rate so high, most of us students

there is, who decides when it's over or how it should happen, and most of all how to get over it? A man in a movie once quoted "The hardest thing loving someone, and than having the courage to let them love you back." I think that if we constantly fear for the worst, we're always going to fall short of getting the best. Realize that while not everything works out, and yes, I guarantee we

will all get hurt again, some things do, and those are the ones that are worth the risk.

There are millions of different relationships one could analyze and find negative things while at the same time some positive things. The way I feel is if you are with somebody, you should truly enjoy the person they are. Trying to change someone will most likely get you nowhere and the time you waste fighting for change could replace time you spend laughing, having a good time. For those of you who are in relationship that are full of conflict think of all the wasted energy you

consume fighting when you could be with someone you actually tolerate. Life is hard enough, being with someone should make it easier and I do believe, for people against relationships, when you do meet the right person, you're not going to be able to fight it, as scary as that it is. Love is a tricky thing, but when its' right, you won't have to work or fight for it.

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- Molecular/Cell Biology
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Self-defense: learn to protect yourself

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COLUMNIST

The myth concerning self-defense is that it means fighting with another individual, and requires defense mechanisms such as punching and kicking. According to Donna Chaiet, co-author of the *Safe Zone*, “self defense is a concept in which the person has a full range of skills and tools to deal with an entire range of uncomfortable or potentially dangerous situations.” Imagine walking down a barely lit street late at night because your designated driver consumed too much alcohol, and a suspicious looking individual was following you? The only means of an assault weapon you have on you are your legs and the left hook your self-defense instructor taught you. According to the National Crime Prevention Council, “young people ages 12 to 24 are the group most likely to be victims of crimes such as rape, assault, and robbery.”

You can learn to protect yourself and you do not even need a black belt to do it. According to Chaiet, personal safety requires four aspects, which are awareness, body language, self-esteem, and boundaries. Setting boundaries is the most important concept for you to understand. Knowing your boundaries allows you to make better safety choices. Physical boundaries represent the space between you and another person and emotional boundaries are lines you draw in terms of how you let other people treat you.

You study in order to ace your exams at school, so why wouldn't

you learn ways in which to protect yourself in the event of an attack or sudden danger? The last thought on your mind should be thinking about during an attack is “can I really pull this self-defense tactic off?”

Using your instincts and voice are two common self-defense techniques. It is very important to understand the power of your voice. If you ever feel threatened, you should shout or scream to draw attention to the situation. Try to practice speaking loudly so if you were ever in danger, you would not freeze. Commands such as “No!” “Go away!” or “Back off!” are excellent attention-getters if you feel threatened.

The National Crime Prevention Council offers the following personal safety tips in order to reduce your risk in a dangerous situation. If you are going to be out at night, travel in a group. Be aware of your surroundings, and pay particular attention to possible hiding places such as stairways, alleyways, and bushes. Make certain that your body language demonstrates a sense of confidence and purpose. Also, when riding on public transportation, sit near the driver and remain awake and alert.

If a person ignores boundaries that you have set, blocks your path to safety, or if your intuition tells you something is wrong, you may have to fight. Chaiet, founder and president of Prepare, Inc., a national organization that teaches children, teens, and adult's self-defense, offers several guidelines on fighting effectively.

If you are attacked from the



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Kick boxing techniques will boost your self esteem and improve your cardiovascular system as well. There are actually two kinds of kickboxing. The first type is aerobic kickboxing, which is a popular self defense technique. Not only will you burn up to 800 calories an hour in the gym, but you will be able to ward off your attacker with a powerful high kick. Your strength will be increased, and you will also increase your self-esteem. Kickboxing will also help you work out your lower body as well as your upper body. Your most powerful weapon during an attack is your head. By remaining calm and using your head you will be able to escape your attacker. Remember to use your feet and legs. If the assailant attacks you from behind raise your knee and use your leg to kick the perpetrator straight back. If you are wearing high-heeled shoes try to stomp on the assailant's toes, which will deter him from chasing after you. Try to grab the attackers pinkie or ring finger if you are within reach because these are his weakest fingers and it will disengage his hold on your arm.

front, kick the attacker in the groin, or aim for the eyes or throat (wrap your fingers around your thumb in order to form a beak). If you are attacked from behind, step on the attacker's foot with your heel, aiming for the knees, elbow or the area between the rib cage and stomach. Use your natural weapons, which are your voice, hands, and feet. If the attacker has you in a tight hold use your legs to fight back.

Once you have resisted your attacker run as fast as you can to a safe location.

If you are interested in taking a self-defense course, contact your local YMCA or YWCA. Many people also study martial arts, such as karate and judo, as a means of self-defense. Remember that you have a voice, and self-confidence. Do not allow someone to take advantage of you physically or emotionally.



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COLUMNIST

Why is it that some ex's stick, and some don't? It seems like every girl and perhaps guy, has that one ex, that one that really meant a lot and probably broke your heart. My ex, let's call him Mr. D, recently got in touch with me.

When we first met, my ex dated & dated me for two months, before I headed off to Maryland. While there, we chatted and talked about meeting up when I returned, but slowly the conversations became less frequent and perhaps almost non-existent. When I did finally get home, we did meet up, and he seemed to need me again. And so it went, off again-on again for two years, perhaps almost three. We'd hang out for a couple weeks, I'd have the time of my life, and then there would be nothing, or just a couple of phone calls. I knew he had some

other girl (a good girl never reveals her sources), but when I questioned him, he always denied it. He'd call me crazy and completely deny it. And yet! When we stopped talking, he would always come back...I'd see him out and we'd spend the entire night hanging out with each other and end up, if not in the same car home, telling each other we'd call. Sometimes we did, sometimes we didn't. When we did, we usually spent the next couple of weeks on the phone and even hanging out a couple of times. I'm not sure what I ever really felt for him, but I always felt at home with him, like I could be more myself with him, than anyone. I could act like I did with my best friend, and not only did he not mind, he thought it was irresistible.

The last time we were together, he really broke my heart. I don't know if he even knows. We accidentally met up at a bar, hung out, and had a great time. Two days later, when I disclosed this infor-

mation to a close male friend of mine, and finally told him who the ex was, he couldn't believe who my mysterious ex turned out to be. He said he knew my ex, because he was friends with the girl my ex was involved with, kind of seriously involved with. This time, an outsider, not one of his friends or my friends, knew my ex, because of this “girlfriend”, he'd so continuously denied. My ex made me, that girl.

And so, when he reached out to me recently, after not speaking for four or five months, I wanted to scream- “Why would you want to get in touch with me? I feel horrible for what we did to your girl! You cheated on your “girlfriend” and broke my heart! Why would you ever want to keep in contact with me?” Of course I didn't. And after awhile, I really was glad he'd gotten in touch with me. But when it first happened, I analyzed it. What sign was the universe trying to send me? Was it repeatedly trying to tell me that we were meant to be? Was it trying to tell me that he really did like me and not this poor “girlfriend” he had?

And then I stopped myself. I re-

alized, that maybe, Mr. D getting in touch with me, was a sign that things just happen. People say, that “even the broken heart keeps beating.” However, they forget to mention that this broken heart keeps beating because of the same air. The air you breathe when in a great relationship is exactly the same as the air you breathe when you're sad about an ended relationship and when you're single. Effectively, it's that air that let's you survive. If you didn't breathe it in, you'd probably suffocate. In dealing with relationships-yes, some ex's must be banned and left out in the cold.

But maybe we need some of our ex's to stick around, to keep our heart beating. Maybe having our ex's, the ones that we really did “connect” with on some level (physical/mental/emotional), is the air we need. Maybe they present a continuous reminder of a fabulous relationship that we constantly need to breathe in, to help us see that love did exist and thus, can re-exist in our lives. And instead of analyzing why they hang around, we should simply, and calmly, breathe deeply.

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Love Doctors

The Love Doctors Are In...
The Geek v.s. The Chic

Dear Lindsay & Suzanne:
Why do geeks and freaks think they are chic? Is it because of Napolcon Dynamite, and other geeks getting the girl in the end of the movie? The media is doing such a disservice to us women it is appalling? How can I attract the man of my dreams instead of Screech from Saved By The Bell?

Sincerely,
Beauty Minus The Beast

Dear Beauty,
Every time I go out on the weekend it seems as if the shortage of attractive males decreases, and the supply of unattractive males becomes larger. This phenomenon is a growing concern to many women who are in search of their Mr. Right. Another concern that has been plaguing me recently is why these unattractive males believe they have the right to drop me a line such as, “hey gorgeous, I lost my number can I borrow yours?” This feeble attempt to attract my fleeting attention is becoming a nuisance. Is it my fault that I am not attracted to this man due to his receding hairline, and the fact that he is a foot shorter than me? I have a solution for all of you young women who have experienced this similar situation. If you find yourself wedged in the middle of Larry and Curly look-alikes, use the phrase, “I have a boyfriend,” or if that does not work say, “it is that time of the month.” There is no other phrase that disgusts a man more than hearing about your menstrual cycle.

The age-old question on a number of women's minds is why do these men actually assume that they have a chance with these supermodel look-alikes? The answer is that they believe they have nothing to lose. However, they are mistaken because they have their family jewels to lose and if any of these males approaches me in a crowded bar I would not even think twice.

The media has also skewed the image that unattractive males can win the hearts of gorgeous women such as the time when Claire Danes was dating singer Ben Lee who looked more like a Ferby doll than a hardcore rocker. In reality attractive women will not always fall prey to an unattractive males wit and charm. The only place an unattractive male will succeed with the opposite sex is in the movies. Why is it that your secret crush or the extremely attractive male has a girlfriend, is just not into you, or so conceited that his head is the size of a grapefruit? However, do not underestimate the so-called geek, because they can begin their own computer company and gross millions a year, such as entrepreneur Bill Gates.

You are not alone in the pursuit of happiness, but it would be easier to find Mr. Right without being bombarded by Mr. Wrong. If you are tired of being hit on by men that you are “just not into” then take some advice and raise the bar. When you primp and dress to go out for the evening, make certain that your outfit is sending the right message to the right guy. Do not wear an outfit that beckons the red-haired, freckled, pocket-protectors of the generation to your side. Opt for a sleek and chic black number that accentuate your curves and physique. For all you males, who are tired of attracting the girl of your nightmares, then change your demeanor and body language. Eye contact is important, and remember first impressions are lasting impressions. Do not be afraid to approach your crush and ask her out for a date.

Next time you have a night out on the town, make certain you glance seductively at the Leonardo Dicaprio look-alike and not Herman Munster.

Singles mingled at PRSSA'S speed dating event

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At 8:00 pm last Friday, the Public Relations Student Society of America hosted their second annual speed-dating event in the basement of Spruce Hall with music, food, and decorations.

The Basement of Spruce Hall was transformed into a romantic setting with balloons and stars, and was ready for singles to chat, ask questions, and mingle. The event was very well-decorated and excellently catered, with free food for everyone to enjoy.

It was very easy to participate. Participants signed up, received a questionnaire with great questions to ask such as "Where was your first kiss?" and "What is your dream job?" The prepared question sheet, along with the friendly people of PRSSA, made for a very comfortable and fun time to meet interesting singles here at Monmouth University. It was actually so great that the singles didn't even need the actual speed dating activity to get the night started. I had noticed two singles sitting in a booth with their questionnaires, looking very interested, and hadn't even waited for PRSSA to actually begin the night. It was successful right off the bat! Jullianne Mackey, a member of PRSSA who was also among the people in charge of the event said, "It's a great idea to get people on campus to make friends."

After everyone had socialized for a bit and enjoyed some food, it was time for the games and raffles to begin. The first game played was a flirtatious couple's game where some brave boys applied some lip-stick in an effort to place the most amounts of kisses on their female partner's arms and hands. That was followed by the well-known Starburst game, where the contestants had to unwrap a Starburst in their mouths the fastest. The last game was between two boys who had to dress themselves with sweats over their clothes the quickest. There were tons of laughs and tons of fun had by all the participants in all the games.

The prizes of the night were fabulous, and included gift certificates to Tiki-Tan, the Monmouth Mall, and the Bistro in Red Bank. "The night was real laid back and fun," said freshman Veronique Blostein, winner of the Tiki-Tan gift certificate. "Plus, I got free tanning out of it."

After the games and socializing went on late into the night, it was time for all the couples to leave. On their way out, everyone got to take home some food from the tasty buffet. Students were given the opportunity to leave with new friends and perhaps even a new love interest. It was fun, flirty and fabulous! PRSSA opened the basement of Spruce Hall for all the interesting singles crawling all over this campus to meet, play some games, and have some fun. Ms. Mackey at the end of the night said, "See, it isn't really that hard to get the interesting singles at Monmouth University interested in each other, they didn't even need to actually speed date to get to know each other and have a great time."

"Behind the Colored Lights" exhibit



PHOTO BY Allison Goodwin

The exhibit "Behind the Colored Lights" by Melanie Heinrich, a Professor at Monmouth University, can be found in the 800 Gallery.

ALLISON GOODWIN
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On Friday, October 28, an exhibit by Art Department Professor Melanie Heinrich opened in the 800 Gallery. The show, "Behind the Colored Lights, An Insiders View of the Carnival Life" featured eighty colorful images spanning three decades, which gave viewers a realistic idea of what life is like behind the scenes. Each image carries its own personality, extracting the special elements that make a traveling carnival unique to any other amusement experience. To compliment the images, Heinrich created a documentary video to further enhance the exhibit. The show runs through November 23. Gallery hours are: Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Comedian Performs in Anacon

SONYA PERRY
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Michael Blackson performed to a small crowd here at Monmouth University in Anacon Hall auditorium, in the Rebecca Stanford Student Center, Saturday, October 29.

The performance was presented by the African American Students Union at Monmouth University. Considered one of the most original foreign comics in the United States, Michael Blackson, The African King of Comedy, Hails from West Africa.

Michael opted not to go to college, instead he pursued a career in stand-up comedy and the rest is history. Since his start in comedy he has become one of the most outstanding and original comedian's nation wide. The African King has appeared on BET comic view, HBO Snaps, Uptown Snaps, and Uptown Comedy Hour. Lean On Me.

