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## Blitz Week Gets Students Geared Up For Relay for Life

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EDITOR-AT-LARGE

If students noticed caution tape and "no smoking" signs posted on buildings such as Jules L. Plangere Center and Wilson Hall on Thursday, it was because of Colleges Against Cancer, which was promoting Blitz Week for Relay for Life.

A variety of events took place throughout the course of the week in order to raise awareness about smoking and also about the annual Relay for Life event. The Silent Basket Auction began its bidding from Tuesday through Thursday, in which all bids were automatically donated to Relay for Life. Twenty-two baskets were on display in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, some of them including: From the bidding, approximately 1,242 dollars was raised. "It is a great start to reaching the goals we set over the summer with how much we wanted to raise for this year's event," Passalacqua, --- said.

Co-Chair Sharon Smith, who has been a part of Relay for Life,

enjoys working with the students to put Relay for Life together. "Our students organize our Relay, they chair all the committees and they are responsible for every aspect of this incredible event. Words cannot describe the feelings everyone comes away with because they witnessed and participated in a Relay For Life at Monmouth University. Because of these feelings I will continue to work with our outstanding students on our Relay For Life."

Tobacco Specialist Helene Long was the speaker at a session on Wednesday from 2 pm to 3 pm in Wilson Hall to promote awareness about the Great American Smokeout and attempt to get students involved in the event.

A Deal or No Deal themed game show titled, "Smoke It or Broker It" took place in the Oakwood Lounge on Wednesday night at 10 pm. In the game, contestants faced a total of 14 cases. In seven of the cases, there were ingredients in cigarettes that



Students drew chalk outlines outside of the Student Center as part of Relay for Life's Blitz Week. PHOTO COURTESY of Alexa Passalacqua

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## University Provides Alternative to Admissions Essay Via Facebook

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The traditional formal admissions essay may no longer be required for prospective Monmouth University students. The university now provides students with the option of submitting a personal statement via Facebook, a popular social networking site.

The choice to integrate a video submission option and the customary formal written essay was made due to the overwhelming popularity of social networks. Officials recognized the opportunity to connect with those applying to Monmouth through a more modern and technologically savvy method.

Lauren Vento Cifelli, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, said, "So many students are using social networks to communicate on a daily or weekly basis. Since Monmouth allows

students to submit an optional personal statement, this was an opportunity for us to bring a piece of the application to the medium they are comfortable using. Both the personal statement and the video statement are optional components to the application."

The majority of students who choose to apply to Monmouth submit a personal statement along with their application, however; thus far only four students have decided to make use of the new video submission option. Those working in admissions believe that personal statements submitted through the alternative video option will become more accepted once prospective students learn more about it. Also, admissions officials believe that some students feel more comfortable writing their thoughts as opposed to speaking in front of a camera. It may be that only those that

are comfortable in front of a camera will take advantage of this opportunity to tell counselors about themselves.

Other schools have encouraged students to use video submissions for acceptance in the past. The difference between these schools and what Monmouth is doing is that MU is using a mainstream social networking site, Facebook, as a platform for the videos.

Vento Cifelli said, "Monmouth is one of the first, if not the first, school in the country to do this."

Admissions counselors have not found any disadvantages to using Facebook as a means of completing admission requirements. They do feel that this new method will bring about many advantages though, and some students agree.

Joe Scarpino, a junior psychology major said, "I think being able to use Facebook or any

social networking site to apply to a college is a great idea. The way young people communicate has changed over the years, straying away from more traditional means and into more modern technologically based systems."

Using social networking sites to gain admissions can also provide schools with a better knowledge of who the prospective student is. Vento Cifelli believes that a person's personality comes through more vividly through the videos, which helps counselors make a more educated decision about the student. However, admission decisions are not based solely on a student's video submission if they do choose this option.

Vento Cifelli said, "We continue to use the formal application, transcript, test scores, and other provided information to make admission decisions, with our primary focus being

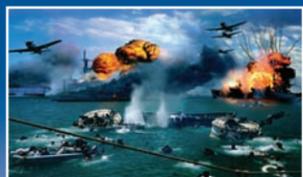
grades in high school. A video is a supplement to the application, and is an opportunity to show us another side of themselves beyond what they tell us on paper."

