



# Not Your Typical Family Weekend

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This past weekend was Monmouth's annual Family Weekend, which included a list of events students were able to attend with their family members.

Beginning on Friday night was the Murder Mystery Dinner, coordinated by Student Activities. The dinner had a psychic theme this year, and was performed by a group of six actors hired to present the mystery.

During the dinner, one the characters was "murdered" and the attendees spent time trying to solve the mystery. In order to assist in the "investigation" the actors visited each table to interact with the guests and answer questions regarding the murder.

The winner received an autographed copy of an at-home murder mystery game. In addition, gift baskets were given as door prizes, which included Monmouth Mom & Dad sweatshirts, coffee mugs, and key chains. The turnout was approximately 225 student and family members.

Shannon Killeen, Director of Judicial Affairs and Special Projects, was in charge of planning the weekend's events. She noted, "Family Weekend would not be possible without the assistance of many departments especially those within Student Ser-

vices. Also, the success of Family Weekend depends heavily on work of Aramark, the University's dining services provider. Aramark did a wonderful job of providing meals for the Murder Mystery Dinner, the Pre-Game Luncheon, and the Sunday Brunch."

A list of events were available on Saturday including the Monmouth Legacies Coffee Break, Parent Workshops, Career Planning for Parents, A Parent's Guide to Common Mental Health Issues Among College Students, Information Fair, Pre-Game Luncheon, the Hawks football game vs. Albany, and Casino Night.

The Monmouth Legacies Coffee Break was from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Magill Commons lounge. Monmouth alumni and their kids, who are current students, were invited for a cup of coffee, pose for a photo, and get a souvenir. This event was sponsored by the Monmouth University Alumni Association.

Before the football game, parents were invited to tailgate. Megan Mazza noted, "My parents had a good time. We went to the bookstore and my sister bought some Monmouth apparel, then we all tailgated in the parking lot with subs, fried chicken, and stuff like that."

Casino Night was held in Anacon Hall on Saturday night from 7 to 11 p.m. Killeen went on to say, "SAB did a wonderful job of coordinating



PHOTO COURTESY OF Jacquelyn Bodmer

Student Activities Board members pose for a photo in Anacon Hall during Family Weekend's Casino Night.

Casino Night." The Student Activities Board, (SAB), was in charge of running the entire night. The event chairs for this project were Carolyn Bodmer and Justin Dickstein, both from SAB. Remarking on Casino Night, Bodmer said, "Casino Night was a huge success. It was tons of work and would not have run so smoothly without the help of volunteers, professors and especially the SAB executive members. Unfortunately we were there all day setting up because we didn't have enough volunteers. More people need to get involved on campus and should check out SAB. Although it was more work for the SAB executive

members, it was so much fun and it was easy to see that all the families who came definitely had a great time."

As the weekend came to an end, events on Sunday included an old-fashioned brunch in the Magill Commons Dining Hall, and guided tours of Wilson Hall. Killeen added, "Family Weekend was very successful! In the six years that I have coordinated the event this was our best attendance ever with nearly 500 people attending the Pre-Game Luncheon and 400 attending the Sunday Brunch. We heard many positive comments from family members regarding the events."

# Binge Drinking: A Campus Concern

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A Rider University student was found dead on the morning of Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> with drugs and alcohol attributed as the cause. With another college death happening so close to the West Long Branch campus, administrators are concerned for students.

Collegedrinkinglevention.gov states, each year, 1,700 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die from alcohol related unintentional injuries, including motor vehicle crashes and 599,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are unintentionally injured under the influence of alcohol.

Suanne Schaad, Substance Awareness Coordinator sees that

very problem going on. "I think high schools and universities have been struggling with the issue for many years. Students are reporting drinking at younger ages, and this pattern of drinking continues into college. We know if you drink before the age of 15, you are five times more likely to have a substance abuse issue later in life." Schaad continues, "I know many people believe drinking heavily in college is a 'rite of passage'. The true social norm is that most students, who drink, drink once a week or less, and don't binge drink."

According to the US Department of Health, binge drinking is defined as drinking five or more drinks in a row one or more times during a two-week period for men, and four or more drinks in a row one or more times during

a two-week period for women. A drink is defined as a 12-ounce can or bottle of beer, a four ounce glass of wine, a 12-ounce bottle or can of wine cooler, or a shot of liquor taken straight or in a mixed drink.

As said by Monmouth University's student handbook, Monmouth's alcohol offenses are as follows: the first offense alcohol violation is a \$100 fine, and complete alcohol education, an online 2-3 hour class on alcohol. The second alcohol offense is a \$200 fine, parental notification, arrest, educational or work assignment, and substance abuse evaluation. The third alcohol offense results in arrest, one semester suspension from the university. Readmission is reviewed by the Vice President of Student Services. Athletes and some scholarships

will also be in jeopardy if a student violates the code of conduct around substance abuse.

Monmouth University athletes feel the pressure of being a student athlete while engaging in drinking on or off campus. Monmouth Hawk cheerleader Lauren Schriefer has that feeling every time she goes out.

"I know that college is perceived with drinking and being off on your own, but when you are representing a University, especially Monmouth, whether you are an athlete or not, you should present yourself appropriately." Lauren continued, "Some students make fools of themselves and they not only make themselves look bad, but the University as a whole. Athletes are known

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## Student loan companies and universities:

*Are they too close?*

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Some student loan lender relationships with universities across the country have been under question. Certain universities are accepting gifts and special treatment from the lenders to place them on their Loan Lender List.

One of the most examined areas for this sort of conduct has been the Tri-state area and Pennsylvania.

Monmouth University's location alone poses a question of whether Monmouth is doing that too and if not what are we doing about it?

Many news organizations have been following the lender-university relationships throughout America. The New York Times reported that Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo of New York said, "Dozens of colleges across the country have accepted a variety of financial incentives from student loan companies to steer business their way."

The New York Times also reported that usually these relationships benefit the schools "at the expense of the student," as reported by Jonathan D. Glater.

This may come as a concern to many students and parents who depend on their universities to steer them in the right direction when it comes to paying for college.

"The only loans I have are the ones that the school provided/offered me," said Diana Rossi, a Communication student at Monmouth University.

The financial aid offices at many universities including at Monmouth University have been placed under a microscope after the bad press from other universities.

Associate Vice President

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# Philosophy Program Proposed to Return

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A new Philosophy, Religion, and Interdisciplinary Studies department is being proposed to Monmouth University. Currently in the process of being approved, the department is expected to commence in the fall of 2008.

According to Associate Dean Golam Mathbor, Monmouth University has had a philosophy program in the past but in recent years it has disappeared, mainly because of the fluidity of the discipline. Philosophy has a tendency to get associated with other departments such as history, sociology, music, and theatre arts. It isn't until now that the university is making a commitment to the study of Philosophy by creating its own specialized department.

Mathbor, who is also the acting chair of this new department, says, "Philosophy is where the real higher education is. It is the underlying truth of any theory, concept, or discipline that we talk about. Without the perspective of philosophy, higher education doesn't exist."

In addition to Philosophy, the university will also be grouping Religion and Interdisciplinary Studies into this new department. This will mark the first time, aside from a few scattered classes, that Monmouth will have an entire department of academics dedicated to the study of the different religions of the world.

Dr. Mathbor and his colleagues feel that for a long time religion has been ignored, or feared, in the

academic arena. Now more than ever, with the escalating situation in the world, students deserve an answer from the university about this area of education.

Mathbor adds, "If we put a big magnifying glass up to the commonalities of the different religions instead of focusing just on the various differences, then I think that we can better understand each other and create a peaceful coexistence."

Communication major Katie Meeker, says, "I think this new department sounds really cool.... I'm not a very religious person myself, but I think it's important to know where everyone is coming from."

As for the Interdisciplinary section of this new department, it will serve to encompass the many issues that spill over academic disciplines related to religion and philosophy. This department, which already exists at the university, will be reassigned from the Dean's office to this new department, which at this moment is being housed in Howard Hall.

The university is in the process of creating a curriculum for the new majors that will be added as a result of this new department. They are hoping to add a Philosophy Major to the existing Philosophy Minor, and also a Religion Major/Minor. The university is also considering a Graduate program for the future as well, but it will be some time before these new majors are actually offered as part of Monmouth's degree program.

Philosophy Professor Stuart Dalton spoke of some of the

classes that he would like to see added, "A year long history of philosophy sequence; classes in postmodernism, philosophy of mind, nineteenth century philosophy, and many more; classes devoted to a single author.... We've just added, this year, some cool new classes, such as comparative religions and philosophy of love and friendship."

Mathbor also assured that the advent of this new department will also cost the university very little because most of the school's budget goes towards the salary of its faculty and at this point there is no expectation of hiring new faculty. The university already employs enough qualified full-time professionals to embody a functioning department. These professionals include Dr. Barbara Andolsen, Helen Bennet McMurray Professor of Social Ethics; Dr. Alan Schwerin, Associate Professor; Dr. Pasquale Simonellie, Lecturer, and Dr. Stuart Dalton, Lecturer.

Dalton says, "Philosophy and religion courses are essential parts of a liberal arts education. The goal is always to teach students to think for themselves about the most fundamental assumptions that are at work in their culture, their lifestyles, their particular majors or disciplines, and in their future careers, and thus these classes are relevant to everyone's life and everyone's future."

Unemployed Monmouth University graduate Jason Skizlak says, "I wish there had been a philosophy major when I went to school."

# Hawk TV Launches New Webpage

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The Hawk TV team launched their new webpage this month. Hawk TV's secretary, Stephanie Fetchko, was one of the main people in charge of the webpage's new look along with Ted Tsoutsas, Web Developer for the Instructional Technology Services Department.

"The Hawk TV website has not been updated since I started freshman year [in] 2004. There has been lots of talk these past 4 years, but no one has taken the initiative to actually go through with it and fix it," said Fetchko. "I am an Information Technology Minor, and after taking a few courses, my interest grew immensely. I was determined to actually stick through with it and make sure the site was updated before I graduate in May."

Nick Sgori, co-news producer for Hawk TV, also started working on the webpage project when it was still in its planning phase at the end of August, but stopped at the end of September.

"We got the basis of the website, the skeleton, from staff," he said. "It was Stephanie who worked on it the most though."

"This project began in September and, while the site is finally up and running, it is still presently being worked on," Fetchko said.

The webpage was worked on every Wednesday until it could

be launched and was worked on intermittently during the summer on Mondays and Wednesdays. The new webpage features polls, Hawk TV's schedule, which used to be printed in *The Outlook* but it was difficult because of changes that would be made, as well as a photo gallery and the ability to access to eCampus. According to Sgori, an archive is being worked

on. While everyone is able to view Hawk TV's meeting times, members are able to view information they would need.

"Things non-staff members don't need to know," said Sgori.

"It's not so much about what changes were made on the site," Fetchko said. "Actually, the site was started over from scratch."

"I'm excited to have this site," said Jerri Sirotiak, Hawk TV's station manager. "I wasn't heavily involved with working on the website. I helped pick out the format and what went on [the site]."

"Long hours and creativ-

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STEPHANIE FETCHKO  
Hawk TV Secretary

ity went into making the site. As mentioned before, Ted and I have been working on it," said Fetchko. "Ted is very talented, and without him, this site would not be what it is. Ruben Woolcott has also helped by creating the banner for the site."

The main goal that Fetchko had for this webpage was to attract new members and keep current members updated about what is going on with the station. The webpage is more interactive than the last one, letting the campus community get involved with things like the polls offered on the home page.

The more involved the campus community is with the webpage and the more feedback Hawk TV receives, the easier it is for the product team to make more changes with the page.

For Hawk TV's color-coded schedule, visit the new webpage, as well as information on their meetings. They are located in the Plangere Building.

# Two River Film Festival Presents Symposium

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On Monday, November 19, the Two River Film Festival will continue with the presentation of the Holocaust/Genocide Symposium 2007.

This year the symposium will be called "Preserving the Truth for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Combating Internet and Media Myths."

The symposium consists of two movies. "Darfur Diaries," directed and produced by Andrew Goldberg, is the story of three activists who crossed the Sudanese border to document the terrible things going on in Darfur by the Sudanese government.

The second movie is "Anti-Semitism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Resurgence." This movie documents the current violent acts against Jews that has nearly doubled since the 1990s. It delves into the roots of Anti-Semitism and discusses why it is still prominent today.

There will also be panel discussions with the Director of the Task Force Against Hate and Terrorism, Mark Weitzman, and member of the Policy Planning Staff, Jared Cohen. Weitzman holds a num-

ber of other positions on Holocaust remembrance boards and is the former Vice President of the Association of Holocaust Organizations. He is a recognized expert and has held lectures regarding extremism and cyber hate ranging from Congress and the European Union to the U.S. Army and the FBI. He also has many more accomplishments in his field.

Cohen is responsible for public diplomacy, Muslim world outreach and North Africa as far as his membership in the Policy Planning Staff. He received his B.A. at Stanford and his M. Phil at Oxford and spent a lot of time in Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon to obtain a view of the Islamic world. He also wrote a book about the Rwanda genocide among his many other accomplishments.

Both movies are sponsored by *Stand Up and Be Counted* at Monmouth University. They are both approximately an hour long, and will be held at the Two River Theater in Red Bank. The movies will screen twice during the day at 9:45 am and 6:45 pm.

There will also be an art exhibit by Jacob Landau in the Two River Theater Lobby. Admission is free for all.

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# Lambda Theta Phi Sponsors “Next” Charity Event

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Lambda Theta Phi, the Latin fraternity, held its second annual presentation of “Next” last Wednesday, November 7, at 9:30 p.m. in Pollak Theatre. Portions of the proceeds will be going to the American Heart Association, the national philanthropy of the organization.

“Next” is a dating show on MTV where there is one “nextor” who gets to pick from up to five “nextees” for a date. The nextor sets up a date and can keep moving through the contestants until he or she finds someone that they choose to go on a second date with.

The hosts for the show were David Gaines of Lambda Theta Phi and Jessica Truglia of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. Other organizations helped out with the event such as Delta Phi Epsilon sorority and Theta Xi fraternity.

Lambda Theta Phi got the idea from the popular MTV dating show, however they added their own twist. Vladimir Soto stated that, “The ideas for the show came from us not wanting the show to be about people getting a date and more about making fun of show that we all see on MTV. To do so we had the contestants create profiles/alias and play those characters out on stage. This worked out much better than having contestants compete for real dates.”

Soto added, “We want to make sure that for a show of this nature that all the contestants feel comfortable on stage together and performing together since this show is based on people getting ‘dissed’ publicly but in a tasteful humorous manner. In order to make sure that people felt comfortable we stressed very hard it was just a show for fun and not to be taken seriously.”

The brothers of Lambda Theta Phi took between four to five



PHOTO COURTESY of Victoria Lucido

Students of Greek life took part in “Next”, which will benefit the American Heart Association

weeks of careful planning to put the show together. Vladimir Soto also stated, “We were able to prepare for the event through careful planning in our chapter meetings. After deciding how it was that we wanted to show to run we delegated the necessary work that needed to be done such as getting contestants, ordering tickets, props for the show, ticket sales, who’s sitting at the table, etcetera.”

Initially the show was going to have 30 contestants like last year, however the brothers of Lambda Theta Phi decided to cut the number to 20 contestants to have a much smoother and faster paced show.

