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Care Package Drive Held to Support Troops Overseas

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To commemorate Veteran's Day, College Republicans of Monmouth University are collecting items for a donation drive to send to troops overseas, showing appreciation to those who are currently fighting in the war.

President and founder of the club, Nick Campione and Secretary Mary Grace Baker planned and organized the event.

Such items that are being collected throughout the week include things such as calling cards, playing cards, snacks, hygienic products, books, magazines, disposable cameras, and other non-perishable items.

"We are sending it overseas as soon as we collect everything from all people interested in donating. We do not decline anyone the opportunity to show their support," said Campione.

Most of the care packages will be sent to troops associated with the Monmouth University community, and the packages will be labeled so the troops know the

items came from Monmouth.

Campione said, "I am extremely happy to be part of this project, as well as other members of my club, and I hope the whole Monmouth University community is as well."

Campione said he got involved



PHOTO COURTESY of foggoofwar.com -
General David Petraeus leads troops in Iraq, where the MU care packages will be sent.

with the project because it is around the time of Veteran's Day and wanted to acknowledge the hard work the troops are putting in right now.

The club has spoken with certain troops overseas, and is planning to send the care packages collected over to Iraq and various parts throughout the Middle East.

General David Petraeus, who commands American forces in Iraq, and is the commander of the 101st Airborne Division, has been associated with this project. In the summer of 2004, Newsweek put him on its cover, asking: Can this man save Iraq?

"General Petraeus was instrumental in making the strategic changes that successfully reduced the violence in Iraq. It is because of his fine leadership that our troops have been safer and are closer to returning home," noted Baker.

In early 2007, President George Bush placed him in command of allied forces in Iraq, and in April 2008, Petraeus was announced

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International Fulbright Scholar Speaks at Graduate Colloquium

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International Fulbright Scholar Dr. Enas Abou Yousseff lectured at the Graduate Colloquium last Tuesday night in the Jules Plangere Building to discuss International Media.

Abou Yousseff, who is also a visiting professor in Communication from the University of Cairo in Egypt, discussed historical background, early Arab newspapers, and several different issues and influence the media has had in Arab countries over the years.

The Graduate Colloquium is a one credit requirement of the first year of graduate study; it is a basic introduction that also consists of research and resources.

print media.

Graduate Student Tara Fantini, who attended the colloquium, said, "She discussed many factors that I was not aware of and many of which I found shocking."

"I wanted to give the audience a background about how the media is functioning in a different place in the world, the kind of pressures the journalists are facing, and the future of the alternative media and to what extent it can promote freedom of expression among the youth of these countries. I hope the background information will help graduates to be more ample to analyze the Arab media," Abou Yousseff stated.

The "Restricted Plurality Model" was another major feature Abou Yousseff spoke

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DR. ENAS ABOU YOUSSEFF
International Fulbright Scholar

Abou Yousseff's presentation consisted of power point slides and several photographs.

One point Abou Yousseff made was that Arab mass media coincided with western colonial explorations, which "stormed the Arab world."

She conversed some of the first widely-circulating Arab newspapers, including Al-Ahram, which was published in 1875. It was an Egyptian daily newspaper with an English translation that means "The Pyramids."

Abou Yousseff made students aware of how influential Arab newspapers were and still are today. Political parties, political and national movements, trade and a progress in economy all emerged from Arab's

about to the graduate class. It involves the levels of press freedom that differed from each Arab country.

"We don't have private ownership of newspapers," Abou Yousseff said. She stated how they are very difficult to get approved, and that there are other types of ownerships, including public and corporate.

Arab print media is still suffering from censorship and disciplinary legislation in most Arab states today, but they have made advances with satellite channels and the Internet.

She also brought up the Egypt General Strike on April

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'Revolution '67' Shown at Conference on Race

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July 12 to 17, 1967, triggered events that will be in New Jersey's history as some of the most of the most violent events ever recorded: The Newark Riots. On November 13th in Pollock Theatre, students watched history unfold before them in a special screening of the film "Revolution '67" by filmmakers Marylou Tibaldo Bongiorno and Jerome Bongiorno.

The catalyst for the riots was the mistreatment of one African American man named John Smith. He was arrested for tailgating a police car and brutally beaten by the police. This event stirred feelings of outrage among the people of Newark. The public decided to take matters into their own hands and demonstrate their feelings in the form of violence. For two days, riots erupted in the city of Newark. Stores were looted and set on



PHOTO COURTESY of Yahoo! News
Jerome Bongiorno and Marylou Tibaldo-Bongiorno, filmmakers of "Revolution '67".

fire, cars were smashed, and fighting between people could be seen everywhere. Although the amount of violent acts was large, it wasn't until July 14, the third day of the riots, that the killings began.

The atmosphere in the city of Newark had become hostile and people were out of con-

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MU Holding Holiday Season Donation Drives

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The holiday season is a time for giving, and that’s exactly what Monmouth University intends to do. Food, coat, and book drives are occurring across campus to gather items that will be donated to families of the local community.

The Student Alumni Association (SAA) held its first Thanksgiving Food Drive on Wednesday, November 12th from 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. A table was stationed outside the Student Center to gather unopened, non perishable food items such as boxed and canned goods. SAA donated the collected items to the St. Vincent De Paul Society (SVdP), Holy Trinity Church, in Long Branch. The SVdP Society will give the donations to families in the local community who are unable to purchase food for Thanksgiving.

“This is the first year that SAA will be hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive. The organization is optimistic that the University community will be generous with their food donations; it is a great cause! The SAA members are thankful for all of the blessings in their lives and wish to give back this year to those less fortunate in the hope that they too will be able to enjoy a wonderful holiday meal with family,” said the SAA advisor Jennifer Harris.

Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) held a clothing and food drive during the week of November 10. PRSSA collected winter cloths such as coats, sweat-

ers, sweatshirts, gloves, scarves, and hats. There was also a box for non perishable food items such as canned goods, pasta, soups and cereals. Drop off boxes for these items were in the Plangere Center, Bey Hall, and the Student Center.

All food donations were brought to the Food Banks of Monmouth and Ocean County while the clothing was donated to the Long Branch Public School system. PRSSA’s food and coat drive was very successful last year said the advisor to PRSSA, Dr. Sheila McAllister-Spooner.

“It is part of the mission of the Monmouth University PRSSA Chapter to build positive and rewarding relationships with members of the community. In today’s difficult economic times, Monmouth’s PRSSA members are committed to donating their time and services to the local community. Thanks to the generosity of Monmouth students, faculty, and staff, the local food banks will be better stocked and families will be provided with warm clothing during the winter season,” said Dr. McAllister-Spooner.

The Counseling Students Association (CSA) is holding its first book drive. The book drive runs from November 1st through November 30th. There are collection bins in the Edison Science Building near room 120 and in the office of the Department of Psychological Counseling in Edison Hall near room 128B. Books requested are Caldecott Medal picture books and Spanish-language books for ages 3-5 which will be given to the Bradley Elementary School in Asbury Park. Any books for teens will be given to the YMCA in Asbury Park.

Books for all ages will be donated to Long Branch Concordance.

“[This is important for] two main reasons: First, plenty of literature supports that children with access to books do better overall in school. Second, the economy is so bad right now that we are concerned that even more children will not have the access to books that they desperately need,” said the advisor to CSA, Dr. Kathleen Armstrong.

Chi Sigma Iota Graduate Honor Society is hosting their first holiday drive. They are requesting non perishable food items as well as clothing in good or new condition. Money donations are also appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the Student Center in bins marked Chi Sigma Iota Food Drive as well as in Edison Hall room 148B. The donations will be given to LunchBreak.org, Monmouth County Food Bank, and the Long Branch Concordance.

“We are excited as this is our first drive. We have already had a wonderful response from the Monmouth University community as well as the local community. In light of the current economy and hardships being placed on families all over, we felt it would be a well received endeavor by helping to provide...warmth and comfort in these trying times. We heard of tent cities popping up around the country and realized we need to focus on basic needs and humanity,” said Stacey Gold, the President of Chi Sigma Iota Graduate Honor Society.

Lunch Break is located in Red Bank, NJ. It is known as Monmouth County’s first soup kitchen. Lunch Break provides over 2,100 meals per month according to lunchbreak.

org. Every Monday through Friday, Lunch Break provides hot lunches between the hours of 12:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. All clothing donations are distributed at 8 A.M. on the first Saturday of each month.

Beta Beta Beta is holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive. Items can be dropped off in the Biology Department Office on the second floor of Edison Hall. Items requested are canned goods, packaged items, gravy, corn, cranberry sauce, string beans, granola bars, juice boxes, cookies, etc.

The Student Center Bookstore has been holding its annual food drive since November 2000. This year, the food drive will be running from November 1st through December 12th. Nonperishable food items are requested. The Bookstore is also looking for items such as stuffing, canned vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, Jell-O mix, pumpkin pie mix, canned gravy, and cranberry sauce to create holiday baskets. Anyone who donates five items will receive a cou-

pon for 20% off imprinted items at Monmouth University’s Bookstore. The coupon is redeemable November 1st through December 19th.

“We ask people to bring in five items of food, and as long as it is non-perishable we take it. We give the costumer a 20% off coupon for them to use during November and December. I wanted to give an incentive to people to give more. I thought if we gave them percentage off on their holiday shopping we could get more food to those in need,” said the Assistant Manager of the Bookstore, Kathy Booth.

Marilyn Ward, Coordinator of Service Learning and Community Programs, provides information about community agencies to anybody who wants to run a drive on campus. “There seems to be a greater need than ever so it’s important for us to draw on our resources to help the local community. If everyone donated just one item we would be able to do an amazing job of supporting the schools and agencies that ask us for help,” said Ward.

Monmouth University Center for Entrepreneurship Announced PRESS RELEASE

West Long Branch, NJ (November 14, 2008) – Monmouth University’s School of Business has launched the Monmouth University Center for Entrepreneurship (MUCE). The Center works with local entrepreneurs to help them turn their business ideas into thriving ventures. Through MUCE, Monmouth University Entrepreneurship students create and implement a business plan for two businesses each year, providing support and counsel in the areas of Marketing and Advertising, Sales, Research and Development, Web Site Design, Production, Administration and Accounting. MUCE’s lending partner, Central Jersey Bank, N.A., has provided upwards of \$20,000, each year, in financing for each project. Once the business is up and running, students from the Small Business Management class take over and focus on the growth of the business with a goal of ensuring its viability in the marketplace.

According to Frederick Kelly, dean of Monmouth University’s Business School, “These outreach projects accomplish multiple goals. They provide an outstanding laboratory for students to apply their education and gain invaluable experience. They also are strong stimulants to the local economy as local businesspersons gain valuable insights into how to establish, implement and expand their business vision. And, finally, as these businesses grow and expand they will become contributors to the overall economy, as they expand local employment and contribute to the State’s overall economy.”

As one of its first projects, MUCE students have been working with the Redeem Her Organization to open up a thrift store in Neptune, NJ. All proceeds from the store, called “Second Chances” will be donated to Redeem Her, a non-profit inmate and ex-offender directed, self-help service organization. The organization exists to bridge

the gap between incarcerated women and their community and to prove that people really can be redeemed. Monmouth students and members of Redeem Her are involved in all aspects of the project from creating a business plan, decorating, floor plans, sorting through donations, installing walls, public relations, marketing, and staffing. The store opened on November 12 and will be a way to provide recently released women with the basic necessities needed to live and get back on their feet.

The second business MUCE is supporting this year is The Film School. Shrewsbury resident Neal Bennet had years of experience in filming and loved teaching. His dream was to combine the two and to teach filmmaking to high school students. MUCE created a business plan for him, helped him secure a loan, negotiated studio space and will continue to help him monitor his finances and other details of the business throughout the year.

According to John Buzza, “We are thrilled to launch the Monmouth University Center for Entrepreneurship which will provide our students with the opportunity to work with a community of business partners with a commitment to achieving social and economic progress through entrepreneurship.”

Central Jersey Bank N.A. Chairman, President and CEO James S. Vaccaro commented, “We are pleased that Central Jersey Bank is able to assist the Monmouth University Center for Entrepreneurship, Monmouth University students and members of the community as they work together to achieve their entrepreneurial goals. The entire MUCE initiative is very consistent with our mission as a community based banking enterprise.”

For more information on the Monmouth University Center for Entrepreneurship call 732-263-5575 or visit www.monmouth.edu.

MUPD Crime Blotter

The Monmouth University Police Department is an armed, fully commissioned police force operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The department consists of 20 full-time officers and detectives, as well as safety officers, dispatchers, and traffic attendants. University police officers patrol the campus and off-campus residential facilities in marked patrol units, on bicycles, and on foot.

One of the highest priorities of the Police Department is to provide a safe and secure campus, conducive to the learning environment. In keeping with this theme, all officers routinely attend training in current law enforcement concerns, first aid, and diversity training.

If you have any questions regarding the MU Police Department, or if you need any assistance, please feel free to direct any inquiries to 732-571-3472.

Monmouth University Police Department Crimes By Location

Date	Time	Location	Crime	Preventable	Case
10/30-11/10/08	UNK-1100 hrs	Bey Hall	Harassment	No	Closed
11/10/2008	1845 hrs	Garden Apts	Student Misconduct	Yes	Ex-Cleared
11/11/2008	1635 hrs	Facilities Management	Harassing Phone Calls	No	Active
11/14/2008	2133 hrs	Laurel Hall	Possession of Alcohol-Underage	No	Arrest
11/14/2008	2231 hrs	Pinewood Hall	Possession of Alcohol-Underage	No	Arrest
11/14-11/15/08	1730-0100 hrs	Pinewood Hall	Criminal Mischief	No	Active
11/15/2008	0021 hrs	Beechwood Ave	Student Misconduct	No	Arrest

Active - Under investigation.
Arrest - Arrest made pending court action.