Nicole Demmert, a former Monmouth University admissions counselor, said, "I am happy Monmouth decided to embrace the idea of a video submission option through Facebook. While traveling and talking to students in different high schools along the East Coast, I found that many of them were interested in utilizing this new method."

Although only four students have chosen to provide admissions with a video submission via Facebook officials at Monmouth are sure that prospective students in the near future will become more comfortable with the idea, and opting for a video submission will become more popular.

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# Our Commitment to Sustainability

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On January 16, 2009, Monmouth University entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The purpose of this MOU is to document Monmouth's commitment as an environmental steward that pledges to reduce its carbon footprint and generally contribute to a better environment. A copy of the MOU and our first report of progress can be found at <http://www.monmouth.edu/resources/SAC/default.asp>. Under this MOU, Monmouth will participate in the following voluntary EPA environmental stewardship programs:

- Coal Combustion Products Partnership
- ENERGYSTAR Building and Plant Partnership
- GreenPower Partnership
- GreenScapes Partnership
- National Clean Diesel Campaign & Clean Construction USA
- WasteWise Partnership
- WaterSense Products

At Monmouth University, we are committed to the principles of energy conservation and environmental sustainability. For many years, we have proactively taken many steps, both large and small, to conserve energy and to reduce our impact on the local and global environment. We are excited to share with you some of the environmental sustainability initiatives that we have undertaken, and those that we are currently underway. Monmouth's SAC website has all of the details about:

- Campus and Community Involvement
- Energy Conservation and Efficiency
- Renewable Energy
- Sustainable Design, Construction, and Operations Practices
- Vehicles
- Waste Management
- Water Resources

#### What You Can Do

As in all things, this University is committed to looking forward. Consequently, we recognize that there is much more work to be done, and we need and want your involvement. Every action we take influences our delicate ecosystem and the sustainability of our campus and community. Here are a few simple things that you can do to help:

- Turn out the lights when you leave a room
- Use the ample day lighting available in many of our buildings and don't turn on the lights until it's necessary
- Turn off your TV, computer and other electronic devices when they are not being used
- Don't leave the water running when it's not being used
- Consider whether you really need to print that email or document, and print double-sided when you can
- Close your windows when the heat or air conditioning is on
- Be a diligent recycler
- Walk or bike instead of using your car for a short trip, and carpool whenever possible

The recently-formed Sustainability Advisory Council is an interdisciplinary work group comprised of students, faculty, staff and administrators. The mission of the SAC is to promote environmental awareness and encourage the development of an environmentally responsible and sustainable campus community in its operations, education, research, outreach and services. The SAC will propose and research energy and environmental sustainability policies and initiatives, and recommend specific policies and initiatives for the University to implement that will advance the University's sustainability goals.

The SAC has established a committee structure for its research, with committees for Academic Programs and Research, Energy, Greenhouse Gas, Land and Water, Outreach and Waste Management. We encourage your participation. If you are interested in becoming a member of the SAC, please send an email to Jim Ferris at [jferris@monmouth.edu](mailto:jferris@monmouth.edu). With your help we can make a difference!

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were said to not be found appealing to the public, including Methane, Acetic Acid and Butane. The other seven cases included gift cards to several local establishments. Contestants had the opportunity to eliminate some cases, while choosing others for bigger prizes. There was a total of 250 dollars of prizes awarded to students during this event.

Committee members from Colleges Against Cancer were also set up at tables in the Student Center to inform students and employees about the dangerous and harmful effects of tobacco and smoking cigarettes. For current smokers, members suggested for them to throw out their pack of cigarettes and take a "Quit Kit." "The Quit Kit had hard candy and gum in it and also many different brochures about the dangers of smoking. We also passed out bubbles so smokers would be blowing bubbles rather than smoke and free bags of popcorn for something to munch on," Smith said.

The Great American Smoke-out, which takes place throughout the nation, was coordinated by Colleges Against Cancer on Thursday. President Mallory Rapisarda said, that the event is a day designed for smokers

to begin quitting. "For this, the committee taped out with caution tape 25 feet from the door because according to the New Jersey Smoke Free Air Act a person needs to smoke at least 25 feet from the entrance of any building."