To get participants, the brothers went to chapter meetings of other Greek life organizations in the previous weeks to gain interest. They also sat outside of the Student Center recruiting contestants. There were also some last minute additions of contestants who decided to participate on the day of the show.

Senior Nicole Reed was one of he show’s contestants. She explained how she enjoyed making up an alter ego and would definitely participate in the event

again. She also said “I was asked to be a nextee only a few hours before the event, so I wasn’t really prepared but I think it was pretty enjoyable for the crowd and I am pretty easy to laugh at! Maybe next time I can be the Nexter!”

The show consisted of two rounds. During the first round, the main contestants, the nextors, were able to choose their partners from the list of nextees. The second round of the show consisted of two competitions to decide the winner. The first competition was a wheelbarrow race and then the finalists competed in a dance-off for the title of the ultimate winner. The grand winners of the show received two gift certificates to La Scarpetta Restaurant on Locust Avenue in the Cost Cutters shopping plaza.

Jaclyn Isaac of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority attended the show and said, “I had a lot of fun. The show was extremely entertaining and was a way to get the students of Monmouth University together.” Next was a definite success and Lambda Theta Phi plans on continuing the show next year.

# Evaluating Binge Drinking on College Campuses

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by the surrounding community, so making sure I don’t mess up is always on my mind.”

Dr. Marilyn McNeil, Vice President and Director of Athletics, says, “Division I student athletes should be dedicated to performing at the highest level, and decisions that would interfere with those performances, (such as abusive behaviors with alcohol or drugs) have no place in that pursuit of excellence.”

There are many reasons why there is such a problem with drinking on college campuses. Some of those reasons include drinking to get drunk, the status associated with drinking, the culture of alcohol consumption on campus, and peer pressure and academic stress.

Dr. Franca M. Mancini, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services, presents her position from a psychological standpoint. “Many students are experimenting; some are being influenced by peer pressure, some are self-medicating because of underlying problems, and some have a predisposition to these behaviors,” she says.

Since 1993, the number of college students who drink and binge drink has remained about the same, but the intensity of excessive drinking and rates of drug abuse have jumped sharply, according to The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (NCASA) in New York City. More than 15% of college drinkers are considered binge drinkers. NCASA reports that the percentage of students who used various drugs within the past year breaks down as follows: marijuana (32.3%); hallucinogens (7.5%); amphetamines (6.5%); cocaine (3.7%); and designer drugs such as Ecstasy (3.6%).

Monmouth University president, Paul G. Gaffney II, has a strong stance on this issue. “It is legal to drink if over 21; illegal if under 21. I support the ‘rule of law’; it is one of the great characteristics of America. Because I care for safety, future job prospects and reputations of our students, I am opposed to dangerous drinking whether legal or not. Too many young Americans ruin or lose their lives as a result of dangerous drinking.”

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# Sushi is Back by Popular Demand



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Various types of sushi are available at the Student Center.

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The newly added sushi station in the Student Center sold out within the first hour of sales requiring Aramark to order twice the supply for the following day, according to Eric Savoie, Food Service Director

Due to student demand, sushi was brought back to the Student Center on October 29th, after being removed four years ago because of the lack of sales. “It either wasn’t marketed correctly or there wasn’t a great demand for it by the students. Either way, it didn’t sell too well,” said Savoie. He decided to bring the sushi back after receiving several requests from students. This time around, he took a different marketing approach to make sure the sales wouldn’t mirror what had happened four years ago. “We sent out e-mails, and put up table tents and posters days before the opening date to inform the students what was coming. By the time we finally put out the sushi it was a huge success,” said Savoie.

Go Wasabi! is a sushi company from Queens, N.Y that delivers pre-made sushi every morning at about 10 A.M. to Monmouth. The sushi price ranges from \$3.99-6.99 which is purposely aimed towards an

average student’s price range. “We could order platters that would cost \$14.00, but we know that wouldn’t sell as well,” said Savoie.

Offered sushi includes California rolls, Spicy tuna rolls, Shrimp tempura, Eel rolls, and Spicy crab rolls. “We currently sell sushi that the majority likes to eat, such as the California Roll, but as more demand comes in for other types, we will sell a bigger variety,” said Savoie.

There are also vegetarian options such as Seaweed salad, Edamame, which is boiled soy beans, and Summer rolls, which are filled with vegetables. “Vegetarian sushi”, which is often vegetables such as cucumbers, carrots, or avocados, rolled inside sticky rice and nori, is a healthy option for students and presents a lower risk than eating raw fish,” said Dr. Jim Konopack, Health Studies Professor.

According to Dr. Konopack, many types of sushi rolls are a healthier choice in comparison to some other fried, high-calorie, low-fiber choice. “I find that sushi can be a healthy part of one’s diet, as long as it is prepared properly. I support properly prepared and handled sushi as a healthy addition to our student dining options,” said Dr. Konopack.

“We’re looking at the first semester as a trial period. We’re

going to see if the demand sustains itself. If so, we can bring in even more different kinds of sushi,” said Savoie. He adds that bringing in a sushi chef could be a definite option in the future, although the University will never have a “made to order” chef. “It would just be a sushi chef that would continue to make sushi throughout the day so we never sell out.”

So far, sushi is still in high demand. “The sushi is selling like crazy,” said Teresa Younger, an Aramark cashier in the Student Center.

Students appear to be appreciative for the change in their dining options. “I’m glad we have sushi in our Student Center. It’s a great new addition to the food stations,” said Victoria Lucido, a junior.

“I think it’s a fantastic program. It touches on the healthier food and gives several options to students. It adds an element to the food court that is necessary. We’ve done taste tests and it’s quite good. I’ve received quite a lot of ‘thank you’ e-mails for bringing sushi to campus,” said Savoie.

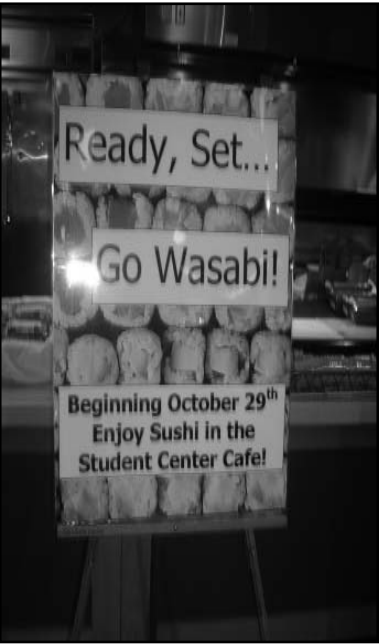


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As of October 29, sushi is now available in the RSSC.

# Kosher Items Now Available in Student Center

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In accordance with students’ demands, Aramark has recently started serving kosher foods in the Student Center.

The idea for kosher items came from the fact that there are not any kosher facilities on campus. Since there aren’t any kosher facilities, a few Orthodox Jewish students have had demands for kosher foods. The kosher foods are therefore out-

on the top of the bottle cap and some of their chips as well.

So far, the kosher foods are not selling well, which also happened when they tried doing this a few years ago. The demand for these items was not influenced by Hillel, the Jewish group on campus, but was just from demand from regular students. However, there does not seem to be a large enough demand to support the program.

“The kosher foods aren’t selling that well, but students

*“The kosher foods aren’t selling that well, but students are buying them.”*

TERESA YOUNG  
Student Center Employee

sourced to Aramark from the kosher deli at Pathmark, The JSR Group.

Eric Savoie, the Food Service Director at Aramark, knew the rules for kosher foods because his wife is Jewish and therefore knew that students would be requesting those demands. This is why the foods are packaged and sold in the open air fridge in the Student Center.

Eric Savoie said that the challenge was to offer kosher items to the Monmouth University community. In order to do this, since there is no kosher facility currently on campus, any item offered has to be made, blessed and sealed in a kosher facility, which is why Aramark has to outsource the kosher items from Pathmark. These items can be offered as kosher as long as the seal is not broken. This is religious dietary restriction that must be kept, similar to how vegans cannot have any animal products in their foods whatsoever.

To satisfy kosher students Aramark has hot and cold kosher meals at the Student Center. There are also other kosher items such as Aramark’s beverages are all kosher with a K

are buying them,” said Teresa Younger, a Student Center employee.

Kosher foods are available upon request at the Dining Hall. It might require a few minutes for the staff to heat the food up, but chicken, stuffed cabbage and brisket are available at the Dining Hall. Students can request one of these at any time and it will be served to them.

According to Jewish beliefs, a kosher meal has to be eaten in a kosher facility. Once a kosher dinner that has been sealed and blessed is opened in a non-kosher facility it can no longer be called kosher.

“The irony is that once a student opens it up, the food it is no longer kosher since it is in a non-kosher dining facility,” said Eric Savoie of Aramark.

If a student wants a new item to be sold on campus by Aramark all they have to do is have a large enough demand and the supply for it. For example, Aramark can’t provide Mongolian food because they don’t have a supplier for it. However, it is possible to convince Aramark to serve new foods on campus, such as the introduction of kosher foods.

Press Release  
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Currently, 180 is accepting applications to participate in the 2008 Rape Care Advocate Training, which will begin Saturday, January 19th and continue for 6 consecutive Saturdays (1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, and 3/1) at the Little Silver Women’s Center at the intersection of Rumson Road and Church Street (not to be confused with Church Lane).

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Thank you,

Linda Altieri, RN, BC  
Rape Care Program Coordinator

# Food Drive To Help Families in Need

NICOLE GIANNOPOULOS  
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There are many local homeless and needy families that can use some holiday cheer and a helping hand this holiday season. A Thanksgiving food drive is being held now through November 19, 2007 to help collect non-perishable foods for needy families in Long Branch.

Items such as canned cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, corn bread mix, evaporated milk, broth, and Jell-O would be greatly appreciated as well as any other non-perishable foods. These items can be placed in a collection box which is located in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center near the Information Booth.

Don’t want to drop non-perishable items into the box? The Monmouth University Bookstore is also collecting non-perishable food items. Bring five items to the Bookstore today and receive a coupon for 20% off clothing and giftware imprinted with the Monmouth University logo. All donations will be given to the Long Branch Public Schools.

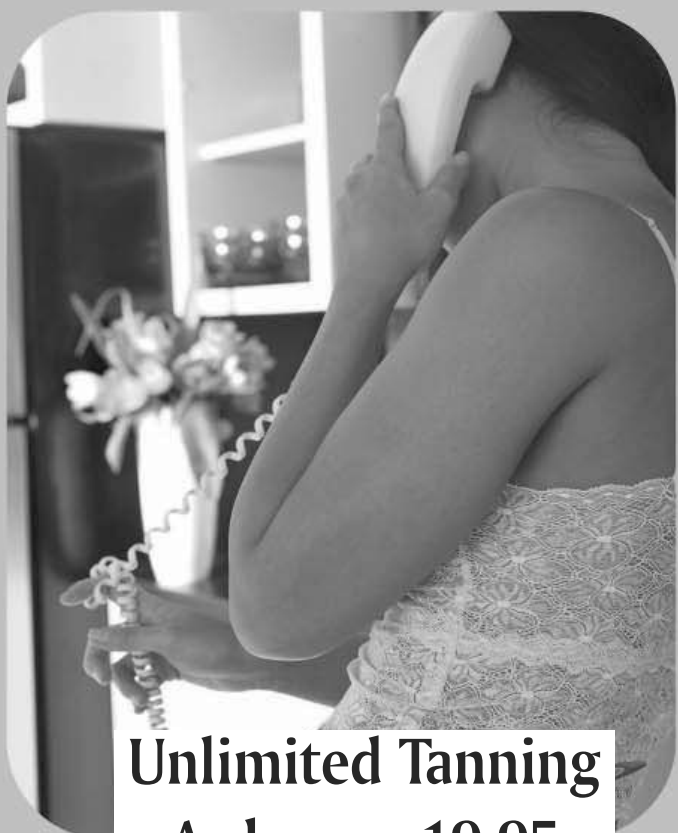
The SGA Giving Trees will also be going up soon. Every year the Student Government Association collects and delivers wrapped gifts for local families. The trees will be in various locations across campus. Take a tag! Deliver wrapped gifts to the Office of Student Services on the second floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center.

Want to help and don’t have much to give? Postage stamps and Christmas cards for incarcerated women would be helpful. Diapers sizes 4-5 or 5-6 and baby wipes are needed for Linkages, a shelter for women and children.

Another option this holiday season is adopting a family through Manna House, the Long Branch Public Schools, or the Visiting Nurse Association of New Jersey.

*For more information please contact Marilyn Ward at*  
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## Where did the time go?

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Since my freshman year, my family has attended the annual family weekend festivities. This year, marking the last year my family and I will get to participate, was bittersweet to me. Thinking this would be the last time I would probably be at a football game or getting the tailgate luncheon my father and sister look forward to every year. It never fails, but my sister has asked me since freshman year if this is really the type of food we get every day at the dining hall. The answer I give her- "not exactly." She enjoys it nonetheless.

It's always fun to see all the families that come and visit the campus that day, wearing their Monmouth apparel and showing their spirit. This past Saturday, the Admissions Office hosted a Saturday session and all the prospective students and their families got a good first hand look at how much we get involved at our university with events like this. Though it was a bit crowded at times, I believe they got to see how much of a family we truly are here at Monmouth.

I felt as though this year's

turnout was the best yet. The luncheon was crowded before the football game and the bleachers were filled also. Though that is not uncommon, as from what I have seen, it is one of the more popular events that families attend during the weekend. Following the luncheon, my family and I always take in the football game and always go to the bookstore to stock up on more Monmouth sweatshirts, t-shirts, etc. that we may not already have. The next day my mother, aunt, and I go to the brunch that is served and luckily this year had a nice day to walk around campus and take in the scenery. This is the point of the weekend where my mom takes as many pictures as our digital camera will hold and at some point I'm not looking my happiest in them. Nonetheless, my mom can't be happier at this time.

Weekends like these are special because your family gets to see where you live while away at school and what you experience on a daily basis. They can take a tour of Wilson Hall, take in an athletic event that is going on, venture over to the library, or even head off campus to Ocean Avenue and enjoy the beach.

With events like these coming to a close, as a senior you can't help but think the end is almost near. I know I was walking around on Sunday thinking that my time is almost up here. It amazes me how fast four years just goes by in your life. I know that it's too early to say that, but I know I'm not the only one thinking graduation will be here before we know it. I can't help but become a little emotional when I pass by the PNC Bank Arts Center on the Garden State Parkway and think that in only six months or so I will be getting my college diploma when commencement is held there.

The lasts that I mentioned in my first editorial are slowly happening. I'm sure everyone agrees with me when I ask the question where November has gone. It's hard to believe that next week is Thanksgiving and we are at more than the half way point until the end of the semester. As the saying goes, time flies when you're having fun. I think in regards to this semester it's more along the lines of time flies when you are stressed. With the Thanksgiving break approaching, I know I'm thankful for one thing: a few days off to relax.