Closed - Case closed.
Returned to SS - Case referred to Student Services.

Monmouth University's Talent Revealed

Students opened up at this semester's second to last Late Night Lounge November 13

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The second to last Late Night Lounge of the fall semester took place in the Underground in Elmwood Hall on Thursday, November 13, from 10 p.m. until midnight. The open mic was presided over by the Master of Ceremonies, sophomore Devin Menker. His friendly personality and humorous banter make him the perfect MC, and, luckily, he plans to keep the position for as long as he stays at Monmouth.

A contingent of the MU Pep Band, led by Student Employment's Aimee Parks, kicked off the festivities by playing two songs, Outkast's "The Way You Move" and Cherry Poppin' Daddies' "Zoot Suit Riot," just outside the Underground, entertaining those who were on their way to the Late Night Lounge, and earning applause and cheers from Elmwood residents. Then the band came inside to play a rousing rendition of "Pump It," by the Black Eyed Peas. "They like to play any chance they get," Pep Band director Parks said, of her enthusiastic student-musicians.

Next up to the mic was freshman Rebecca Baier, who sang a beautiful a cappella version of "Tom's Diner" by Suzanne Vega. Baier explained that she had decided to perform only at the insistence of her RA; however, she has a great set of pipes, and Late Night Lounge's audience would no doubt

love to hear more from her in the future.

Baier was followed by sophomore Kyle Seiverd, who got the audience's attention with his scandalous, over the top, comedy routine. Seiverd took shots at several musical sensations, including Fergie, The Jonas Brothers, and Miley Cyrus, and ranted about everything from golf carts to being single. "I don't do comedy; I just complain. That's all I do," Seiverd joked.

The next act up provided a change of pace. Lead singer Justin Constantin and acoustic guitar player/back-up vocalist Justin Brown, both juniors, impressed with their smooth R&B stylings.

The duo performed Justin Timberlake's "What Goes Around..." and Robin Thicke's "Lost Without You," as well as a medley consisting of Ne-Yo's "Go On Girl" and Anthony Hamilton's "Lucille." When asked how they met each other, the Justins revealed that they have known each other since fifth grade, and have been making music together for just as long. The talented pair also run their own recording studio called Equinox Studio & Productions and you can check it out



PHOTO COURTESY of Nicholas Ortenzio
Long time friends, juniors Jusin Constantin and Justin Brown, serenaded the crowd with their smooth R&B style.

at www.myspace.com/equinoxsp.

Taking the stage next was sophomore Bill Palmer, who announced that his song selections for the night were in honor of Mitch Mitchell, the legendary drummer for the Jimi Hendrix Experience, who had passed away the previous day. Accordingly, Palmer covered Hendrix's "Hey Joe," in addition to Hendrix's cover of Bob Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower." Palmer then replaced his electric guitar with an acoustic one in order to play an original, nostalgic ditty called "Looney Tunes Song," which mourns the disappearance from television of those beloved cartoon characters. Palmer holds the distinction of not having missed a single open mic night since his arrival at Monmouth. After Palmer, Sophomore Justine Veal rocked the mic, holding it down as the only poet of the evening. She showed off her considerable talent for wordplay and rhyme with two of her poems, the passionate "In Love with a Ghost," and "Lost," which ends on a courageous note despite its forlorn title.

Veal was followed by Matt Pagan, who confessed that, although he has been playing in bands for 15 years, the evening's open mic night was his first ever.

Pagan declared himself to be more of a drummer than a singer/guitar player, but his modest, self-deprecating remarks were soon belied by his capable acoustic covers of Alkaline Trio's "Blue in the Face," and All Time Low's "Remembering Sunday," which Pagan dedicated to a personal acquaintance of his who has gone through some rough times.

Newcomer Pagan was followed by Late Night Lounge regular, senior Michael Dante Summonte. Summonte played two original songs, one unfinished, tentatively called "Soldier of Fortune," and one finished, called "Miss Mistake."

Both featured Summonte's distinctive, folky singing voice and deceptively simple lyrics. When asked to name his main influences, Summonte unhesitatingly listed John Lennon, Bob Dylan, Elliott Smith, and Cat Stevens.

If you'd like to catch MU's talented (and brave!) musicians, singers, comedians, and poets doing their thing, or if you'd like to show off your own stuff, your next chance is the final Late Night Lounge of the semester on December 4. Same time, same place. Hope to see you there!

Survey Reveals Big Salaries for College Presidents

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A dozen presidents of private colleges earned more than \$1 million in compensation during the 2006-07 year, including Northwestern University chief Henry Bienen, who was the second-highest paid college executive in the nation.

The annual survey of presidential pay released Monday by The Chronicle of Higher Education found that 89 private college presidents took home more than \$500,000 in annual compensation, more than double the number who did five years earlier.

News of the increase comes amid concerns that the economic downturn and skyrocketing tuition costs could put a college diploma further out of reach for many prospective students.

In Illinois, three private college presidents crossed the half-million dollar threshold for total compensation, which includes salary and such benefits as housing and car allowances, retirement pay and various kinds of deferred compensation. In addition to Bienen, they were the University of Chicago's Robert Zimmer and Columbia College Chicago's Warrick Carter, according to the study.

Zimmer, a longtime faculty member who became president of the Hyde Park institution in 2006, was the 16th-highest paid executive of a private university.

Public university presidents also collected bigger paychecks, and survey results suggest the disparity in executive pay between public and private colleges may be leveling.

Across the country, 59 top executives at public institutions earned more than \$500,000 in total compensation during the 2007-08 year, up from 43 a year earlier. Private college compensation information lags a year by comparison and only is available through 2006-07,

survey authors said.

Among those earning more than \$500,000 was University of Illinois President B. Joseph White, the only public college president statewide to do so. Urbana-Champaign Chancellor Richard Herman took home \$475,500 in total compensation, the second-highest among state university presidents.

Nearly half of all college presidents were 61 or older in 2006, according to a report by the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources and the American Council on Education.

What that might portend for presidential pay packages is unclear. Historically, many of the highest-grossing presidents have been nearing their final years of service.

That is true of Bienen, who will step down from his post at Northwestern in August after nearly 15 years.

One of the university's longest-serving stewards, Bienen earned \$1.7 million in 2006. Of that, \$590,929 was a payment deferred until he had been with the Evanston-based institution for more than a decade. Another \$375,000 in benefits was included in this year's total but will be paid only if Bienen serves through his retirement next year, spokesman Alan Cabbage said.

"For someone who's been in the position for more than 13 years, that's really not out of line," Cabbage said of the compensation deal.

Suffolk University President David Sargent was the top-paid president nationally with a \$2.8 million compensation package after 52 years at the Boston-based institution.

Most presidents at the nation's 3,500 colleges and universities receive far less. The median pay package for a private college president was \$527,172 in 2006. And in 2007, the most recent information for public institutions, the median compensation for a public college executive was \$427,400.

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MUPD Sponsors Annual Toys for Tots Campaign

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CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR

Think back to your childhood about your favorite toy. Now, this well-traveled and well-loved toy followed you everywhere and can be seen in 98 percent of your photos. Together you went on thousands of crazy adventures and it brought you endless amounts of happiness. Unfortunately, many children do not get to experience the joy of a cherished toy.

According to the State of New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce, the unemployment rate for NJ is 5.8% and the U.S. unemployment rate is 6.1%. The economic problems of this past fall will be leaving many families with light holiday presents this year. The Toys for Tots Program is dedicated to providing children who are less fortunate with toys for Christmas as a message of hope for a brighter future. In its four year history at Monmouth University, the Monmouth University Police Department has collected about 200 toys and \$800 per season for children in Central Jersey.

A now retired MU officer and Marine Corporal, William Szabunia was the driving force to bringing the Toys for Tots Program to Monmouth. He proposed the idea of bringing Toys for Tots in 2004, the university administration thought it was a great idea, and he has been working very hard for the program ever since. In the past years, he monitored the campaign daily, encouraged the university to give, organized the donations and brought them to the local Marine Drop-Office

Location. Since Corporal Szabunia's retirement, Monmouth University Chief of Police, William McElrath has taken over some of his duties.

The MUPD begins their campaign in October and will be collecting new unwrapped toys until the week before Christmas. They collected toys during the Homecoming game and have set up donation receptacles in the police station and Student Center. Chief McElrath has already received several e-mails asking when the bins will be out and when the community can start to drop off their gifts.

"It's nice to hear the amount of involvement of faculty and students. It is important this time of year to give back to those who are less fortunate," said McElrath. "That is why this is so successful. People realize there are less fortunate out there and step up to the plate to give."

The women's basketball team is sponsoring a Toys for Tots night this season. Fans are encouraged to bring a new toy to the game on Monday, December 29th at 7:00 p.m.

good."

Senior Chrissy Murray got involved and donated to Toys for Tots last year. "When I was younger, I used to travel a lot and collected a lot of dolls, Trolls and Beanie Babies. I had so many and as I got older, I realized I didn't really need that many. I had my happiness with them when I was younger and wanted someone else to get happiness from them," replied Murray.

Toys for Tots was founded by Major Bill Hendricks in Los Angeles, CA in 1947 and distributed 5,000 toys its first season. A year later, the US Marine Corps adopted the program and extended Toys for Tots to become a nation-wide program. In over 60 years, this organization has gone international and has had numerous celebrity spokespeople.

In 2006, 558 communities in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico ran 558 local campaigns and 7.6 million needy children received over 19.2 million toys. Toys for Tots has grown and adopted other programs; The Toys

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WILLIAM MCELRATH
Chief of Police

MU Athletics is trying to have a different theme for each game. Pep Band Director, Aimee Parks said, "I donated for Toys for Tots at a football game last season. It makes you smile and feel

for Tots Literacy Program, Mentoring Program, and The Toys for Tots Foundation.

The Toys for Tots program believes children are America's most valuable resource and their



PHOTO COURTESY of Leslie Weinberg

These bins will be in the police department and Student Center just waiting for your donations for needy children.

future depends on building high self-esteem through positive impact. This precious gift will bring hope for the future of children's lives, show the value of giving, and motivate them to grow up and become responsible citizens.

Senior Ashley Volpe has witnessed firsthand the importance of toys in children's lives, because she has been a Woodmere Elementary after-school aide for three years. "When young children play with toys, it gives them the foundation they need to learn in school, along with appropriate social skills needed later in life. 'Playtime' is one of the most important parts of a child's early cognitive develop-

ment," said Volpe, an education and anthropology major.

The MU Community Programs and Service Learning Coordinator, Marilyn Ward, is constantly encouraging the MU students and faculty to get involved in community service.

Ward said, "For myself, I feel we have so many resources here [MU]. It is important to share with the community."

Toys for Tots only accept new unwrapped toys and can be dropped off in the Student Center and police department. Next time you are out shopping, just think of the joy and how much change just one small toy can bring.

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Something to Consider

FRANK GOGOL
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There is a lesson. It is one that we should all learn. In peoples' lives, they need varying degrees of help, advice, acceptance, and love. These are the things that give us that warm feeling inside that reminds us how much we are cared for.

We all know this feeling, at least just a little, but whether we experience this feeling with great frequency or just once in a blue moon, it is important to be gracious for each one of these blessings. Sometimes we are not sure how to be gracious, not matter how many times it has been driven into our heads that we must be. We must be conscious of the things others do for us. No one is so high and mighty that they cannot say "thank you" for even the smallest gesture of kindness, whether it be a compliment about your shirt or a simple "hello".

When we are not gracious, it deters others from wanting to be helpful, give advice, or do anything for us. Be not confused, however, being

gracious isn't about getting others to do things for us. It is about letting others know that their contributions to your life, no matter how small, are valued as much as the largest. This means that you should appreciate it when someone makes you smile when you are having a bad day just as much as when your parents buy you a new car.

For some this is a difficult task, for others it may just not be obvious

you've got two friends who do not know one another, introduce them. Sometimes it is hard for people to break the ice, so give them a hand.

2) Say "please". It takes the most miniscule amount of effort to say and makes the person you making a request of that much happier to oblige.

3) Say thank you, no matter how small a good deed is preformed for you. It makes a world of difference to know that you are appreciated, especially for the smallest things in life.

4) And my last bit of advice is to be accepting of compliments. This is one of the hardest things to do because we all

have that tiny little voice in the back of our heads telling is either that the person is saying it just to be nice or to be modest. In either case, rule number three works well here.

Everyone deserves to be appreciated and that's the simple truth. So, let people know they are appreciated and they will do that same for you.

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when it is appropriate.

Here are a few tips for those in need of a brush up:

1). When meeting new people, introduce yourself. Look the person in the eyes and smile while doing so. Its tough being shy, but it you don't take this simple step out of your shell it's not going to get any easier.

2) On the other hand, it is also important to introduce others. If

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Like Why Do We Like Like Saying Like?

ANDREW KATZ
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Only God probably knows the origin of one of the worst and most efficient diseases ever to be unleashed on the English language: the gross misuse of the word ‘like’ not only in everyday conversation but also in such formal environments as the classroom.

Unfortunately, even if many of

abnormal in my fellow students’ classroom discussion.