Passalacqua said that the turnout for this event was good. "We had about 20 people compete in the game which was done in a deal or no deal type of game. For the prizes we had gift cards donated from various different stores throughout the community and Monmouth University book store donated some apparel and university merchandise that we gave away to the nights winners."

After being a part of Relay for Life last year, Alexa Passalacqua said she was motivated to be a part of the E-board for Colleges Against Cancer. "I found it so fun and the committee is amazing and when we plan things and hold events we always have fun together. So when they were forming an e-board and getting Colleges Against Cancer together I jumped at the opportunity to get involved."

Out of all of the events, Smith said that her most favorite is ultimately Relay for Life. "It is just wonderful to see our students coming together with employees and community members for 12 hours throughout the night until

dawn and watch as they experience the emotions of a Relay For Life. It is a time to honor survivors and also remember all who lost their battle to cancer. Needless to say it is very emotional but also there is a lot of joy. We have live bands; face painting for the children; performances by volunteer choirs and a local dance school; Mz. Relay contest and events every hour throughout the night so you will hear cheers and laughter also," Smith said.

"These events marketed the Relay for Life event on April 23rd and our efforts on both of these events and the entire week helped us to reach 35 teams which is a great success so early in the year," Rapisarda said. Rapisarda also mentioned that she attended the Eastern Division Relay for Life Summit, where the University won the following three awards: "Pack the Track" which means the University had the most survivors out of the New York and New Jersey College Relays, along with "Highest Online Revenue" and "Top Net Percent Increase over 2008".

Smith also said that as a result of the information provided this week, she hopes that many University students and employees will quit smoking.

Relay for Life will be held on April 23 into April 24. For more information, go to [www.relayforlife.org/monmouthuniversity](http://www.relayforlife.org/monmouthuniversity).



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The Relay for Life Committee, pictured above, held their Blitz Week in an effort to promote Relay for Life in the Spring.

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# The Truth of Pearl Harbor

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"A date that will live in infamy..." were the words of President Franklin D. Roosevelt on December 8, 1941 when the United States and Britain declared war on Japan in response of the attack on Pearl Harbor the U.S Naval Base located on the southern coast of Oahu Island, Hawaii.

Right after Thanksgiving and before Christmas the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese, was a day no one would ever forget. Even now people gather to remember the men and women who died that day. They gather to remember the event that determined that the U.S. would become involved in World War II.

World War II lasted from 1939 to 1945, a European War between the Axis Countries: Germany, Japan, Italy (including Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Croatia) and the Allied Countries: U.S., England, Soviet Union (including France, Canada, and China). Causes of World War II range from opinions and situations from nationalistic tensions to pure hatred of the results from World War I. The Great Depression in the 1930's didn't improve the situations either.

The U.S. was not involved from the beginning but after the attack on the Navy Base, the U.S. remained involved until the end of the war, drafting men from all over the country to fight.

Over the years there has been

confusion about what really happened on December 7, why it happened, often leading to conspiracy theories and wild assumptions. "The Truth Seeker" website provided excellent information, only the facts, behind Pearl Harbor written by James Perloff. In his article he explained and provided evidence that President Franklin D. Roosevelt had prior knowledge of the impending Pearl Harbor attack and refused to warn and prepare anyone beforehand. The President pointed the blame on Navy Admiral Husband E. Kimmel and General Walter C. Short an Army Lieutenant for their negligence of being prepared and therefore gained acceptance from the U.S. to go into the European War.

According to a "pre-war Gallup poll showed 88 percent of Americans opposed U.S. involvement in the European war." Roosevelt stated during the 1940 election-year speech, "I have said this before, but I shall say it again and again: Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars." This was a statement due to post World War I feelings from the U.S. that the war did not improve things and though we won, we still lost men.

"Tyler Kent, a code clerk at the U.S. embassy in London, discovered secret dispatches between Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, who was England's prime minister from 1940-1945. These revealed that FDR—despite contrary

campaign promises—was determined to engage America in the war." Some of the countries that remained neutral during the war were: Sweden, Switzerland, Spain and Portugal. Therefore when the days before the Pearl Harbor attack the navy was warned of an attack but one in Asia by Japan therefore no threat to them.