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# Thanksgiving Season Sharing and Giving

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON  
ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR

So, it's already November! The leaves are changing colors and falling, the air is getting much cooler everyday, the animals are beginning to hide away for the winter, I wouldn't be surprised if we get some snow soon... it's time to share Turkey around our Thanksgiving table with family and friends. And since we are sharing with those close to us during this Thanksgiving season, why not give to those who do not have much of their own to share with each other? We really should share and give to others less fortunate than us now, during Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is the time for sharing and giving. Many clubs and organizations provide food for the needy in this season. I know that a group that I am a current member of, the Catholic Center of Monmouth University, a group that meets quite

frequently to pray and discuss our relationships to God, our religious feelings, member's religious viewpoints, things that are going on around us and college life in general, are meeting for a Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, to rejoice and be thankful for all that surrounds us, in our lives, and we have to share with other's around us.

The Catholic Center recognizes all that we have and the many necessities that other people are lacking, and we wish to give to the public. On this Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, after mass at 7pm, at the Catholic Center, behind the back parking lot behind Elmwood, we're putting together Thanksgiving baskets full of donated items that have been provided by students here at Monmouth University, for needy families around Monmouth's campus, here in Long Branch, New Jersey. We are asking students to donate any

extra items that they wish to give to those less fortunate than themselves. If you have any extra items to donate or wish to go out and spend a few dollars to make others' Thanksgiving a little more joyful, bring them by the Catholic Center.

Here at Monmouth, we all have more than enough, so I believe that you can all donate something, anything practical (canned goods, toilet paper, napkins, plastic silverware, dishes, etc.) to go to a needy family and make them happy. Imagine how you would feel if you didn't have a Thanksgiving meal to share with the family or friends. These people will be so overjoyed with your offerings to share with them!

Everyone should share; just be a little generous and give a little! Good deeds go a long way! Share with others and when you need a little extra in your life, perhaps others will share with you! Thank you!

# SAB Events Are Not Given Enough Attention

GREG MONTAGNINO  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

My name is Greg Montagnino and I am the Diversity Chair for the Student Activities Board. Since the beginning

should. The executive board consists of 12 members, all who help to plan events for campus. We need more members to come to our weekly meetings; Thursdays at 4:00.

If SAB has more general members who are willing to help with events, then

***“The board gives a great deal of time and energy into making our events special, and we would appreciate them being more attended. “***

of this semester, SAB has planned a number of events which I, along with the rest of the board feel are not being attended by enough of the student body.

Part of being a chair member is to plan a certain number of events for the semester, with anticipation that the students will come and be supportive of them.

SAB is one of the largest organizations on campus, yet we do not have nearly as good of a turn out for our events as we

perhaps these events could be more successful. We are open to the ideas of the student body, so perhaps contact our office or send an email (sab@monmouth.edu) with any suggestions that you feel would interest the student body.

The board gives a great deal of time and energy into making our events special, and we would appreciate them being more attended.

We look forward to greater support for our upcoming events.

# Just a Reminder

DANIELLE DECARLO  
FEATURES EDITOR

“This is just a notice that class will be cancelled for today,” I read on the sign in front of my classroom after I had driven almost over an hour in traffic to get to class on time. I almost could not contain my frustration, as I had so much work to do and also a part-time job that I was obligated to.

I know I am not alone in the fact that I commute from an hour away with a full class schedule here at Monmouth. There are many other commuters who commute from a half hour or even farther away. Aside from the commuter parking lot, we have another issue, and that is the abrupt cancellation of

classes.

It is understandable if a professor has an emergency and cannot make it last minute, but when a professor knows within ample time before the class and does not e-mail the students to inform them of a cancellation, it can be very frustrating for those of us who live so far away.

I have a friend who only had one class during one particular day and lives an hour away and also works almost full-time. Unfortunately for her, the professor decided not to send an e-mail at all, and she drove an entire hour just to find out that it wasn't worth the gas, energy and time she put into coming down the busy parkway. The next class, she came to find out that the professor did not have any excuses for not e-mailing the

class ahead of time. The professor had full access to e-mail and knew within plenty of time that the class would be cancelled. This is not fair to those of us who have to drive from so far away.

As I stated before, if the professor has an emergency with no way of contacting the class, it is perfectly understandable. However, not all of us need to only walk 5 minutes from our dorm room to our classroom. We don't all have the comforts of returning to our room after a surprise class cancellation. Some of us put a lot of time and effort (and money, with how expensive gas is these days) just to drive to our classes, and it would be much appreciated if this fact could be respected to make our already busy schedules a little less hectic if it is at all possible.

# Students Seem to be Unaware

GREG MONTAGNINO  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Some of the student body seems to be unaware of the different clubs and organizations that the university has to offer.

There is also the common misconception that commuter students feel that they cannot get involved if they do not live on campus.

I can say on a personal example that I am a commuter and still find the time to devote to a few clubs such as Student Activities Board, and All Lifestyles Included.

There are a variety of clubs that cater to the diverse student body that we have here on campus; weather you are looking for something to fit with your ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, or religion.

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in campus which I feel would improve the time that many of the students spend here at Monmouth. Just coming and going for classes is simply not enough to say that you are part of the university.

If you have the extra time, use it in a productive way by getting more involved in a campus organization.

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# Sending a Possible Cure Down the River

ERIN STATTEL  
STAFF WRITER

Last week voters in New Jersey trekked out to schools, VFW halls, and ironically enough, local houses of religious worship, to cast their vote for their mayors, district representatives and whether they want the state to fund further stem cell research or not. The latter of the choices for stem cell research won with 53 percent of the vote against the allocation of an additional \$450 million to further research.

Stem cell research has always been a controversial issue, with its moral implications and expensive price tag, two very discriminating factors. But last Tuesday, as most news outlets are reporting, something remarkable happened. Voters answered "no" to a ballot question for the first time in 17 years in New Jersey, but state officials apparently haven't yet acknowledged voters' negative response to said heated ballot question.

Putting the moral views of human embryonic stem cell research aside, why wouldn't voters in New Jersey reject another \$450 million added onto a projected budget deficit of \$3 billion?

*The San Diego Union-Tribune*, a newspaper that has covered California's stem cell research initiative, Proposition 71, reported on Sunday that a few key reasons were to blame for the rejection of stem cell research in the

Garden State. Taxpayer fatigue, low voter turnout, and a controversial issue deterred voters from supporting the appropriation of funds. So, if the voters rejected it, why is Gov. Corzine pursuing the matter with a reported \$270 million to spend on research facilities throughout the state?

The fact that Corzine is pushing the envelope comes as no surprise to this writer since he is the man who wants to sell the Turnpike and the Parkway, a sure-fire way to further promote the excessive privatization of public assets, instead of using them to somehow reduce the state deficit.

Speaking of privatization, the subject of how private pharmaceutical and medical companies feel about stem-cell research was brought up by an editorial in Sunday's *Asbury Park Press*. The writer proposed that maybe stem cell research isn't as successful as we all believe because if it was, wouldn't pharmaceutical companies be lining up to get the rights to production?

Richard Murphy, who is the interim president of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, which oversees the state's \$3 billion initiative, was quoted in *The San Diego Union-Tribune* as saying, "One would like to think that if, in the end, stem cells are as good as we hope they will be for helping to improve health, in the long run it is a tremendous investment into reducing medical costs and producing

new products to help the state economy."

If medical costs would be reduced, as Murphy hopes, of course private pharmaceutical companies aren't investing. If stem cells can provide a cure for spinal cord injuries, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, pharmaceutical companies lose revenue from medicinal sales to treat sick patients. When people are cured, the companies lose customers. Sadly enough, the bottom line is that creating a cure is bad for pharmaceutical business.

Furthermore, if Murphy and many others see stem cell research as something that states can capitalize on, would New Jersey really have to sell the Turnpike and the Parkway? Couldn't stem cell research not only heal those afflicted with life-altering diseases, but could it help redress the issue of New Jersey's \$3 billion dollar budget deficit?

In New Jersey, it is a shame that something like stem cell research, which has the potential for so much good, is resented by taxpayers because of its hefty price tag and politicians' blatant disregard for voter sentiment. But what is even more disappointing is that our government officials haven't even paid any heed to the voters' actual decision. When it comes to New Jersey's politics and decision-making, maybe there really isn't any cure after all. Our governor can't seem to think of any, can you?

# Everyone's a Critic

DAVID DOWNING  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

More and more I overhear students talking about the Outlook, and most of the time they are complaining about the stories, or the editing, or anything else they can pick apart and criticize. Do students have nothing better to do than complain about the Outlook?

This really bothers me because it is just a matter of people complaining about something, but not doing anything about it, or trying to make the situation better.

Don't students realize that it is a student run newspaper? While it is very professionally done, it is also still a learning experience for all of those involved. The students that run the paper

are just that, students. They are very busy individuals that actually get involved in organizations on campus. They have classes, papers, tests, and homework just like everyone else.

Some are resident assistants, others hold chairs with other clubs, some work for the Disney Program, and some are even over seas studying abroad. But they still work hard to bring this paper to the student body every week.

So when students complain about the newspaper and the editing, they need to realize who is producing the paper.

If all of the students that complain about the Outlook are such great writers, why don't they write stories or help work for the Outlook?

You don't have to write every

week or be a permanent member of the staff.

If you are not going to try to fix something or make it better, then stop whining about it. Even professional major newspapers and news channels make errors, and they get paid to do their job. And even if there are errors, you still get the story and can understand the importance of the article.

So instead of nagging about the paper and complaining, try writing for it and working on the staff. Then you will have a better understanding of how it is run and that it is not so easy.

It annoys me that a lot of students think they are critics and have a right to analyze and criticize the Outlook. Unless you work on the Outlook, you can't complain.

# MU Students Claim Parking Is a Problem



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An example of why parking may be a problem on campus.

CHAD-ERIC ESPOSITO  
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever come to campus for a 1:00 PM class only to find that there are no parking spaces available and no valet in sight? Have you ever gone off campus for a midnight snack run with a friend and upon returning have to walk half a mile back to your dorm? There are definitely some parking problems on campus even if the authorities deny them.

On November 5, 2007, I had an interview with Captain Volpe, the chief of the Monmouth University Police Department, to discuss the parking issues on campus. In one of my classes I had heard that the parking problems were a result of ongoing construction. However, Captain Volpe said that there was no construction going on that would be affecting the parking. He also added that the M.A.C. construction should not be interfering and that they are planning on expanding two lots.

Captain Volpe also said that the problems with parking were resolved after the first month and that every semester there is always parking problems upon the beginning of the semester. He said that the University provides valet parking to help students who are having problems finding a parking space. He also said that MUPD has also helped a lot with making sure handicap students have places to park and other issues.

"Already, there are not enough resident parking spaces available for all of the potential cars students may wish to bring to campus. When and if the supposed new resident buildings are built, there will be nowhere near a satisfactory amount of parking spaces available," said Matthew

Stoessel, a Junior at Monmouth University.

Personally, if a parking garage was built somewhere near or on-campus it would help provide the parking spaces available to any students who are ever looking for parking. There may not be enough available free space to build more spaces and if a garage was built it would provide for more availability.

"A parking garage would help correct the parking problems currently on campus," said Matthew Monkan, a Sophomore at Monmouth University, "I can't see them doing anything else because of the land space available at this point."

Some students think that the parking spaces available are also smaller than they should be. They are so small, that some students claim to have problems getting out of their cars and have to 'inch' out to get by neighboring vehicles.

Some students also find that MUPD can be biased on accident reports as well and feel that they show favoritism towards athletes. If this is the case, this needs to be corrected immediately.

"I hate that there's never a place to park," said Esther Quezada, a Junior at Monmouth University, "Also, they should install cameras around the parking lots in case of an accident. Otherwise there's no record or evidence to report if something happens."

Hopefully, Monmouth University will figure out a good resolution to settle the parking problems these and other students have. If they plan on building another resident building the problem could increasingly get worse. This is definitely an issue that needs to be addressed before the construction of the new hall begins.

# It's Not Too Late

JACQUELYN BODMER  
OPINION EDITOR

Hey everyone, it is not too late to still write for The Outlook. We are an open arms organization on campus that welcomes students of all majors.

Stories need to be covered week by week; you do not have to be dedicated to us every week. However, if you feel like writing then pick a story and write. In the office, we have people that will help you touch up your story if you are having trouble, and if you are stuck and do not know what to write then we have a list of topics to choose from.

Especially for the opinion section, we want to know what

you are thinking. This is why it is called the opinion section. Think of something off the top of your head and write it down and

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submit it. It can be about why you think the general education credits should be lowered or why your favorite color is green.

There is no right and wrong opinion. If someone disagrees with what you wrote, they can write an article back. I know last year there was an ongoing battle between students that felt our campus was not diverse enough and students that thought Monmouth was diverse.

It is really wonderful reading what other people, especially your own peers, have to say about topics in life that concern us all.

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Political Debate: Should the Government Sponsor Embryonic Stem Cell Research (Week 1)

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

Side 1: Destroying Embryos/Life: Promising But Unnecessary

DANIEL J. WISNIEWSKI  
PRESIDENT, POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB

The question at hand is whether or not *embryonic* stem cell research should be sponsored by the government. Before a substantive analysis of embryonic stem cell research can be undertaken, at least two assumptions of American democracy must be evaluated. First, it is assumed that a democratic government is responsible to the population’s will – in this case the governments of the various fifty states, up to and including the federal government. And second, it is assumed that Americans strive for the best possible solution to problems – in this case devastating diseases such as cancer. But an assumption that I do not agree with is that *embryonic* stem cell research is the only, or best, way of finding therapeutic cures for diseases.

The best solution between *embryonic* and *adult* stem cell research is the latter, *adult* stem cell research. Adult stem cells have already provided “relief” in the cases of at least 72 different diseases; some of which are cancers, diabetes and Parkinson’s disease. I carefully use the word “relief”, because I am no expert of the varying degree adult stem cells have “cured” these very different diseases.

But an example of a “cure” that I can provide however, because I

understand the medical jargon in this case, is that of Erica Nader. From [lifesite.org](http://lifesite.org): Erica Nader had been injured in a car accident and was paralyzed from her upper-arms down. By transplanting *adult* stem cells from her nose to her injured spinal cord she has become able to “do exercises on a floor mat and walk with leg braces on a treadmill.” Three years ago she was unable to move her fingers. This procedure was done in Portugal in 2005, the only place in the world at the time to offer it. This sounds like to me, a member of the general community outside of the medical sphere, like a very promising “cure”.

Embryonic stem cell research to date has not provided any positive “cures” to those who are suffering. However, embryonic stem cells do have appeal – largely because they are believed to have a wider range of adaptability to different cell types. In addition, embryonic stem cells are more common than adult stem cells, because they can be cultivated in laboratories. However, adult stem cells are not inadequate; their scarcity is being overcome by techniques using mixes of umbilical cord fluid. The real heart of this issue is whether or not research should be done where embryos are created and then destroyed to harvest human stem cells, *which is considered the destruction of human life*.

Roughly 40% of the American

population opposes embryonic stem cell research. So if you have ~124 million people who oppose a procedure (embryonic stem cell research), that has produced no “cures”, where a successful alternative has been found, why continue researching a procedure that so many people are fundamentally opposed to. America is not striving for the “best possible solution”; she is stepping on 40% of her population and not “curing” anything – a double whammy.