Another terrible aspect of this situation to contemplate is the fact that even though it would seem to be an issue mainly with today’s youth, surely they cannot be given the full brunt of the blame. Clearly if this is an issue with students at the collegiate level, then it must be assumed that the teachers and professors that were given the task of instructing the

‘I’m going to, like, do it tomorrow.’

Professor Kerber, a professor in the Monmouth University English Department offered her educated view on the source of said problem, stating that “for many students it is a verbal tick, that is students aren’t even thinking about choosing their words and use it as a way of buying time while formulating their thoughts.”

For many cases that may be true, unfortunately, it would appear as if we’ve reached a point beyond which Professor Kerber describes, and that now people actually are starting to believe that this terminology is acceptable in conversation, whether it be formal or casual. This is a horrible possibility to imagine and one that can only be rendered null if students and all others guilty of this act begin to make a conscious effort to not only stop themselves from erring in this manner but also to correct others when necessary.

The generations of the sixties and seventies were known for rebelling through the usage of drugs and listening to crazy new music, the eighties will be remembered for their absurd hairdos, and wouldn’t it be a terrible thing if the current generation wasn’t to be recognized for rebelling against something awesome but rather for rebelling against the English language?

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you have come to accept that this is clearly a problem, the exact size of it has managed to remain concealed from the majority of us. In one of my classes last week, I counted within a span of five minutes, the word ‘like’ being misused no less than forty times.

The sad thing about this is that if I were not paying extremely close attention and tallying up every time I heard an error, I am fairly sure that I would not have even found anything

youth of this generation in the subjects of speech and grammar have failed in preparing today’s young adults with an adequate skill set with which to enter the real world.

Just to be sure that everyone understands what should be inferred by a misuse of the word ‘like’ here are a few common examples:

‘I, like, don’t understand what’s going on.’

‘Are there, like, going to be any people there?’

Texting with E-Balls: Is It In You?

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Have you ever met someone who’s so shy in person but can be overly friendly when texting? Someone who seems so conservative in class but is extremely forward when instant messaging? You all know what I’m talking about, the Facebook poker, the winky face user, and that one person who seems like night and day when they are behind a computer screen or Blackberry. These people have got a major case of E-balls. Yes you heard it right, E-balls. A person with E-balls has the tendency to be bold and brash via internet correspondence, while being rather meek in a face-to-face setting.

Where do we get the “E” in E-balls you ask? Just like in the word e-mail, the “E” stands for electronic.

E-balls are most prevalent in our modern day courting rituals. It starts with the friend request on Facebook, maybe a comment or two, then it’s the private message that leads to the cell number exchange, and before you know it you’re in a full fledged texting relationship.

Then out of nowhere it happens. You get a text that leaves your face scrunched up, your mind puzzled, and you’re wondering if there is a full moon. A text message that you know the sender would never be caught

dead saying to your face.

Many times the text is a way for the sender to feel the receiver out, see how far they can go. The best E-ball text messages are sent between the hours of 1 and 3 a.m. after a few shots of tequila and a round of Jack Daniels. But don’t be mistaken my friends, a lot of E-ball messages are also sent completely

Another component of the E-ball text is the use or rather the abuse of the emoticon. As of late, people have expanded upon the traditional smile and added in a wink, nose, tongue, etc. which has turned the texter into the next Picasso.

I can’t even tell you the outrageous emoticons that have been put into text messages for the

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sober and shock us the most.

My question is, do these guys really think these texts are going to make the girl fall head over heels for them? Trust me; you’re just giving us more ammo to entertain ourselves with during our girl talks, comparing who got the most outrageous text last weekend.

The best part of the E-ball text is when you finally see the culprit in class, at the mall, or at work, and they act as if they barely know you. The sender treats you like an acquaintance in public and a piece of meat through their iPhone.

Now I guess this wouldn’t be a fair and balanced article if I didn’t acknowledge the fact that my female comrades can be equally as guilty, but then again I am extremely biased when it comes to this topic.

added suggestive touch. Some of them are so intricate that I couldn’t even tell you how to type it if I tried. It is fair to say that I am anti-emoticon.

So today I salute you Mr. E-ball text-er. While most people enjoy face-to-face conversations, you instead enjoy sending extremely creepy messages via cell phone, instant messenger, and Facebook.

And when we don’t answer your text, you’re nice enough send it again, because hey you never know if we are stuck in a tornado and don’t have service. Thanks for that.

So no, I don’t want to tell you what I’m wearing and no, I don’t want to tell you how far I’ll go. If you want to reach me pick up your phone and call, or dare I even say talk to me in person.

George “Dubya” Bush

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Oliver Stone’s film “W” took us into the life of current President George W. Bush. There has been controversy over the process in which he was elected and the current state in which he has

left our country. While many people feel this movie is “unfair and inaccurate” it portrays from a biography standpoint the events that take place throughout the President’s life. Controversy also surrounds the events in the film, if they are dramatized or if they really even happened. Many people feel displaying the President in a negative light at all is wrong. However, for me, the film represents an empathetic in depth character study uncovering the “W” most of us don’t know.

Unfortunately, I feel like I cannot state whether this film is a fair, true portrait of President Bush because I don’t know much about him, I can only go off of the information I had available to me. I have only seen information from the media and direct implications of President Bush’s actions. I feel like while our country has

been suffering we were easy to point the finger at President Bush. Now that he is about to leave office we all feel like we “don’t want to be mean to him” that portraying him in the film the way Stone does is “mean”. Stone stated ... “his {President Bush} are the worst eight

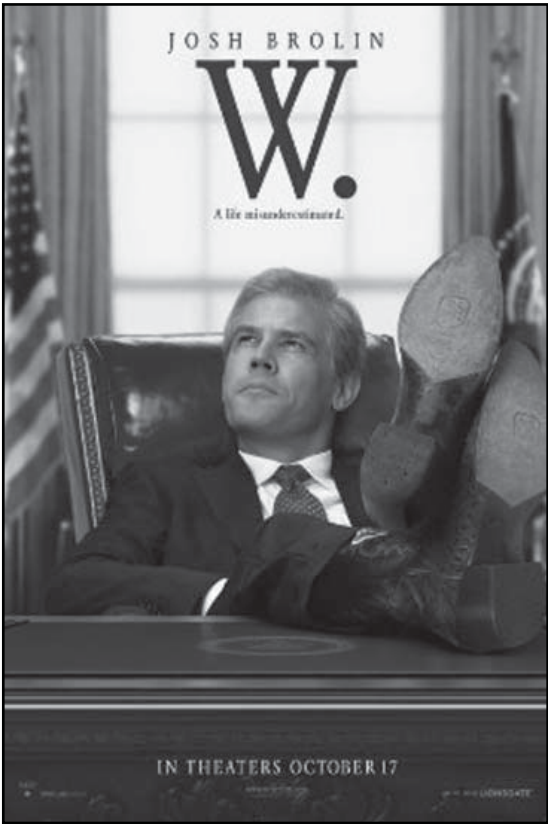


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The movie poster to “W”, a new movie depicting the life of President George W. Bush

years of leadership and responsibility that I have seen in my sixty two years.” If that is a true statement from Stone then this movie absolutely depicts his fair and true portrait. He is simply telling us his story as he knows it and allowing the audi-

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Thanksgiving Time is Here!

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Well, it’s that time of year again! Halloween has passed, the leaves have definitely changed colors, and they are falling onto the ground; it’s time to gather around the dinner table with our dear friends and family, cut that delicious well cooked bird and be thankful for all that we have!

I happen to love the celebration of Thanksgiving; it is truly one of if not the best holidays. Christmas is fun, but it seems to be focused more on gifts. On Thanksgiving, sure, we eat that huge dinner, but no presents are needed and we all come together to prepare the meal, sit to eat it as a family, and be thankful that we have one another to share it with.

It has always been a treat for me to visit with my family and dear friends for the Thanksgiving holiday. We get out of school, get to go home, and after that, Christmas time is right around the corner. My mother and I always do our big Christmas shopping, on the day after Thanksgiving, “Black Friday.” The stores are packed on this day; no work, so it is a perfect opportunity to start you Christmas gift shopping.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving break! Just remember, after we get back from that, there is only a week and a half of classes left before exams, then Christmas time is here, and we all are out of school for about a month. Yippee! Have a great Thanksgiving Monmouth!

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Should Monmouth University Cut Admission In Order to Ensure Adequate Housing for all Students?

Pro: MU Should Lower Admission Rates to Respect Upperclassmen and Retain Students

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I am a victim of the Monmouth University housing shortage. Anyone who has tried to go through the lottery system will agree that every year it is harder to get housing on-campus. The number required to get housing gets lower and lower (closer and closer to number 1). When I say “get housing,” more specifically I mean to get housing that has traditionally been associated with your class year. For example, Freshmen and Sophomores traditionally have lived in dorm rooms at Monmouth, whereas Juniors and Seniors have been housed in apartments. This trend has been disrupted in recent years, and upperclassmen have been getting the short end of the stick. We need to reform our admissions and housing policies to ensure for a fair system for upperclassmen.

We need to start by clearing up confusing claim; and that is if you are an upperclassmen, you can get housing on-campus. This is true, but where? I could have accepted a dorm room as a junior and/or senior. Who really wants to do this though? I surely didn’t want to stay in the dorms any longer, they were fun when I was a younger student at Monmouth, but I have to desire to cook my own food (the dorms should have a communal kitchen) and generally live in housing that is comparable to my maturity level (older readers [faculty perhaps] may disagree with maturity vested in students – there’s a stereotype for you). In general people like to improve their situations and live in better housing.

Last year I was told in an article by the Director of Res. Life James Pillar that less housing was available on campus because of higher retention rates – meaning that more students were completing their educations at Monmouth as opposed to dropping out or transferring. This makes sense; Monmouth University has generally improved itself over the previous few years. However, I have two problems with this claim: 1) why have sophomores been moved into Maplewood Apartments? (at least this was what happened last year if my memory serves me correctly – is this still true?) and 2) why are upperclassmen taking the hit on this one?

First, if *underclassmen* are being moved into what was traditionally *upperclassmen* housing, this means that there are more *underclassmen*. Wouldn’t it make sense for retention rates to stay higher, more or less, across the board? Aren’t there differing reasons for a student to leave/stay at Monmouth each year? Possible examples: Freshman are adjusting, upperclassmen have harder work, etc... Basically, shouldn’t more seniors and juniors *also* be staying at Monmouth? Second, underclassmen are just as capable to commute, and if you are considered about them not being able to handle living an apartment, I disagree, this is a stereotype. Also, revise the lottery system to no longer allow for students to live on campus whose permanent home is less than 30 minutes from school (this is dumb and unfair for students whose homes, like mine, are far from school). It’s unfair for upperclassmen to commute when underclassmen just as easily could.

Monmouth University is essentially entrapping upperclassmen! We are the students with the most time in, and therefore have the most reason to stay at school, unless we want to take a hit in credits and transfer out. This means we are stuck with whatever is thrown our way.

So, in summary, should Monmouth University reduce admissions rates in order to respect upperclassmen and not treat them like another check coming in? Yes. Absolutely yes. Monmouth University’s prestige and quality has been improving the past few years and we need to continue this by treating our students better. My opponent may argue that with less money coming in because

of fewer admissions we will be sacrificing the quality of the University. I disagree. The money lost from accepting a few less students will be negligible compared to the overall operating budget of the university. In addition, if we are having higher retention rates, we will return the total amount of students at Monmouth to “normal” levels, which existed before the school started pushing upperclassmen off-campus. AND, Monmouth University is getting better not because of money, but because of superior leadership on part of the administration and faculty.

Con: Monmouth’s Enrollment System is not Broken and Therefore does not need Fixing

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POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB CONTRIBUTOR

The answer to this pressing question is absolutely not. At no expense should Monmouth have to decrease its admissions to allow for most students to have on campus housing. It is absolutely absurd and ludicrous to imply that they should do so. It is unfair for Monmouth to have to decrease its admissions to allow for more students to have on campus housing.

There is ample housing available on campus for students. Elmwood, Pinewood, Cedar, and Laurel halls all house freshmen; Beechwood, Oakwood, Redwood, and Spruce halls and Willow house sophomores; Great Lawn and Maplewood house Juniors; while Garden Apartments house seniors. Fountain Garden apartments are University sponsored off campus housing but they are very close by and students could easily walk to campus, which would only take about 20 minutes.

According to Collegboard.com, Monmouth currently accepts 57% of its applicants. This is an excellent number to ensure that many students are provided with the opportunity to have a Monmouth University education. Incoming freshman and transfer applicants should not have to suffer and be rejected from Monmouth simply because more current students want on-campus housing.

It is difficult to imagine that more students want on campus housing when the majority of the students who already have on-campus housing go home on the weekends anyway. It is because of this that Monmouth is known as a suitcase school.

So would it be fair to decrease admissions to incoming candidates to accommodate housing for students who do not stay on campus anyway? I think not.

Monmouth should neither increase nor decrease their admissions. It is completely fine the way it is. Decreasing admissions would only cause unnecessary problems between the admissions department and upset applicants who are being denied

admission not because they didn’t have the proper GPA or SAT scores, but because Monmouth University students want on-campus housing.

What kind of example would decreasing admissions set for our youth? This is showing them that if you work hard all of your life in school, you still are not guaranteed admission into college because schools will be worried about the fact that current student will want on-campus housing.

Therefore, Monmouth University’s enrollment system is fine the way it is and should not be decreased. Decreasing admissions to allow for more students to have on campus housing is unnecessary and selfish and Monmouth University should take no part in doing so.

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Political Quote

“Barack (Obama) is of a reform mind, and so is McCain...(they) can cut through a lot of the crap if they work together,” said a Democratic official, prior to John McCain and Barack Obama’s meeting.