In 2001 Pearl Harbor starring Ben Affleck (Good Will Hunting, Dogma), Josh Hartnett (Black Hawk Down, The Faculty), and Kate Beckinsale (Underworld, Whiteout) produced by Jerry Bruckheimer (producer of the Pirates of the Caribbean movies) and Michael Bay (known mostly for the Transformers movies) was released into theaters.

The movie sent the audience back in time leading up to the attack on the Hawaii base. The audience enjoyed a film filled with special effects and explosions but also historical inaccuracies that most people either ignored or didn't notice. After doing a lot of research online the following inaccuracies were found. Just some of the plethora in the film.

These came from Spiritus-Temporis.com, copyrighted in 2005:

Admiral Kimmel was not on a golf course on the morning of the attack, nor was he notified of the Japanese embassy leaving Washington D.C prior to the attack.

Navy Nurse Betty claimed to have been 17, lying about her age to be accepted however Navy Nurses

had to be Registered Nurses to join the Navy Nurse Corps. This means they have to have three years of training and passed a State Board examination. The minimum age to join the Navy Nurses Corp was 22.

Affleck and Hartnett's characters take part in the Doolittle bombing raid over Tokyo, but as fighter pilots this is something they have not been allowed to participate in.

Japanese aircraft of that period were painted grey, not green.

In the film Navy Nurse Betty dies during the Pearl Harbor attack. In actuality no Navy Nurses died as a result of the enemy action during the entirety of World War II, including the Pearl Harbor attack.

Let's be honest about this one:

The attack began at 6:37 am, making it unlikely that children would be hiking or playing baseball.

So are the inaccuracies done to make the movie more interesting, or are they truly bits of information ignored from being checked? It's clear that most if not all movies about historical battles and events are inaccurate in some way, shape, or form.

According to the website "Pearl Harbor Remembered" the first wave of 183 Japanese aircrafts left under Admiral Nagumo's orders left at 6:10 am. The second wave of 168 aircrafts took flight at 7:15 am. In between that time chaos was unleashed upon the base.

"Commander Logan Ramsey of Ford Island Command Center sends out a message for all radio-

men on duty to send out in plain English "Air Raid Pearl Harbor This Is No Drill." Though some were able to get onto ships and fire back at the aircrafts we were not able to get our own aircrafts into the air to fight them until long after the attack was over. By 8:08 am, KGMB radio interrupts the music to announce, "All Army, Navy, and Marine personnel to report to duty..." This announcement continued two more times on the radio and by 11:00A.M. all schools on the island were ordered to close. After 1:30 pm, the Japanese withdraw from attacking, with the third wave of aircrafts refraining from taking off. After the U.S. announced its declaration of war against Japan, Germany and Italy declare war on the U.S. on December 11, 1941. The rest as they say is history.

So the big question remains, was Pearl Harbor an attack that could have been prevented or something we never saw coming? We may never truly know. What we do know for certain is that "five of eight battleships at Pearl Harbor were sunk or sinking, with the rest damaged. Several other ships and most Hawaii-based combat planes were also knocked out and over 2,400 Americans were dead."

December 7 will remain a day in remembrance of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the event that began the U.S. involvement in World War II. So remember to pay your respects, salute the American flag, and always be proud to be an American.

It's not out in the open, but

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PRESS RELEASE

### Graduate Program Gives First-ever Alum of the Year Award

Recently, the Corporate and Public Communication graduate program presented its first annual Alum of the Year Award. Please find the attached photo from the event. At the ceremony, the Graduate Program honored Sea Girt resident Donna Cardillo as the Alumna of the Year.



PHOTO COURTESY of Neva Pontoriero

Pictured from left to right are: Dr. Chad Dell, Chair of the Communication Department; Dr. Eleanor Novek; Donna Cardillo, CPC Alumna of the Year; and Dr. Sherry Wien, Chair of the CPC Program.

# A Student's Analysis On Professor's Philosophical Work

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After reading *Transcendence: The Universal Quest*, by the University's Dr. Simonelli, I found myself enveloped in a vast amount of fascinating information. My initial reaction when I began reading was that the amount of information was overwhelming to consume and understand at one time. However, I read over the passages a few times and the messages seemed to become more clear and comprehensible.