I introduced Michael Blackson that night, the crowd was small that night at Anacon hall, but the comedian performed as though there were hundreds in the audience. He appeared in his African BouBou, and in bare feet, that is his original African stage style that has been his trademark.

Wasting no time, he started in bashing people in the audience who set themselves up for his embarrassing but funny antics. I was no exception. His stand up show consists of everything from making fun of his country to funny things about Americans.

Over all he was enjoyed by all who braved that rainy Saturday. Most recently, Michael Blackson has worked with BET's Live From LA with Michael Colyer and the new sequel to "Friday" (the movie starring Chris Tucker and Ice Cube), "Next Friday", starring Ice Cube and Mike Epps, released December 1999.

MU Bookstore Food Drive

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The Monmouth University Bookstore food drive is going on now until December 23rd. Its purpose is to collect food to send to the Monmouth Long Branch Middle School food bank so that the poor can also have their Thanksgiving dinner. The bookstore is even giving an incentive to participate by offering a 25 percent discount on all imprinted items for a one-time purchase only.

In order to receive the discount, which is shown on a coupon the donator will receive, people need to donate at least five canned food items. The items are collected in a box found in the middle of the store in front of the registers.

"It's always awarding to give to the needy," states Ian Steelman a Monmouth University student, "they really need it because at least then they'll have a Thanksgiving dinner. When we give to the needy we are showing thanks for what we take for granted."

The food bank used to only go on in November but now it goes on until the end of December. The



PHOTO BY Chad Esposito

Marie Nigrelli, the head cashier of the bookstore puts food items into the food drive box.

reason for this is because the middle school relies so heavily upon us. We need something to give back to the community," states Kathy Booth the manager of the bookstore, "we thought that if we had an incentive then we would get more food to give back to those who really need it."

There are usually two major food drop offs at Thanksgiving and New Years. It usually does pretty well and we donate a lot to them so that the food bank relies on us. The food drive has been going on for the past five years and will hopefully continue for many more.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship

Beginning his 22nd year as Greek Orthodox Chaplain at Monmouth University, Archimandrite Father Ephraem extends his personal blessing to all Eastern Orthodox students, faculty, and staff for a prolific scholastic year and hopes all will be active in the Orthodox Christian Fellowship. Father is available at any time to minister to the spiritual needs of all Orthodox Christians on a 24-hour basis, for prayer, confession, or just someone to talk to.



Father Ephraem can be found on campus, or he can be reached by calling: **732-671-5932**

Student Talent Show

TAYLOR SMITH
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



PHOTO BY Taylor Smith

Adam Romano played original acoustic music for student Talent Show

Many Monmouth students came out to support their fellow peers on November 2nd for the Student Talent Night sponsored by the Student Activities Board. There were numerous acts ranging from, musicians, to comedians, to even martial arts. Each act didn't fall short of impressing the audience. I spoke with many students and one in particular, Freshman Sarah Ragan felt that, "It is great that SAB puts on events like this and this was definitely an entertaining event to go to."

Other students raved about the acoustic music that was performed. Freshman Gina Hickey and Adina Faulkner stated that, "We especially enjoyed the performers with original pieces and people who used their guitars while performing." One of the acoustic performers, Suzie St. Amour sang original songs and one cover song. Suzie won the \$150 prize for first place. Another acoustic performer, Adam Romano didn't win the top three prizes, but did win the audience's vote and won \$50. He won for his amazing original songs that had everyone's feet tapping. All in all this was a successful event and students can't wait until next year to see more talented acts.



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with public policy at all levels of government.

"Today we live in an interconnected, interdependent world and it is very important for us to understand how policies that are maybe made at one level but impacts people in various ways and everything is interconnected," said Dr. Datta.

The curriculum for the master's program in public policy includes such courses as public opinion and polling, policy analysis, and research methods.

"We will also have cross listed courses with other departments like social work, communication, and history," explained Dr. Datta. She also added that they could possibly work with the schools of education and nursing.

Those cross listed courses include social planning, history of urbanization, family policy, gender issues in policy, and American foreign policy.

According to Dr. Datta, the program will feature public policy practicum which focuses on "how policy is made within the field."

Two professors who will be teaching courses in this program include Professor Joseph Patten and Professor Kevin Dooley, both Assistant Professors of Political Science at Monmouth University. Having a background in public policy himself, Professor Patten will be teaching a course in public policy analysis.

He said, "It is the gateway course into the master's program. It gives an overview of stages of public policy, agenda setting, policy for-

mulation, budgeting, implementation, and evaluation."

Professor Dooley said he will most likely be teaching comparative public policy and global organizations courses within the program. Comparative public policy, according to Professor Dooley, "looks at different industrialized democracies and how they perform their governments." The course in global organizations will look at the "structure of global organizations" like the United Nations and NATO and focus on how they deal with issues like security.

In addition to time spent in the classroom, students will also have the opportunity to participate in "public policy-making settings".

"There is an experiential component to our graduate program, as well," said Dr. Datta.

There are many benefits to having this program implemented at the University.

Dr. Datta said, "Public policy is really at the heart of any democracy and I think for Monmouth to engage in a degree granting program in public policy will be a great benefit to taking students to the next level in terms of both the understanding as well as developing skills."

Zorner said, "This gives Monmouth University the chance to be a significant player in the field of Political Science...I see this degree as a positive step towards building a better educated and informed community."

Professor Patten said that this program will do a lot for Monmouth University.

"I think there's a strong demand for it and there is also a demand for

a focus on public policy," he said.

Professor Dooley said that having the public policy master's degree will be beneficial to the reputation of the school.

"I think it will continue to enhance our reputation as a school that makes people pursuing continuing education more marketable to employers."

"[I] think it is a pragmatic program. A program that employers will know exactly what sort of skill set a person with that type of degree will have," said Professor Dooley of the importance of the new master's degree.

"I would like the program to become meaningful for those who sign up for it and would like to pursue the degree in public policy," said Dr. Datta of what she hopes for in the program.

Dr. Datta said "meaningful" in the sense of that students will be able to take away the skills they received during the course of the program and apply them to jobs they pursue in the future.

She said that studying ethics will also "make the program very distinctive". Students will be able to learn philosophy making in "a historical, philosophical, and actual context," she noted.

Dr. Datta also hopes to work directly with the Polling Institute and Urban Coast Institute so students can work with experts in the field.

She believes that this program will be an excellent opportunity for Monmouth students.

"A study of public policy makes us aware, makes us better citizens, and helps us know how to make policy better," concluded Dr. Datta.

MU Rally



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Republican gubernatorial candidate Doug Forrester (pictured above with his daughter) traveled through heavily republican populated Monmouth County.

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Ava Johnson. Other speakers included Congressmen Rush Holt and Senator Frank Lautenberg.

Democratic representatives discussed the current issues believed to be affecting New Jersey prior to the arrival of Senator Corzine and Obama. "We're mad as hell and we're not going to take it anymore!" shouted Senator Lautenberg as the crowd cheered and applauded. He also emphasized the importance of voting in the surrounding counties. "We need to get out there and exercise the right to vote," he said.

Other issues discussed were increased finances, property taxes, health care, gun-control and funding for college students.

"I think that property taxes are the biggest issue in New Jersey right now," said Monmouth County resident Noel Kirchner. "Corruption is really making a damaging impact on our community."

After the local Democratic representatives spoke Senator Corzine arrived accompanied by Illinois Senator Obama, who first took the platform to introduce Corzine. "This is a serious time," Senator Obama said sternly. "We need to

make sure we elect the single most qualified person."

The supporters cheered energetically as Senator Obama waved and gave the platform to Senator Jon Corzine. "We want to make sure every student earns their way to Monmouth University and any other college in New Jersey," he said when discussing the issue of student loans being cut back.

"I have been a Democrat all my life," said Monmouth County resident Linda Mafu proudly. "I really like his experience and policies. I am not at all impressed with (Republican candidate Doug) Forrester." The program ended with a roar of cheers as Jon Corzine declared, "Stand with me on Tuesday (Nov. 8), and I'll stand with you for the next four years."

Spectators of the rally expressed the impact of the program afterwards. Even custodian Patricia Jones voiced her opinion of the event. "Go Corzine! That's all I got to say!" Jones shouted, waving her broom in the air. "I thought it was quite moving and it was excellently organized, it went well," said Glen Albert of Monmouth County. "Election day is going to be very exciting for all of us."



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ENTERTAINMENT

Music sites for music lovers

LISA PIKAARD
STAFF WRITER

With the recent campus crack-down on the illegal downloading of music from file sharing programs such as limewire and the recent shutting down of the illegal file sharing agent Grokster (www.yahoo.com), students are in search of places to listen to music online. There are many sites, unknown to most, which provide legal access to music that can be legally listened to while also pre-viewing new music.

The website purevolume.com provides a database with thousands of musicians that are both signed and unsigned and allow for listening as well as downloading tunes. However, the decision is up to the artist as to whether or not their tracks are avail-

able for downloading.

This site is also great for browsing local unsigned bands as well as posting personal music. Being on a college campus, many students are members of the online community myspace.com. This website also has a section devoted entirely to musicians. People are given the option to search for bands or artists. The bands that have a myspace account usually provide media players that allow members to listen to their newest releases; however, it is not possible to download tracks off this website.

Another website where music is available is music.aol.com. This website allows for not only listening to musicians, but viewing of music videos and live performances as well.

For those students who are in search of free downloadable music, join iTunes. An email goes out every Tuesday and there is a free song download of the week.

MTV.com also has "the leak" which allows people to listen to new albums before they are released.

One last place to listen to music is to check out the artist's webpage if you are in search of a specific artist. Being that not all of these sites contain music that is downloadable, many people tend to overlook them. But for those music lovers that are in need of a place to simply listen to music, these are the sites to look to!



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Grokster was recently shut down for illegal file sharing.

A Downward Spiral

SAMANTHA YOUNG
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The local band Spiraling first came to my attention last year when I reviewed their second album, *Challenging Stage*.

It wasn't exactly a rave, if fact, quite the opposite. Their insipid lyrics mixed with even worse synthesizers drove me practically to tears.

Nevertheless, I attended Hawk TV's M-Squared Live on Monday to see if I could have possibly been wrong. To my own chagrin, I was not.

Spiraling was unfailing in their drawn-out piano solos and mid-song "fake outs"

(their over-used signature move where they pretended to end a song then start again five seconds later).

"A Face for Radio" was their only saving grace and even that song got old.

This band has potential but instead of using it, they choose to write songs about sugar (don't believe me? check it out.).

A final piece of advice if I may: learn how to sing into the microphone and turn down your amps.

The most entertaining part of the night was the raffle in which I won a CD from the band *Gatsby's American Dream and the Volcano*. Can't wait to give it a listen.



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Spiraling performing live in Hawk 12 TV's studio.

Green Day's Live DVD

A little more music, a little less politics

RUSSELL CARSTENS
STAFF WRITER

I estimate that most music fans probably don't prefer politics to mix with art, but that's one of the cool things about art...it can be used as a medium to voice how the creator feels. On November 15, Green Day's first ever live DVD will be released, which includes a CD of the performance as well. It's titled *Bullet In A Bible* and contains songs from their bold, politically driven album, *American Idiot*.

The new release holds 20 tracks, a handful of which are from their last album, *American Idiot*. Also performed is a cover of Queen's anthem "We Are The Champions" and a rarity of Green Day's titled "Maria," which was released on *International Superhits* back in 2001. The rest of the tracks are well known radio and live staples familiar to Green Day fanatics and music fans in general.

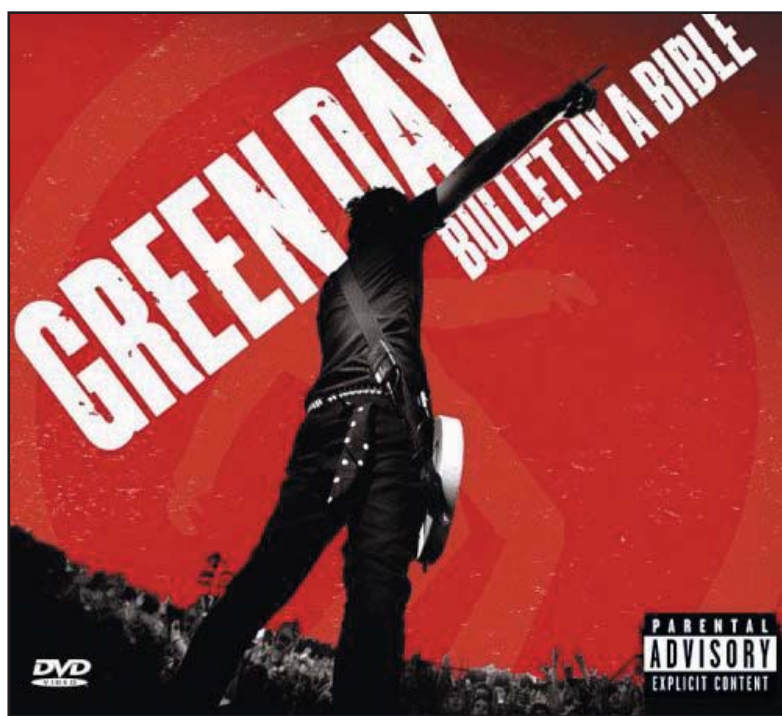
Even though the band's recent push for their anti-Bush message has been a bit overbearing since *American Idiot*'s release last September (pretty much every one of the record's music videos have some sort of political message involved), Green Day is the type of band whose music is good enough that their message is at least tolerable and somewhat easy to ignore. That is if you can overlook anti-Bush music fans whose only source of what's going on in their

country is what their favorite band tells them. Plus, after not addressing any political or "important" issues in the beginning of their career and acting as if they were proud of it, the trio is probably eager to let the world know how they feel about things.

Although it's a concept album, the songs on *American Idiot* aren't delivered in such a way that you have a message cramming your ears and mind during each listen. It's not the type of record that ab-

solutely needs to be heard from beginning to end to be understood, either. Individual songs can easily be listened to without throwing the listener off, and they're all good songs.

When it all comes down to it, Green Day gave crafty pop-punk a second wind with *American Idiot*, and the songs they write are always better than what the imitators are handing over to the genre, even if you don't care for politics in music.