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THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

AN UNFORGETTABLE TRIP TO THE LAND DOWN UNDER

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How do I begin to even describe the experience of studying abroad in Australia? It was the greatest five months of my life and I am glad I did it.

The 22 hour flight was a bit rough, but once I arrived and met a bunch of new people I knew it was going to be a great time.

Having the opportunity to travel and see this amazing country and meet new people from all across the globe is indescribable.

The first trip I went on was a 70 km bike trip to nelson bay which was challenging, but ended up being heaps of fun even though it rained the entire time we biked.

Once we reached our destination we got to go sand boarding, surfing, four wheeling on the beach, and even kayaking.

The next trip I took was a trip down the east coast of Australia from Cairns to Brisbane which will most likely be one of the best and most memorable two weeks I will ever have.

Within the first 4 days I had already gone bungee jumping, AT-Ving, skydiving over the beach,

white water rafting and scuba diving in the Great Barrier Reef.

While scuba diving I got to swim right up next to a barracuda and even put my hand inside a giant clam.

I also had a chance to walk through a tropical rainforest which was really cool and eat tropical

was amazing. The islands had some of the most beautiful views and landscape I have ever seen.

From there we went down to Fraser Island and spent three days driving 4x4's around the island and seeing some really cool sights and camping out right on the beach.

We then went down to Brisbane and went to the Australia Zoo and hung out in the city for three days which turned out to be a really fun time.

After that whole 16 day trip I came home for three days and then went down to Melbourne for five days. That turned out to be an exciting trip.

We went down to Phillip Island and saw about 800 penguins come up on the beach at sunset.

I also drove along the great ocean road and saw the twelve apostles and Loch Ard Gorge which was an incredible rock formation on the ocean. The city of Melbourne was a really cool city as well as a great time.

From that point it was time to head to a completely different world, the outback. This was an awesome place and was unlike anything I have ever seen.

Seeing Uluru and Kings Canyon, and Kata Juata were all incredible sights to take in and standing in them was even more

incredible.

We also got to camp out under the stars right on the dirt in nothing but a sleeping bag which was pretty neat.



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Visitors to the Australia Zoo, located in the state of Queensland, have the chance to get up close and personal with this cutie and other Kangaroos in the Roo Haven.

green ants which actually tasted pretty good.

Then we drove down to the Whitsunday Islands and sailed around them for three days which



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Jason poses for a picture in front of the Whitsunday Islands, which is just one of the many places he visited while studying abroad in Australia.

After all the traveling it was time to take finals and as soon as they were done it was back to traveling. A few of my new mates and I decided to take a road trip up to Byron Bay to relax for a few days before having to go home.

So we loaded up and crammed four of us into a small car with camping gear and surf boards.

We got to Byron Bay and camped out at night and surfed during the day, which was a great way to finish off the adventure in Australia and just relax for a few days.

Surprisingly, relax was something I really did not get to do in Australia too much.

The experience in Australia is something that I will never forget and I learned more here about myself, other people, and life in general than I could ever learn in any other place.

I would not change any of this awesome time for anything and the idea not doing this would have been one of the biggest mistakes

of my life.

There is no other opportunity like this and I am glad I took advantage of it because I don't think I will ever get to do something like this again.

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The Twelve Apostles is a popular tourist attraction that can be seen on a trip along The Great Ocean Road.



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Uluru, also known as Ayers Rock measures more than 986 ft. high and 5 mi. around. It can be seen in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park in the Northern Territory of Australia.

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Where To Go For Mouth Watering Burgers

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The best hamburger I have ever eaten. Nothing is more American than a good hamburger. And a hamburger done correctly can be euphoric. The Four Winds restaurant and bar knows how to do a burger justice.

My only regret: That all future burgers will be lacking in comparison.

I order my burger with American cheese and fried onions. The onions are not deep fried but are caramelized, the way I prefer. This way they are sweet and saucy. The burgers come with two big crunchy onion rings, one of which I press on top of my burger. Then I cut it in half so that I can pick it up neatly and also see the layers of crispy onion ring, sweet caramelized onions and yellow American cheese that is melting down the soft pink beef.

Once I bite into this burger my mind cannot even fathom how good it is. The melted cheese intertwined with the sweetness of the sautéed onions is incredible. Then comes the crunch from the onion ring that I pressed over top. The meat is soft and pillowy. It does not even require salt. The bun is also very good. It is soft but not mushy; it can withstand the juiciness of the burger. It is also big enough to contain the burger with even a little wiggle room.

The flavors are so amazing that I am tempted to shut my eyes and “Mmm” aloud, but I control myself because that of course would be weird. It is so juicy that I recommend asking for extra napkins and be sure to eat over your plate. This is not a first date food. I suggest going with someone who already loves you, or is a sloppy eater and will not judge.

I asked for the meat to be cooked medium and it was done perfectly, not too well, not too rare, pink in the middle and still juicy. It is a meal

that though I am full I cannot stop eating. I like to rationalize that it would be a crime not to finish it. It is truly euphoric. It is heaven on a bun. Definitely the most satisfying hamburger I have ever eaten.

The Four Winds is an awesome restaurant that will not ever go out of style. With its low ceilings, dim lights and beautiful wooden bar that stretches around the left side of restaurant the Four Winds is a clas-

ter where the hostess may seat you, you will be in viewing distance of a television.

Being not far from the ocean, The Four Winds carries a nautical theme. Enormous sharks, looking a little too alive, decorate the restaurant as well as photographs of them.

This place gets extremely busy so make reservations. The only problem is that they do not accept reservations for parties of less than



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The Four Winds Restaurant and Bar serves some of the juiciest burgers.

sic sports bar. With their surf and turf menu, and their magnificent baby grand piano which is played softly by a talented pianist, the Four Winds is also a classy, though casual, restaurant.

Just like a sport fans dream world, a high definition flat screen is mounted over the bar. Large flat screens are also mounted on the walls and normal, more primitive TV's hang in every corner, no mat-

five. So if you are a party of four or less, get there before six thirty or after eight thirty if you want to avoid the rush. What is also fantastic about the burgers is that they are only \$7.95.

It is located on Rt. 35 in Manasquan. It is worth the trip I promise you. I personally would take a plane to experience another one of those burgers. I hope you soon enjoy one for yourself.

The Origin of the Burger

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Hamburger is a common everyday English word. However, people often see that as an American invention holding a kind of national characteristic.

Originally, hamburger meant only ‘a fresh cooked or broiled meatball, ground meat steak or patty of meat served warm’. The secondary meaning, of ‘a sandwich, patty in circular or square form between two bun halves’ came into being in America.

How did the hamburger arrive in

Strangely enough they did not use the names for hamburger in their mother tongue (German name ‘Frikadelle’). Maybe that was because the word hamburger reminded them nostalgic of their voyage and was an element of recalling their old homeland.

Another more interesting view by Louis Szathmary emphasizes that at the time of the European immigrants settling America there was a shortage of female population in the United States. Thus ordering a hamburger was a symbolic act of being in touch with a European

“Like the Italian immigrants that brought in pizzas, the German immigrants brought in hamburger.”

America? There are many explanations of the origin of hamburger. I personally like the version from the book “Hamburger for America and the World”, 1984 by Gyula Decsy.

The word comes from the seaport city - Hamburg in Germany. During the time of American settlement, a lot of European immigrants moved to the New World. At that time the port of Hamburg meant the last piece of European soil immigrants felt under their feet before their voyage to the unknown. Hamburger was a food European immigrant often used to consume on the boats of the Hamburg-America Line.

Like the Italian immigrants that brought in pizzas, the German immigrants brought in hamburger.

female through the remote contact of a dish. The city of Hamburg itself recalls a seaport with the most notorious nightlife establishments in Europe and hamburger could therefore have some symbolic connections with sexuality.

Today one can easily agree that hamburger absolutely has both a nutritional (though some may argue not, especially when it is served with fries) and a social function for which there is a global demand. You can't avoid seeing McDonald's restaurants wherever you may travel. One reason for why hamburger is so popular is in today's fast-paced society, a light fast food lunch is a perfect solution for short lunch breaks.

The Decemberists Rock Wellmont Theatre

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Montclair, NJ-I sit down in front of my computer, prepared to write up this review, but I am doing so with a heavy heart. I am saddened because I know that not everyone in the world has gotten to experience what I just experienced. Not everyone has felt that sort of camaraderie, that feeling of unity between an audience and its entertainers. Not everyone has felt their spine tingle when that certain chord was struck. Not everyone has seen the Decemberists.

For those who aren't familiar with them, the Decemberists are a five-

piece band led by Colin Meloy. Their sound is all over the board, from sea shanty, to Irish jig, to prog rock.

And on November 11, the band was more than enjoying themselves, which created an extremely pleasant mood for the audience who seemed thankful to be included in the fun.

During “The Chimbley Sweep,” after Meloy noticed bassist Nate Query and multi-instrumentalist Jenny Conlee talking to each other, he put down his guitar and ran off stage. He returned with a very pleased looking Rachel Blumberg, a friend of the band and figurehead around the Portland music scene. After offering her vocals for the female part of the song, she ran over to the

drums to engage in a charging drum solo with John Moen. When it was all over, Moen was laughing through gasps for air. This sort of spontaneity and lack of respect for standards was the overall feeling through the entire performance.

For the most part, the band was completely tight. During one of their newest numbers, “Valerie Plame,” Moen pounded away on the drums, sending a revitalizing pulse out into the crowd. Query thumbed away on his sea-foam green electric bass, while Meloy set the rhythm on his six-string and belted out his uplifting lyrics. During the breakdown at the end of the song, he got the audience singing along. It was like a beer hall in there, with arms wrapped around strangers and banded shouts drifting up to the ceiling.

By far, however, “16 Military Wives,” takes the cake for the best song of the evening. The song itself is a fairly epic rock number. It is no sea shanty, it is no Irish jig, it is a straight rock song with loud guitars, pounding drums, and a solid and steady bass line.

In the middle of the number, during the much calmer breakdown, Meloy got the audience to sing along to the *lah dee dah*. Of course, we obliged. He then began to talk (all the while with the band still jamming) about last week's election, and in a roundabout way how happy he is that Obama had been elected. To top it all off, he led the audience into

a chant of “Yes we can, and yes we did!” Afterwards, the band jumped back into the song for an explosive closing that left my ears ringing and my eyes moist.

Now, there were some minor hiccups throughout the night. On a

ing,” would fill in the time with some a cappella song he seemingly made up on the spot.

Here all the bombs / they fade away. Those were the last lines of the show, from “Sons & Daughters,” sung in unison by the audience, the



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The Decemberists were joined on stage by a crowd of people.



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The Decemberists layed out two hours of pure bliss.

couple of songs, like “The Engine Driver,” and “The Chimbley Sweep,” Meloy mixed up the lyrics. And right before “Culling of the Fold,” the band had to readjust their equipment to get rid of a buzzing coming from Conlee's antique speaker. However, they never let it get them down, and often enough Colin would make some funny joke, or as in the case of “Cull-

band, their opener Loch Lomond, and a few of their friends. And after the lights faded away, and the ringing in my ear faded to a dull ache, and the audience faded into the streets of Montclair, I had a thought. If the unity and energy felt in the theatre that night could permeate the rest of the world, then the bombs truly would fade away.

“W” the Movie

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ence to decide. The claims he makes throughout the film are backed up by evidence that can be seen when President Bush is on television in front of the entire country. Bush has made absurd comments in interviews and been known to do foolish things. President Bush made mistakes and although as people claim he is “human” like the rest of us and he is “allowed to make mistakes” he stands on a much different level than citizens.

“I believe the film is a documentary simply telling the story of President Bush’s life unfortunately some citizens aren’t ready to see it.”

We hold him to a much higher standard in society and I feel like that should be continued on all levels. He is not allowed to make the same mistakes as average citizens make because unlike ours, his will have an effect on the entire country. A segment of the film shows that President Bush was arrested after leading a crowd of other Yale classmates, climbing the goal post after the game and trying to tear it down, before they were dispersed by police and security guards. In some cases you cannot get hired at a job if you have ever been arrested or have any criminal record. It is beyond me that that being said, the President of the United States has been. I also feel that we do not want to admit many of the accusations against President Bush because

movie can definitely been seen as an empathetic film towards President Bush. More than a film to degrade the President the film takes on the role of a character study. It does show accomplishments and significant contributions Bush made. He took charge of his drinking issues at forty years old and completely changed his life, we also learn about the significant issues Bush has with his father and how that has impacted him. I believe the film is a documentary simply telling the story of President Bush’s life unfor-

tunately some citizens aren’t ready to see it. “I think there’s confusion between sympathy and empathy,” Stone said. “Empathy means understanding and, as a dramatist, it’s my job to understand, to walk in the shoes of George W. Bush as best as I can.” Many of the article’s I read through brought up the case that Stone planned the release of this film right before the current election to go against McCain’s campaign. Stone did plan the release of this film to come out right before the current election but not to pick a side. John McCain is much different than President Bush, Bush stands in a category all himself. McCain has also expressed his negative feelings towards the Bush administra-

“This biography type film provides a unique character study from funneling beer at a frat party to being interviewed at meeting at the White House.”

we as citizens therefore feel embarrassed that we elected him as president not only once, but twice, and we should be. There are no excuses for his actions and I feel this issue has gone past party lines and into the welfare of the entire country. CBS News quotes Stone in pointing out, “I’m not the judge. I’m the dramatist. I’m putting out this story. It’s one of the most incredible stories of the last 20 years. This guy, who is an improbable president, he came from very strange roots. And he’s shaped and changed the world in these last eight years in ways that were inconceivable. He spoke for himself, the administration.” Ironically, an article from the CBS News website states that “The movie W., despite the worst intentions of its makers, succeeds in making George W. Bush more likeable. Reviewers keep remarking on the strange phenomenon. They hated Bush going in - and kind of liked the guy when they came out.” I can both agree and disagree with this statement. I feel like the

tion. However, this film is such an important aspect to grow and learn on the mistakes made in our past. “Fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice- it’s not nice to fool people”. We can learn from the words of George Bush himself. This biography type film provides a unique character study from funneling beer at a frat party to being interviewed at meeting at the White House. Stone is not out of line to say that President Bush is an “improbable” man for the job and his journey to the White House is a noteworthy one. Many people can agree that during Bush’s presidency we haven’t seen the best leadership skills available but that is the reality. However, just because Bush may be unfit to run the country does not necessarily mean people think he’s a terrible person and that’s where the empathy in this film comes into play. While Stone is known to make films that are surrounded by controversy the question I would ask is, it is because he is unfolding information others are too scared to tell?