I found it very interesting reading about the Metaphysical World and how it's reinstatement is conceived either as harmony or as reunion. After reading this section I sat and thought about this issue, for I have never considered it before. Harmony is reached by the way of nature and the way of society. Where the path to reunion is traveled through the way of knowledge as well as the way of adoration.

Another section I found myself pondering over was the passage asking, what is this everlasting life? My reaction to this passage was that I found it very interesting how cryopreservation of humans through improvements in

nanotechnology and cryobiology is considered an answer to everlasting life. How is this everlasting life? Preserving the physical body does not necessarily mean your preserving life without the mind. To answer the question about everlasting life I believe first one must define everlasting and life. As stated in the text some consider everlasting life a religious afterlife, or an out of body experience. I believe it is impossible to truly understand what everlasting life is because it is impossible to define. Does the search for immortality have an answer? My answer to this question is no, not a certain one anyway. It is impossible to be certain of any type of immortality for I only know of myths I have been told. How can you define something or someone as immortal without knowing the future that lies ahead?

One of the questions in the readings of *Who Am I*, written by the philosopher Ramana Maharshi was: is there a difference between waking and dream? I read the passage explaining this and thought about what had been said. Apparently, there is no difference between being awake and dreaming. When you are awake everything is real, it just lasts longer. When you

are dreaming everything is still very vivid and real, but the time frame is shorter than when you are awake. This is very interesting to think about because I do not believe many people look at it like this. Most people consider dreaming the opposite of a reality, but in fact it is very all real, your mind is still producing thoughts and ideas.

Another section in *Who Am I* that was very interesting was questioning, what is happiness? Happiness is the very nature of the Self; happiness and the Self are not different. There is no happiness in any object of the world. We imagine through our ignorance that we derive happiness from objects. I like reading this because it is very true but not many people seem to understand it or follow the concept. This type of thinking relates to the way of the Buddha on his journey by way of the eight fold path. In life man suffers because of objects, or material things. It is hard to escape misery when chasing objects because once you succeed you will be forced to want something else. If you simplify your life and your want for material objects you will be able to focus more on enjoying life, thus, bringing forth happiness.

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# The Twilight Saga: New Moon

*The Best-Selling Novel Versus the Award-Winning Film*

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New Moon (marketed as The Twilight Saga: New Moon) is a 2009 American romantic fantasy film. It is based on the novel of the same name by Stephenie Meyer and is the sequel to 2008's Twilight, which is based on Meyer's previous novel.

In the second chapter of Meyer's phenomenally successful Twilight series, the romance between mortal and vampire soars to a new level as Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) digs deeper into the mysteries of the supernatural world, which she yearns to become a part of, only to find herself in greater danger than ever. With more of the passion, action and suspense that made Twilight a worldwide phenomenon, The Twilight Saga: New Moon is a mesmerizing follow-up to the box office hit Twilight.

The Twilight book series is a very popular read today, for all to enjoy. I've read the first three

books and I'm currently reading Book 4, Breaking Dawn. Most girls are far more involved with the book sequence. New Moon was by far the best book in the run. I recently saw New Moon, among many others who waited excitedly in line outside theatres, Friday at 12 a.m.

I must say, it was truly a great movie. The fact that the director stayed true to the Meyer's novel, was relieving. The acting, the scenery, and the soundtrack of the film placed perfectly together, and the film will surely win many awards. On the other hand, some had mixed feelings towards the movie. First of all, the book was 100 times better. It was said that fans either loved the film, or they absolutely hated it.

My advice is to read the book first! I flew through the book, and I felt that there was much action in it, which the film did not accurately present. My boyfriend, who saw it with me, was upset that he had not read the book before he saw the film.

Summit Entertainment, the producers of the movie, did a great job. "Team Jacob" members will love the film, but the author, Meyer, did a brilliant job! Make sure you all read the book first!

The film was released on November 20, 2009 and set domestic (USA and Canada) box office records as the biggest midnight screening and opening day in history, when it grossed an estimated an incredible \$72.7 million in the first day of the movie's release.

I heard a rumor that they have already started the filming of Eclipse, the third episode in the series. Everyone should hurry up and read the book, before seeing the popular film. It's a lengthy book but I promise, it's a page turner and you'll fly right through it. At least, I did! So, read the book, then see the movie. They're both amazing and will have you longing for more! I cannot wait for Eclipse to be released in theatres, hopefully happening this June!