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Green Day releases their newest album, *Bullet in a Bible*.

Panic! At the Disco swears to shake it up

SAMANTHA YOUNG
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

It was two weeks ago when it happened. The location was Stacy Dwyer's Pontiac Grand AM. We were on our nightly 7-11 Slurpee run she popped in a CD her friend had been raving about and subsequently, burned for her. She said it would be the best CD I ever heard.

Apprehensive as always, I listened with a critical ear and a stubborn heart as the CD began. After the second track, I was hooked.

Panic! At the Disco is the band and *A Fever You Can't Sweat Out* is the album.

Possibly, the album's best attribute is that they don't sound like anyone. Just when you begin to classify them, the next song is something completely different.

The best tracks on the CD are "Only Difference Between Martyrdom and Suicide Is Press Coverage," Lying Is The Most Fun A Girl Can Have Without Taking Her Clothes Off," and "Time to Dance."

The music industry has the infamous reputation for concentrating solely on the current trend. To

make money, they market what they believe the people want to hear. They make stars out of the talent-less, but rarely out of the talented.

As always, there are exceptions to everything. Decaydance is one of them. This recording company is breaking the mold and producing quality music, a CD that is targeted towards no one and be

loved by all who hear it.

Fever You Can't Sweat Out is one of those rare albums you can listen to over and over again. The album would have been impressive had it been the second or third attempt of a well-established band. Because it is Panic! At the Disco's first release in their short career, the album is nothing short of amazing.



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Panic! At the Disco (left to right): Ryan Ross (guitar), Spencer Smith (drums), Ryan Urie (vocals, guitar), and Brent Wilson (bass).



THE LYRIC LOUNGE

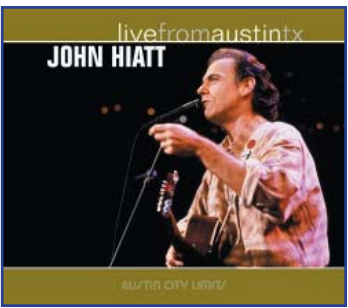
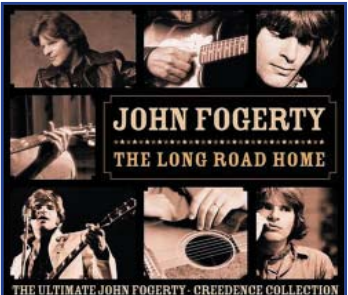
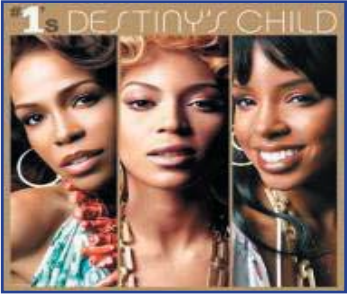


LISA PIKAARD
STAFF WRITER

Blink-182, although broken up, has released one last album together entitled *Greatest Hits*. Never would I have thought Blink-182 would release an album compiling their greatest hits but it works for them. Generally, these types of albums are not worth buying because most fans already have all the tracks the album contains. The one thing that makes this album worth purchasing is the evident progression of the band as seen on the album. The compilation is in chronological order dating back to 1993 with the track “Carousel” which was originally off of their demo album. The most popular songs of Blink-182’s career “What’s My Age Again,” “All the Small Things,” and, “Rock Show” are also on the album. Another two reasons the album is worth checking out are the tracks, “Not Now,” and “Another Girl Another Planet.” The first of those two tracks was never released in the US and the second is a cover (also never before released by Blink-182). The latter suits the band fantastically and has the same catchy feel as all the other hits on this album.



Destiny’s Child has joined the many artists who have recently released a greatest hits album. Their newest (and most likely final) release as a group is their album *#1’s*. The album is a dual disc CD/DVD that contains tracks from the group in its many phases. The group has gone through many members and this album showcases the progression and evolution of Destiny’s Child. It contains 16 tracks ranging from their first hits like “Bills Bills Bills,” and “Bugaboo,” to newer releases like “Cater 2 U,” and “Girl.” The album does have three new tracks as well as the classics. The first track on the album, “Stand Up for Love,” is the World Children’s Day anthem. The other new tracks the album contains are a Beyonce song featuring Slim Thug, “Check on it,” and the group track, “Feel the Same Way I Do.” The musical trio broke up officially at the end of this past summer but that did not prevent them from releasing this powerful assemblage of hit songs. Because this album contains new tracks, it is certainly worth purchasing.



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The Long Road Home: Ultimate John Fogerty Creedence Collection is definitely the ultimate collection of works by this talented singer/songwriter. Many people of this generation have failed to recognize the musical talent of John Fogerty but this album gives you a chance to experience it. This album contains many hits of the past such as, “Bad Moon Rising,” “Who’ll Stop the Rain,” “Fortunate Son,” “Down on the Corner,” “Lodi,” and many other tracks made famous by Creedence Clearwater Revival. Also on the album are tracks from John Fogerty’s solo efforts including his hit track, “Déjà Vu (All Over Again).” The success of Creedence Clearwater Revival and John Fogerty is rarely recognized today but credit must be given where credit is due. John Fogerty’s amazing guitar, vocal, and songwriting skills are showcased in this fantastically chosen compilation of hit songs. John Fogerty has been making music for over three decades and doesn’t plan on stopping any time soon. It is definitely time to become familiar with John Fogerty and this album is the best way to do it.



John Hiatt’s newest album, *Live from Austin, TX*, is part of a larger collection of multiple artists’ live performances from Austin. Hiatt’s performance sadly proves live music isn’t always better than studio recorded music. Hiatt, most famous for his track, “Have A Little Faith In Me,” (which is on this album) is a great musician but not the best live performer. The album has enough to it that it will be successful, but that success may be limited. The vocals are weaker than expected but the song selection is quite good. Aside from “Have A Little Faith In Me,” the tracks, “Loving a Hurricane,” “When You Hold Me Tight,” and “Thing Called Love,” are successful tracks from Hiatt’s past and if you’ve never heard them before, check them out now! “Angel” is a fun upbeat song that is arguably the catchiest tune on the disc. There are no weak tracks on the album but vocally, I expected more from John Hiatt. The album is better than I expected having not expected much, but it isn’t truly exceptional in any way shape or form. Overall the album is better than mediocre but certainly not great.



Correction: The following article titled “Newly-released *The Minstrel Show* ridicules today’s hip-hop” written by staff writer Jenny Roberts is being reprinted due to editing errors which omitted the author’s original intent. Although corrections are usually printed on page 2, *The Outlook* staff felt it best to run it in the entertainment section because of the nature of the article.

IN SEARCH OF HIP-HOP

Newly-released *The Minstrel Show* ridicules today’s hip-hop

JENNY ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

A hip hop album can be more than tight. It can be better than a club banger. And it can do even more than bring the ghetto to the suburbs. Little Brother’s new album “*The Minstrel Show*” surpasses the commercial standards of platinum and gold in the effect that it defies a stereotype. And in today’s hip hop scene that is filled with rappers with the same sound, I know y’all can appreciate that. I say y’all after the southern drawl that pertains to the hometown of Durham, NC where the boys of Little Brother; Phonte, Big Pooh, and producer/rapper 9th Wonder are from. But just because it’s southern, don’t get it twisted. In the test of authenticity, every song on Little Brother’s CD passes. For once, you can pop in an album produced from the bottom of the map where the MC doesn’t claim to be the king of the south and the topics are deeper than Lil’Jon’s pimp cup.

Typically in hip-hop we have heard conscious messages spoken through the lips of Northerner’s like New Yorkers Talib Kweli and Nas. With the exception of Outkast, artists from the south almost always bring us the club hit; it’s usually lined with crunk, and sometimes becomes a street anthem. In the opinions of many, southern hip-hop, on the whole, has not been able to diversify it’s self enough. The final track on

The Minstrel Show touches on this saying “And this is what the state hip-hop is like. I’m thinking damn that this cannot be right.” With only Outkast to bring us original flavor from the south, the slow-ignorant stereotype of the southern states could continue on. While Little Brother’s style does not mirror or even resemble Outkast’s, the trio has joined them as hip-hop innovators who are changing the way people view the south.

The album is titled after minstrel shows, which were skits that began in the United States in the 1800’s where white men would dress up as slaves, imitating black Americans who had a genuine fondness for African American cultural forms. In the 1840s, the minstrel show had become one of the central events in the culture of the Democratic Party. Minstrel shows continued to be popular well into the 1950s, and high schools, fraternities and local theater groups would often perform minstrel shows in blackface. It finally became unpopular as African Americans gained more political power in the 1950s.

The content of the actual album does not harp on this theme, but it is presented in the skits like the first one entitled “Welcome to the Minstrel Show” where the listener is introduced to a fictional TV channel

UBN, a modern day minstrel show. The second track “Beautiful Morning” invites us into life in Durham, a city in the south that shouldn’t be underestimated just because of its location. The third track “The Becoming” focuses on the skills each rapper has to bring to the table. They tell the history of the group how things started in 1999 and how the trio developed a local fan base playing in area clubs. “I’m everything you want to be but have yet to become,” is the chorus. The next track, “Not enough,” continues the chronicle of the group’s journey.

Track 17 “We Got Now” speaks directly about the influence the group will have and touches on how hard it is for recording artists to make it. “See n****s blowin’ up who ain’t got your spark. And that alone is a burden to carry. Either you get strong or you get buried.” Little Brother also directly points out the effect they will have will be deeper as they put in the hard work which gains the respect of fans, while other rappers try to use bling to get fan support. “They (the fans) heard all of your songs...and watched your videos and seen the car you drive. We know what to expect my n****, done seen it all before, I ain’t impressed my n****. But they heard all of our songs...and came out to the shows and seen us on the grind. And this is how we get down.

We don’t care who got next, we right now.”

Track 6, “Hiding Place,” asks other rappers where they are going to hide from the skills of Little Brother. You can really feel their hunger on this track. “My pens ferocious. I’m so focused, and I pray to god the world knows this.” Track 7 is the song released for radio entitled “Lovin it” featuring Joe Scudda and is receiving heavy rotation on MTV 2 and radio. Their flow is perhaps the strongest on this track. The line “Go join a sorority step your game up,” has a “College Drop Out,” Kanye West feel to it.

Fame simply hasn’t come easy for this group, a usual problem for artists who don’t fit the mold and the formula of usual rap. Phonte comments upon this specifically on the album saying that “even though most of our albums are poorly promoted and all the magazines probably won’t even quote it. J League never running or folding We got tight to steal y’all spotlight and y’all won’t even know it.” The group is still working its way to the top and it looks like they are slowly on their way to a higher level of fame. Rapper Big Pooh says “Now my sister’s kirk out when they hear me on the radio.”

The ultimate question many might have about album would deal with fact that

Little Brother chose to highlight the minstrel shows that once humili-

ated a race and culture. One might ask is the same discrimination and form of parody that went on in the past going on today? Is Eminem a modern-day minstrel show performer? And furthermore are hip-hop artists, black or white, portraying themselves negatively? According to www.about.com, the main focus of the album “is to basically ridicule the downward spiral of the rap artists in the industry that compromise their self-dignity for millions of dollars. From this, the title of the album speaks for itself. Many rap artists of today are modern day materialistic minstrels acting as puppets to those record label CEOs.” Phonte says it best. “To me, ‘The Minstrel Show’ is ultimately about responsibility,” said Phonte in an interview for Atlantic Records. “As rappers, we have to take responsibility for what we say, and for the images we portray to our people. If not, we’re doing essentially what minstrel shows did: perpetuating negative images and reinforcing those negative stereotypes.”

So if you happen to be into real, fresh music with a conscious message, go out and buy this one. The more we support artists like Little Brother, the less of a need there will be for the duplication of club hits and more of a demand will exist for hard-working artists who will offer their heart and soul to an album.

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By Linda C. Black,
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Nov. 9th)

You're lucky, confident and very imaginative this year. With all that going for you, might as well also become rich.

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

♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is a 7

The possibilities are pretty good that you and your team will achieve the previously thought impossible. Go for it.

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 7

You can bet there'll be an argument on just about every point of possible contention. Stick to the important stuff.

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 6

If the bulk of the job is done, you should be able to take a mid-week excursion. Reward yourself for having made it this far.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 7

Postpone a romantic interlude until after your shopping is done. Finish as many of your other tasks as you can now, too.

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

Consider the possibilities _ and the consequences. Make lists of pros and cons, and wait. More information is coming.

♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 7

Careful analysis is required. Luckily, you're in the mood. Even a tricky problem can be solved. Read the manual.

♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 6

Don't reach for the checkbook _ reach for your sketch pad and your lined paper, instead. You need to visualize first, then make a list.

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is an 6

Follow through with a recommendation. Check that item off your lists. Start making plans for a romantic interlude soon, but one that does not break your budget.

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 7

Odds are good you'll hit pay dirt soon. Don't get over-enthusiastic, though. Proceed with caution.

♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is an 7

Cash in your coupons, send in your rebates, recycle bottles and cans. You'll make enough to get yourself a well-earned special treat.

♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 7

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 1 Largest of our seven
- 5 Sacred service
- 9 Bed supports
- 14 Uncool kid
- 15 The same, on the Seine
- 16 Wilkes-_, PA
- 17 Gambler's choice
- 20 Anti-inflammatory drug
- 21 Med. sch. subj.
- 22 Colorful chalcedony
- 25 Experiment
- 27 Ripen
- 28 Side-to-side
- 31 Family of Indy winners
- 33 MOMA word
- 34 French Open champ
- 38 Gambler's choice
- 43 Disciple
- 44 Stroke gently
- 46 Shells and elbows
- 49 Small trading units
- 52 TV brand
- 53 "Peter Pan" pirate
- 57 Rajah's wife
- 58 Pac-10 team
- 60 Tumbler
- 63 Gambler's choice
- 68 Ms. Lauder
- 69 Lustful look
- 70 Hosiery hue
- 71 Stone pillar
- 72 Not working
- 73 Paper quantity

DOWN

- 1 Picnic invader
- 2 _ of Marmara
- 3 Nettle
- 4 " _ Fideles"
- 5 Bundle of nerves
- 6 Sikorsky of helicopters
- 7 Fortune deck
- 8 Songwriter Greenwich
- 9 Mom-&-pop store grp.
- 10 Red hot flower?
- 11 Sites for fights

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- 22 C.S.A. state
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- 24 Aleutian island
- 26 Ballerina's skirt
- 29 Dog food brand
- 30 Country on the Mekong
- 32 Kind of profit
- 35 PC monitor element
- 36 Norway capital
- 37 Cast off
- 39 Create lace
- 40 Arrow-poison tree
- 41 Current (with)
- 42 Rose of Reds
- 45 Mao _-Tung
- 46 Prigs
- 47 Confront
- 48 Military gesture
- 50 Dang!
- 51 Shaving foam
- 54 Actress West
- 55 Pathogenic bacteria
- 56 Goofed
- 59 Seth's brother
- 61 Like Nash's lama
- 62 Endured
- 64 Grant or Majors
- 65 Rink surface
- 66 Gun lobby
- 67 Plant secretion

Two Dudes

by Aaron Warner

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by Aaron Warner

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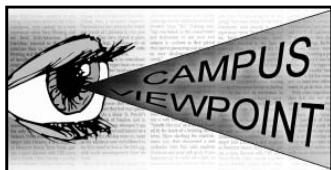
SADDER STILL THAT HERMAN DID THAT NICE, FRIENDLY, THING FOR YOU, GETTING THAT SHIRT FOR YOU LIKE A FRIEND WOULD, AND YOU JUST IGNORE HIM.

WHATEVER. HE'S JUST BEING NICE BECAUSE I HAVE THE NEW XBOX.

YOU PROBABLY ARE TOO. WELL SCRAM. HAVE FUN WITH YOUR GAMECUBE!

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New search engine available for students

Answers.com looks to emerge as top search site

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Answers.com is a website founded in 1999 by Bob Rosen-schein and is devoted to finding users quick and accurate facts about any topic they are inclined to look up. According to the company overview link on Answers.com, during January 2005 they switched from a subscription based website over to a free search engine because of "the evolving market of online search," and "advances in the realm of targeted advertising allowed the company to move away from a subscription framework."

With its comprehensive search programs, as well as its numerous downloads and add on's, Answers.com has set itself apart from its competition.

According to Jay Bailey, Director of Marketing for Answers.com, what sets this site apart from the competition is that sites like Google, Yahoo!, and Ask Jeeves "give links, and are generic search engines, while Answers.com gives facts (up front). We are responsible for the information we have in there. Other websites are like a phone switch board, they send you in many different directions."

Monmouth University Senior Dan DeVries said that he was impressed with the layout of Answers.com.

"I'm amazed at the amount of

information, it has a great pull down, incorporates Wikipedia, its great." When asked if after reviewing the website would he continue to use Answers.com he replied, "now that I know about it, I'll definitely use it ahead of Google, etc. It eliminates the need to search the web."

However, Monmouth University Advising Director of Communication Professor Lorna Schmidt had mixed feelings about it. "It's great that it offers students a citation option. It's kind of saying to kids," she said. "Hey, if you're going to quote something, attribute it!" At the same time she noted that, "It seems not so much for college level students, more for ages K-12."

When asked what her overall impression of the site was she noted that, "there are some differences that make this site unique however it needs more work in order to be held along the same lines as Google."

Although Answers.com is still young compared to other major search engines, they provide a vital service in a growing economy. Bailey stated that "journalists have the most to benefit from the site, after them lawyers. Whereas with other sites you have the links to chase down and the possibility that the information is inaccurate, Answers.com provides accurate information."

Bailey further goes on to say that they "have over 40 people checking facts and keeping infor-

mation up to date at all times."

Besides fact checkers, Bailey said that, "Answers.com takes customer e-mails very seriously."

According to Bailey, although they already cover a general base of over 1.3 million topics they are constantly looking to expand.

In the immediate future, Answers.com will be looking to incorporate more e-commerce/specialty type areas.

In addition, they are also looking

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to add access to academic Journals and entertainment. He further noted that they "hope to get to a point where any genre of information will be right there, or in its place will be a way to get there."

Bailey believes that "if a person gets on the site and tries it once, they will be hooked."

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Road trip

Area shopping malls and outlets sized up for perfection

ANDREA TIBALDO
FASHION EDITOR

If you feel like you see shopping malls everywhere you go in New Jersey you're not just overreacting. In fact, according to www.50states.com, New Jersey has the most shopping malls in one area in the world, with seven major shopping malls in a 25 square mile radius. The state is literally a shopalics utopia. With so many different types of purchasing emporiums, such as outlet, mall, antique, and flea market shopping, it is impossible to pass up on some weekend shopping trips. However, when anything exists in bulk there comes status and selectivity. Some malls now outdated in layout, decor and store selection are being outshined by newer malls like Short Hills and Bridgewater whose modern sleek decor and layout make for a charming shopping experience. Below is a guide to some local malls and outlets that have been given overall ratings for 'mall perfection.'

Monmouth Mall



Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-9:30pm, Sunday 11am-7pm
Phone: (732) 542-0333
Website: monmouthmallonline.com
Directions from Monmouth University: Located at the intersection of Route 35 and Route 36. *About 10 minutes from campus.*
Stores to look for: Abercrombie & Fitch, Aldo, The Limited, Gap, Express/Express Men, Rampage, Old Navy, American Eagle Outfitters
Overall Thoughts: Store selection is minimal; small mall with poor maintenance.

The Grove at Shrewsbury



Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-9pm, Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 11am-5pm
Phone: (732) 933-8382
Website: thegroveatshrewsbury.com
Directions from Monmouth University: Take Route 35 North; it will turn into Broad Street; end at 597 Broad Street. Stores will be on your right. *About 15 minutes from campus.*
Stores to look for: bebe, Banana Republic, Ann Taylor, Gap, Victoria's Secret, Coach, Sealfon's
Overall Thoughts: Small complex; not many clothing stores for the young sophisticated shopper; closest bebe in area.

Freehold Raceway Mall



Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-9:30pm, Sunday 11am-7pm
Phone: (732) 577-1144
Website: freeholdracewaymall.com
Directions: Parkway North to Exit 100 to Route 33 West. Follow to Route 33 and Route 9 intersection. Make left at traffic light onto Route 9 South; mall will be your second right. *About 25 minutes from campus.*
Stores to look for: Nordstrom, Banana Republic, Guess?, Nine West, PacSun, Timberland, Coach, Hollister
Overall Thoughts: Medium-sized mall, very clean, friendly environment and helpful employees; shops around perimeter of mall.

Menlo Park Mall



Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-9:30pm, Sunday 11am-5pm
Phone: (732) 494-6255
Website: <http://www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=113>
Directions from Monmouth University: Parkway North to Exit 131. Bear right onto Route 27. At third traffic light make left onto Parsonage Road. Go through one light then mall will be on your right. *About 35 minutes from campus.*
Stores to look for: Coach, Nordstrom, Victoria's Secret, Lucky Brand Jeans, Arden B, Guess?, Kenneth Cole, Aldo
Overall Thoughts: Mid-range retailers; large in size; worth drive for stores Monmouth Mall lacks.

Six Flags Factory Outlets/Jackson Outlets



Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-9pm, Sunday 10am-7pm
Phone: (732) 833-0680
Website: <http://www.shopjackson.com/outlets>
Directions from Monmouth University: Parkway South to Exit 98. Take I-95 West to Exit 16 and follow signs for outlet mall. *About 30 minutes from campus.*
Stores to look for: Banana Republic, Nautica, Nike, Fossil, Gap, Tommy Hilfiger, J.Crew
Overall Thoughts: About 70 eclectic stores; good prices; horseshoe layout makes shopping easy; largest Gap store in area

Jersey Gardens Mall



Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-9pm, Sunday 11am-7pm
Phone: (908) 354-5900
Website: www.jerseygardens.com
Directions from Monmouth University: Parkway North to Exit 140 (Turnpike). Take Turnpike North to Exit 13A and just follow signs after the toll booth. *About 45 minutes from school.*
Stores to look for: Aldo, BCBG Max Azria, Forever 21, H&M, Kenneth Cole, Neiman Marcus, Nike, Perry Ellis, Saks 5th Avenue
Overall Thoughts: Carpeted floors make for nice/clean environment; large H&M; offers some high end retail stores; outlet

Bridgewater Commons



Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-9:30pm, Sunday 11am-7pm
Phone: (908) 218-1166
Website: bridgewatercommons.com
Directions from Monmouth University: Parkway North to Exit 127. Take Route 440/287 North to Exit 14B for Route 22 West (exit is on left). Take first exit on right to Commons Way/Garretson Road. Turn right at 1st light to enter mall. *About 50 minutes from campus.*
Stores to look for: Bloomingdales, bebe, Abercrombie & Fitch, Coach, Eddie Bauer, Express, Guess?, Sephora, Forever 21
Overall Thoughts: Exceptionally nice environment; newer mall with nice layout/decor; mid to high end retail stores; worth the 50 minute drive from campus; one of the most productive retail centers (\$580 per square foot) in the entire country.

The Mall at Short Hills



Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-7pm, Sunday 12-6pm
Phone: (973) 376-7350
Website: shopshorthills.com
Directions from Monmouth University: Parkway North to Exit 142. Follow u-turn signs to I-78 West and Route 24 West to Exit 7C (JFK Parkway). Mall will be on right. *About 50 minutes from campus.*
Stores to look for: A/X Armani Exchange, Bloomingdales, bebe, Chanel, Diesel, D&G, MaxMara, Burberry, Free People, Hollister, Saks Fifth Avenue, French Connection, BOSS Hugo Boss, Betsy Johnson
Overall Thoughts: Glamorous mall; Extensive selection of stores, especially upscale retailers; if you're on a budget not worth the trip; gets very crowded on weekends; parking garage and valet parking.

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CLUB and GREEK

Note from the Club and Greek Editor: My name is Sean Kenny and I am a brother of Phi Sigma Kappa. We finally were able to get this page put back into the newspaper and I hope each fraternity, sorority and campus organization jumps at this new opportunity to get your members’ voices heard. I look forward to creating this page each week, as long as more groups send in their articles. You can contact me at the Outlook email address (outlook@monmouth.edu) or just find me on campus. I need articles sent to me by Friday so they can be published in every issue of *The Outlook*. Thanks in advance, and I hope to hear from more of you during the next week or so.

Phi Sigma Kappa

The effin article is effin back and im ready to effin write it. This must be the semester of love as Stimpy, Honky, and Precious seem to have been hit by cupids arrow. And no Cheese, telling a girl you love her and uncontrollably groping her doesn’t count. Neither does telling the bouncer to let you into the bar to see your imaginary girlfriend.

Hansel gets a haircut.. He was starting to look like cousin It... This is Farva signing off saying “I put my pants on one leg at a time, except when I put my pants on I make articles.” DAMN PROUD.

Sigma Tau Gamma

Sigma Tau Gamma is a group of men who base themselves on principles. The newest fraternity to come to Monmouth University, they were chartered in April 2005. They have won Best Homecoming Float for the past two years. Their national philanthropy is Books for Kids, which donates books to organizations and schools in need of them, and their second is Bacchus Gamma, which deals with underage drinking. Sig Tau’s are very recognizable on campus for being very involved within the MU community. Sig Tau’s pride themselves on hard work yet also know when to have a good time. Sigma Tau Gamma was founded with the understanding that all men are social creatures and that friendships made in college days are lasting ones.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

Aiyo, washu doin?!?: Mr. Shaggy Slave Hasselhoff a.k.a. Bundt Cakes - Gus Gus and Wiggum debate Monmouth’s integrity: Quailman - Farva likes to take his kids for walks: Gus Gus - This isn’t my street! Tumer?: Moby - Boop! Johnny 5, Penguin, and Chewy kopp a pitbull pup. Boop!: Penguin - Build your own hotdawwwgs onnnnnn Friday!: Buckwheat - Well aah-hhhhhhhhhhhhhhh: Quailman - This is how we peeeeee!! BOOP!: a.k.a. Bundt Cakes - There are ruuuuuuuules! Johnny 5 - “What are you are you gonna do Johnny Bravo, beat me with your fat cells??: Polly - CHECK IS GOOD!!!: a.k.a. Bundt Cakes.

Zeta Tau Alpha

Thanks for another awesome Homecoming Theta Xi! Posh, Gia and Esmeralda, as well as the Rosalyn girls, here=s to insanity and being hot. Love, KB. Rockstarr, Aurora, And Frenchyy-I love you girls more than life-Elektraa. I love my Little Nala! Kappa Nu, you amaze me! Love always, McGuire. We want PRENUP, yeah! Love my Fave! Little Paris-you are my life.-Savannah. Can I have a rack of ribs please? To my Fave & Face, I love you both like crazy, Big Cheer up, your little loves you! BPumer. I love my Nus-Juicz. All the love in the world to my Big Rain! Pumer, My Nus and My Zetas, my favorite people in the world.-Giovanna. Puma, Posh and Giovanna: Triple Threat! I love my gorgeous Big, Rain! We are meant for each other, like Duh! You are

the best.-Posh. Happy Birthday Elektraa! Little Stellarr, I love you! Thanks Cosmmo for a memorable homecoming!-Rockstarr. My Rosalyn Girls-I heart you. Thanks for the Aroad trip@ back to middle school. The Brat Pack is in full effect. Love, *Roxxie. ZLAM & BBLP.