Graduate Colloquium

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6th, 2008, which was a message created by a 27 year old girl on Facebook which went out to the citizens of El-Kobra city, Northern Egypt. She insisted that no one should attend school or go to their job as an act of civil disobedience. This frightened the Egyptian government, and the girl was jailed for thirty days. “You have margins, but not to that extent,” Abou Youseff said. Today, there is a Facebook page titled, “Support Human Rights in Egypt,” which works to end the violations and assaults that are committed against all civilians by opposition movements. “I found the presentation given by Dr. Enas Abou-Youseff on media in the Arab world to be very educational and enlightening,” Fantini stated, “I also thought it was appropriate that Dr. Yousef spoke on Veteran’s Day because her presentation makes you realize how lucky we are to live in this country and enjoy the many freedoms that unfortunately many other countries do not have.” Dr. Donald Swanson, Chair of the Department of Communication, said, “Dr. Abou Youseff’s descriptions of media history and contemporary practice enable us to better understand the reactions of the citizens of the Middle East to U.S. foreign policy.” The Graduate Colloquium on International Media was open to attend to all who were interested. Dr. Enas Abou Youseff informed the graduate students on the significance Arab mass media has had on many different factors over the years.

Conference on Race

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trol. If help didn’t come soon, the city was going to become nothing more than ruins. The State Police and the National Guard were called in to control the increasing amount of violence and destruction. The documentary called this act of violence “urban warfare,” where neighbors were fighting neighbors. Guns soon came into the picture, and with them, the deaths. The film stated that 100 bullets were fired by the general public; where as 13,000 rounds of ammunition were fired by the New Jersey State Police and National Guard. There was suspicion that the police were just shooting anybody that they felt were a threat to the general public. The biggest problem was that there was no communication between the State police force and National Guard. Each had its own agenda with its own rules to go by. By the end of the riots, about 26 people in all had been killed by the police and National Guard. Most of these people just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. The people that were killed were

just ordinary citizens of Newark that happened to get hit by bullets fired by the police. By the end of the riots, there were 26 people dead, 725 injured, and close to 1,500 people arrested. The documentary gave viewers a chance to learn something essential about the history of New Jersey. It showed that when people are oppressed and mistreated, they will lash out in whatever means necessary to have their voices heard. After the video, Amanda Smith, a freshman here at Monmouth University, voiced her thoughts: “I learned how bad the Newark riots really were. I never knew that it was that intense and how many people died.” Overall, the video provided an opportunity to learn more about an important landmark in the history of New Jersey, and also of our country. This riot, along with many others of the 60’s, gave the country the opportunity to understand the dire needs of city dwellers and how to handle the situations that come with living in a large city. Whether the outcome was good or bad, it was an eye opener to many people and instilled a sense of change in many.

Care Packages for Troops

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as the head of U.S. Central Command. Because the College Republicans of MU is such a new club, this is the first annual care package drive, but the club wants to make it an annual drive. Campione described the drive as, “going great” and the club has received many donations thus far. Baker added, “We were very pleased with the number of donations. People wrote lovely, heartfelt letters of appreciation and made very thought-

ful contributions.” Baker also said, “I became involved because I was looking for a way to help college students show their support for the men and women defending our freedom. It was so rewarding to see how many students and faculty members commemorated Veteran’s Day by making contributions. Students can bring donations to the marked box by the information desk on the first floor of the Student Center, and will continue being accepted up until at least next Tuesday, November 25.

Need An Ex Ed Placement?

Experiential Education Opportunities Internships, Co-op’s, & Service Learning

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Homework Help Center

Provide ongoing support at this new homework help center in the community. Work with children ages 12-17 under the supervision of a library staff member or teacher. Good computer skills and a knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese would be helpful. Located in Long Branch.
Contact Marilyn Ward

Substance Abuse Prevention

Assist with drug and alcohol prevention education and outreach at this community alliance. Help with workshops on eating disorders and teach children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Good opportunity for Health Studies, Communication, Psychology or Social Work students. Located in Manalapan.
Contact Marilyn Ward

Stream Cleanup Coordinator

Plan and organize community cleanups of local waterways. Coordinate logistics, community outreach, publicity and local business support. Intern must be organized, self-motivated and have an interest in protecting the environment.
Contact Marilyn Ward

Mentoring Program

Work with a local agency dedicated to providing mentors for children. This is a school-based program which requires 1 1/2 hours a week spent after school with a child. Office duties at the agency will also be included. Possible placement for Social Work or Psychology students.
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PASSION OF DRACULA DOESN'T BITE

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The Department of Music and Theatre Arts presented *The Passion of Dracula* during the dead of the night, 8 p.m., on Friday November 14, and the performance was anything but lifeless.

George Hansel, the Assistant Director, stepped in for Dr. Burke after he injured his foot, yet the show still went on.

The cast of actors, who are no strangers to the stage never failed to deliver throughout the two hour performance.

Dr. Cedric Seward, played by James Sanders, was the owner of a mansion converted into a mental institution, where the story took place.

Count Dracula, played by Kyle Jordan, had great chemistry with Wilhemina Murray, played by Kate Borsuk. The passion and enticement really lit up the Polak stage. Dracula could have been scarier and a more developed character though. When he came on stage, he talked to the audience a lot and more interaction with the other performers would have been better. Especially with Johnathan

Harker, played by Cody Ross Pitts, a reporter who quickly falls head over heels for Wilhemina.

Lord Godalming, played by Michael Bultman, and Dr. Helga Van Zandt, played by Kelly Shane had a great connection as well. Although the story never really established why he had a limp or how their love was developed, this pair really shined together. Their love for one another was very evident when Shane came out in a stunning blood red dress. In these instances, Hansel was able to bring out the sexy theme of seduction in the female characters and in some ways the men as well.

Mr. Renfield, played by Vincent Crapello, was one of my personal favorites. This misunderstood character was a follower of Drac-

ula and gave an incredible performance. He really wrapped up his character with the statement, "I'm not mad, I'm just ahead of my time" which had the crowd barreling over in laughter.

good as well. There was a variety of accents yet it was never really established where all of the people were from and why their accents were different, yet all characters kept them up throughout the performance which was impressive.

The characters were also able to clean up their act very quickly when something unplanned happened though. Twice the actors slipped on stage but slyly added it into the scene. Also, when Spellman moved the candelabra, two of the candles fell off. She played with the audience with this one and was able to make people laugh over it.

The lighting and sound effects helped maintain the mood of the show. A strobe light made effective lightning and the sound of wind gusting through open doors kept an eerie feeling in the room

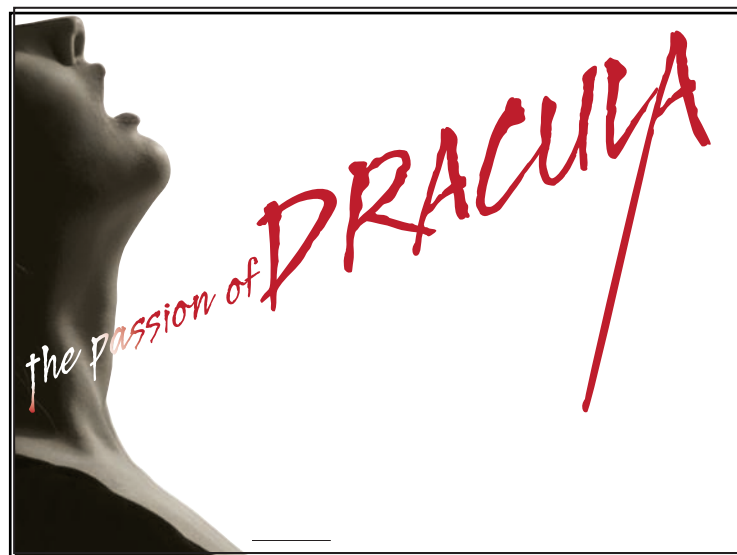
and made great entrances for the characters.

The set design was elaborate. They made good use of behind the stage and of the side doors. There was also good use of some props including an interesting hypnotic pinwheel and candle used to get information out of Renfield while distracting him. The use of blood was very effective as well, with the characters producing it on stage from within the shadows of their costumes.

Most of the costumes were good yet they didn't change much. Dracula's costume, on the other hand, looked like a cheap Halloween costume which was upsetting because I wanted him to be scarier.

More advertising could have helped this show. The actors definitely deserved more people than was present on that Friday night, especially because it is free for students. The outcome was a shame but hopefully as word of mouth spreads more people will see the show.

The production is still going on from November 19-22 at 8 p.m. I give this show three and a half coffins out of five.



One aspect of the show that I think really excelled was the character's accents. Jameson the butler, played by Elizabeth Spellman, was dead on. Professor Van Helsing, played by Kelsi Gayla was very



MTV WOODIE AWARDS 2008 TAKE OVER NYC AT ROSELAND

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Roseland Ballroom had college students from wall to wall all psyched to see their favorite bands in mtvU's 2008 Woodie Awards.

The Woodies are dedicated to MTV's 24-hour college network which has a reputation of featuring up and coming artists. With over 5.2 million votes cast by college students nationwide, the show featured a bevy of new young talent mixed with a few mainstream nominees such as Ludacris, Mary J. Blige, Eddie Vedder, and Erykah Badu.

The Woodies opened up with new hip hop artist Asher Roth. Roth immediately got the college crowd on their feet to his song appropriately called "I Like College" which is a tribute to the time he spent attending West Chester University in Pennsylvania. Roth is currently signed with SB Music/SRC/Universal Records and is on the brink of a major career. You can check him out at www.myspace.com/asherrothmusic and download his latest album *The Greenhouse Effect Mixtape*.

Roth was quick to dive into the audience and crowd surf as soon as his counter parts, The Cool Kids, took the stage. Their high-energy performance of "Delivery Man" culminated in ice-cream sandwiches flying into the crowd.

Other performers of the night included Breaking Woodie nominee, Lykke Li who changed the pace of the night with haunting vocals and a surprise collaboration with hip hop icon Q-Tip for "Can I Kick It." Lykke Li continued to sing a medley of songs which consisted of "Move," "Vibrant Thing" and "Gettin' Up."

All Time Low, who was also nom-

inated for Breaking Woodie, got the rowdy crowd even more amped up with their singles "Dear Maria" and "Poppin Champagne."

Alex Gaskarth, lead singer for ATL shared his thoughts on the filming of "Poppin Champagne," the band's latest music video. "The video was a little bit chaotic...it was

like actual music listeners... when you have the college students say, college students are usually right on the pulse and they're really more in tune to a lot of the more underground stuff or the stuff that's not so mainstream. So you really do get an accurate mix and a more accurate picture of where music really is."

night, DJ A-Trak, many celebrities came out to assist in handing out the awards. The All-American Rejects, Boys like Girls, Mark Hoppus of Blink-182, Moby, and Hayley Williams and Josh Farro of Paramore were all in attendance.

Woodie of the Year went to pop punk band Paramore for their video

leased their self titled album this past August and was able to beat out more established bands such as All Time Low and We The Kings for the coveted award.

Good Woodie is awarded to the musician whose commitment to social causes effected the greatest change this year. The Woodie went to Jack's Mannequin and their "Dear Jack Foundation."

The foundation was established by lead singer, Andrew McMahon, a leukemia survivor. The group raises money and awareness for blood cancer research.

Left Field Woodie, for bands that make you say "Where'd they come from?" was awarded to Chromeo.

Chromeo consists of best friends P-Thugg and Dave 1 who claim that they are virtuoso musicians, walking hip hop encyclopedias, and the only successful Arab/Jew partnership since the dawn of human culture. Chromeo's latest album is *Fancy Footwork* that dropped in 2007.

Performing Woodie went to the band Atmosphere. Atmosphere has grown into one of the most accomplished MC/producer duos around. Between Slug and Ant, they've released six albums, 11 Sad Clown tour albums, and various side-projects amounting in well over a million units sold.

All in all the night was a success. Roseland Ballroom was packed full of entertainers, press, music enthusiasts and most importantly, college students.

Everyone gathered to celebrate college students having a say in honoring some of the best bands and artists of this year, talent which may have gone unnoticed under the radar of more mainstream music if it wasn't for the mtvU Woodie Awards and your votes!