PHOTO COURTESY of google.com

The movie adaptation of *New Moon* does not measure up to the its novel counterpart.

## What a Simple Hug Can Save

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I once read a story online of twin girls, Kyrie and Brielle Jackson, who were born October 17, 1995 prematurely; only two pounds each. Kyrie was putting on pounds as the days went by and was doing well, but Brielle had difficulties. She cried a lot and seemed blue-faced at times. One nurse finally decided it'd be a good idea to place Brielle in her sister's incubator with her. Nothing else had worked so she gave it a try. Immediately, Kyrie wrapped her self around her sister and cuddled with her. Brielle's health steadily improved.

Studies have shown that just a simple hug can improve your health. According to an article in USA Today, a study from the American Psychosomatic Society showed that a hug from your partner everyday can reduce your levels of stress.

"Loving contact before a tough day at work could carry over and protect you throughout the day," says psychologist Karen Grewen with the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Tiffany Field of the Touch Research Institute at the University of Miami Medical School did research showing that touch lowers output of cortisol, a stress hormone. When cortisol lowers, there's a surge of two "feel good" brain chemicals, serotonin and dopamine.

I know what you're thinking. Who cares? We don't need to learn about chemicals in the brain increasing or decreasing from a hug. A hug just feels good. Can we leave it at that? I completely agree, however, how cool is it that your body actually changes and potentially becomes healthier from just human touch? I don't know about you but that sounds fantastic. We should all just hug constantly—just walk the streets together with our arms wrapped around each other forever and ever...okay that's a little intense, but maybe the world would be a better place.

Have you hugged someone today? It's a shame if you haven't for a hug can do wondrous things for a person. I know because I'm human and a hug always lifts my spirits. I don't go a day without hugging someone. It's one of my

"things." I'm a damn good hugger, too, or so I've been told. You receive a hug from me and you're day is suddenly great. If you need a hug, don't hesitate to ask. I'll be right over.

Searching the internet, you'll find countless of websites with poems and quotes about the simple act of hugging. I'm not kidding. Poems are everywhere. Here's an excerpt from a poem called What Hugs Can Do that I thought was quite charming:

"The hug, there's just no doubt about it---

We scarcely could survive without it!

A hug delights and warms and charms,

It must be why God Gave us arms,"

(Stanza 3).

Isn't that just beautiful? Just from that alone, who wouldn't want to give a hug? However, for whatever reason, people are unfamiliar with the act of hugging. They're confused by it, hesitate with it. Some go for the handshake while the other leans in for a hug and the hand ends up in an uncomfortable and inappropriate area. Not good.

Did you know there are actually real tips online that tell you how and when to hug? I found it humorous, myself, but for some reason I felt it appropriate to share these tips with you.

1. Approach the person (Duh)
2. Embrace
3. Don't hug too tightly
4. Don't let go too early

Let me explain. When approaching someone, the hug will depend on what kind of relationship you have with that person. If it's a family member, you must approach kindly, but not too emotionally. Always smile when letting go. Where the hands go doesn't matter for family won't really care. (Never grab the butt, though, no matter how much Aunt Milly likes to grab yours.)

For a friendship hug between two girls, approach the person caringly, even humorously. Press as much as you feel like but don't squish. Give a warm hug but never clap the back for it is looked at as masculine. With two men, the clap on the back is a good idea. You should approach strong and make little eye contact. If it's an emotional moment, the clap is not

needed.

Are you getting this? Ludicrously enough, there's more.

The best way to judge how tightly or loosely to hug is to see what the other person will do. If the person hugs softly, be soft back. If they like bear hugs and squeeze tightly, squeeze back; however, don't suffocate. (Suffocation usually doesn't end well.)

A hug can be powerful for someone in a low mood so go with the flow and hug until you feel the other person pull away or loosen up. A hug can be very loving as you want to show you're caring for the person. Keep the hug going for if you pull away too soon it may create an awkward situation. (And we all know what awkward feels like—Aunt Milly's butt grabs.) For more tips you can check out the website <http://www.wikihow.com/Hug>.

See, a hug is so essential there are tips. Tips...on hugging. Who would've thought? So next time you approach an old friend, a new friend, a romantic partner or even old Aunt Milly, this is my suggestion: Hug it out...for it may just make you a happier and healthier person.