Delta Phi Epsilon

First of all CoNgRaTs Alpha Nu!! CoNgRaTs to all the NEW Bigs and Littles! Homecoming was a lot of fun with the TKE boys and our Tradition has continued on by WiNNinG Homecoming Queen for the 11th year, ConGRATS Lynsey White!!! Also BIG HAPPY BIRTH-DAYs to Jaime, Marta, Steph, Deena, and Leah!! Venus- Meet me at the cottage, bring Buddy, love Di-ViniDy. Little, no one kills jokes like Jaime Caracappa-ILU! Luv my Alpha Nu’s. Spice-Congrats-luv Venus. Thanks age 4 the day-Spice. Little you are my hero!-Roxie. Jolie-you are so creepy!-love Little &

Painter. Whats up sweethearts! I love DPE, love Starlet. Happy B-day Roomie, love ya DESTINi. Happy Birthday Martini, Riley, Destini, DiViniDy, StarliGHT, Sugar! –love you girls. Hi twinny I love you!-sparkles. Has Twinkle fell off the face of the earth? Twinny, you smell, love sPectacl. I love you pseudo, pseudo I heart you. DiVinDy “we are so much coller” love Jolie. Eterniti & Jolie will take over PSK @ FDU! Can’t wait! Thanks girls for an amazing 21st Birthday. You girls made the extravaganza unforgettable! StarliGHT had an amazing time celebrating your birthday! I love you! You’re finally 21! Love Honey Love your little WiSH. Happy Birthday to all of my 206 roomies. We should tape our lives StarliGHT. Love my sisters!-love Solaia. Eternidi-If I was in an 80’s music video I would be in love is a battlefield and would dance at your slumber parties-Extreme. ETERNiDi wants Extreme hardcore. I heart dphie.

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Professor Nye named Associate Vice-President for First Year Experience

The position was created to help first-year students adjust to college life

JENNY ROBERTS
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Monmouth University recently hired Professor Judith L. Nye, as the Associate Vice President for first year experience.

In early September, a position for the Vice President opened. The role of the Associate Vice President is to develop policies and procedures for an effective first-year program, work with offices in the Academic Affairs area, and take executive action to serve and support freshman.

The job description was prepared based on the recommendation of the President's Task Force on Freshmen Experience. This Task Force was formed as one of the priorities of Principle 8 of Monmouth University's Strategic Plan: "Provide Comprehensive Freshman Experience."

Dr. Datta Naik, Dean of the Graduate school, was the Chair of the AVP-FYE Search Committee, who along with the administration planned an open session on October 19 in Wilson Hall for students to attend and evaluate the two candidates for this position.

"The Strategic Plan (Principle 8) calls for engaging students in appropriate activities and planning," said Naik. "President Gaffney and the University Administration plans to involve students in certain decision-making processes, whenever appropriate. Student feedback is considered one of the important elements in selecting the right candidate for the AVP-FYE position."

According to Naik, no students were in attendance for the open sessions. "This may be due to the fact that this kind of student involvement is new to the student body," said Naik. "Hopefully, it will catch on and we believe it is very important to get feedback from on matter that will affect them."

Graduate student and athletic trainer Tracy Thompson cited the busy schedule of graduate students as a reason for the low attendance. "Most graduate students have full time jobs and have to get our work done," said Thompson. "I'm a full time student."

Despite the lack of student input, Nye, who grew up in Charlottesville, V.A., was trained as a social psychologist, receiving her Ph.D. from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond in 1988. Nye has been teaching psychology at Monmouth since 1987, and has held several academic administrative roles at Monmouth including Chairperson for the Department of Psychology for three years, Chairperson of the Faculty Council for two years, Department Advising Coordinator, Career Advisor and Planner in the Department of Psychology, and a freshman advisor in the LCAC for four years.

"Having spent the last 28 years of my life in higher education, I have a rich and varied background addressing almost every facet of University life," said Nye. "My research tends to focus on perceptions of leadership, specifically how follower's perceptions of their leaders can have an effect on leader effectiveness." To date, Nye's scholarly accomplishments include an edited book, an edited special issue of a journal, five ju-

ried journal articles, three book chapters, a teacher's manual, one international symposium presentation, and over 20 regional and national conference papers. "The experiences of first-year students have been studied extensively over the last 20 plus years, and I have been reading a great deal of that literature," said Nye. "The methodologies involved in these studies are straight out of psychological research, and quite congruent with my own research experience."

Specifically, Nye's new position will focus on assessing the University to better assist freshmen and the plans include establishing a First Year Office that will serve as a center to meet first-year students' academic, administrative, and developmental needs so that students know what is expected of them and what to expect of Monmouth.

Junior Sarah Mutter believes the idea of the first-year office is a positive one. "I think that any way to get new freshman more adjusted to college life is beneficial," said Mutter. "Especially if they don't play a sport, it's hard for people to get adjusted, and having a good person to help them with the transition is a great idea."

Freshman Molly Passarella felt that her transitional period from high school to college has been smooth enough without the presence of an administrator. "For me, personally, I don't feel a 'guide' is necessary, because residential assistants and professors were sufficient enough in helping me adjust," said Passarella.

Nye, however, believes that the success of a college student has to do with the way they adjust initially. "Years of research and experience have taught us the likelihood of a student being successful at any institution is greatly affected by how well he or she is integrated into that institution," said Nye. "The focus of the first-year program will be to develop and implement a comprehensive program which ensures the first-year students' experiences at Monmouth are filled with challenges and opportunities, and is replete with support to help them learn how to succeed in college." The program will also help students develop intellectual and academic competence, establish and maintain personal relationships, explore identity and career development, maintain physical and spiritual wellness, and improve their multicultural awareness and practice of civic responsibility.

"We will work to strike the proper balance between challenging students and supporting them; presenting them with curricular and co-curricular experiences that promote growth and learning and providing them with both the resources and a safe environment to pursue them," said Nye.

Nye's advice to students is to make the most of their first year, and wants students to know they can turn to her and the administration for help in doing so. "The first year of college is going to be a challenge for every student - it is meant to be that way," said Nye. "At the same time, you should know that Monmouth is committed to supporting you."

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Howell Fire Bureau Brings Safety Tips to Campus Community



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29 foot trailer helped Howell Fire Safety House to demonstrate fire safety tips

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Smoke poured out of a trailer on Shadow Lawn into the brisk autumn air on October 26th. Monmouth University Police and members of the Howell Fire Bureau were at the scene but they knew that with this smoke came no fire. This was a part of Fire Safety Day sponsored by Monmouth University Police and the Office of Residential Life.

The trailer in question was the Howell Fire Bureau’s Fire Safety House visiting the campus as part of the National Fire Protection Association’s 2005 Fire Prevention Week. This 29 foot trailer has been used by the Howell Fire Bureau to educate citizens on proper fire safety since 1998. According to Howell Fire Inspector and Public Education Officer James Gaul, “The trailer is a mobile classroom”.

The trailer is self-contained with its own generator and has three fully functional rooms including a kitchen, living room and bedroom. Each room is set up with obvious fire hazards so visitors can walk through and see what they should not be doing in their own homes. For example, the microwave in the kitchen contains an aluminum container and the living room has candles placed next to curtains.

Officer Gaul also likes to point out the not so obvious hazards. “One common kitchen fire oc-

curs when a new mother puts her baby’s pacifier or rubber nipple in the dishwasher,” said Gaul. He went on to explain that these small items often fall to the bottom of the dishwasher and melt on the heating mechanism during the drying cycle.

During the tour Officer Gaul offers tips on what to do in case of a fire. “Don’t panic. Grab a cordless or cellular phone and get out of the building, once you’re outside, call 911. It may sound funny but some people don’t think to do that”.

The main attraction of the tour is the bedroom. Guests are invited to sit on the bed and engage in a question and answer session with their host. At the end of this session Gaul discreetly hits a button and thick white smoke starts to billow into the room. As the smoke consumes the area, visibility becomes abysmal. Junior Peter Perea said “It was disorienting in the room”.

“This is just theatrical smoke,” Officer Gaul said, “in an actual fire, the smoke would be darker, hotter, and full of soot, so not only will you not be able to see, but you’ll be choking”. He went on to explain that “The smoke funnels in an almost ‘tornadic’ way”.

“If you wake up to find the room filled with smoke, roll to the floor and crawl towards the door. The visibility will be a bit better down there”, said Officer Gaul.

This was the trailer’s third visit to Monmouth and students who attended the event found it both informative and fun. “I really hate

small spaces, so when that smoke came into the room I got pretty nervous. Still that was the coolest way to learn about fire safety I could think of,” says Perea.

Officer Gaul said that while the Fire Safety House usually only goes to larger events and home improvement stores such as Lowes and Home Depot, the dormitory fire at Seton Hall in January 2000 brought attention to the need for more fire safety education at local college campuses. “That was a horrible thing that happened there, and it would break our hearts to see that happen to anyone here,” said Officer Gaul.

The theme of this year’s National Fire Protection Association’s Fire Prevention Week is “Use Candles with Care.” This theme is long overdue according to Officer Gaul. He said, “December is now becoming the most active month of the year for fires, and recently candles have become the main culprit in those fires, taking over for the old cause of holiday lights”.

Officer Gaul said that even though Monmouth University residents are not allowed to have candles, they should still know why the ban is in place so they can stay safe at home. He also recommends using a good UL power strip rather than extension cords in dorm rooms.

Officer Gaul, happy with the turnout, said, “At least 50-60 people have come through so far, which is good. If one person learns, then we’ve done our job”.

Complete leadership program in less time

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Starting this fall, all three tiers of Monmouth’s leadership program, the CLIMB Leadership Institute, will be offered in one semester as opposed to over the course of an academic year.

“By offering the program more regularly, we can increase opportunities for students to get involved,” said Michael Patterson, Associate Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations. Patterson coordinates this program with the assistance of Lori LaSalla, a Graduate Assistant for Leadership Programs, as well as receiving much help from student services professionals, who assist as workshop presenters and mentors.

The CLIMB Leadership Institute is a program designed to provide students with opportu-

those who are just starting the program.” VanCuren plans to host a number of workshops for the Emerging Leaders, including one about the importance of teamwork.

At the moment, Monmouth is offering the Emerging Leaders 2 part of the program. Since this portion focuses on working with groups, some of the workshops that are being provided are Community Building, Conflict Management, Diversity, Group Relationships, Stress Management and Transition Issues.

“I decided to join the Emerging Leaders 2 program because I want to get involved a lot more on campus and I thought that this would be a good way to help me do that. I also want to develop my leadership skills and learn to use them in a more effective way to get involved and make a change in the world,” said Abigail Reese, a social work major. Reese is also currently involved

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MICHAEL PATTERSON

Associate Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations

nities to enhance their personal leadership skills. “These skills will help them not only with campus involvement, but also when they enter the workforce,” Patterson said.

The institute is divided into three tiers. The first is Emerging Leaders 1, which is a six-week program focusing on personal leadership development. Emerging Leaders 2, the second tier, is also a six-week program and mainly focuses on group development and leadership. The Leadership Peer Educator is the third tier of the program. This is geared for the more experienced student leaders and is a semester long. The students in this, final tier of the program are Monmouth’s advocates for student leadership and serve as peer educators by holding office hours in the Leadership Resource Center. They also conduct workshops in a leadership area of their choice.

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Sarah VanCuren, a junior and the President of Habitat for Humanity, is currently in the Leadership Educator program.

She said, “The reason why I chose to participate in this is because it gives me the opportunity to share what I have learned about leadership to

in the Katrina teach-in project, Global Disasters: Social Justice and Human Rights.

Even though this is a program about leadership, it is not required that you belong to a club on campus to join. “I look forward to learning about the different styles of leadership and how to effectively utilize each one. I plan on joining the accounting society, economics and

finance clubs next semester and hope by my junior year to hold a leadership position in a least one of those organizations,” said Christina Coakley, a transfer student and participant in the Emerging Leaders 2.

“The concept of leadership programming and education has been at Monmouth for a number of years,” said Patterson.

This is the second year that the school is using this particular model, developed in the summer of 2004 by the staff in the Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations. Since Monmouth is now offering all three levels each semester, Patterson hopes this encourages participants to continue through the program.

Any Monmouth University student is eligible to participate. However, an application does need to be completed. For more information on the program, students are encouraged to visit the Leadership Resource Center, located on the third floor of the Student Center.

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If you were offered an opportunity of a lifetime, would you pass it up? Studying abroad is definitely a lifetime opportunity that no one should let pass them by. I studied abroad in Sydney, Australia during the Spring 2005 semester and had the most amazing time. In retrospect, I cannot think of a more rewarding college experience.

Whitewater rafting on the Tully River, abseiling down a waterfall in the Blue Mountains, scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef, skydiving 14,000 feet onto Mission Beach, bungee jumping 150 feet in the middle of a rainforest, and swimming with Whale sharks in the Indian Ocean were just a few of the things I did while in Australia. While I was on my spring break on one of the Whitsunday Islands I began to think of what I would be doing at home during a normal day at Monmouth and the thought made me feel like the luckiest person to be where I was during that time. Not a single se-

mester at Monmouth could compare to a semester spent abroad. Seeing the Opera House and Harbour Bridge in person is such an awesome experience, I could stare at them for hours and never grow tired of seeing them. It's amazing how living aboard in a country on the opposite side of the world becomes your home. You really do grow more independent and push boundaries within yourself you never knew you had. If you're afraid to leave home, leaving Australia will be much harder! The time spent abroad flies by and now I would do anything to have it back.

If you have any interest in studying abroad, I wholeheartedly recommend that you do. If you are just thinking about it, at least go to a first-step meeting to see what options are available to you. If I could do it all again I would in a heart beat, for that reason I hope more students will consider studying abroad.