2008 MTVU WOODIE AWARD WINNERS

ATMOSPHERE
Performing Woodie

JACK'S MANNEQUIN
Good Woodie

THERE FOR TOMORROW
Breaking Woodie

CHROMEО
Left Field Woodie

PARAMORE
Woodie of The Year

MY CHEMICAL ROMANCE
Best Video Woodie

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a lot of fun to shoot and a lot of fun to learn a dance routine...so we had a good time doing it."

Retro 80's chic and Woodie of the Year nominee Santogold lit up the night with "L.E.S. Artists," before Naeem Juwan of Spank Rock joined her on stage in a performance of "Shove It."

When asked what she thought of being nominated for an award show where the results are solely determined by college students, Santogold replied "I think it's great because unfortunately a lot of the award shows are so far removed from the pulse of

Closing the night was Vampire Weekend who was nominated for Best Video. The band is known for their ability to combine several different styles of music into their songs.

Lead singer for Vampire Weekend, Ezra Koenig, attributes the band's diversity in music while growing up to their eclectic sound. The group blew their fans away with their debut performance of "The Kids Don't Stand A Chance" with Chromeo, followed by the unforgettable "Cape Cod Kwassa Kwassa."

Alongside the official DJ of the

"That's What You Get" off of their latest album *Riot*. This quintet from Tennessee is only getting bigger having recorded songs for the vampire novel turned movie *Twilight* due in theaters November 21.

Best Video Woodie went to Motion City Soundtrack for their video "It Had to Be You" from their album *Even if it Kills Me. Even If It Kills Me* ranked #1 on the Top Independent Albums charts, and sold around 33,000 albums in its first week.

Breaking Woodie which goes to emerging artists went to There for Tomorrow. The band recently re-

M² LIVE ROCKS THE FALL SEMESTER

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On Monday November 10, the Plangere TV studio opened its doors to the industrial rock band End of An Era. Students and fans alike were invited to join the show M2 Live in a live performance by the band that was broadcast both on Hawk TV as well as WMCX 88.9. This being the first M2 Live of the semester, had an influence on what to expect in the upcoming shows.

End of An Era, whose name came about because the band believes it encompasses all things from life to love to everything in between, served up a tasty mix of songs from both their older albums as well as a few tracks off of their newest album Strikes Back released this week in stores. Steven Blair keyboardist for the band and Jeff Spags (drummer) shared their thoughts on their upcoming release. “This album is a progression of the last one. We never want to repeat ourselves, we like to branch out, we did a little hip hop on this one and the next

one who knows where we’ll go, maybe reggae-tone.” The band hales from nearby Toms River and was formed in 2004. Since then the guys have toured all around the country as well as going outside the U.S.

The other room was indescribable and the amount of fans that came out was amazing.”

The energy of the air that night could be felt resonating from the band and infecting the crowd, which is exactly what

well as each when performing live. Justin Mazyk (bassist) agreed and shared that he also favors playing certain songs live. “My favorite song right now would have to be Intruder off of the new album, I just get lost in it, I love that song.”

The third Jeff in the band, guitarist Jeff Brogan, leaves Monmouth students with a piece of advice “quit work and play music.”

Of course, this was only the first of many M2 Live shows to be played this school year at Monmouth. If you’re interested in checking out a free live show right here at Monmouth and are free this Monday night, November 24, then head on over to the Plangere TV studio! This next M2 Live will feature local Asbury Park based band Status Green. With their excitingly different sound and their quirky song titles and humorous lyrics, they’ll be

sure to have everyone in attendance enjoying themselves. So grab your friends and head on over this Monday, doors open at 7:30 and the show goes live at 8pm.



The energy that is put forth at one of their live shows is incredible. Producer for the show, Courtney Flores, stated “although I was in the control room, the energy coming from

End of An Era is looking to do while playing a show. Lead singer for the band, Jeff Wallace, mentioned that the band gains their immense energy from feeding off the crowd as

THE GROUND FLOOR

“CAUSE I’VE BEEN CHECKING MY LIST, THE GIFTS YOU’RE RECEIVING FROM ME WILL BE...”

FRANKIE MORALES
STAFF WRITER

Whether you’ve been naughty or nice, I’m sure you all ran towards the newsstands this week like little kids at 5 AM on Christmas morning, undid all the wrapping, and went right for the center. That because you were all in anticipation of receiving the one item at the top of your wish list. The best present of all, The Ground Floor, is back yet again to bring you some holiday cheer. If you’re not all that excited, think of it this way, it’s better than a lump of coal and if you don’t think it is, you can always use this article as firewood.

Now given my repeated talk of the anticipated release of Fall Out Boy’s fourth full-length album, Folie á Deux, I think I’d be remised in not bringing you the other selections that might find their ways in your stockings or into your fifth night festivities this holiday season. Beginning with the aforementioned release, anticipated to drop on December 16th in the U.S., Fall Out Boy has done quite a bit to ensure there is much excitement surrounding this album. After having promoted various viral websites, held secret shows, pushed back release dates, and released countless snippets, mix tapes, and full-length songs, FOB is not done giving the fans the ultimate album experience. While pre-sales are typical in the record business, none seem to be as epic as FOB’s “Un, Duex, Tois” deal. Which, depending on the chosen pre-order, provides limited edition t-shirts, hoodies, USB Teddy Bear Flash Drives, wristbands, and the CD itself. However, this isn’t all as in true Willy Wonka fashion, the band is “apologizing” to the public for pushing back the release date by including five golden tickets in

random pre-orders.

The golden tickets each have a different prize attached to them, which have been revealed over the course of the past two weeks. The winner of the first golden ticket will receive an exclusive Fall Out Boy hoodie, fashioned to replicate the bear which graces the album’s cover. The second winner will receive a custom FOB Skateboard Deck that has Clandestine Industries and Pete Wentz’ dog, Hemingway emblazon on it. The third prize gets a little more personal with fans, as FOB offers up three separate prizes which include a personal blog on FallOutBoyRock.Com, a voicemail recorded by the band on the winner’s cell phone, and the opportunity to introduce the band at a hometown show. However, the prizes don’t stop there, as the fourth golden ticket holder gets to take home 1 of 2 “Fresh Only Bakery” basses first seen during the viral campaigns.

The last prize, however, is sure to make any fan of the Chicago quartet beg Santa (or Hanukkah Harry) for a golden ticket this holiday, as the winner of the final ticket gets to put together their own 15-song set-list for the band to perform at their hometown show. I’m hoping I come up with it and force the band to play “Take This to Your Grave” in its entirety, just a thought. However, if you’re looking to fulfill the hopes of that little “Dance, Dancer” in your life, definitely check out this pre-order.

Also anticipated to drop on the 16th, in-time for the late holiday rush is the third full-length album from the All-American Rejects entitled When the World Comes Down. Having released the single “Gives You Hell,” in late October, the band is offering up their own pre-order which includes a 7” vinyl pressing of the single. The

band also worked with the crew at EA Sports to supply another song, “The Real World,” to the Madden 09 soundtrack. Judging by the sounds of these songs, however, the band is taking an approach that seems to blend their self-titled effort with their last release, Move Along. Serving with a catchy gang-vocals on the lead single, as well as more synthesizer sounding melodies, the album itself seems more pop-rock driven. Songs on the album are anticipated to have names like “Breaking is What a Heart is For,” and “Mona Lisa.” The release caps off a tiresome year for the bands that saw them get inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. The band is also in the running to be voted Oklahoma’s official rock with “Move Along,” in the running, if you wish to lend the band support go vote at OklahomaRockSong.Org.

The band who looked to get out of the “Semi-Charmed kind of life,” is now looking to invade our lives once again. Third Eye Blind returns to the scene by release an EP entitled, Red Star, due out this week. This will be the first time in five years that the band has produced new material, all as a little tease before the full-length, Ursa Major, is release sometime next year. The single, “Non-Dairy Creamer,” has been released in support of the album and has even been the focal point of the band’s promotional tool, as they teamed up with Indaba Music and through the web-based program “Studio Access” started a remix contest for listeners of the song. Making this gift worthwhile, the band is offering the winner a chance to perform them on a stop on tour during 2009.

However, a five year hiatus is nothing compared to the time that has passed since Guns N’

Roses PROMISED new material, let alone put it out. Chinese Democracy, the first in-studio GNR release since 1991’s Use Your Illusion I and II, will see releases on November 23, 2008. Years of finger-pointing, break-ups, shake-ups, line-up changes both in band and in management have delayed the album, which has been in development since 1994. The wait was so long, in-fact, that Dr. Pepper issued a challenge: release the album in 2008 and everyone in America will get a free can of Dr. Pepper. Looks like Axl took the challenge to heart, giving people 23 flavors to look forward to in their stockings this year as well as a new album for GNR fans worldwide. The release is available exclusively at Best Buy.

Other notable new releases to look forward to from a plethora of bands and artists this winter include: Jay-Z, who is releasing The Blueprint 3 on December 2nd, 50 Cent with Before I Self Destruct on December 9th, Kayne West’s anticipated 808s and Heartbreaks featuring the smash-hit “Love Lockdown” on November 25th, and The Killers on the 25th as well with Day and Age. Also, if you’re looking for gifts of the visual element, performance DVDs from Panic at the Disco (Live in Chicago), Paramore (The Final Riot!), Thrive (Live at the House of Blues) and Mae (Destination: Beautiful Five Year Anniversary) are all due out before the holiday season, certainly replacing the carols normally seen this time of year.

However, since we’re on the topic of release dates, it won’t be long before the next full-length edition of The Ground Floor hits shelves. Remember, it’s the gift that keeps on giving, because it’s always sure to leave you floored

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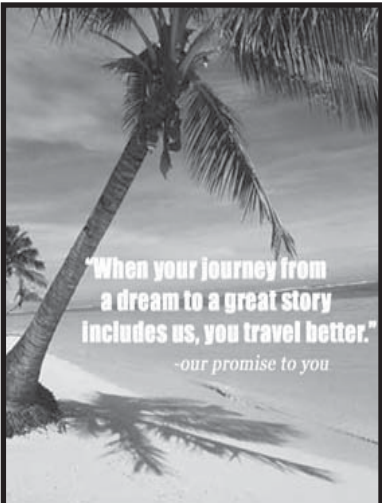
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Students who have used eCampus to check in for the typed exam should report directly to their assigned classrooms during the hour before the exam starting time.

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Eligibility Requirements for the Exam

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1. you are a current Monmouth University student at the time of the exam (that is, you have a start date that falls before the date of the exam); and
2. you have EN 101 and EN 102 or their equivalents (such as transfer equivalencies or Credit by Examination); and
3. you have not previously attempted the WPE.

Requirements for Attempting the Exam

The required reading set for the WPE will be available at the University Bookstore for a minimal fee beginning Monday, November 24, 2008. Students must purchase and read the reading set before the exam, and must bring the reading set to the exam.

In order to be admitted to the WPE, students must present a Monmouth University Student Identification Card. If you do not have an ID, you may obtain one at the ID Center, located in the Student Center.

Resources for Preparing for the Exam

To prepare for the examination, students should pick up and read the Writing Proficiency Requirement Preparation Manual, available for no charge at the Writing Office or online at http://www.monmouth.edu/writing_office.

The Writing Office will offer three information sessions about the WPE at which the format and expectations of the exam are explained and at which you can ask questions in person.

The information sessions will be held on the following dates:

Wednesday, December 3, from 2:30 to 4 PM
 Thursday, December 4, from 4:30 to 6 PM
 Monday, December 8, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM

All information sessions will be held in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, 202B

Additional information is available from the WPE Information Line at 732-263-5491 and from the Writing Office in Wilson Annex Room 510.

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*Marbela
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*Heather
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"I will be in New York hanging with my family and friends."



*Eddie
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"I'll be at my Aunts house in Fairless Hills, P.A."



*Andy
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"I am going to take part in a pie eating contest with my buddies."



*Chris
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*Brett
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Using Your Colon: Understanding Colons and Semicolons •3:30-4:00 PM •Writing Center
"Singing for Survival: From Holocaust to Hope" • 7:30 to 9:00 PM • Pollak Theatre

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Men's Basketball vs. Rhode Island • 7:00 PM • Boylan
Thanksgiving Dinner • 7:30 PM • Catholic Center
Using Your Colon: Understanding Colons and Semicolons • 6-6:30 PM •Writing Center

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Bingo • 8:00 PM • Underground

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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Women's Basketball vs. Lafayette • 3:00 PM • Boylan
Ebony Night • 7:00 PM • Anacon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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CATHOLIC CENTER

This Thursday, November 20th, beginning at 7:30pm, at the Catholic Center, behind Lot 4, the Center's members will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner, and then we will be packing food to donate it to the needy! Come out and help those in need!

STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

At Homecoming 2008, before the football game, the Student Alumni Association Executive Board sold yearbooks in the student center. It was a fun and exciting day for the Student Alumni Association and for members of previous classes who reminisced while looking at old yearbooks. To conclude the morning, members of the S.A.A. Executive Board posed for a picture with President Gaffney. The Student Alumni Association is the tie that connects students of the past, present, and future.



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STUDY ABROAD CLUB

Save the Date! The first official Study Abroad Reunion will be held on May 2, 2009 in Anacon Hall. We are looking for students who have studied abroad to help with planning for this event to make it a great success. This event will be one for the record books because every student who has studied abroad in the past 8 years is invited. In order to look for a cure for our travel bug bite, we are looking into potential trips during break or a weekend. Stay tuned for details on those trips. We are planning on participating in MU events, like Relay for Life and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Children's Festival. If you are interested in traveling or loved your study abroad experience so much and want to share it with new students, this is the club for you! Our meetings are Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. outside Java City, Fireside. In case you can't make the meeting or have any questions, email s0603942@monmouth.edu. Happy Traveling!