The government is unnecessarily, and frankly, *issing off* a large portion of its population when another perfectly good and previously successful alternative exists. Where is the logic here? Let’s not be swept away by political party rhetoric and think about what’s best for our country. So I will go back to my original assumptions; that the government should be responsible to its constituency and fund the best, most successful, research programs. And the best possible alternative is *adult stem cell research*. Adult stem cell research is the best alternative because the other alternative – destroying embryos – is only theoretical and alienates millions upon millions of people, *two very unnecessary things when a proven and successful alternative exists*. Adult stem cells have produced “cures.” Why doesn’t the government sponsor *adult* stem cell research?

Side 2: Continue Funding Embryonic Stem Cell Research

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During the last presidential election, one of the hot-button issues debated by the candidates was stem cell research. Therefore it wasn’t very long before George Bush signed a 2001 bill into law which set specific guidelines for embryonic stem cell research. The provisions of this law called for no new cell lines to be procured by scientists for research, and that the preexisting cultures have consent from both contributing donors to be used for scientific purposes.

While these guidelines have been the standards for government-funded research for the last six years, the issue still remains an important talking point among politicians. New Jersey voters turned down a multi-million dollar ballot initiative on the issue just this month; not unreasonable for a state in a constant state of fiscal crisis. But should such projects be relegated to the states in the first place? Since the federal government already has the National Institute for Health working with the pre-existing lines of stem cells, state involvement is ancillary. Despite the fact that state involvement in such endeavors would be superfluous, the federal government does now and should continue to fund stem cell research.

It is no secret that the federal government has been engaging in deficit spending for the last several years now. Embryonic stem-cell research, then, may seem like an unnecessary expenditure when compared with more pressing matters like the Iraq war, social security, or education. However, the fact

that President Bush opened the proverbial flood-gates in 2001, it would be cruel and foolish to cease funding to such programs at this point.

If the next federal budget did not include any funding for embryonic stem cell research, it would obviously put an end to any research being done by federally funded research institutions. Not only would this halt any progress in finding cures for diseases such as diabetes, Parkinson’s, and Alzheimer’s, it would also cease exploration in new ways to alleviate conditions such as cancerous growths and paralysis.

Less apparent, however, is the fact that if a future president wants to resume research, it would be almost impossible for him or her to do so. Not only would a bill have to be passed in favor of funding embryonic stem cell research by what will most likely be a Democratic congress, a measure that recently failed in the strongly Democratic state of New Jersey, that same congress would have to repeal at least part of the 2001 law that prohibits research on any embryonic stem cells created after 2001. This would be a lengthy and hotly contested battle between congress’s already-hostile factions; Democrats could try to halt the measures on behalf of trying to create a balanced budget, while the pro-life Republicans would refuse to allow the government to fund the creation and destruction of embryos.

The heart of this matter becomes, after examination, not whether or not the government should fund stem-cell research, but whether or not the government should continue to do so. And, after such examination, the answer is a resounding yes.

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

NJ Legislature Set to Vote on Repealing the Death Penalty

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From *PolitickerNJ.com*: New Jersey Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts and Assembly Speaker Pro-Tempore Wilfredo Caraballo announced that they will seek to make New Jersey the first state in the country to legislatively abolish capital punishment. Joined by “Dead Man Walking” author Sister Helen Prejean and other death penalty opponents at a State House Press Conference Roberts said the repeal will go before the Assembly Judiciary Committee on December 6<sup>th</sup> so it could be positioned for an Assembly floor vote on December 13<sup>th</sup>. This legislative period after elections and before new members are sworn in is often infamously called the “lame duck” session. The New Jersey Legislature, which is controlled by Democrats in both houses, will most likely vote on bills the majority party reserved for after the elections out of fear that it could possibly cost them seats. This “lame

duck session” has been a tradition in the statehouse no matter which party is in control and is infamous because critics tend to say the most liberal or most conservative bills are passed during these sessions.

Roberts (D-Camden) has said that the New Jersey death penalty has become the epitome of false security and an exercise in futility since the state has yet to execute a single individual in 25 years. In the press conference Roberts said, “The bottom line of that bill is to lock murderers in jail and throw away the key, anyone who takes another person’s life should rot in jail.” The bill he speaks of is Assembly Bill 3716 which repeals the death penalty and replaces it with life imprisonment without eligibility for parole in certain circumstances. Conservative activists are saying that the bill only replaces life imprisonment without eligibility for parole in two very limited circumstances: 1) If the victim was a law enforcement officer and was murdered while performing his official duties or was

murdered because of his status as a law enforcement officer or 2) if the murder victim is less than 14 years old and the act is committed along with sexual assault or criminal sexual contact. These activists are also citing the fact that “life in prison” really means 30 years until eligibility for parole as a reason to why this bill is misleading.

Senator Gerald Cardinale (R-39) issued a press release against this bill citing the fact that New Jersey narrowly applies the death penalty and it is reserved for only the worst cases of murder, for example those involving a sex crime, torture or the killing of a child or a police officer. In this release Cardinale said, “Our system of imposing the death penalty is uniquely careful and complex.” Cardinale further went on to criticize Roberts by saying, “It is appalling that the Speaker would announce that he intends to move forward with the abolishment of the death penalty only two days after the election. The voters should have had the opportunity to decide this issue instead of it being

forced down their throats during the lame duck session of the Legislature.”

With about a month remaining until the scheduled floor vote of this bill it will be interesting to watch if enough capital punishment supporters affect the success or failure of this bill. A possible option that could please both sides of this debate is allowing the vot-

ers to decide this important moral issue in the form of a ballot question. If anyone is interested in contacting their legislative representative about this issue they are urged to visit the New Jersey Legislature web site at: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us> and use the find your legislator feature to contact their Assembly Members and their State Senator.

Political Quotes

“War is cruelty. There is no use trying to reform it. The crueller it is, the sooner it will be over.”  
– William Tecumseh Sherman

“Never let any government imagine that it can choose perfectly safe courses; rather let it expect to have to take very doubtful ones, because it is found in ordinary affairs that one never seeks to avoid one trouble without running into another...” – Nicolò Machiavelli,

The Prince

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# THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

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This weekend was spent racing our Volkswagens around the Autobahn while listening to Rammenstein and Polka music and afterwards we dined on bratwurst while staring at posters of David Hasselhoff.

The fun didn't stop there; we ended our weekend in Germany with some Cabaret and schnitzel. Well, actually the rain/hail/snow kept us cooped up in my friend's boyfriend's apartment in Berlin for the weekend and prevented us from doing all those things. Instead we did a lot of German things like play Uno, eat frozen pizzas, drink Dunkin Donuts (it was almost like we were back on 36) and watch fine foreign films like Eurotrip and Xmen.

We weren't total shut-ins and ventured out to see the Jewish Museum, Holocaust Memorial, Germaldegalerie (fancy pants art gallery), German Bundestag (German Parliament Building), Berlin Wall, Sony Center, Fernsehturm (aka the TV Tower), Brandenburg Tor and had

an awesome snowball fight.

The Jewish Museum featured the history of German Jews and Jewish traditions and customs. It is comprised of a series of zig-zag hallways and empty rooms to represent lost, dislocation and the void of the Holocaust.

This was very personal to me because my grandmother was a devoted Jew living in Germany until the 1930s when she had to leave her family and flee to England.

It was apparent that Berlin is a city with a troubled past and an unsettled present. The majority of the city was either decrepit, had very modern architecture, under construction, or empty plots. Standing next to the Berlin Wall and Holocaust Memorial really reinforced how lucky we are and how we take that for granted.

I noticed a lot of interesting things while in Berlin. They are a very energy efficient city; the escalators don't work unless you

run on them, the doors on the subway aren't automatic and a button must be pressed and to prevent extra rubbish you have to pay for plastic bags.

Also in supermarkets, cigarettes were sold in giant baskets next to the registers (like candy would be above the conveyer belt) and yet there really weren't that many smokers or cigarette butts around.

Lastly, the subway system is based on an honor system and the trains aren't cluttered with annoying advertisements. Maybe one of these days some of these ideas will make it over the pond.

This past week my boyfriend visited and he could be described as somewhat of a Chatty Cathy. We were crossing a very popular pedestrian bridge over the Thames River and we noticed a homeless man drawing and selling his paintings.

After talking to my boyfriend and finding out we were from America he told us something completely surprising. Out of anywhere in the US, when he had enough funds his life goal was to travel to Utah (he was well into his 50s).

I feel like most Americans would not wish to travel to Utah but here was a British man with no money and that was the place he desired to go out of the entire world. It just proves what you can learn when you put down the cell phone, take out the ear buds and actually notice people.

Tuesday evening, we went around the corner to the Royal Academy of Music for a jazz session. In a very intimate recital room, we saw two performances. The first was a first year's jazz band and the second was the post graduates jazz ensemble. They were both incredible talented and completely blew us away.

We continued our music week by travelling the great distance of a tube stop to Abbey Road. I was very surprised to see this infa-



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Kyle aka "Chatty Kathy" takes time to visit Abby Road.

mous crosswalk to be incredibly ordinary. There was no entourage of 24/7 Beatle fanatics kissing the road or stalking the Abbey Road Studios.

Next, we went to Westminster Abbey and thanks to Chatty Kathy an Abbey employee showed us a private chapel closed off to the public.

That evening we saw the musical *We Will Rock You*. This play is set in the not so distant future of 2300, where all live music is banned and all the cookie cutter teenagers are brainwashed by a global mega corporation. They are all obsessed with computer generated Boy and Girl Bands, the same fashions and thoughts(none) and

the internet except two rockers.

These two outlaws are set out on a mission to find the last remaining real instruments on the planet while running from the cops. Need another excuse to see this show??

The entire music to the show is Queen's greatest hits. This was a very high end production started by the members of Queen, so the set, costume and budget was absolutely insane. This show was incredible and I still have Queen stuck in my head 5 days later.

I can't believe I will be coming home in only 5 weeks, everyone wasn't kidding when they said the time would fly by! Hope all is well across the pond.

Cheers!



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Parts of the Berlin Wall still stand in Germany today now covered in artwork.

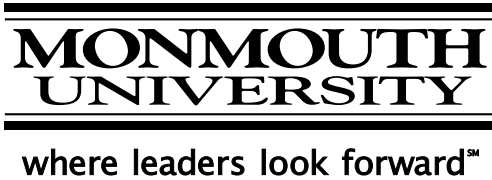


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# CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING IN YOUR DORM AT MONMOUTH!

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You don't need to have an entire cornucopia of decorations in order to enjoy the holidays. There are easier ideas to use in your dorm room to celebrate with friends!

So maybe it's not the 1600's and you don't want to dress up like a Pilgrim or Pocahontas. Maybe a traditional Thanksgiving Day feast requiring hours of preparation is not quite your idea of fun. But I'm thinking this year before everyone leaves to go watch the parade, get riled up over some football and enjoy seeing their relatives, we should gather our friends together and celebrate the important things like: good food, good people, oh yeah, and that sweet thing called Thanksgiving break.

Whether you are living in the dorms or in an apartment with your friends, a Turkey Day celebration will be a nice reward after what to me seems to be the most grueling semester ever created. There are only a few days left to get this little party on a roll but if you can find a nearby grocery store and a dollar store, you are all set! If you want to be super cool and start with appetizers, there are some easy ways to do this. Those precut vegetables and containers of hummus or ranch dip work wonderfully in the dorms or in your mini apartment kitchen. Just pour the dip into one of your fancy little bowls and it will look like you made it yourself. No one will know the difference, trust me.

Obviously the biggest part of Thanksgiving is the turkey, but

which one of us is going to cook the darn thing for 2 hours and sucker someone into cutting it all up? Not me, that's for sure; and I actually like to cook! However, there is a much easier way to go about this. Most grocery stores have precooked rotisserie chickens which require no work! How about that? So pick up one or two of those depending on how many guests you will be entertaining. Sweet potatoes are a pretty big deal too so pick up a few of those. Even if you live in a dorm and rely on the handy old microwave you can make this yummy side dish! Just poke a few holes with a fork, heat it up in the microwave for about 8-10 minutes and top it off with some butter and cinnamon.

Now for the vegetables. Lucky for us, most vegetables are easily cooked either by the microwave, oven or by the ever so brilliant grill created by Mr. George Foreman! Both frozen and fresh vegetables are great because you can buy those new Ziploc Steamer bags and steam your veggies right in the microwave or grill them for about 10 minutes. Add a little seasoning and you're the next Emeril Lagasse. How gourmet! If you are the upperclassmen who is lucky enough to have an oven in your apartment you can roast vegetables by brushing them with olive

oil and sticking them in the oven while you slave over a no-bake cheesecake. Don't forget the cranberry sauce; you might have to borrow a neighbor's can opener, but that's about as complicated as this traditional side gets.

If you're into eating healthy, a great idea that is also really easy is a mandarin orange salad. That's all you need are the oranges, lettuce, walnuts, and your favorite vinaigrette dressing and you have a great side dish, starter dish or addition to your meal!

Also, for appetizers you could make an antipasto salad, which is a nice break from the regular chips and dip, and it's still just as easy. That's all you have to do is slice the ingredients up, combine everything and toss them in a vinaigrette.

For the dessert, as I was saying, no-bake cheesecake is a no-brainer! But don't forget to add a little pumpkin into your feast. There is a great no bake Turtle Pumpkin Pie recipe courtesy of the geniuses at Kraft. There are also some other great, easy recipes you can find online to create great desserts.

Now that you have the meal all



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Putting a candlestick through an apple or two can make a great (and easy!) decoration for your dorm room or even your home!

planned out, some Thanksgiving decorations are a great finishing touch. Aside from picking up a few cheap items at the dollar store, some easy ideas would be to hollow out a pumpkin and fill it up with some fall fruits such as apples. Another cool idea is to core a red apple and stick a long,

thin candle in the hole. Romantic candlelight dinner anyone?

As you can see, there are many easy ways to create a holiday feast on a college student's budget in both dorms and apartments. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, so grab some friends and get this celebration started!

## Antipasto Appetizer Platter:

- 1 jar (32 oz.) pepperocinis, drained
- 1 can (15 oz.) garbanzo beans or chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 2 cups halved fresh mushrooms
- 2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
- 1/2 pound provolone cheese, cubed
- 1 package sliced pepperoni
- 1 bottle Italian vinaigrette dressing
- Lettuce leaves.

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients and pour vinaigrette over mixture and toss it to coat. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or overnight. Arrange on lettuce-lined platter and serve with toothpicks. Makes 14-16 servings.

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## Turtle Pumpkin Pie:

- ¼ cup plus 2 tbs. caramel topping, divided
- 1 Honey Maid Graham Pie Crust
- ½ cup plus 2 tbs. pecan pieces
- 1 cup cold milk
- 2 pkg. instant vanilla pudding
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 tub (8oz) COOL WHIP

**POUR** ¼ cup caramel topping into crust; sprinkle with ½ cup pecans

**BEAT** milk, dry pudding mix, pumpkin and spices with whisk until blended. Stir in 1 ½ cups whipped topping. Spread into crust. Top with remaining whipped topping.

**REFRIGERATE** 1 hour. Top with pecans and drizzle remaining caramel with fork. Makes 10 servings.

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# Different Views on *Love in the Time of Cholera*

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“We all must be happy without love.” That pretty much sums up the film *Love in the Time of Cholera*. Based on the novel of the same title, the film, directed by Mike Newell, had wonderful production values but lacked in story.