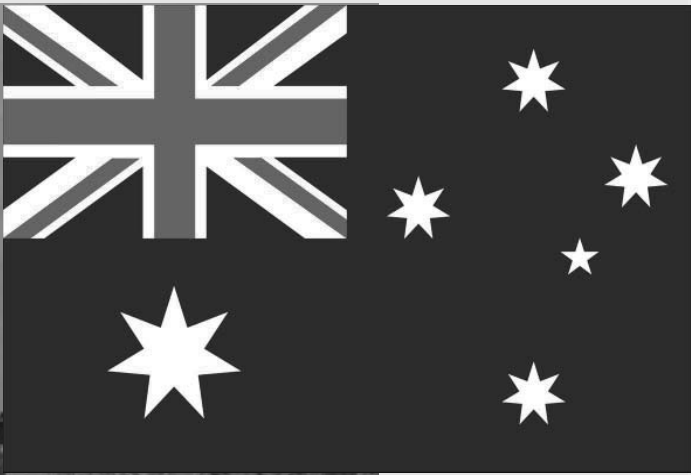
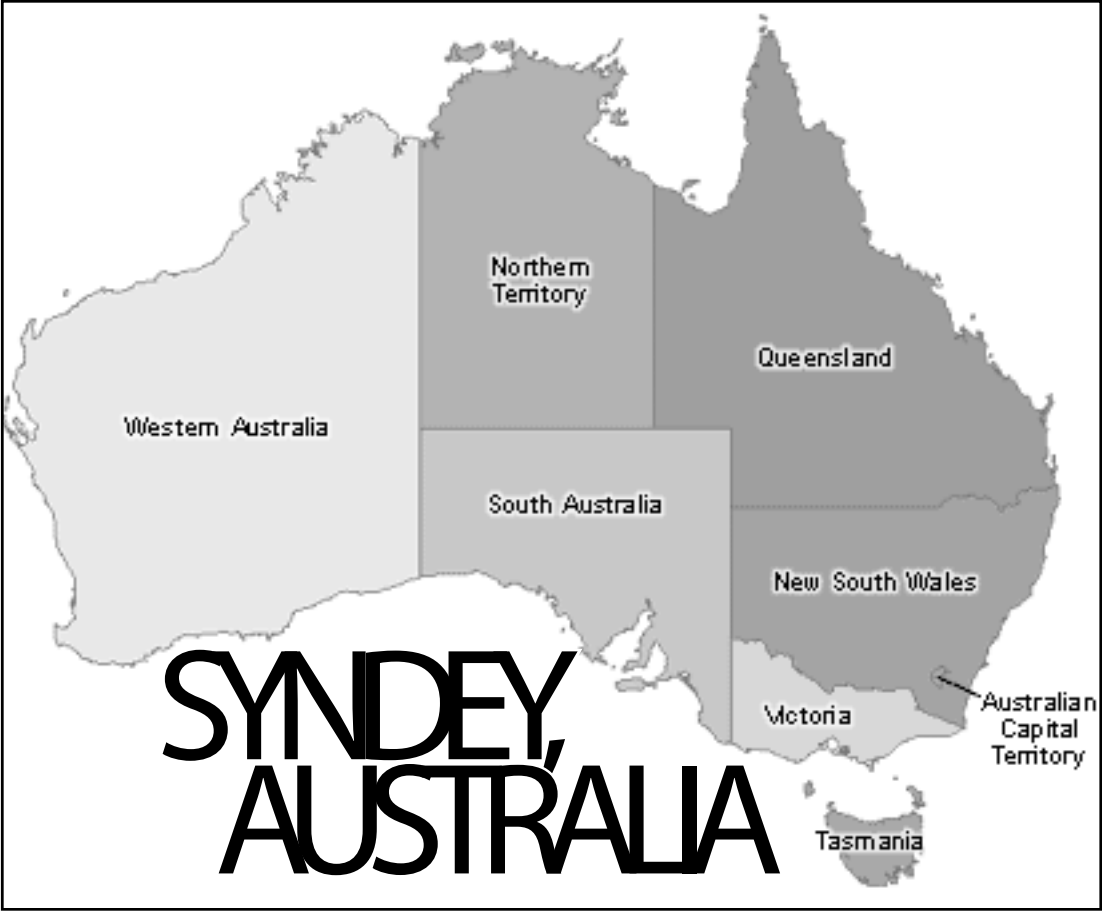
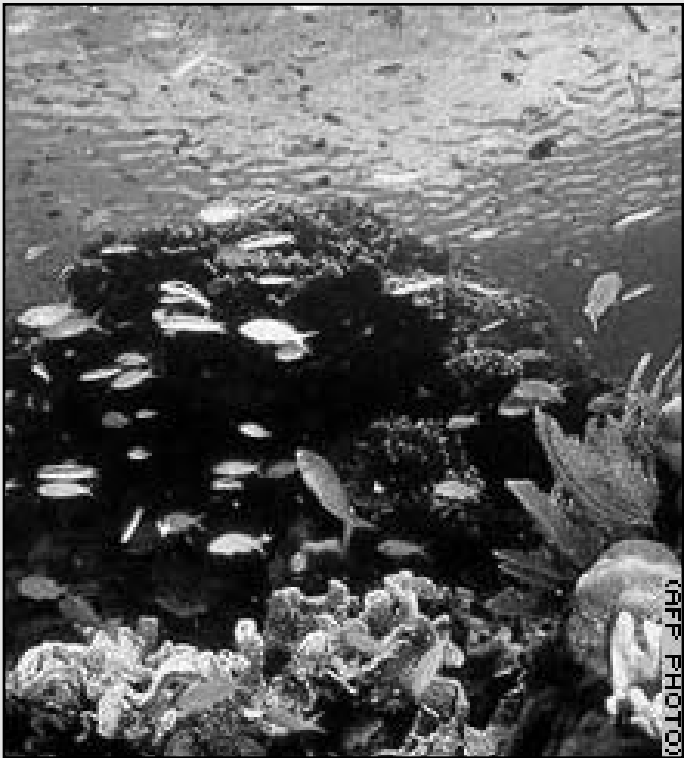


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Nicole McDermott and friends during their time abroad in Sydney, Australia in Spring 20005.



The Great Barrier Reef



(AFP PHOTO)

Pier Village

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McLoone’s village eateries, Nirvana clothing company, Gold’s Gym, Lu Lu Bath and Body, Optical Elements, and Jonte Jewelers.

Anthony Sarcona, of Jonte Jewelers, explains, “We opened on July 10th and business has not been bad at all, it could always be better but none the less we are very happy.”

To draw in additional tourism Pier Village will be offering seasonal activities including an Ice Skating rink, concerts, and other seasonal promotions. Danny Pinherio, of Stewart’s Restaurant, says, “We are excited because the Pier will have the atmosphere of the New York City area.”

Monmouth University also has a hand in making Pier Village a success by purchasing housing within the community for their students.

Becky Morton, Monmouth University student and Pier Village resident, says, “I enjoy shopping at the businesses but some are too expensive.” Morton continues, “The atmosphere within Pier Village is very friendly, and it is a beautiful place to live.”

Mary Ann Nagy, Vice President of Student Services at Monmouth University, comments, “Pier Village has given students the option to live in brand new housing, which is not far from the campus, and in our opinion it has gone very well.”

There are currently a total of 80 students from Monmouth University residing in Pier Village. Student accepted for housing must have a total of 56 credits or higher, strong GPA, and clean disciplinary records.

“We had a need for additional housing,” said Nagy, “the contract with the Esplanade had expired

Michael Angelo’s Pizzeria in Pier Village, Long Branch recently opened for business.

and Pier Village has the supply; we have the demand.”

Nagy mentions, “A population of Monmouth University students

in Pier Village will help with business during the winter months and help sustain a constant resident presence.”



PHOTO BY Martin Halo

Investigated sex incident

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“We continue to find facts on this particular case and take appropriate actions,” said Gaffney. “Sometimes the appropriate action is counseling or talking to parents.”

Students and faculty were formally notified about the situation by the President through a campus wide e-mail six days after it was reported to police.

“I was kind of surprised to hear about an incident like this one. I have not heard about problems like this happening on this campus in the past. I was also very surprised that the details of the incident were not disclosed to the students and the community,” said Jasen Allentoff a junior communication student.

A second message was delivered on Nov. 3 alerting the campus of Gaffney’s official statement to the press, which he said “Appropriate action, in view of the absence of a charge, including immediate counseling by trained professionals and the involvement by the parents, has been and will continue to actively review and investigate this matter.”

It was advised to the university faculty by the President that “it would be inappropriate to discuss the particular incident on-campus” because the information presented may be incorrect and discussions may accidentally expose the individuals involved.

In a letter addressed to faculty President Gaffney writes, “extremely poor decisions and excessive drinking led to crossing our community’s boundaries.”

Gaffney went on to say while no charges have been filed, it doesn’t mean that won’t in the future.

“There are a myriad of reasons, legal and otherwise, why charges may not be filed in connection with any incident,” said Gaffney. “The fact that no charges are filed yet does not mean they might not be filed in the future or that poor decisions were not made by those involved.”

He also informed faculty that the incident, “is still being addressed with some important and delicate decisions to be taken by the students and administrators involved.”

In order to avoid a situation like this from happening in the future Gaffney recommends, students avoid alcohol abuse all together.

“It can impair judgment about driving, sexual behavior, risk-taking and priorities...and when acutely abused, can have serious medical consequences,” said Gaffney.

In order to prevent incidents like this one from occurring, Gaffney said the Univeristy will continue to look into establishing more programs on campus to educate students and faculty.

“I think that is something we need to continually review,” said Gaffney. “We should always ask: Is there a better awareness campaign that we can present to the student body? I mention it to parents when they bring their freshman here. There are many programs already. We have to see what works, what fits in the schedule, what would resonate best with the students. Whatever kind of education we do has to be sympathetic to the listener.”

In light of the sensitive nature of the situation, Gaffney said the University is doing its best to be straightforward with the campus on the facts.

“I don’t believe it is being swept under the rug,” said Gaffney. “That’s why I made the statement to the press. We continue to find facts on this particular case and take appropriate actions. Sometimes the appropriate action is counseling or talking to parents.”

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Program educates signs of suicide

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The Counseling and Psychological Services at the LCAC sponsored "Signs of Suicide" on October 26 to promote awareness and prevention of suicide. Elliot Katz, coordinator of the Traumatic Loss Coalition for Youth Project in Monmouth County, spoke about the higher potential for suicide in young adults and how to recognize the signs of a person who is suicidal. The program was part of a month-long series to learn about coping with depression through Counseling and Psychological Services. Earlier this month, a free depression screening was also offered to all students with educational videos and available literature. Katz is often invited to a school after a suicide to help survi-

vors manage the stress and trauma of loss, but now seeks to take a more proactive stance in trying to prevent these kinds of visits. "If we can reach adolescents and convince them they can help others, we can save lives," Katz explained.

What many people are unaware of is the prevalence of suicide among young people. According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the third leading cause of death among 15-24 year olds. While most people would like to pretend "It will never happen here" or "That's just not like me and my friends," the truth is it has happened everywhere and will continue unless something is done to stop it.

The first step in preventing suicide is to understand why people may choose to take their lives and

what we can do to help stop them. One of the most common causes of suicide or suicidal tendencies in a person is depression. Depression is not the same as "having a bad day" nor is it a state of being that one can just "snap out of." Depression is a serious mental illness that affects the way a person thinks and feels and can inhibit their ability to function in everyday life. Some signs and symptoms of adolescent depression are frequent sadness, feelings of hopelessness, social isolation, low self-esteem, suicidal expressions or self-destructive behavior, extreme sensitivity or fear of rejection and failure, and any noticeable changes in eating and/or sleep patterns. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention notes that over 60% of people who commit suicide are affected by a depressive disorder, and 75% if alcoholics who are depressed are counted. Approximately 15% of the American population will suffer from clinical depression at some point in their lives, so it is likely that you or someone you

know has struggled with depression. Although it is important to realize that not everyone who is depressed commits suicide, about 30% of people who are depressed will attempt suicide. If you or someone you know is experiencing depression, it is imperative to seek help or counseling.

With such shocking statistics, it may seem almost impossible to have any effect in the prevention of suicide. But there are ways to help others, most importantly ourselves and the people we care about. If you suspect that someone may be suicidal, you must confront the issue. It is best to talk to the person in order to interview them for suicidal potential. Even though it seems difficult, it could mean saving a life. At some point, you must ask the person if they have been thinking about harming his/her self. Do not be afraid to ask someone this question; to someone who is thinking about suicide, this could be a tremendous relief. Remember you cannot treat someone with suicidal tendencies, or be the judge as to whether or not

they need to seek medical help. You must seek the advice of a professional.

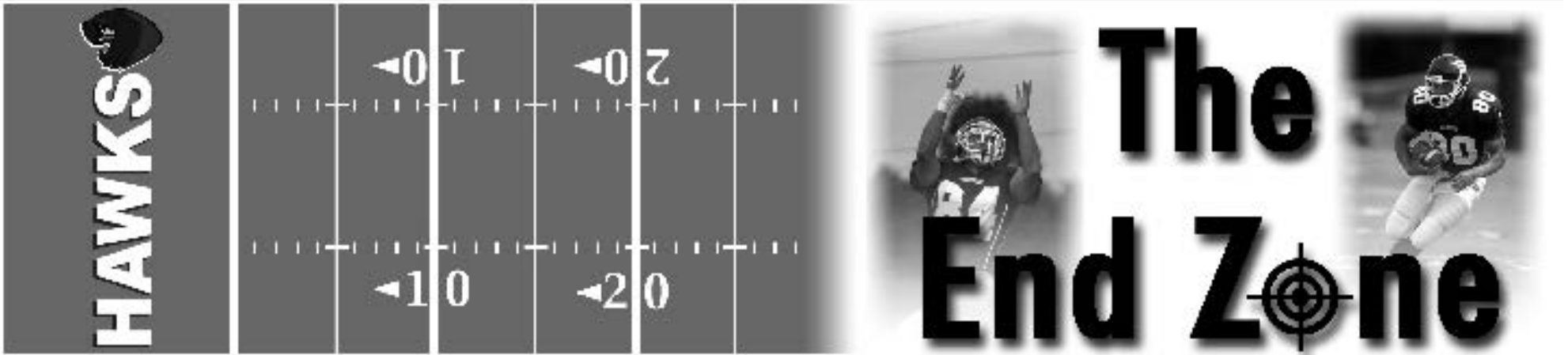
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Hawks limp to second straight loss

Hopes of a third straight NEC title gone after 19-15 defeat to St. Francis

EDDY OCCHIPINTI
SPORTS EDITOR

The wounded Monmouth University football team limped into Loretto, Pa. this past Saturday and left on the outside of the Northeast Conference title picture heading into the last week of the season. The Hawks fell 19-15 to the St. Francis (Pa.) Red Flash and now stand at 5-4 overall and 3-3 in league play.

Four of the top six wide receivers, including All-American candidate Miles Austin, did not suit up for Monmouth due to injuries. The Hawks' offense had to piece together a passing attack with reserves in the game. Entering Saturday's contest, the Monmouth offense was held to just three points in the second half of each of its last two games when Austin left both games with the same ankle injury, and managed to score only on its opening drive of the game and its final possession.

The loss snapped Monmouth's 11-game win streak in the all-time series against St. Francis.