MONMOUTH REVIEW

Sunday nights in the underground, we are having weekly poetry workshops and group meetings at 9 p.m. This Wednesday is a poetry slam hosted by Commworks, Latin American Student Organization, Student Activities Board, and the Monmouth Review. "Bum Rush the Stage" is from 8-10 p.m. in the Underground and it is a free event open to the entire MU community. People can sign up as they arrive and there will be prizes, cash, gift certificates and tons of snacks. Hope to see you all there!

RELAY FOR LIFE BLITZ WEEK

Monmouth University is kicking off its fight against cancer during the Relay For Life blitz week, being held at Monmouth University Monday, November 16, through Thursday, November 20, 2008. During Blitz week, Monmouth's cancer fighting community can learn more about Relay, Celebrate Relay 2008, sign up for Relay 2009 for free, Vote for the Relay 2009 Theme, and Learn about Healthy Living!

- Other Blitz week activities include:
- Monday, November 17: Grab a healthy snack and learn about the Great American Health Check!
 - Tuesday, November 18: Get tips on how to live healthy and quit smoking! Learn how to be good to your body with Yoga
 - Wednesday, November 19: Bid on a Basket to support the American Cancer Society
 - Thursday, November 20: Relay For Life Celebration! 7-8PM in the Club 107 and 108. Celebrate the accomplishments of Relay For Life 2008 and learn about Relay 2009. You will hear a survivor and caregiver tell their story. Learn the Top 5 Relay For Life themes and find out if you are a basket auction winner.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is an overnight community celebration where individuals and teams camp out, barbecue, dance, and take turns walking around a track relay style to raise funds to fight cancer. At nightfall, participants will light hundreds of luminaria around the track in a moving ceremony to honor cancer survivors as well as friends and family members lost to the disease. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated. For more information, to join a team, sign up for the walk, or to donate money, go to www.relayforlife.org/monmouthuniversity or e-mail Monmouth University Relay Committee Chair Megan Meier at s0629326@monmouth.edu or Kathleen Gelchion, Director, Special Events, American Cancer Society at Kathleen.gelchion@cancer.org.

PEP BAND

Hey Pep Banders!
Basketball season is finally upon us! We will be playing Wednesday, November 19 at 6:15 PM in Boylan Gym and Thursday, November 20 same time in the gym. On Monday, November 24, we meet at 6:30 in the gym. The band room will be open early so we can move our equipment and be ready by the designated times. Attire is uniform shirt and khaki pants for each game. Interested in being part of our performances? New members are always welcome; if you are interested in joining, please stop by at any of our rehearsals or come out and join us at one of the games!

PRSSA

The Public Relations Student Society of America chapter at Monmouth University will be sponsoring it's annual coat drive along with a food drive starting Monday November 10, 2008 through Friday November 26, 2008. Clothing donations should consist of clean winter coats and accessories. The food donations are to be non-perishable or canned items. Collection boxes for both clothing and food will be located in Monmouth's academic buildings and student center. The clothing and food items will be donated to the local community for this upcoming holiday.
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6:00 NEWS
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Horoscopes

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

♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - This week is a 6
Feeling a bit frantic lately? By this weekend you will finally be in a pattern that you can relax and move to. Listen to your instincts, you really do know what to do. You have so much to do this weekend; pick what you want to do instead of what you feel obligated to do.

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - This week is a 7
Things are moving along quite nicely for you. Do not forget to be appreciative for all you have going for you. As the weekend arrives, you find you are better suited for staying in than going out. Balance is key.

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - This week is a 9
You've been seeing a lot of little things that can escalate into a problem. Handle them before that happens. Being civic-minded is a good idea for you; it'll make you feel good. As the weekend arrives, decide when to speak, and when not to speak. It's important to know your boundaries and areas of expertise.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - This week is a 6
Feeling like everyone has to put their two cents in on your life and it's driving you crazy? Take it with a grain of salt; what they say does not matter. You know what you can do. As the weekend arrives, work on your relationships. Discrediting the wrong people can hurt you in the end. Socialize if it makes you feel better. Maybe, more fun can be had with your family than friends this weekend.

♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - This week is a 7
Things are happening now; do not be afraid of the momentum. You are allowed to embrace the evolution but take a deep breath if it. As the weekend approaches, take some time to do little things. Bigger issues can be put off temporarily in lieu of your recent success.

♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - This week is a 5
You think far too much and it's causing you to overanalyze and pain yourself. There is no point in causing yourself distress. Give yourself a break. There is more than one side to the story with your relationships. Do not forget that. Once you realize you were being harsh and critical you will finally step back and get back to normal by the weekend. Get your friends together and have some fun.

♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - This week is a 6
You've come to the realization that acting and reacting are different things. Good for you. Now, do what's best and take action. Do not become passive. As the weekend arrives the results are apparent. Listen to your heart and you'll have some fun. You know what to do.

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - This week is a 9
The truth is there; it may have been clouded, but it is there. Once you realize this, you are back on your game. As the weekend arrives, make sure you have everything organized. This weekend is about socializing so you do not need these other things to worry about.

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) -This week is a 6
The little things can add up to a pretty nice picture. Just because the monumentus event you were looking to happen did not occur does not mean that things are not working out quite nicely. The second half of the week will go a lot more smooth when you realize this.

♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - This week is an 8
Not everything is an instant success and just because someone else looks to have succeeded does not mean that they have (or that you have not). Use this weekend to spend time with friends.

♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is an 8
Stop procrastinating. When you see that shorter to do list you will feel great. It's the season that everyone is getting sick during so take care of yourself and everything you need to do. It's all about a healthy balance but do not worry you need to teeter a bit. It's hard to stay perfectly balanced.

♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) This week is a 9
Just because it's offbeat and not quite what you pictured does not mean that the opportunity you've been asking for slipped away. Embrace it. Take action and move forward. You do not need to take a big leap, just do not be afraid to move. The weekend is a great time to spend with everyone you care about. You will even enjoy spending time doing silly things as well as serious.

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"Neptune City-Saturn Town" by Brian Blackmon



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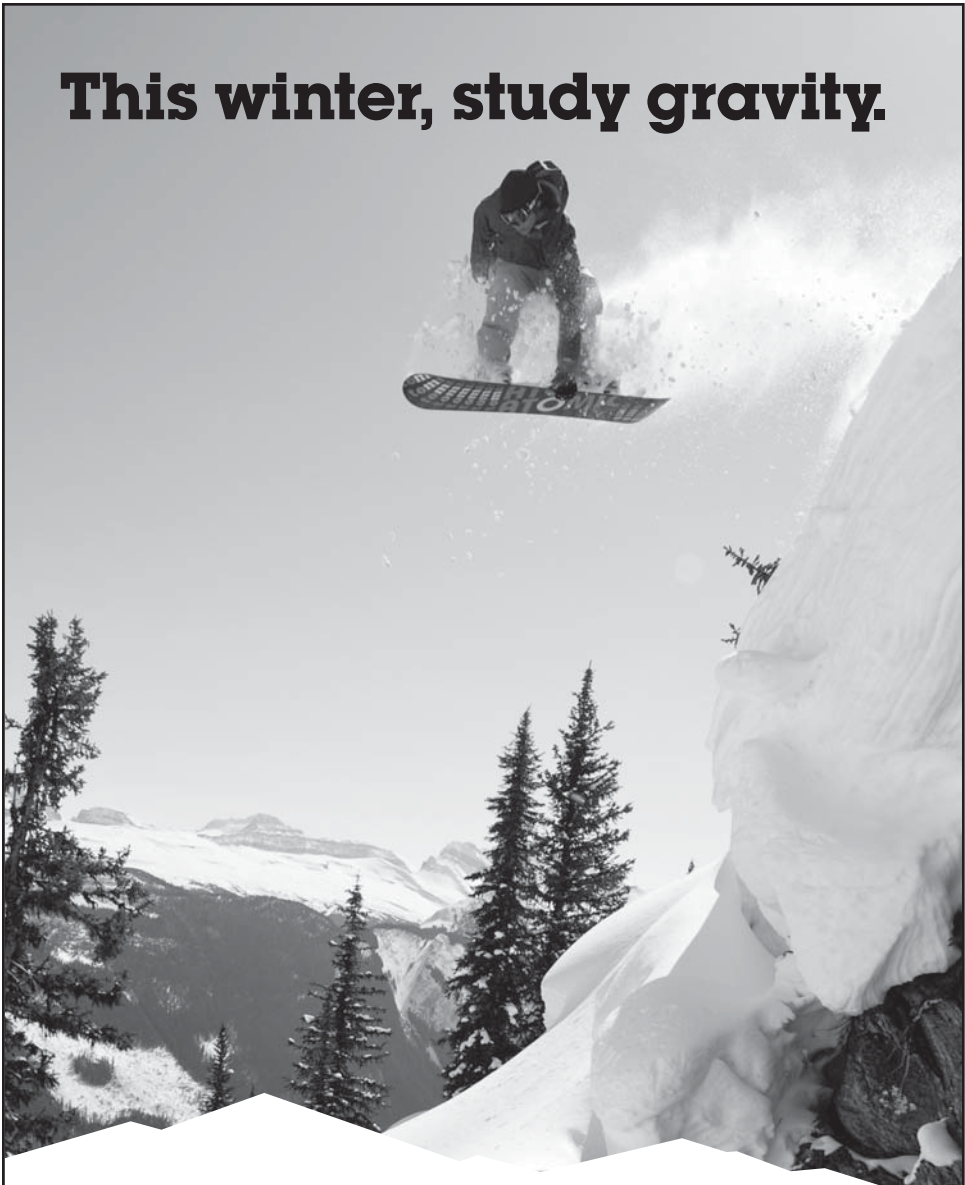
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THE END ZONE

Hawks End Season with Win Over Dukes on the Road

ANDREW SCHETTER
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The Hawks ended the year with a 37-14 victory over Duquesne on the road. The offense led by running back David Sinisi accumulated a season high 497 yards. Sinisi rushed for three scores to set the record for most touchdowns in a season with 22 yet another Monmouth football record. Quarterback Brett Burke had a phenomenal game as well, completing 14 of 23 passing attempts for 263 yards and two touchdowns.

Burke, a true leader of the seniors was especially excited about the outcome saying, “The win meant a lot, not just to me personally but to the whole team and the seniors. We have won a lot of games as a group and it’s a good way to end our careers.” Burke also acknowledged the importance of the running game saying, “It was a solid all-around effort by the offense we ran the ball effectively and were able to get big plays in the passing game.”

Sinisi gave all the praise to the big men up front for breaking the scoring record saying, “The credit belongs to the o-line, giving me holes to run through so I can get into the end zone.” “They’ve done a great job all year controlling the line of scrimmage for the backs.”

The Hawk defense had a big hand in this win as well. Against yet another potent NEC aerial attack the Blue and White held Duquesne to a mere 134 yards through the air and recorded four sacks. Defensive tackle Kevin Walsh ended his career with six total tackles including a sack, forced fumble, and a fumble recovery.

“I knew it was the last game of my career and wanted to go out there with that mindset and leave everything out there on the field,” said Walsh. The defense as a whole played great, we really picked it up in the second half. It was good to go out on a winning note.”

The game began with Monmouth winning the coin toss and choosing to receive. Sinisi on first and ten gave the Dukes a taste of what was to come with an eleven yard rush. The play of the drive came on

culminated in a one yard halfback dive by Sinisi for the touchdown and an early 7-0 advantage.

The Blue and White defense came onto the field and quickly forced a three and out by the Dukes offense. However, Brett Burke on his first pass of the drive gave the ball right back to the Dukes offense with a costly interception. Duquesne now had first and goal from the ten yard line. On a quarterback draw Kevin Rush scored on a ten yard scamper for

Monmouth drive. Sinisi rushed for 22 yards on the first play of the drive. After moving steadily down the field for 52 yards on nine plays the Hawks were forced to send kicker Fred Weingart out for the 39 yard attempt. Weingart booted the ball through the uprights giving the away team a 10-7 lead.

The Dukes had fantastic field position to start their next drive thanks to a 49 yard kickoff return by Willie Milhouse to the Monmouth 38 yard line. On just

six plays the Dukes traveled 38 through the arm of Connor Dixon who hit Brian Layhue for the three yard touchdown. This gave the Dukes a 14-10 lead with just over a minute to go in the first quarter. The play of the game came on the ensuing Hawks possession. With just 42 seconds to go in the quarter and the Monmouth offense on the Monmouth 43 yard line, Burke dropped back and connected on a bomb to Rodney Salomon for a 57 yard touchdown. This play not only gave the Hawks a 17-14 lead heading into the second quarter but it also swung the momentum completely in the Blue and White’s favor for the rest of the ball game.

The second half began with the score still pitted at 17-14. Duquesne came out of the locker room determined to regain the lead. After traveling 52 yards on 14 plays David Kennedy ruined the drive for the Dukes by blocking the Mark Troyan field goal attempt and gave

the Hawks offense the ball back on the Monmouth 13 yard line.

The Blue and White offense came out on fire, as they recorded three consecutive first downs on their first three plays. The offensive line provided huge gaps for Sinisi who tallied a 20, 15, 9, and finally a 33 yard rush which resulted in a Monmouth touchdown. The scoring drive gave the Hawks a 24-14 advantage in the third quarter.

After the Hawks defense had yet another stellar stop which was highlighted by one of Walsh’s sacks on second down the Hawks got the ball back on their 17 yard line. On third and ten from the 17 yard line tight end John Nalbhone attracted a few more NFL scouts with an 83 yard touchdown reception from Burke. After this sensational play the Fred Weingart extra point attempt failed giving the Blue and White a 30-14 lead with just over a minute remaining in the third quarter.