It opens in a depressing way, but then takes you back in time to see what happened to lead up to that moment. Filmed right in Cartagena, Colombia, the story follows a young boy named Florentino Ariza (Javier Bardem) who meets a young girl named Fermina Daza (Giovanna Mezzogiorno) and they fall in love. Unfortunately her father, played by John Leguizamo, forbids her to see Florentino and sends her away. The rest of the story is about how they are dealing without each other.

Spanning over fifty years, this romantic story tests how long one can wait for love. Will they wait for eternity or will they give up and settle for less than their true love? Fermina ends up marrying Dr. Juvenal Urbino (Benjamin Bratt) who has helped cure people of cholera, and it leaves Florentino heartbroken when he hears of the news.

Two things that really stood out throughout the film were the cinematography and the makeup. Both of which were exquisite. Director of photography, Affonso Beato

added great effects that captured many small moments. One thing that I loved was that when characters were running and the camera was following them, he would have the camera shake so it felt like the audience was running with the character. He also made it shaky at some very suspenseful parts which added more emotion to the moment.

The actors playing the roles of Fermina and Florentino are relatively young, and the whole makeup department did a great job of making them age over the fifty years. It was incredible how every little detail of wrinkles down to some on their ears were noticed.

Those two things for me made up for the slow moving story. At 138 minutes it dragged on at many parts and I think many unimportant things could have been cut to make it shorter and make it flow better. I also think that cholera could have had a bigger part in the film because it felt as if cholera didn’t have a part at all.

*Love in the Time of Cholera* hits theatres on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and has an appropriate R rating. While I don’t think many college students would enjoy or appreciate the story of the film, they would enjoy some of the random spurts of humor throughout it which made the movie more bearable to watch.

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Love In The Time Of Cholera was completely not what I expected out of a movie. The film was advertised as a drama, but to mine and other audience members’ surprise, it was riddled with little humorous lines that helped to lighten the mood in some situations.

The film, based off of the novel written by Gabriel García Márquez, takes place in Colombia in the late 1800’s and follows the love affair of a telegraph worker and a mule driver’s daughter. The two meet eyes for an instant and it is love at first sight. They continue this tryst by writing secret letters; unfortunately Fermina’s father finds out and sends her to live with her cousin in the deep forest of Columbia for several years.

Florentino is able to somehow locate Fermina and they continue exchanging their love letters, until the day she returns home. To Florentino’s surprise the woman he so longed for comes to realize what the two had was only an illusion and decides to break off their secret engagement.

The story follows them throughout their lives from teenage years through old age. Fermina goes on to marry Dr. Juvenal Urbino and is left wondering as she gets older, if she made the right decision or if she would have been happier with her first long lost love.

Florentino spends the rest of his life completely consumed and infected by his love for Fermina, much like the people of his time are infected by cholera. Stub-

bornly refusing to give up on the idea of him and Fermina, he continues to be apparent in the life of the woman he cannot have.

In order to take his mind of Fermina, he dedicates his life to sleeping with as many women as possible, becoming the Gene Simmons of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Unfortunately, no amount of women can make up for the love he feels for Fermina. Only time will tell whether or not the young lovers will reunite or forever be haunted by their unrequited love.

The film features an eclectic cast including Javier Bardem, Giovanna Mezzogiorno, Benjamin Bratt, Liev Schreiber, John Leguizamo, and Hector Elizondo. Many of the aforementioned characters transform throughout the movie from the early age of 20 up to the late 70’s. The make up for the movie was completely outstanding. The aging looked so realistic along with the costumes and movements of the actors as they grew older.

The movie overall was somewhat dragged out and lacked in expressing the devastating effects of cholera, but the love story was strong and effective. Personally I think the film would be best appreciated by older viewers who have experienced life’s lessons in love. As for the younger generations, the film does not relate to them as much, because they have not lived and experienced enough to fully appreciate the depth of the movie.

# It’s a Bird... It’s a Plane... It’s... A Superman Lawsuit

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Almost immediately since his 1938 introduction in Action Comics #1, the ownership of Superman has been the subject of a continuing dispute between Detective Comics and creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster (with both men’s passing during the nineties, their heirs have continued this struggle).

Traditionally, comic book companies such as DC have unfairly maintained ownership of characters published by their organizations through sheer legal might, claiming that copyright was transferred through initial publication and that the embodying work was executed on a for hire basis.

While DC Comics has ruthlessly protected their claim to Superman for many years, provisions under the Copyright Act of 1976, coupled with the ruling in Siegel v. National Periodical Pub, 508 F.2d 909 (2d Cir. 1974) (which found that Superman was not work

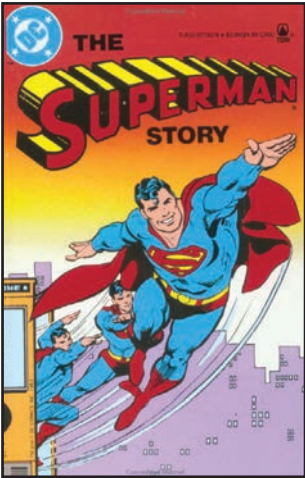


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**Superman flies through the sky in an old comic book cover.**

for hire, though the rights were sold to DC), have provided an avenue through which Siegel’s heirs have been able to terminate the transfer of copyright within a specified window of time (to have taken effect in 1999). The purpose of this provision was to allow authors and their direct heirs the ability to participate in the unforeseeable success of their works, and it is this right that the Siegels have been able to establish (Shuster lacked a direct heir).

Through termination, the Siegel family now owns 50% of the character, though enforcement of these rights have remained at a standstill, as DC retains the other 50%. However, because of further provisions under the Sonny Bono Copyright Extension Act of 1998, (which created an additional window for termination and broad-

ened the scope of possible heirs) Shuster’s nephew filed his own Notice of Termination in 2004, involving DC’s remaining 50% (to be effective as of 2013).

Additionally, the Siegels have terminated the transfer of rights to Superboy, which took effect in 2004. Because Superboy was the sole creation of Jerry Siegel, and was deemed separate from the Superman property in a 1940’s ruling, complete rights to this character have been restored to Siegel’s heirs (prompting the Siegels to take recent action against the show Smallville, for obvious copyright infringement; another case yet to be settled).

It is my opinion that because trademarks are not included as part of the termination of transfer of rights (trademarks existing separately from copyrights), DC will certainly attempt to discourage parallel Superman projects attempted by Siegel and Shuster’s heirs. Yet despite any strategies that DC (and their parent company Time Warner) might pursue, 2013 will effectively strip them of the ability to create new works involving their most recognizable icon.

After almost seventy years, Siegel and Shuster’s desire to recapture the rights to their boyhood creation shall finally be realized.

# Bye Bye Broadway

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Being on strike seems to be the cool thing to do in the entertainment industry. First writers go on strike, now, Broadway.

As Broadway is entering into their busiest time of the year, stagehands from almost all Broadway shows have gone on strike. The strike began at 10 AM on Saturday morning, and since then they have been picketing outside various major theatres in New York City.

Similar to the writers’ strike, this one is all about two groups of people not being able to come to terms with each other. This time it is between the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and the League of American Theaters and Producers. Talks have been going on between the two since early summer, and they still have not come to an agreement.

The league has found that because of some of their rules, many workers have nothing to do and are being paid for that. They want to make things more flexible so they want to cut back on how many workers are performing a job at a time. The union will accept this only if they get equal benefits.

Unfortunately, until they resolve this issue, all Broadway shows have been shut down except for eight. *Mary Poppins*, *Young Frankenstein*,



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**Stagehands picket outside the St. James Theatre.**

*Mauritius*, *The Ritz*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Xanadu*, *Cymbeline*, and *Pygmalion* are all still running since they are under a separate contract with the union.

The other 27 shows are shut down until further notice, including Disney’s *The Little Mermaid* which just opened on November 3, and *Dr Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas* which opened on November 9.

Mayor Bloomberg said on Saturday, “I had hoped that the theater owners and the stagehands’ union would resolve their differences without a strike. While this is a private labor matter, the economic impact is very public and will be felt far beyond the theaters closed today. It is in everyone’s interest for both sides to come together and resolve their differences. I

have spoken to both the theater owners and the stagehands and the city continues to stand ready to help in any way we can.”

This strike is the second Broadway strike in four years (the first was a four day musicians strike in 2003). Fortunately producers are giving refunds to anyone affected by the strike, however there are still incredibly angry fans that getting their money back won’t suffice for the experience they would’ve had seeing the show they were planning on seeing.

Sources say that the strike may only last a few days because of the pressure for Broadway to be running again, however stagehands said the strike will go on for weeks if it has to.

A concern to many theatre goers this time of year is, “Is the Radio City Christmas Spectacular affected by this?” The answer is no. This is the 75 anniversary of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular and this strike won’t stop those Rockettes from kicking. For all of you that have tickets to this show, you will not have to worry about it being shut down, so go to it and enjoy it because this year it is better than ever.



# Dan Not As Funny In Real Life

MEGAN LABRUNA  
STUDY ABROAD EDITOR

Despite what critics have said about *Dan in Real Life*, I didn't find the movie to be absolutely dreadful.

The film might be getting some bad reviews, because the movie differs greatly from the way it is advertised in commercials and previews. Many think that because this film features comedians such as Steve Carell and Dane Cook, that the movie is going to be hysterical. This is where they are wrong, and could be why they are disappointed with the film. The actors in real life are funny, but they are portraying characters in a more dramatic type movie therefore they are not going to bring the same comedy to the screen that we might normally be used to seeing them perform.

The film has a more realistic humor to it rather than straight out funny. Instead of an obvious joke, the comments are more subtle and more common towards everyday life, such as Steve Carell's relationship with his daughters. His eldest is at the point of learning how to drive, his middle child is busy finding love



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The love triangle in *Dan in Real Life*.

for the first time and his youngest is trying desperately to show her father she's no longer a baby.

Several of these situations in and of themselves are comical such as Dan being a "murderer of love" according to his middle child or having a run in with the law. Many families have experienced these same dilemmas at one point or another, which makes them even funnier.

Add in his eccentric extended family and you get even more drama. The family is overbearing and completely embarrassing in their attempts to help Dan (Carell) get back into the world of dating after the death of his wife four years earlier. On the second day of visiting the family in Rhode Island Dan's mother kicks him out of the house so that she can spend some quality "girl" time with her grandchildren.

While "getting lost" in town at the request of his mother Dan manages to meet a woman who not only catches his eye at first glance, but continues to have him entrances for a good part of the rest of the day. After talking for quite some time he manages to exchange numbers with this woman and heads back to his parent's house feeling excited, overwhelmed and

all too eager to share this encounter with his family.

Unfortunately to his surprise, he returns home to find the girl he met at the shop there visiting, because she is dating his brother Mitch (Cook). Being the nosy bunch that they are, the family along with Mitch continues to harp on Dan to pursue this new woman from town, of course without knowing the woman is already dating one of the family members.

This only further frustrates Dan, because he finally found the perfect woman but he can't have her and he can't get away from her. Of course many other obstacles occur which continue to carry everyday humor and even some dramatic moments throughout the rest of the film.

My only major problems with the movie are that it ends quite abruptly, and it's basically the 2007 version of The Family Stone, aside from the fact that Carell's character is a widowed husband and father of three children and that there is no family heirloom ring involved.

This film is most likely not going to be appreciated as much by the population here at Monmouth, because many of us are not widowers and are not at a point in our life where we are raising a family of our own. Instead I think this film would be most appreciated by our parents rather than college students and younger.

# COUNTRY MUSIC'S BEST BRING HOME AWARDS

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

On Wednesday November 7th, the biggest night in country music took place in Nashville, Tennessee--the 41st annual Country Music Association Awards. With performances by country music stars such as Brooks and Dunn, Kenny Chesney, Keith Urban, and Carrie Underwood, it's safe to say that this year's CMAs was a success.

Opening up the show was Vocal Group of the Year winners (for the fifth year in a row) Rascal Flatts, singing the title song off of their new album "Still Feels Good." The group also closed the show with help from their friend Jamie Foxx singing "She Goes All the Way."

Brad Paisley's performance was awesome and the way he opened it was very clever. All of a sudden a giant marching band started playing down the aisles and then walked onstage and out came Brad with his guitar beginning the notes of his hit single, "Online."

Many other performers did an excellent job at the show and here are some of the night's big winners.

<i>Entertainer of the Year</i>	<i>Horizon Award</i>
Kenny Chesney	Taylor Swift
<i>Male Vocalist of the Year</i>	<i>Female Vocalist of the Year</i>
Brad Paisley	Carrie Underwood
<i>Vocal Group of the Year</i>	<i>Vocal Duo of the Year</i>
Rascal Flatts	Sugarland
<i>Single of the Year</i>	<i>Music Video of the Year</i>
"Before He Cheats"	"Online"
Carrie Underwood	Brad Paisley
<i>Song of the Year</i>	<i>Album of the Year</i>
"Give It Away"	"It Just Comes Natural"
Bill Anderson, Buddy Cannon, Jamey Johnson	George Strait

# Embarrassing Songs of The Outlook

A glimpse into the lives of the people putting out the paper

LISA PIKAARD

Living through the '90s, we've all been exposed to both quality and terrible music. As the entertainment editor, I have grown to accept a lot of music but there is always one song or album that when you listen to music on random and it comes up, you cringe and hope no one is listening.

The 90s gave us "Step by Step" and New Kids on the Block, Los Del Rio's "Macarena," "Can't Touch This" by MC Hammer, "Stay" by Lisa Loeb, and so many more songs that leave us scratching our heads thinking, how in the world they EVER got airplay. There is no rhyme or reason to the success of many songs of the past few decades.

Ever wonder what song was topping the Billboard chart the day you were born or the day you turned 18? There is a website created that can tell you what song topped the charts in the US, UK, and Australia on that very date. The website url is <http://www.thisdayinmusic.com/member/birthdayno1.php>. The site is nothing short of comedic simply because the songs that appear are songs forgotten or absurd.

Although music is evolving and there are some great musicians out there, the United States also brought to the music world acts like Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan (both of which have had at least one song on the Billboard charts). Britney Spears' newest album has managed to come in second the the Billboard charts when it debuted and there is just one song worth listening to on the entire album. Celebrity, overwhelming airplay, and attractiveness have lead to some chart topping songs and musicians that do not even deserve to be called musicians.

The Outlook staff has thought hard about what songs we hate to admit we love or have loved in the past. As the entertainment editor I do not have a problem admitting I have songs by the Backstreet Boys for example on my computer, but there are a few songs that I wish some people never knew I had. Here is a list of the songs we hate to love.