St. Francis jumped on top early and took the lead on their first drive of the game. The Red Flash,

normally an explosive, down-field type offense, started the game with runs and short passes before quarterback Anthony Doria connected with wide receiver Michael Caputo in the end zone for a 24-yard touchdown pass.

The Hawks responded quickly on their first offensive drive of the game. Rob Lutz returned the following kickoff 31 yards to the Hawks' 44-yard line to set them up in great field position. After 11 plays, Brian Boland hit running back Walter Carter on an eight yard screen pass to even the score at 7 late in the first half. The key play of the drive was a conversion on 3rd-and-22 from the Monmouth 44-yard line, as Boland hit Adam San Miguel for a 28-yard pass.

San Miguel was the Hawks' top offensive performer with nine receptions for 93 yards. He moved into ninth place on the school's career reception list with 66. Carter accounted for 14 of Monmouth's 15 points, with one touchdown receiving, one rushing, and a two-point conversion. He rushed seven times for 41 yards and caught three passes for nine yards. Boland was 22-of-34 for 198 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

In the game, Boland became just

the third Monmouth quarterback to throw for over 2,000 yards in a season. With his 2,157 yards, Boland stands second on Monmouth's single-season passing list, trailing only John DiPasquale, who threw for 2,299 yards in 1998. On the day, Boland broke Monmouth's single-season record for total offensive yards as he moved to 2,284 on the season, passing DiPasquale.

Saint Francis' offense put up impressive numbers in the contest. Doria completed 26-of-35 for 285 yards and two touchdowns. Caputo was the top aerial target with eight receptions for 127 yards and one score. Todd Harris ran for 101 yards on 24 carries to lead the Red Flash rushing attack.

On their next scoring drive, the Red Flash went almost the entire length of the field to take the lead. After punter Sean Dennis pinned St. Francis at its own 2-yard line, the Red Flash traveled 98-yards on 14 plays to set up a 26-yard field goal by Adam Sciuilli to give the Red Flash a 10-7 lead late in the first half.

Saint Francis inflated the cushion to six points heading into the intermission as Sciuilli hit a 23-yard field goal with 12 seconds left in the opening stanza.

The Hawks mounted a late attack, driving 94-yards on 14-plays. Boland went 10-of-11 for 72 yards on the drive. Carter capped it off with a 17-yard touchdown. Following a pass interference call on Monmouth's first two-point conversion attempt, Carter carried it in from one yard out to close the gap to 19-15.

The Hawks wrap up the 2005 campaign Saturday as they host Albany in a 1 p.m. contest at Kessler Field.

Last season, Monmouth defeated Albany 25-24 on a last-second field goal by Steve Andriola.

The Hawks have been relegated to playing the role of spoiler this season after being the top-ranked NEC team in the preseason. Injuries have slowed the most explosive team in the conference down considerably this season. Saturday marks senior day as well, and the Hawks will honor the graduating players from the program.

Albany and Monmouth have been fierce rivals in the NEC since their first game in 1998. The Great Danes lead the overall series by winning five of the seven overall meetings, but the Hawks have won two straight. In the series, only two games have been decided by more than 10 points.

Last week, Albany was victorious 20-17 over Robert Morris. The game was a defensive battle as neither squad amassed more than 300 yards of offense. Albany's Omar Johnson ran for 120 yards and two touchdowns and wideout Irani DeAraujo caught seven passes for 107 yards. The Great Danes held the ball for over 34 minutes in the

game.

This year's contest has a direct effect on the outcome of who the NEC champion will be. If Stony Brook beats CCSU on Saturday, and Monmouth fails to beat Albany, then there will be a three-way tie atop the conference with CCSU, Stony Brook and the Great Danes.

Hawk Notes

This year's contest between the Hawks and Great Danes should be a hotly-contested battle between two perennial powers in the NEC... Last year's contest was a hard-fought game in which Albany ran for 264 yards, but only one Great Dane ball carrier from that game, fullback Dan Biegel, will see action Saturday... Albany coach Bob Ford collected his 200th win at the school with his team's 20-17 win over Robert Morris last week...The Hawks will again be missing key players this week due to injury... Wide receiver Justin Jurkowski will not play with a dislocated elbow, running back Bobby Smith will be out due to a broken ankle, and offensive lineman Jonathan Dunn will be out as well... Wide receivers Michael McClelland and Brendan Kennedy are listed as doubtful for this week's game...With a win on Saturday, the Hawks would have six for the year, and 26 for the last three years.... That would be the most wins since Sacred Heart won 28 games from 2000-2002.

The Sports Network 2005 I-AA Top-10 Mid-Major Poll

1. San Diego Toreros 9-1
 2. Dayton Flyers 9-1
 3. Duquesne Dukes 6-3
 4. CCSU Blue Devils 7-3
 5. Morehead State Eagles 8-2
 6. Marist Red Foxes 6-3
 7. Drake Bulldogs 5-4
 8. Jacksonville Dolphins 4-3
 9. Stony Brook Seawolves 5-4
 10. Monmouth Hawks 5-4
- Others receiving votes: Albany 12, St. Francis (PA) 2.

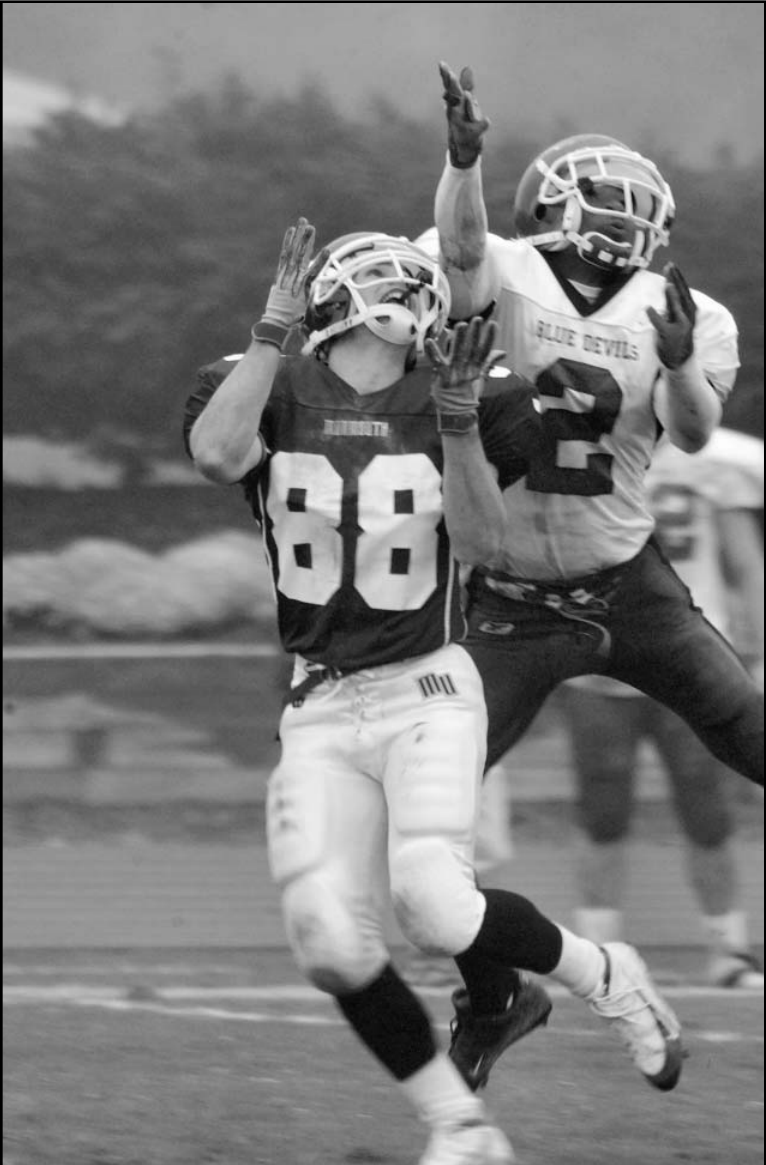


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Adam San Miguel led the Hawks in receiving on Saturday with nine catches for 93 yards.

... every team has players that contribute to success without always receiving headline recognition...sometimes one play or player can change a game, or someone enjoys personal success under the radar, for them we recognize...

The Outlook Unsung Player of the Week



Walter Carter Running Back Jr.

Carter, who has been used as one of the top four Hawk back-field options this year, stepped up his performance Saturday after Bobby Smith went down with an injury. He ran seven times for 41 yards with a touchdown and a 2-point conversion. He also caught three passes for nine yards and another touchdown.

Men's basketball picked second in NEC pre-season poll

Women's hoops picked third in poll, Dwyer unanimously selected pre-season All-NEC

PRESS RELEASE

With three returning starters, including two preseason all-NEC picks, defending tournament champion Fairleigh Dickinson has been chosen as the 2005-06 NEC men's basketball preseason favorite, according to a vote of the league's head coaches. The pre-season rankings, along with the league's preseason all-conference team, were announced during a media teleconference with coaches this afternoon as a prelude to the NEC's 25th anniversary season.

Looking to become the first league team since Rider in 1993 and 1994 to repeat as NEC champion, Fairleigh Dickinson earned nine of a possible ten first place votes from league head coaches, who were not allowed to vote for their own team. Monmouth, last year's NEC regular season champion, finished tied for second in the poll with Wagner, which reached the 2005 NEC title game. The Seahawks received one first place vote, as did Long Island, which was picked fourth. Central Connecticut State and St. Francis (NY) finished tied for fifth in the poll, followed by Quinnipiac, Mount St. Mary's, St. Francis (PA), Robert Morris and Sacred Heart.

This marks the first time in 12 years and the third time in school history that Fairleigh Dickinson has been selected the NEC's pre-season favorite by league head coaches. In 1993-94, the Knights were tabbed first in the poll, but finished in fifth place during the regular season and were ousted in the NEC quarterfinals. FDU also tumbled to sixth place and fell in the NEC semifinals in 1989-90 after earning the coaches' nod in the preseason.

Conducted annually, NEC coaches have failed to correctly forecast the eventual league champion since selecting Mount St. Mary's to win it all in 1998-99, and have proven inaccurate in 16 of the last 18 years. After its 1999 tourney win, Mount St. Mary's was the choice to repeat the following season, but Central Connecticut State, tabbed third, captured the championship. CCSU was then installed

as the favorite in 2000-01, but the title went to Monmouth, picked sixth in the preseason. Monmouth received the nod in 2001-02, but it was CCSU, predicted fourth, which went on to win its second title in three years. In 2002-03, NEC coaches continued their trend of selecting the previous year's champion as preseason favorite when they went with CCSU, only to have Wagner earn its first-ever NEC Tournament crown.

Two years ago, it was Quinnipiac that was placed on the preseason perch, but the Bobcats struggled all season and finished in 10th place. Monmouth garnered its third league crown that season after being selected third in the preseason. In 2004-05, the Hawks were the logical choice to repeat, and even won the conference regular season title, but were eliminated in the NEC semifinals as Fairleigh Dickinson went on to claim the championship.

The NEC's winningest and most consistently successful program in recent years, the 2005-06 campaign will mark a changing of the guard at Monmouth, as a team clearly identified by stellar four-year letterwinners Blake Hamilton and Dwayne Byfield will take on a new look following their graduation this past spring.

During their tenure the duo combined for over 2,500 career points as the Hawks piled up 70 victories, won nearly 72 percent of their league games, captured the first two conference regular season titles in school history and claimed the 2004 NEC championship. While Hamilton, the 2004-05 NEC Player of the Year, will be especially difficult to replace, ninth year head coach Dave Calloway has a number of savvy veterans in tow to execute his unique offensive and defensive systems, along with a host of ballyhoood recruits who will likely assume the mantle as the next generation of Monmouth hoops.

Before they head out west to open up their season, the Hawks will play an exhibition game at Boylan Gym on Thursday night at 7 p.m. against C.W. Post.

PRESS RELEASE

Robert Morris, which posted the third best single-season turnaround in NCAA history by improving from 2-24 two seasons ago to 20-10 last season versus Division I opponents, has been selected as the 2005-06 Northeast Conference women's basketball preseason favorite, according to a vote of the league's head coaches. The Colonials supplant St. Francis (PA), which won its fourth-straight league crown in March, following a No. 1 preseason ranking in last year's poll.

The Colonials return their entire starting lineup to the hardcourt this season and are picked to win their third NEC Championship and first since 1991. The preseason rankings, along with the league's preseason all-conference team, were announced during a media teleconference with coaches on Thursday morning.

Robert Morris, led by third-year head coach Sal Buscaglia, received six of a possible 10 first-place votes from NEC coaches, who were not allowed to vote for their own teams. Sacred Heart finished second in the poll, receiving four first-place nods. Monmouth

was picked third, while defending NEC Champions St. Francis (PA) was selected fourth, receiving one first-place vote.

Robert Morris' selection marks the first time that the Colonials have been chosen the preseason favorite. If recent history determines the outcome of the 2005-06 season, the Colonials are in great shape. The last three seasons, St. Francis (PA) was selected the preseason favorite and each year captured the postseason title.

Conducted annually, the league's women's coaches have correctly forecast the eventual winner in eight of the last 12 years. St. Francis (PA) was picked first and won the NEC Championship during the 2004-05, 2003-04, 2002-03, 1998-99, 1997-98 and 1995-96 seasons. Mount St. Mary's was ranked first in the poll and won the league title in the 1994-95 and 1993-94 campaigns.

Monsac and Monmouth senior guard Niamh Dwyer (Thurles, Ireland/Presentation Convent (McKendree)) were unanimous selections to the preseason all-conference team, while Sacred Heart junior guard Amanda Pape (Stamford, CT/Trinity Catholic) was named on all but one ballot. They are joined by Central Connecticut State junior forward Gabriella Guegbelet (Bangui, Central African Republic/Lauringburg Institute (NC)) and Mount St. Mary's sophomore guard Tiffany Green (Arlington, VA/Washington-Lee).

Dwyer led Monmouth in scoring during 21 of the team's 27 games last season and ranked fourth in the NEC in scoring (16.6 ppg), 15th in field-goal percentage (.428), eighth in free-throw percentage (.733) and third in steals (2.41 spg). A second team selection two seasons ago, the Thurles, Ireland product also finished 27th in the nation in three-point accuracy (.418) and 40th in three-point field-goals made (2.4/g). In Dwyer's most memorable performance, the 5-9 guard netted 31 points, including a league-high eight three-pointers versus St. Francis (PA) on Valentine's Day.