The Monmouth defense was relentless in their attack despite the large lead. Walsh on third and eight from the Dukes 21 yard line not only sacked Connor Dixon but forced him to fumble, which Walsh recovered for the Hawks on the ten yard line. Sinisi took it from there as he rushed into the end zone on fourth and one to put this game out of reach for the home team 37-14.

From here on out the celebration was on for the Hawks as they simply ran out the clock on offense and continued their stellar defensive play. Sinisi finished his record setting season with 22 touchdowns and 1674 rushing yards. With the 7-4 record, 2008 marked the 10th time in school history the Hawks had a winning season..



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Brett Burke threw for a season high 263 yards with two touchdowns in the Hawk victory.

3rd and 15 from the Duke 49 yard line. This play set the scene for a 37 yard completion from Burke to Nick Romeo for the first down and then some. The methodic attack

the touchdown. This brought the game to a 7-7 tie with 7:36 to play in the first quarter.

The offensive line provided some clear paths on the following

Outlook’s Weekly NFL Picks - Week 11

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Men's Soccer

Hawks Penalty Kicked Out of NEC Tourney

PRESS RELEASE

The top-seeded Monmouth University men’s soccer team fell to fourth-seeded Mount St. Mary’s 3-2 on penalty kicks in the Northeast Conference Tournament Semifinals on Friday on The Great Lawn. The Hawks and Mountaineers played a scoreless 110 minutes of soccer before penalty kicks decided the outcome on Friday. The Hawks, winners of the last four NEC Regular Season Titles, finished the season with a 12-3-4 record, while Mount is now 9-9-1.

“I felt as though we did enough to win today,” said Monmouth head coach Robert McCourt. “We created some good chances in regulations and I thought we were an inch away on a few chances. Once the match went to penalty kicks, it almost felt like you could have flipped a coin to decide it.”

With the score tied at 2-2 in the penalty kick shootout, Mount St. Mary’s sophomore midfielder Eric Detzel sent the game-winner into the lower right corner of the net to give the Mountaineers their first NEC title game appearance since 1999. NEC Defensive Player of the Year Angelo Amato and junior defender Daniel Bostock both tallied penaly kick score for the Hawks. Monmouth keeper Bryan Meredith and his counterpart, Mount’s Chris Davis each made a single save in the shootout.

Today’s match with the Hawks and Mount marked the fifth time in the 20-year history of the NEC Tournament that a match reached penalty kicks and the first since the 2004 semifinals when Long Island

advanced over Saint Francis (PA), 7-6, following a 1-1 deadlock.

Despite Monmouth holding a 6-3 edge in shots, there were few first half scoring opportunities for either club. Monmouth’s Ryan Kinne had the best chance, but his hard shot in the box was deflected away by Davis in the 29th minute. The Hawks had another opportunity when senior forward Rob LaRocca lifted a cross to senior defender Andreas Klang in the 35th minute, but his one-timer sailed just wide.

In the second half, MU freshman forward Max Hamilton created an opportunity in the 60th minute when he stole an errant pass and weaved his way through a slew of Mount defenders into the box. Hamilton sent a short feed to Klang on his left, whose left-footed one-timer went just outside the far post.

With 11 minutes to play, the Mount’s Vinnie Berry rifled a hard shot from the top of the box that Meredith was able to punch over the crossbar. Detzel fired another shot at Meredith a minute later, but the sophomore keeper was able to smother the ball and keep the game scoreless.

With just 2:30 left on the clock, MU sophomore midfielder Drew Von Bargaen crossed a ball in front of the six-yard box that eluded Davis, but a pair of Hawks were unable to corral the loose ball before it was cleared. Just 40 seconds remained when Kinne broke free down the left sideline and fed sophomore forward Chase Barbieri with a short pass in the box. Davis came out to meet Barbieri, and turned away a point blank shot in the final opportunity of regulation.

Shortly after the start of overtime, Klang worked his way to the baseline and placed a cross that narrowly missed the foot of Barbieri, who was alone in front of the goal. Kinne had the only real opportunity in the second extra session, but his shot from 18-yards away sailed just over the net in the 108th minute.

Monmouth finished with a 13-8 edge in shots and both teams finished with 10 corners. Davis finished with four saves, while Meredith turned back three shots.

“I am very proud of how the team performed all season,” said McCourt. “I also want to congratulate and thank our seniors on all of the success they have had with the program.”

On a lighter note, Senior captain Angelo Amato one of four Monmouth University men’s soccer players to earn all-conference honors announced at the annual banquet on Thursday evening, has been named the 2008 Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Amato, who was also named to the all-league first team, was joined on by fellow captain junior Daniel Bostock and sophomore Ryan Kinne on the first team, while sophomore Chase Barbieri was named to the All-NEC Second Team.

“The NEC regular season awards are well deserved recognition for our guys,” said head coach Robert McCourt. “They are a true testament to this team’s character.”

Amato anchored a Monmouth defense that ended the regular season ranked first in the NEC in goals allowed (11 goals, 0.61 per match) and goals-against-average (0.58 GAA). Amato, was a second-team

all-league selection a season ago, started all 18 matches this year. He scored his first career goal this season, a dramatic penalty kick in the 87th minute to defeat rival Fairleigh Dickinson on November 2 on The Great Lawn on Senior Day. A terrific one-on-one defender, Amato is the second Monmouth player ever to earn NEC Defensive Player of the Year award. Former Hawk and current MU assistant coach Hugh MacDonald captured the award in 2005 and 2006.

“I am very happy for Angelo,” said McCourt. “He has been a four-year starter for us and has had a tremendous influence in terms of us becoming a winning team. He deserves all the accolades he gets. I don’t think anyone will realize the impact he has had on this program until he is gone.”

Bostock, who was also an All-NEC Second Team selection a year ago, finds himself on the first team this season after being a staple among the back four in every game. He started all 18 contests and registered an assist on the year while helping the team reach the defensive achievements it has attained. The Blue and White’s defense was also among the national leaders all season long, ranking seventh in the nation in team goals-against-average.

“Bostock has potential to be one of the top central defenders in the country,” said McCourt. “His impact over the last two seasons has been immense. Dan and Angelo together have to be one of the top partnerships in college soccer that I have seen.”

Kinne has enjoyed a breakout season in his sophomore campaign

in West Long Branch. He came into his own this season as an all-around offensive weapon for the Hawks. Kinne is currently second in the NEC with six assists, and ranks third on the circuit with 10 goals and 26 points, leading MU in all of those categories.

“Ryan has been our attacking focus all season,” said McCourt. “When him and Chase (Barbieri) are on – we win games. He works very hard at his game and I am glad to see him get rewarded. Hopefully he can continue his good form into the playoffs and help us advance.”

Barbieri scored perhaps the biggest goal of the year in the conference when he netted his league-leading sixth game-winner to give the Hawks a 2-1 double overtime win over CCSU and clinch the program’s fourth consecutive NEC regular season title. Tied with classmate Kinne for third in the conference with ten markers, Barbieri also ranks fifth on the circuit with 22 points while earning his first league honors.

“Chase made a commitment to fitness in the offseason and has had a breakout year,” said McCourt. “Not only does he score important goals, he also does all the little blue collar things that make us a better team. Chase has been fighting through a lot of injuries for most of the season and his hard work and blue-collar ethic deserve to be rewarded.”

Quinnipiac’s Graciano Brito won the NEC Player of the Year Award, while Mount St. Mary’s Chris Wheeler was named NEC Rookie of the Year. Mount’s Rob Ryerson was named the 2008 NEC Coach of the Year.

A Word on Sports
March Madness in November?

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We have yet to see the new year pass, the April showers or the may flowers of 2009, but the sports world is already amped up for March Madness. The Men’s college basketball season kicked off with a bang when ESPN aired nine games in twenty-three hours in an all you can eat buffet of college hoops.

ESPN’s first annual College Hoops Tip-Off Marathon featured UMass traveling to number twelve ranked Memphis. The two schools squared off at 11:59 PM ET on the dot on November 17. ESPN’s national programming covered games in five different United States time zones, and teams from at least 14 different conferences or leagues. Nine live games were shown on ESPN, including one women’s match up, and the twenty-three hours of November Madness will be capped off by a head to head match up between two historic powerhouses.

The North Carolina Tar Heels step on to the hardwood against The Kentucky Wildcats. Although the Tar Heels come in to the game an overwhelming favorite, and a nearly unanimous ranking of first overall, the game is expected to be a thriller. Kentucky will be getting a leg up right off the bat when, UNC 1st team preseason All-American, Tyler Hansbrough spends the duration of the game on the bench with a shin injury. With every target in the nation being placed directly on their backs, the Tar Heels better hope they can get off to a fast start and

stay on track to an elusive national title. Roy Williams will be looking to redeem himself for what many say has been a team that has not played up to its ability.

Tyler Hansbrough got the nod, and deservedly so, when he was named 1st team preseason All-American Center. What talented cast joins him in achieving this prestigious honor? The likes of forward Luke Harangody from Notre Dame, forward Blake Griffin from Oklahoma, guard Darren Collison from UCLA and national underdog, Stephen Curry, a shooting guard from Davidson. Most people could not have guessed these names would appear on the list, but the everyday college basketball fan would surely recognize the importance that each has on his respective team. From the first round of the 2008 NCAA Tournament, with sixty-four teams still with a fighting shot, until they were trimmed down to the Final Four, Stephen Curry captured the hearts of college basketball fans. It’s great to see a smaller school get recognition for a tremendous athlete who deserves the spotlight, just as he grabbed it on the grandest stage in college basketball.

The two teams that made it threw the meat-grinder that is the NCAA Tournament a year ago have lost significant players from those squads and will have to regroup this year to make it back to the college basketball promised land. The Kansas Jayhawks lost all of their starters from last year’s national championship team and just squeak into the top 25 at number 24 to begin the 2008/09 season. The national runner-up Memphis Tigers, who kicked off the College Hoops Tip-Off Marathon

against Massachusetts, return only three players who logged serious minutes from last year’s record-tying 38-win squad.

Getting back to the 23-plus hours of the college basketball Tip-Off Marathon, the schedule started at midnight Eastern Standard Time with UMass at Memphis, moved west to California with Fresno State at St. Mary’s tipping off at 2 a.m., followed at 4 a.m. by Idaho State at Hawaii; there was a slight break in the live game action with a four-hour SportsCenter Special: College Hoops Tip-Off Presented by Samsung Behold, until the 10 a.m. game featuring Penn at Drexel, followed by the only women’s game on the schedule as Iowa visited Kansas at noon. The streak of nine games continued as Liberty traveled to UNC-Ashville with a 2 p.m. start, followed up by Centenary vs. Baylor at 4 p.m., and moved into primetime with the CBE Classic featuring Richmond at Syracuse, with the entire event culminating with the feature game: Kentucky at UNC.

With this being the first telecast of its kind, it is supposed to be an annual event to kickoff the college basketball season. It is a great idea and will continue to pick up more steam as it becomes bigger and bigger, getting more highly regarded match-ups with each passing year. The best part about it is the similar feel it has to the NCAA Tournament with so many games packed into a 24 hour period. This feeling alone has gotten many fans hyped about watching the telecast. Hopefully this feeling will continue as the season progresses, ending with the real March Madness.

Cross Country Runs
at NCAA Mid-Atlantic
Regionals at Princeton

PRESS RELEASE

The Monmouth University women’s cross country team finished 16th out of 37 teams and the men’s cross country team finished 19th out of 37 teams at the NCAA Division I Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships at Princeton. The women matched their finish from last year, which equals the second best finish in school history, while the logged their best finish since 2003 the second best finish in school history.

The Monmouth women’s team was the top NEC team at the regional competition. The women’s course was 6,100 meters (3.8 miles) and was run in very muddy conditions.

“Most of our top seven on the women’s side went into the day at less than 100 percent,” said head coach Joe Compagni. “They showed a lot of heart and courage to get the results that we got today.”

Christine Altland led the MU women, and logged one of the top ten finishes in school history at the NCAA Regional meet, with a 71st place finish, followed closely by Cailin Lynam who came in 87th. Senior Jessica Jones came in 102nd and sophomore Courtney Spratford came in 105th. Tiffany McKenna finished 137th, junior Laura Embrey came in 167th and Ju-

liet Smith rounded out the MU women in 173rd.

The Monmouth men’s team was the top NEC team in any Region this year. The men’s course was 10,000 meters (6.2 miles) and also ran in very muddy conditions.

“Another coach today said the men’s race was more like the effort of a half-marathon than a 10K because the conditions were so tough out there,” said Compagni.

The men were paced by Pete Forgach who finished 54th , which was the fourth best finish in school history for the Hawks at the NCAA Regional meet.

Ben Hutterer finished 86th , while Billy Dowd came in 116th. A quartet of freshman, Dan Collura [134th], Ryan Mulligan [140th], Garth DeBlasio [143rd] and Alec Richardson [164th] rounded out the MU men’s contingent.

“Even though we are young (four of the Hawks’ top seven men who ran today were freshmen), I thought all year that we were at least as good if not better than last year,” said Compagni. “Our conference meet results were not better than last year, when we were second in the NEC. But today, we did improve our finish from last year and actually had our best finish in the last several years, even with a lot of newcomers in the race for us.”



Sprint

Long Distance



The Men's and Women's cross country teams competed at the NCAA Division 1 Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships over the weekend.

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