**Caroyln Bodmer**  
Staff Member  
Song: "Faded" Soul Decision  
Album: No Authority



**Danielle DeCarlo**  
Features Editor  
Song: "All Night Long" Lionel Richie  
Album: "2Ge+her"



**Sean Kenny**  
Club and Greek Editor  
Song: "Wake Me Up" Wham  
Album: Lisa Loeb



**Jacqueline Koloski**  
Editor-In-Chief  
Song: "Status Quo" High School Musical  
Album: Any Hanson Album



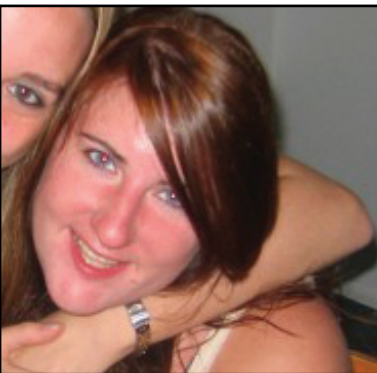
**Kristen Renda**  
Entertainment Editor  
Song: Fantasy Land Area Music  
Album: Hanna Montana 2



**Eric Walsh**  
Sports Editor  
Song: "Take on Me" A Ha  
Album: Baby One More Time



**Lisa Pikaard**  
Managing/Entertainment Editor  
Song: Doogie Howser Theme Song  
Album: Hilary Duff



**Megan LaBruna**  
Study Abroad Editor  
Song: "Take a Chance On Me" Abba  
Album: O-Town



**Jacquelyn Bodmer**  
Opinion Editor  
Song: "Ice Ice Baby"  
Album: Spice Girls



**Sarah Alyse Jamieson**  
Opinion Editor  
Song: "I Will Always Love You"  
Album: Spice Girls



# Rotary Ice House Exhibits Faculty Art

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The department of art and design hosted an opening reception on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> to introduce their most recent gallery showing ‘The Faculty Art Exhibition’.

The Faculty Art Exhibition gives an opportunity for the faculty of the art and design department to show off their artistic talent. The exhibit gives students an opportunity to see what their professors are capable of doing.

“It’s a great chance to see what the art teachers are doing,” said Gallery Director Scott Kanuer. “It’s good to have their actual work here.”

The opening reception for the faculty art exhibition is a big event compared to the usual art exhibit reception. “This is a big one,” said Art Club President Jaquie Mazza. Mazza went on to explain that usually there are just a few snacks and the exhibit. This time around there was much more than just a few snacks. In the courtyard there was an abundance of free food and drinks to welcome the guests as well as the Marc Muller Jazz Trio to provide music and set the tone of the event. Hot dogs, carrot cake, brownies, candy apples, and chips, along with ice water, and lemonade kept guests refreshed and satiated.

From the outside, the Rotary Ice House looks quite small, but once entered there is a plethora of art inside. There were at least 32 pieces of art being shown both upstairs and downstairs in the gallery. Some Professors presented a single work of art, while others presented many pieces. Professor Ed Jankowski presented five pieces of original sculpture in the exhibition.

The pieces of art presented in the gallery varied greatly from one to the other. There were pieces that were made with the use of Adobe Photoshop, were oil paintings, and

styrofoam work, along with plexi-photography and pigment inkjet art.

These pieces were a sight to see according to reception guest and art major Suzanne Torres. Torres said that the pieces amazed her “because it looks so time involving.” Torres also showed interest in Ivan Albreht’s “White cube” sculpture which was made from Porcelain.

When asked which pieces she heard people talking about most, Jaquie Mazza said that she heard that a lot of people were impressed by Nicholas Aristovulos’ “Mourning Athena” sculpture which was made with resin and cold cast bronze.

The pieces being shown in the exhibit can be purchased, according to Kanuer. “We will put buyers in contact with the artists,” said Kanuer when asked about the prices of the art. If someone is interested in buying any of the art being shown they can contact Knauer for help.

Kanuer himself has a piece in the gallery that is being shown downstairs in the Rotary Ice House. His piece is called “The Grand Façade.” Kanuer’s piece of art is made with Acrylic and mixed media on R3 Styrofoam.

Also for sale were decorated pumpkins, sold by the Art Club to raise money for trips and other various expenses that they are not budgeted for. The pumpkins were painted as different characters such as witches, devils, and cartoon characters such as Dora the Explorer.

The faculty art exhibition opening reception seemed to attract more than fifty people. However, just because the event is over, doesn’t mean that the exhibit is gone. The Faculty Art Exhibition will be continuing until November 23. The Rotary Ice House hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

# Electronic Signs Added to Campus

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In addition to the electronic sign situated at the entrance of the commuter parking lot off Larchwood Ave., two new electronic signs have been installed on campus.

The purpose of the new signs is to share and provide information with students, employees and faculty about events scheduled on campus. One of the signs was installed on the North Campus as you are leaving the Underpass and other sign was installed along the southernmost driveway off of Norwood Avenue.

The boards, made by Daktronics, measure about 5-by-15 feet and are surrounded by an eye-catching black display with a variety of neon colors, including red, pink, and green.

Patricia L. Swannack, Monmouth University Vice President for Administrative Services, said that cost for the signs was \$25,958. “SGA paid \$14,313 and my department paid the balance as well as installation costs,” she added.

The signs also include an array of

graphics while displaying the banner “Monmouth University, Where leaders look forward”, the date and time, as well as upcoming news and events. Also, in the event of an emergency the signs will also be used to convey important safety information.

Monmouth University police officer Doug Mattson said “It’s a more convenient sign to use because it posts events in seconds and allows the University to make changes on a daily basis. Today it displayed information on getting a flu shot and the presentation on cystic fibrosis.”

To assist the students who live on campus, one of the signs was placed on Cedar Ave. at the end of the tunnel from the academic buildings to the quads.

“I especially like how the sign displays the time. If you walk to class from the dorms, it gets very easy to get sidetracked. Now I know if I’m running late to class,” said Alex Shivoh, a sophomore who resides in Spruce Hall.

To assist commuter students, a sign was placed in the parking lot entrance from Norwood Ave. Jennifer Nissam, a senior commuter student

commented, “The new signs are really nice and are very beneficial because they let me know what’s going on at MU. I usually only hear about Monmouth’s events and club meetings via email, but by that time I’ve usually already missed them” she added.

In contrast, sophomore commuter student Christopher Brooks sees the new electronic signs as a safety hazard and an unnecessary expense. “The road from Norwood Ave. to the parking lot is a nice scenic route with the beautiful fall foliage and the electronic sign takes away from the beauty of it. We should leave the electronic signs to the indoor basketball court.”

Monmouth University, however, sees the new sign as a way to upgrade and be up-to-date with technology. “It’s hard to say how many people are responding to them, but I think they are excellent for conveying information about any topic to everyone and in the future we hope to provide commuter students with parking information and availability,” said Swannack.

## Financial Aid Office Offers Insight on Issue with Lender-University Relationships

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of Enrollment Management and Director of Financial Aid Claire Alasio has felt the heat of the issue here at Monmouth.

“It was a rough couple of months and they [Alasio’s supervisor and the university’s president and general counsel] have supported me in this and they are firm in their beliefs that I have operated this office very ethically and serviced our students well,” said Alasio.

During a discussion about the lender-university relationships and the bad press, Alasio said, “I personally, as well as the staff in this office...have never engaged in any of these types of negative behavior. Yet, when students or parents see articles in the paper it might make somebody question.”

Monmouth University has

taken steps to battle the uncertainty that investigators, as well as students and parents, might have about the financial aid office. The financial aid department posts their codes of conduct as well as the process of choosing loans and lenders on the Monmouth University website.

Monmouth University students have been affected by these scandals, although it may be in a different way than one would think. “Unfortunately what has happened as a result of this controversy...is that it started with the intent of protecting the students but what’s happening is that the students are still suffering because...we’re basically afraid to speak to a lender rep,” said Alasio.


The financial aid office has been taking whatever precautions it needs to ensure that there is no question about their methods or ethics. The office has therefore discontinued their

list of loan companies for loan consolidation. This might hinder some students once they graduate and are trying to figure out how to pay off all of their loans. In an effort to reach these students, the office has put together info sessions for those who are interested in loan consolidation.

Monmouth University has been trying to show that it is not a culprit of the scandalized behavior by lending companies. The financial aid office practices a policy of non-forceful loan guidance, they are simply there to give advice and help with decisions, and they will never make a student take a loan that they do not want. The office is open for students and parents with questions about all of their financial worries when it comes to education.

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PRSSA

November 12, 2007 will be the start of a week-long Holiday Food Drive sponsored by the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA). Donations boxes for non-perishable items – to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Trinity Church of Long Branch Food Pantry – will be conveniently located in the Monmouth University Student Center (first floor in front of the information desk) and outside the Communication Department main office (second floor of the Plangere Center).

“It is important that during the holiday season, that as a community, we try and help our neighbors,” explains Lauren Papapietro, President of the Monmouth University PRSSA Chapter. “The PRSSA Holiday Food Drive will enable the Monmouth University students, faculty, and staff to give back to our community.”

According to Ann Marie Sirianni, a volunteer at the food pantry, “the pantry is in dire need of food for local residents. The efforts of the PRSSA members are greatly appreciated.” For more information on the PRSSA Holiday Food Drive or any of PRSSA’s events or services contact Shannon Monaco by e-mail at s0577659@ monmouth.edu.

Habitat For Humanity

Interested in getting involved with something? Want to help out in the community? Well then come join Habitat for Humanity! After the former president graduated in the spring, President Marina Wagner and Vice President Paige Sodano have taken over the club this year, and are trying to make it as successful as possible. The first meeting was held in mid-October to basically have students who were interested sign up – but if anyone is still interested, it’s not too late! If you want to become a part of Monmouth’s Habitat for Humanity, please contact either Marina Wagner, Paige Sodano, or e-mail us at habitat@ monmouth.edu. We also created a Facebook group titled, “Habitat for Humanity @ Monmouth” which anyone is welcome to join. If anyone has heard of anything fairly local, or has additional ideas, please don’t hesitate to let us know. We’re also proud to announce our new advisor, Dr. Natalie Ciarocco, a psychology professor here at Monmouth. We’ve been in contact with a few different local Habitat groups, and have a small project planned for December 1, which will entail helping clean up furniture at the Habitat store in Asbury Park, but that’s all we’ve gotten approved so far, so hope to get something else going very soon. Hope to hear from more of you soon!

Sigma Tau Gamma

Big Congrats to everyone who made it through the new member programs, Sig Tau would like to welcome Matthew Smith into the brotherhood. We would also like to take a minute to congratulate Sigma Tau Gamma’s new officers, Paul Rinaldi, Christian Traum, James Laski, and Brian Brzozowski we’re sure you guys will do a great job. The Sig Tau bowling team, May Cause Drowsiness, is climbing still in the ranks with a huge jump from seventh to fourth in just one week! As the work piles up and finals loom in the distance it is important to remember that in the holiday season more than ever people need the help of those around them. Whether it be clothes, food, or any other provisions there are always people who could use what you aren’t using. This is why Sig Tau is starting an active campaign to bring in books for schools that may not have the ability to buy their own books, because as Men of Principle Sig Tau’s value learning and see it as a building block in a successful life.

Shadow Nation

Hey Shadow Nation Members!! Thanksgiving is just around the corner and this week is a big week for Monmouth Athletics. There are games on Friday and Saturday, and hopefully a third game on Sunday. And Saturday is the LAST HOME FOOTBALL GAME for THIS SEASON! Keep checking your emails for updates. So what better way to support your Monmouth Hawks then by having a Blue and White Weekend for Shadow Nation Members and the Monmouth Community. This means wear Blue and White all weekend to show your pride in Monmouth. Also, Shadow Nation will be tabling on Tuesday so come by the table in the Student Center. Any questions? Check your Squirrel mail for the new Shadow Nation Member mailing list emails and the athletics website. Any problems? Drop us an email or stop by the table. Remember...keep working towards your next level and continue to support your Monmouth Hawks. You the fans are a great asset to the athletics community. Talk to you soon.

Water Watch

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

“Environmental Health and Humanity: Clean Clear Water and a Power Shift to Global, Local and Campus Sustainability” This day’s events are sponsored in a joint effort between the MU chapter of New Jersey Community Water Watch and the MU Global Service Project. New Jersey PIRG’s Community Water Watch is a Statewide AmeriCorps organization that works to raise awareness and engage students and community members in service and education projects to protect our local waterways. This is our second year at Monmouth University.

1:00 to 2:00: “Sustainability: Shifting the Power to Campus” -Bey Hall Young Auditorium

Tony MacDonald, the director of the Urban Coast Institute, a MU Centre of Distinction, will kick off this talk on sustainability, what we are already doing and what else we can do to tread more lightly on the Earth, beginning right here at Monmouth. Panel includes: Nikki Starinsky and Allie Bennett - MU Water Watch’s Chair and Vice Chair, who organized a trip down to PowerShift2007, a global warming conference in Maryland and Washington, DC Jess Lisa - Urban Coast Institute Research Assistant working on a campaign to build rain gardens on campus, decrease our use of plastics locally and create a student-run Sustainability Advisory Council at Monmout

a MU facilities representative to discuss the steps MU has already taken to become more sustainable (TBA)

After brief presentations we will open up to a discussion about campus sustainability and student solutions to global climate change!

1:30 to 2:30: Coastal, Climate and Social Change Carnival! - Student Center Patio

Come one come all! This event on the Student Center Patio is a chance to learn more about global environmental and social issues as you peruse information booths from Water Watch, the Fair Trade Group, Outdoors Club, Sociology Club and more. While you wait for the cleanup to begin at 2:30, you can play our environment-themed carnival games for chances at prizes such as candy and an oversized stuffed polar bear! Laptops will be out to check your ecological footprint on the Earth and free Fair Trade Coffee samples will also be available!

2:30 to 4:00: Water Watch Whale Pond Brook Cleanup (Rain or Shine!) Water Watch will be ending this environmentally focused day by getting students, faculty and administrators involved in hands-on service to protect the Whale Pond Brook, an important but impaired local waterway that is partially housed right here on campus! We will gather in front of the Student Center and walk over to the cleanup where there will be free lunch for all volunteers. Participants should plan on wearing sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.

The cleanup will run as follows:

2:15 to 2:30 - Meet at the Student Center sign-in and peruse the fair

2:30 to 2:45 - Cleanup Kickoff speakers: Jackie Johantgen, Water Watch Cleanup Coordinator and Professor John Tiedemann, Assistant Director of the Urban Coast Institute and Associate Dean of the School of STE.

2:45 - walk over to cleanup site, at this time we will hand out gloves and garbage bags

3:00 to 4:00 - cleanup areas along the Whale Pond Brook, lunch served!

Alpha Sigma Tau

Alpha Sigma Tau welcomes 10 new members to its organization, Congratulations Girls!!!! Moxi, I’m so proud of you!!!! Dolce, where’s your partner, gabana???? Bri= GANGSTA! Congrats Roxie, you’re such a trooper :) Little Affinity! I love you sooooo freaking much its insane! Congrats I’m so happy I can call you my little sister! PRECIOUS! YOU’RE MY PRECIOUS!!! Ma petite souer est tres CHIC!!! Chanel, I love you!!! How come every time you come around my LONDON bridge wannna go down? Aaliyah! SO SO SOOOOOOOO proud of you!!!!<3 All your Sisters, Bigs, and Secrets! Can I get an Amen for Journey? <3 RIFF “Whats the purpose of AST?” “Funny you should ask” \*\*Luna\*\* SERENITY WAKE UP!!!!!! <3 mUse PS. T-minus 2 days until Europe, even oceans can’t keep AST’s apart...

Sociology Club

The Sociology Club will be selling Beads for Life outside the Student Center Wednesday, November 14, as part of the Global Understanding Day and Health and Humanity Week. Beads for Life are made by women of Uganda and the proceeds benefit their communities.

We will be next to the Water Watch table so come by and buy some beautiful beads! For more information, please contact Dr. Mezey in the sociology department. Visit www.beadforlife.org for more information on the beads and women of Uganda.