Michele Baxter enters her first full season as Monmouth's mentor after taking over the job the first of February and leading the team to an 8-4 mark, including a first-round loss in the NEC Playoffs. Senior Niamh Dwyer returns as the team's leader on and off the floor. The Thurles, Ireland product is easily one of the best players in recent league history. The guard averaged 16.6 points, 4.5 rebounds and 2.7 assists, while hitting a league-best 62 three-pointers.

Gone are three starters, Courtney Lumpkin, Erin Winston to graduation and Liz Whalen to injury, so scoring and defense will be needed from the surviving bench in order for the Hawks to return to the tournament.

The Hawks open the 2005-06 season at the Florida Atlantic University Tip-Off Classic at Boca Raton, FL. Monmouth opens the tournament versus Delaware State on Nov. 18 followed by a second game versus Navy on Nov. 19. St. Francis (NY) will host the Hawks on Dec. 10 for the team's first league affair of the new season.

The Hawks play an exhibition game Sunday at 3 p.m. at Boylan Gym against the NY Gazelles, and will play their home opener Thanksgiving eve against St. John's.

NEC
2005-06 MEN'S
BASKETBALL
PRESEASON COACHES
POLL

1. F. DICKINSON (9)
2. MONMOUTH
WAGNER (1)
4. LONG ISLAND (1)
5. CCSU
ST. FRANCIS (NY)
7. QUINNIPIAC
8. MOUNT ST. MARY'S
9. ST. FRANCIS (PA)
10. ROBERT MORRIS
11. SACRED HEART






































FIRST PLACE VOTES IN
PARENTHESES

NEC
2005-06 WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL
PRESEASON COACHES
POLL

1. ROBERT MORRIS (6)
2. SACRED HEART (4)
3. MONMOUTH
4. ST. FRANCIS (PA) (1)
5. QUINNIPIAC
6. MOUNT ST. MARY'S
7. CCSU
8. ST. FRANCIS (NY)
9. LONG ISLAND
10. F. DICKINSON
11. WAGNER

FIRST PLACE VOTES IN
PARENTHESES

Outlook's Weekly NFL Picks - Week 10

	Away	Minnesota Vikings	New York Jets	Kansas City Chiefs	Denver Broncos	Washington Redskins	St. Louis Rams	New England Patriots	Baltimore Ravens
	Home	New York Giants	Carolina Panthers	Buffalo Bills	Oakland Raiders	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Seattle Seahawks	Miami Dolphins	Jacksonville Jaguars
 <div>Eddy (7-1 Last Wk) (35-21 Overall)</div>									
 <div>Craig (5-3 Last Wk) (31-25 Overall)</div>									
 <div>Lauren (6-2 Last Wk) (27-29 Overall)</div>									
 <div>Alex (7-1 Last Wk) (36-20 Overall)</div>									

Men's Soccer

Hawks win NEC title, will host tournament

DOMINICK RINELLI JR.
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth University men's soccer team, whose regular season record finished at 9-3-6 overall and 6-0-3 in conference, claimed the Northeast Conference regular season title after defeating Mount St. Mary's 2-0 this past Sunday on The Great Lawn.

"It's a tremendous positive for our program," said head coach Rob McCourt. "Being able to win the regular season title and go undefeated in the conference is a direct reflection of our player's dedication and hard work that they have put in all season."

Monmouth tallied its first goal of the contest at the 4:52 mark. The Blue and White were awarded a free kick from 40-yards out and sophomore Tom Gray took the kick. The ball traveled to junior Hugh MacDonald who headed the ball past the goalie which put the Hawks in front 1-0.

Junior Ed Hayden connected on a penalty shot during the 14th minute of play to give Monmouth a 2-0 lead. His goal was set up as junior Steven Holloway was fouled in the box and the referees awarded Monmouth with a penalty kick.

Both teams were unable to find the back of the net throughout the remainder of the contest, and senior goalkeeper Art Satterwhite recorded five saves on the afternoon to pick up his league-leading 10th shut-out of the season and his 18th of his career.

"Defense wins championships, and all of our guys, from the defend-

ers to our midfielders, have played a huge part in our success," said McCourt.

Satterwhite was selected as the Brine/NEC Player of the Week on Monday as he leads the conference with a 0.71 goals against average and has allowed only two goals in nine league games.

The team's victory against the Mount not only gives Monmouth its first regular season title since 1990, but also home field advantage for the NEC Tournament which begins on Friday.

"We are excited to host the NEC Tournament and hope to get support not only from the University, but also from the Jersey Shore soccer community," said McCourt.

MacDonald, who has played in post-season play before, knows the importance of having home field advantage. "Home field in a conference tournament is pretty big," he said. "I had a chance to play in two conference tournaments at Virginia Commonwealth University and we were lucky enough to have home field one of those years. We easily won it, so I think home field is big once playoffs come around."

Monmouth is slated to open up post-season play at 11 a.m. on Friday against the fourth-seeded Sacred Heart Pioneers on The Great Lawn. The Blue and White played Sacred Heart to a 1-1 double overtime draw on Oct. 16 in Fairfield, Connecticut.

The winner of that matchup will face the winner of the Central Connecticut State/Robert Morris game in the NEC Championship on Sunday at noon.

"Each game is a battle, and we know that we tied them (Sacred Heart) before," McCourt said. "Our guys are great, and we are not getting ahead of ourselves. We are taking one game at a time and keeping our goal of making the NCAA Tournament in prospective."

Last season, in McCourt's first year at the helm of the men's soccer team, the Blue and White failed to make an appearance in post-season play and finished in eighth place in the conference rankings with a 7-8-3 overall record and a 2-4-3 mark in conference play, which was the best winning percentage ever by a first-year head coach, and highest win percentage at Monmouth since 1997.

The team's 2005 recruiting class has been a talented one, and contributed to the team's remarkable turnaround.

"We added quality recruits to a solid core of returning guys," said McCourt.

"I really feel that our players did a good job of making sure that the chemistry was good. Our players like to say 'we're tight,' and I haven't been around a team in terms of positive chemistry on or off the field like this year's squad."

Since the beginning of the 2005 season, the Blue and White had two goals: win the regular season title, win the NEC Tournament, which would clinch them a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

"We have some unfinished business to take care of and we still have a lot of hard work ahead of us," said McCourt.

Satterwhite named Brine/NEC Player of the Week

Senior goalkeeper recorded league-high 10th shutout en route to NEC regular season championship

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University senior goalkeeper Art Satterwhite (Somerset, N.J./Franklin) was named Brine/NEC Player of the Week honors on Monday afternoon, as the league office announced its weekly award winners.

The senior posted his career-best and league-leading 10th shutout with five saves on Sunday afternoon, in a 2-0 win over Mount St. Mary's, to help pace the Hawks to their first regular season title since 1993, and the first outright title for the program since 1990.

With the victory on Sunday, Monmouth extended its unbeaten streak to 11 matches, including a 6-0-3 mark in Northeast Conference play.

During the streak, Satterwhite was instrumental between the pipes, allowing just four goals in 1,101 minutes. The senior, who posted a single-season best 0.71 goals against average during the regular season, permitted just two scores during conference action, for a 0.20 gaa in nine NEC matches.

Satterwhite becomes the third Monmouth player to earn Brine/NEC Player of the Week honors in 2005, as Tom Gray (Middletown, N.J./Middletown South) was acknowledged for his efforts in a 1-0-1 week in September, and Steven Holloway (Hamilton, New Zealand/Hamilton) was tabbed on October 17.

Satterwhite's honor is the first for him since he garnered NEC Rookie of the Week on November 4, 2002. This also marks the first time in school history the Blue and White have collected three player of the week honors in one season.

In 1997, the Hawks earned a Player of the Week nod in Kyle LeBaron, and two Newcomer of the Week selections as Jusso Oilinki pulled the tag in twice during his rookie campaign.

Monmouth returns to action on Friday, November 11 as the top seed when the Hawks host No. 4 seed Sacred Heart University in the opening round of the 2005 Northeast Conference Tournament, on The Great Lawn in back of Wilson Hall.

2005 NEC Tournament men's soccer preview

CRAIG D'AMICO
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Monmouth University will be the site for the 2005 Northeast Conference Tournament. The top four teams will compete for the conference championship, and the opportunity to represent the NEC in the first round of the NCAA College Cup soccer tournament which is the weekend of November 18-19.

The top four teams in conference play at the conclusion of the regular season qualify for the tournament, with all games being played on the turf of the number one seed.

The first-round games will begin on Friday afternoon, November 11 at 11 a.m., as the host, and the #1 seeded Monmouth Hawks (9-3-6, 6-0-3) will face off against the #4 seed Sacred Heart Pioneers (7-6-4, 4-2-3).

In the other semi-final game, the #2 seed Central Connecticut State Blue Devils (8-5-3, 5-3-1) will go up against the #3 seed Robert Morris Colonials (9-7-1, 5-3-1) at 1:30 p.m.

The championship game, featuring the two semi-final winners, will take place at noon on Sunday, November 13th. All three tournament games will take place at Monmouth.

This year's field of four will insure some new blood on top of the NEC, as all four teams from last year's tournament failed to qualify in 2005, including both participants from last years championship game, Fairleigh Dickinson and defending champ Long Island.

#4 Sacred Heart Pioneers (7-6-4, 4-2-3) vs. #1 Monmouth Hawks (9-3-6, 6-0-3) 11 a.m.

Monmouth is the host team and the top seed for the first time since the 1990-91 season, in which they won its only conference crown. With their 2-0 victory over Mount St. Mary's on Sunday, the Hawks clinched their third regular season title, and first since 1993, by finishing the season unbeaten in conference play.

Hawks goaltender Art Satterwhite earned his league-leading 10th shut-out, and fourth in a row, and was named as the NEC's final Player of the Week of the regular season.

Monmouth enters the tournament unbeaten in their last 11 games. Monmouth's last defeat was back on September 23rd, a 3-2 double overtime loss to St. Peter's. With the #1 seed, the Hawks get home field advantage. They were 6-1-3 at home this season. Monmouth is making their eighth tournament appearance, and first since 1999. They have played in the championship game three times, winning the title in 1990, and falling in 1991 and 1995. On the other side, Sacred Heart is making its first-ever tournament appearance, having outlasted FDU in the final week for the fourth and final tournament spot. Sacred Heart is coming in having had an eight-game unbeaten streak snapped by CCSU in their regular season finale on Sunday. The Pioneers, picked last in the NEC preseason coaches

poll, improved their regular season win total from one in 2004 to seven this season, while boosting their league point total from one to 15. The 14-point turnaround was the second-best swing in NEC history. The two teams played to a 1-1 tie earlier in the season in Fairfield.

#3 Robert Morris Colonials (9-7-1, 5-3-1) vs. #2 CCSU Blue Devils (8-5-3, 5-3-1) 1:30 p.m.

Robert Morris has the most experience out of any of the four teams in the tournament. This marks their tenth trip, and fourth out of the last five years. The Colonials won the tournament in 1993, and reached the title game in 1996.

Junior defender Allan Brown is the player to watch for Robert Morris, as he had a big final week. With five goals in his last five matches, Brown is now tied for fifth in the conference with seven goals. He also stands atop the league leaderboard with six goals in conference play. However, the Blue Devils have had the Colonials' number in recent years.

Robert Morris dropped a 4-1 game in New Britain in October, and haven't beaten Central since 2002. With the regular season win, Central won the tiebreaker for the #2 seed, as both teams finished with identical conference records.

This is only Central's third appearance. However, in their last two, they have reached the title game.

2005 Northeast Conference Men's Soccer Tournament

November 11-13, 2005 at Monmouth University



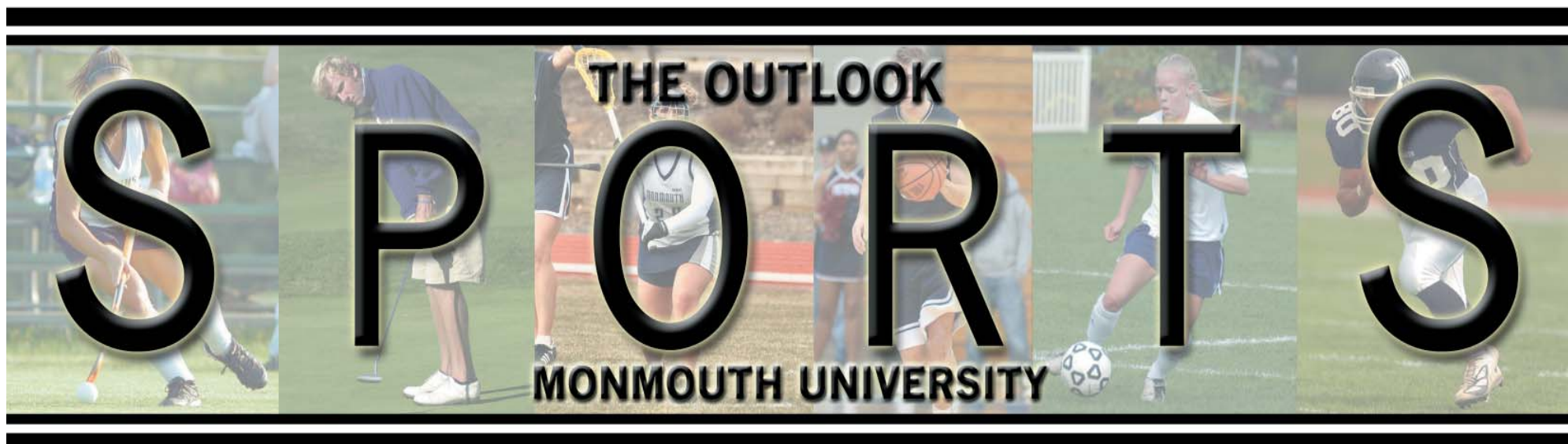
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2005 NEC Men's Soccer Championship Game Sunday, November 13 - 12:00 p.m.



NEC Champs!



The Men's soccer team captures the 2005 Northeast Conference Regular Season title for the first time since 1990. Story on page 31

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