Looking for something warm to do this winter? Help the Sociology Club with Project Linus! The Sociology Club will be putting blankets together to be distributed this winter as part of Project Linus, a non-profit that provides children with security through handmade blankets.

When: Wednesday, November 28 from 2-5 pm.

Where: Magill Commons Club Room 109

You don’t have to stay the whole time and friends are always welcome to tag along!

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For more information regarding Project Linus, please see Marilyn Ward on the 3rd Floor of the Student Center or visit www.projectlinus.org.

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HOROSCOPES By Linda C. Black, Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Nov. 14).

You can accomplish great things this year, with less effort than usual. Finish those old projects you've begun and found too difficult. They'll be easy now.

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

**Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is a 5**  
Advance your career carefully, without drawing a lot of attention. Don't go after the fame quite yet. Build a structure to bring in the fortune.

**Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is an 8**  
Look a little farther away for the perfect person or thing. Expand your search and you're more likely to find one that's exactly right.

**Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is an 8**  
Review and fine-tune your savings plan, to get the greatest return. The work you do here will go a long way toward helping you sleep well.

**Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is an 8**  
You'll get your message across with no confusion now. It's not just the words, though they are important; it's your strong intention.

**Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - Today is a 5**  
Make sure the client and-or the boss is completely satisfied. If you can manage that, everything else will be easy.

**Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 9**  
Your plan is working. Did you include a part where you jump the fence? Don't stay confined, get out and try something at least slightly outrageous.

**Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 6**  
Don't go shopping yet, except for necessities. Stick to the basics even if you think you can afford the frills. Don't forget your bigger objectives. Well, OK, one little treat.

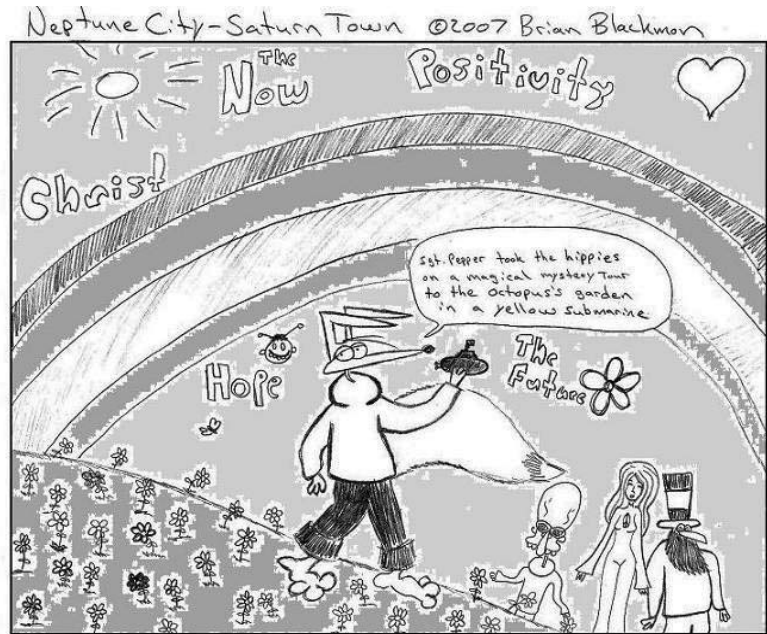
**Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is an 8**  
A loved one thinks you can do just about anything you try. Believe that person if you get shaky. Keep focused, and don't look down.

**Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 6**  
You have more than you realize. Don't use it all up. Put some away in a secret place where you can get to it quickly. It's nice to have reserves.

**Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is an 8**  
People are in the mood to make plans and decisions. A person who's been argumentative will be easier to convince.

**Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6**  
You're making a favorable impression by doing what you promised. Important people are saying nice things about you, and that's all good.

**Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is a 10**  
Through the help of an old friend, everything falls into place. You're lucky, and that helps too. Achieve a long-held objective.



Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Splinter group
  - 5 Out-of-fashion
  - 10 Kind of crazy?
  - 14 Ibuprofen target
  - 15 Duck past
  - 16 Coastal eagle
  - 17 Native American tribe
  - 18 Medieval surcoat
  - 19 Highway
  - 20 Sheep fat
  - 21 Famed violin maker
  - 22 International monetary standard
  - 23 Big rigs
  - 25 With intensity
  - 27 Coil
  - 29 La Scala offering
  - 31 Corrida call
  - 32 Irritate
  - 34 The nays
  - 38 Emcee
  - 40 Attire
  - 42 Legal wrong
  - 43 Chose
  - 45 Fed the pot
  - 47 Commit slander
  - 48 Brooding places
  - 50 Most recent
  - 52 Proprietary product
  - 55 Part of the way up?
  - 56 News piece
  - 57 Hot under the collar
  - 60 Scruff
  - 63 Sound quality
  - 64 Actress Sophia
  - 65 Skiers' ride
  - 66 By and by
  - 67 Clear thinking
  - 68 Yale alumni
  - 69 Shipped
  - 70 "JFK" director
  - 71 Lacoste of tennis

- DOWN
- 1 Pouchlike structures
  - 2 Hosiery shade
  - 3 Of the poorest quality

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- 4 Rock on the edge
- 5 Itemized
- 6 Grads
- 7 Albacore in a can
- 8 Correct text
- 9 Make up one's mind
- 10 York or Friday
- 11 Group of scouts
- 12 Total
- 13 "I am Woman" singer
- 24 Traveler's guide
- 26 Period of time
- 27 London district
- 28 Drop heavily
- 29 Bakery appliances
- 30 Irritant
- 33 QED part
- 35 Just OK
- 36 Eye part
- 37 Editorial notation
- 39 Apartment building
- 41 Time to serve

Solutions to last week's crossword

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- 44 Hideaway
- 46 Narc org.
- 49 Photographs
- 51 Cold season
- 52 Sandwich breads
- 53 Make amends
- 54 Mortise insertion
- 55 Pewter mug
- 58 Botanical anchor
- 59 Jason's ship
- 61 Discomfort
- 62 Scottish Gaelic

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We will begin training on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and continue for six consecutive Saturdays (1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, and 3/1). Sessions will be held from 9 am – 4 pm. The training will be held at the Little Silver Women’s Center at the intersection of Rumson Road and Church Street (not to be confused with Church Lane). Interested parties should call 732-264-4433. Please slowly and clearly leave your name, address, telephone number and email address, and an application and information packet will be mailed to you.

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# What are your plans for Thanksgiving Break?

COMPILED BY: SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON



Liz  
senior

"I'm going to have it with my family and catch up with close friends."



Kyle  
Graduate Student

"I'm going to my parents' house , in South Jersey."



Stephen  
junior

"I'm just going to hang, rest, and do nothing."



Alyssa  
freshman

"I'm going to see all my friends that are coming home from school."



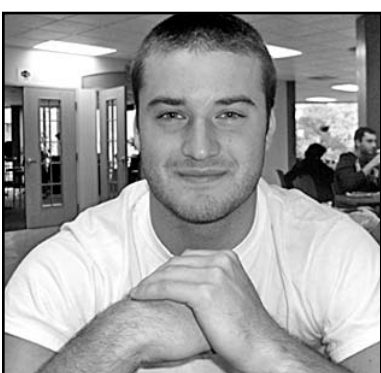
Jessica  
junior

"I'm spending time with my family and relaxing. I finally get a break from working."



Mike  
senior

"Eating eggs and pancakes, and jammin' out with my friends and Cocuzza!"



Jack  
sophomore

"Going with my family to my lake house, in Lake George, NJ! I'm looking forward to it; it'll be fun!"



Kristin  
freshman

"Spending time with my family and friends , in Ocean Township."



Jon  
sophomore

"I go home, to Brick, NJ, and spend time at my Grandparents' house."



Chris  
sophomore

"I'll be going home for dinner with my family, then working at the Freehold Mall on Black Friday"

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## Campus Events This Week

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Asian Name Art • 12:00 - 4:00 PM • RSSC Lobby  
Disney College Program • 11:45 AM, 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM • 307 RSSC  
Students & Faculty as Change Agents for Social Justice • 2:30 PM • Magill  
Texas Hold'em Tournament • 7:30 PM • RSSC Fireplace Lounge  
Spanish Gypsies: From Caravans to Cyber Space • 7:30 PM • McAllan 222  
Fall Play - All in the Timing • 8:00 PM • Woods Theatre • Plays thru Sat.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Visitng Writer - Kimoko Hahn • Time TBA • Wilson Auditorium  
Karaoke Night Benefit • 7:00 PM • Anacon Hall (Tentative)  
Thanksgiving Dinner • 7:00 PM • Catholic Centre

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Our Sons, Our Daughters, Ourselves • All Day • Campus Wide  
Stretch to Relax • 6:00 PM • Fitness Center  
Amateur Comedy Night with Tiny Glover • 7:00 PM • The Underground  
Hampton String Quartet • 8:00 PM • Pollak Theatre  
Movie - The Invasion • 9:00 PM • The Underground at Elmwood Hall

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Football vs. Duquesne University • 12:00 PM • Kessler Field  
Holiday Bowl(ing) Trip • Contact Residence Hall Association for details  
Movie - The Invasion • 3:00 PM • The Underground at Elmwood Hall  
NJ Nets Trip vs. Miami Heat • Depart 5:00 PM • Tickets On Sale in OSA  
35th Annual Ebony Night • 7:00 PM • Anacon Hall  
MU Ice Hawks vs. Delco • 8:15 PM • Wall Sports Arena  
Movie - Rush Hour 3 • 9:00 PM • The Underground at Elmwood Hall

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Women's Basketball vs. Villanova • 3:00 PM • Boylan Gymnasium  
Fall Play - All in the Timing • 3:00 PM • Woods Theatre  
Movie - The Invasion • 3:00 PM • The Underground at Elmwood Hall  
Thanksgiving Basket Assembly • 8:00 PM • Catholic Centre

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Lyp Sync • 10:00 PM • Pollak Theatre  
Philosophy Philm Phorum "The Matrix" • 7:25 PM • Turrell Boardroom

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 (THURSDAY SCHEDULE)

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 (FRIDAY SCHEDULE)

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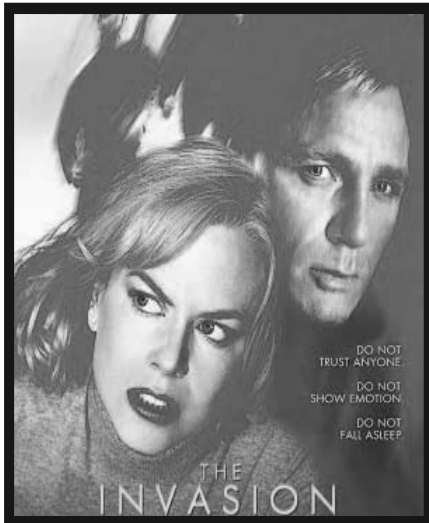
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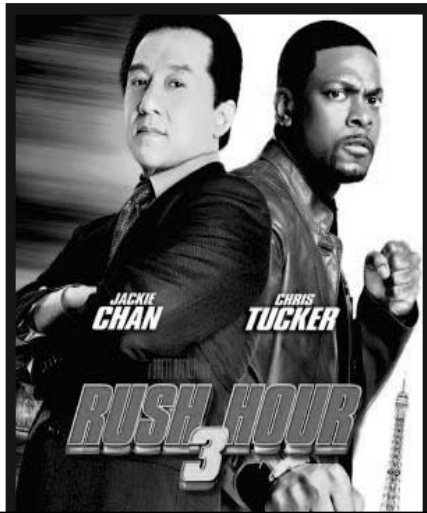
### THE INVASION

Friday, November 16 @ 9:00 PM  
Saturday, November 17 @ 3:00 PM



### RUSH HOUR 3

Saturday, November 17 @ 9:00 PM  
Sunday, November 18 @ 3:00 PM







# THE END ZONE

## Great Danes Run Over the Hawks

*Monmouth allows 175 yards rushing en route to a 21-3 loss at home*

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE  
STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth football team fell to 3-7 overall losing to the Albany Great Danes 21-3 Saturday at Kessler Field. The defensive battle turned into a one-sided offensive showing for Albany as the Great Danes rolled up 21 points on Monmouth in the second half.

The teams exchanged possessions throughout much of the first half, as Monmouth and Albany combined for 15 punts. It was the Great Dane defense, however, that held Hawks running back David Sinisi to just 59 yards on 24 carries, and kept him out of the end zone for the first time in 20 games.

After the game, Sinisi would describe Monmouth's inability to move the ball in simple terms. "We just couldn't execute," he said. "We couldn't find a spark."

When asked to comment about the consecutive game scoring streak coming to the end, Sinisi responded, "I have no thoughts on that. Throughout the whole thing, I never even thought about it once."

Monmouth tallied the only points of the first half after a poor Albany punt. The Hawks took over at the Great Danes 41. Quarterback Brett Burke found Steve Dowens for 13 yards on third-and-four, then later in the drive, found Adam San Miguel for nine yards down to the Albany 14. Fred Weingart's kick was good from 30, and the Hawks took a 3-0 lead.

The punting game would soon prove to be Albany's most ef-

pinned the Hawks back in their own territory.

But the Hawks were not deterred. On second-and-eleven, Burke scampered 32 yards, all the way down to Albany 22. But Monmouth's attempts to widen their lead fell short, as Burke's pass intended for Troy Yudin fell incomplete, and Weingart's kick sailed wide right and lead remained 3-0.

The Hawks were the benefactor of good field position once again when Albany quarterback Vinny Esposito fumbled the ball at his own 46, and Jeff Brady recovered for the Hawks. Monmouth was once again set up with good field position.

But the Hawks couldn't capitalize on the turnover, as a holding penalty harmed the Blue and White's chances at putting up another score and were forced to punt it away. Neither team could muster an offensive attack, and the Hawks went into the locker room clinging to a 3-0 lead.

In the second half, the tide started to turn against the Hawks and in favor of the Great Danes. On second down on their second offensive possession of the half, Burke was picked off by L.B. McCloskey, who returned it all the way down to the MU 30.

Albany was able to convert a key fourth down deep in Hawks territory. But the drive stalled and the Great Danes forced to settle for field goal. Fralicker's kick from 22 tied the score at 3-3.

The two teams again exchanged possessions, but it was late in the third quarter when Albany would

way down to the Hawks one. A false start penalty moved the ball back even further to the one foot line, and on the next play, the Great Dane defense swarmed to Sinisi and tackled him in the end zone for a safety. The Albany lead was now 5-3.

Two plays after the Hawks free kick, Esposito was intercepted by Tyler Burnett and the Hawks offense was in business at their own 32. But a sack of Burke on third down forced a three and out.

Jack Daniels' punt was blocked and recovered at the Hawks 26. Albany could not move the ball more than two yards, and turned their blocked punt into three points. The Great Danes now led by the obscure score of 8-3.

For the first time since the first half, the Hawks put a drive together. Burke found San Miguel and Dowens for two first downs. But again, Monmouth could do no more on offense, and were forced to kick it away.

On the next series, the Great Danes would put the game out of reach. The Hawks forced a third-and-20, and Esposito ran for 16, that would have brought up a fourth-and-four. But a holding penalty was called against Albany, and the Hawks elected to take the penalty and pushed the Great Danes back.

On their decision to take the penalty rather than make Albany punt, Monmouth head coach Kevin Callahan said, "Our thinking at the time was we had them in a fourth down situation, it was right around midfield, and the field position had been heavily in their favor. We thought if we could back them up to the 20 yard line, we were going to get the ball back and change the field a little bit there. I felt we would get the ball back with good positive field position and we go down and score a touchdown and win the game."

Faced with a third-and-30, Esposito found Justin Gannon on a screen pass, and poor Hawks tackling allowed Gannon to sprint 87 yards down the sideline for a touchdown. The two point conversion failed, and the Hawks found themselves down 14-3.

After another three-and-out, the Hawks again punted the ball back to the Great Danes. Albany capped the game's scoring three plays later, when David McCarty blew through the Hawks defense and rumbled 67 yards for a score, and Albany improved to 8-3 overall and 6-0 in Northeast Conference games.

Throughout the game, the Great Danes took away the deep threat of the Hawks by playing a cover two, and Monmouth could not get any consistent offensive threat. But it was the kicking game where Callahan feels the game was won. "The kicking game really affected (the) field position, it really affected the momentum of things. It put us in bad field position and by the same token put them in good field position."

The Hawks finish the season next week at home against Duquesne. Kickoff is scheduled for 12 pm at Kessler Field.

### Game Statistics

	ALBANY	MU
FIRST DOWNS.....	11	13
Rushing.....	7	4
Passing.....	4	6
Penalty.....	0	3
NET YARDS RUSHING.....	175	102
Rushing Attempts.....	46	34
Average Per Rush.....	3.8	3.0
Rushing Touchdowns.....	1	0
Yards Gained Rushing.....	207	141
Yards Lost Rushing.....	32	39
NET YARDS PASSING.....	143	142
Completions-Attempts-Int....	8-17-1	21-35-1
Average Per Attempt.....	8.4	4.1
Average Per Completion.....	17.9	6.8
Passing Touchdowns.....	1	0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS.....	318	244
Total offense plays.....	63	69
Average Gain Per Play.....	5.0	3.5
Fumbles: Number-Lost.....	2-2	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards.....	6-60	5-40
PUNTS-YARDS.....	7-335	9-270
Average Yards Per Punt.....	47.9	30.0
Net Yards Per Punt.....	43.9	28.3
Inside 20.....	2	4
50+ Yards.....	5	0
Touchbacks.....	1	0
Fair catch.....	0	3
KICKOFFS-YARDS.....	5-293	3-159
Average Yards Per Kickoff...	58.6	53.0
Net Yards Per Kickoff.....	46.4	35.3
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD.	2-15-0	2-8-0
Average Per Return.....	7.5	4.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	3-53-0	5-61-0
Average Per Return.....	17.7	12.2
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD..	1-30-0	1-7-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD.	0-0-0	0-0-0
Possession Time.....	44:20	30:40
Third-Down Conversions.....	6 of 17	4 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances.....	1-1	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards.....	3-16	4-23
PAT Kicks.....	1-1	0-0
Field Goals.....	2-2	1-2



John Nalbone had two catches for 24 yards in a losing effort for MU.

fective weapon, as Chris Lynch launched one of his two 60+ yard punts late in the first quarter, and

take the and not look back. After San Miguel misplayed an Albany punt that traveled 69 yards all the

Soccer

Women Win the NEC Championship at Home

Defeat Sacred Heart 1-0 on The Great Lawn in NEC final, advance to NCAA Tournament

MIKE TIEDEMANN  
STAFF WRITER

You never want your season to end prematurely. Whether it is in the regular season or the post-season, every team wants to prolong their respective season. And for the members of the women's soccer team, they did just that. After hosting the 2007 NEC Championships this past weekend, the Hawks are now preparing this week for more soccer. It

nals and getting past Sacred Heart in the championship, the Hawks are preparing for the 2007 NCAA Tournament. At press time, their opponent is unknown. However, the road to the NCAA Tournament was not an easy one. On Friday, the Hawks had to face an LIU team that would be looking to avenge an early season loss. Earlier this season, the Hawks were able to overcome LIU in double overtime by a score of 2-1. With the stakes higher than

59th minute. That was the only goal of the game as the Hawks moved past LIU by a score of 1-0. Awaiting them was Sacred Heart, who had come back from a one goal deficit to secure a chance to face the Hawks in the championship game. And so on Sunday, in front of about 500 people, it was the Hawks trying to defend The Great Lawn one last time on the season. Having lost only once at home this season, the Hawks not only had history on their side, but also Christie Pearce Rampone, who served as an honorary captain for the game. Rampone is the program's most prolific alumnus. With the stage set, both teams took the field looking for a common goal. And it was someone familiar with headlines that helped the Hawks continue their season. In the 14th minute, Illiana Blackshear's cross found Andrea Lopez's foot as she one-timed the ball past Sacred Heart's goalkeeper. That was Lopez's fifth goal of the year.

And that was the only goal the Hawks would need. The final whistle blew, marking the Hawks first NEC title since 1996 and their fourth overall. They had been proving all year that they were the team to beat as they amassed an overall record of 12-4-4. With timely scoring and a stifling defense, the Hawks have been impressive throughout the fall season. And now it will continue in the NCAA Tournament. Just like they had planned all along. The team will travel to State College, Pennsylvania to face Penn State in the first round of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship on Friday, November 16, at Jeffrey Field.



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Amy Hoyer, the NEC Player of the Year, tallied two shots on goal in the game, one of which nearly set up a second goal for the Hawks. could have been their first week off since pre-season, but instead it will be another week of practice. But not just any week of practice: after defeating LIU in the semi-fi-

ever before, Alessandra DeTata made sure LIU wouldn't get their chance at revenge. DeTata used her head to put in a ball from Shannon Rogers in the

Wilson Scores High Marks On and Off the Field

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Imagine a college schedule like this: 21 credits per semester and two-hour soccer practices everyday. "I find it difficult at times to balance my academics and athletics," admitted Monmouth University senior Damon Wilson, "but that's the life of a student-athlete and I can handle it." Not only does Wilson handle it, but he does it well. The star forward is the Blue Hawk's leading scorer and has a solid B grade average to boot. Last Sunday, Monmouth won its third straight regular season Northeast Conference (NEC) title among teams in the North Atlantic Region, according to a poll by the National Soccer Coaches

feel as though everything makes sense," said Wilson, a communication major from Swedesboro, N.J. "I just love to play soccer. It gives my life meaning." Monmouth is just the latest stop in the 21-year-old's storied soccer career. In high school, he scored a school-record 86 goals and was a three-time first team all-state selection at St. Andrews in Delaware. He initially began college at Div. III powerhouse Ohio Wesleyan University. After his sophomore year, he transferred here and lost some credits in the process. The extra courses are necessary in order to graduate on time, he said. Despite the extra work, Wilson's glad he made the switch. "I believed in the positive direction the program was moving










































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Men's Soccer Athlete

Association of America. At 12-4-2 overall and 7-2 in conference play, the team is hoping for another NCAA tournament berth. But first, they must win their conference tournament, which begins Friday. Last season, Wilson scored the winning goal in double overtime of the NEC Championship. The victory over St. Francis (Pa.) University sent the men's soccer team to its first NCAA Tournament appearance. In 17 games this year, Wilson has seven goals and six assists. Earlier in the season, he notched the game-winner against then-No. 16 ranked University of North Carolina in the Carolina Nike Classic. The performance earned him the Brine/NEC Player of the Week award. "When I'm on the soccer field I

into, and I wanted to be a part of it," said the 6-foot, 165-pound playmaker. "It has great coaches and talented players. I also found Monmouth to be a great environment for me to grow as a player." Wilson's teammates and coaches are also glad he came. "In the classroom Damon is diligent, attentive and always does his work," teammate John Castro said. "On the soccer field he is determined and an all-around great teammate, always being inspirational to everyone." Assistant coach Hugh MacDonald agreed. "Damon's a very talented player with great speed and good upside," he said. "If he puts the work in and maintains the right mental attitude, he could have a shot at the next level."

Outlook's Weekly NFL Picks - Week 11

	Away	New York Giants	New England Patriots	Pittsburgh Steelers	Miami Dolphins	Washington Redskins	Carolina Panthers	New Orleans Saints	Kansas City Chiefs
	Home	Detroit Lions	Buffalo Bills	New York Jets	Philadelphia Eagles	Dallas Cowboys	Green Bay Packers	Houston Texans	Indianapolis Colts
Eric (4-4 Last Wk) (50-30 Overall)									
Alex (4-4 Last Wk) (56-24 Overall)									
Jacqueline (5-3 Last Wk) (54-26 Overall)									
Lisa (3-5 Last Wk) (50-30 Overall)									
Mike (4-4 Last Wk) (52-48 Overall)									



# A Word on Sports

## Handing out the Hardware: NFL Mid Season Awards

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Time really does fly when you’re having fun. And this semester is no different, at least for me. But seriously, where did the time go? It seems like yesterday I was agonizing over the Giants opening day loss to the Cowboys. Now, we’re more than halfway through the season, and since I have already named my nominations for all the categories (some honorable, some quite dubious), I might as well just announce the winners before I completely lose track of time, and I’m watching Super Bowl XLII between the Patriots and (insert NFC team here). So here we go.

The 1972 Miami Dolphins Award for Team Most Likely to go Undefeated: New England Patriots.

Larry Csonka, Jake Scott, Earl Morrall and Don Shula are about to be joined in the ranks of the NFL’s unbeaten by Laurence Marony, Rodney Harrison, Tom Brady, and The Cheater. Looking at the Patriots schedule, I honestly believed that the Colts game would be the only one they could possibly lose. The only thing that will stand between the Patriots and NFL immortality is the Giants, who will take on New England in Giants Stadium in Week 17. I can only hope the Pats go into that week undefeated, as my tickets for that game are currently going for FOUR TIMES face value on Stubhub.com.

The Johnny Unitas Award for Best Quarterback: Tom Brady  
Honestly, when was the last

time you saw a quarterback completely dominate the NFL like this? Even Peyton Manning’s record setting touchdown season (which Brady will likely break anyway) was not nearly as impressive as this.

The Ryan Leaf Award for Worst Quarterback: Marc Bulger

This guy was a former Pro Bowl quarterback and his team is still winless. I know he’s been injured but it’s not like the Rams were lighting the world on fire when he was healthy. It’s not that Bulger is terrible, I’m just floored by how much he has fallen off.

The Rich Kotite Award for Worst Head Coach: Eric Mangini

The Jets could be one of the NFL’s most disappointing teams. After going 10-6 last year, the Jets have exactly one victory in 2007, and Mangini has caved to the ignorant Jet fans who think that Kellen Clemens is the answer at quarterback.

The Ki-Jana Carter Award for Most Overrated Running Back: Larry Johnson.

Since getting that big fat contract he spent all of training camp whining about, Larry Johnson has become the Invisible Man. And don’t even think about asking him to pick up a blitzing linebacker. A tackling dummy would give the Chiefs the same results.

The Vince Lombardi Award for Best Head Coach: Tony Dungy

I don’t care that he lost to The Cheater. If Tony Dungy isn’t the classiest guy in the NFL, he’s at least in the picture. He’s an easy guy to root for, and his teams always play hard.

The New York Mets Award for

the Biggest, Most Unprecedented Collapse: New York Giants.

It hasn’t happened yet, but don’t worry it will. Tom Coughlin is the worst second half coach in the NFL, and this year will be no exception. The Giants are nothing but smoke and mirrors, and that 6-2 record will quickly disappear. But somehow, because the NFC is just so weak, the Giants will go 9-7, sneak into the playoffs, and Giants fans will be stuck with yet another year of Tom Coughlin.

Finally, The Darren McFadden Award for the Team Most Likely to Get the Number One Overall Pick: Miami Dolphins

In case you didn’t realize it, Cleo Lemon is just not the answer at quarterback. Ronnie Brown goes on IR. Things just aren’t working for the Dolphins this year. But on the bright side, it’s probably only a matter of time before we see John Beck starting at quarterback, giving Dolphins fans a glimpse of the future.

For those of you who are curious for my reaction to Ohio State’s loss against Illinois, fine, here it is: I am completely and utterly demoralized. I didn’t know whether I wanted to cry, throw a chair, or just go to the beach and let the tide take me out. There is no doubt that they may have been looking ahead to the Michigan game. I’m feeling so deflated that I honestly don’t know how I’m going to make it through my classes this week. I’m just thankful that this didn’t happenen during exam week, or my GPA would have taken an absolute nosedive.

# Women Run Into the Record Books

## Cross country earns the second best finish in MU history at NCAA regionals

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On Saturday, November 10, the women’s cross country team finished 16th out of 37 teams at the NCAA Division I Mid-Atlantic Regionals at Lehigh University. The team’s 16th place finish was the second best in school history and its 464 points was just 12 points shy of 15th place Rutgers.

The Blue and White, who had the best placing of any NEC team, were led by sophomore Cailin Lynam who recorded the best overall finish ever for Monmouth women. Lynam finished the 6K course in 21:40, which was good enough for 41st overall. Fellow sophomore Meredith Malloy was not far behind Lynam, finishing in 21:56.

Embrey finished in sixth and seventh for the Hawks, respectively. Ruggiano finished 138th, stopping the timer at 23:44. Embrey completed the course in 24:08, coming in 150th.

Monmouth’s 16th place finish was second only to their 15th place finish in 2000, the last year they won the NEC title.

The top two finishers in the meet were Princeton and West Virginia, who get the two automatic qualifying bids to the NCAA Championships on November 19, at Indiana State University.

The Hawks’ men recorded the best finish of any NEC school in any of the NCAA Regionals held on Saturday. The squad finished 23rd, earning 668 points overall.

Much like he did all season, sophomore Peter Forgach led the Blue and White with a 112th place finish in 32:53 over the 10K course at Lehigh. Jeff Cody finished second among Monmouth runners, finishing in a personal best time of 33:23 which was good enough for 135th. Matt Caporaso and Randy Hadzor finished third and fourth, running 33:24 and 33:28, respectively. Ben Hutterer ran the second fastest 10K in Monmouth history for a freshman in his first attempt on a Lehigh’s 10K course. Hutterer stooped the timer at 33:45, second only

to Felix Olivio’s time of 33:20 set in 1995. Dustin Coleman and Shawn Platz finished sixth and seventh, respectively for MU.

Georgetown and Villanova finished first and second overall to attain the two automatic qualifying bids to the NCAA Championships.

Both the men’s and women’s cross country team will finish up their fall seasons at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, NY, at the IC4A and ECAC Championships on November 17.



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Cailin Lynam reorded the best overall finish in MU women’s cross country history at the NCAA Regionals.

which placed her in 52nd overall. Lynam and Malloy’s 1-2 finish was the best in the Hawks’ 11 appearances at the NCAA Regionals.

The next three finishers for MU were all freshman. The trio managed to finish under the Monmouth freshman course record of 23:32 set by Lynam a year earlier. Christine Altland was 119th in 23:19, Tiffany McKenna was 123rd in 23:22 and Courtney Spratford was 129th in 23:30. Sophomores Rachel Ruggiano and Laura



Come out and cheer on your Monmouth University IceHawks Hockey Team

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

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

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

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

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



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# Congratulations Hawks Soccer



**The women's soccer team defeated Sacred Heart 1-0 to capture their first NEC title since 1996. Story on page 22**