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# CLUB and GREEK

## Club and Greek Announcements

### PSI CHI

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

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

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

- Completion of at least three semesters of college courses
- Completion of nine credits (3 courses) in Psychology at Monmouth University
- Registration for major or minor standing in Psychology at Monmouth University
- A cumulative GPA of 3.00 and a GPA of 3.00 in Psychology at Monmouth University.

Psi Chi is active in the community and on campus. For example, last semester, members of Psi Chi and the Psychology Department faculty worked side by side at the Ronald McDonald House preparing dinner for the guests of the

house so that they could come back to a hot meal after spending the day at the hospital with their sick children. This gave Psi Chi members the opportunity to spend time with the faculty and to give back to the community.

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

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

Again, we want to welcome all incoming first-year students and returning students to Monmouth University. Have a great fall semester!

### RELAY FOR LIFE

This past week, Colleges Against Cancer and Relay for Life held their annual Relay Blitz Week

throughout campus. From Monday through Thursday, the organizations held events and tabled at the student center in order to raise awareness that Relay for Life will be back on campus this coming April. Events during the week included tabling, registering teams and individuals for relay free of cost, a deal or no deal style game titled "Smoke it or Broker it", a relay rally and a monumental moving of the ashtrays across campus to comply with state laws. Previously, all ashtrays on campus were not twenty five feet from entrances as required by state law. As part of the advocacy mission of

Relay for Life and Colleges Against Cancer, a group of students spent Wednesday night and Friday morning making caution tape lines and hanging no smoking signs across Monmouth's campus. This year Colleges Against Cancer had a remarkable 40 teams and over 275 participants sign up for Relay for Life during Relay Blitz Week.

Relay for Life is a community event that allows people to form teams and raise money to help fight cancer. With a tagline of "Cancer does not sleep, so why should we", Relay participants pledge to stay up for twenty four hours together to celebrate the ones who have

survived, fight back for those who are currently battling cancer, and remember those who we have lost to cancer. Monmouth University's Relay for Life will be held on April 23-24 at Kessler Field. Last year we raised over \$60,000 with over 600 participants and this year is shaping out to be bigger and better than previous years.

### DELTA PHI EPSILON

The sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon would like to welcome & congratulate its newest members, Alpha Upsilon: Melissa Minio, Kate Carpenter, Gina Swedin, Brittany Ziemba, Rachel Durante, Paige D'Alesandro, Nicole Saviano, & Taylor Acquire. We hosted our annual LipSync November 4th, which was a great success as we raised \$650 for the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, one of our philanthropies. We would like to extend our gratitude toward all of the organizations, faculty, and students who came out and supported us.

∴Congrats Alpha Upsilon! love you little-SANTO. Congrats Alpha Upsilon! xoxo! InFamous, I love you little <3 ShinE. Manhattan loves SolacE & VENICE. Congrats Alpha Upsilon-love you

little!!-Wilber. Lushious loves Lavish a lot :). Lav <3 CELEB!. Love you big <3 little bug. Congrats CLASSiC <3. i love my Knockouts! <3 gc. Congrats Alpha Upsilon <3 KauAi, I'm so proud <3 BIG. ohana <3's elle. Congrats AU! Love you little! <3 always Jenna. <3 you too LAV! Congrats to AU & my beautiful little, CHiC! <3 HAPPY BDAY MOMO! love you, don't ever leave me!-CELEBRiTY. Happy Bday VENICE! <3 oasis:. -Maggie McPartland, Public Relations, Delta Phi Epsilon

### ENERGY SERVICE CORPS

Energy Service Corps is a state-wide service program, working to make our local communities more energy efficient. We would like to invite students of the University to volunteer for our first event, Education Week, going on January 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. We will visit classrooms, 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, throughout the state and teach lessons about energy conservation. It's a great way to give back to the community and improve the lives of children, so join the fun! There are internships available also. Please stop by the Energy Service Corps office on the third floor of the Student Center to come and check us out!

**Dear Monmouth University Students and Employees:**

**It's the time of year to spread joy and happiness! Please help your local community by donating gifts and food this holiday season.**

For further information, please contact Marilyn Ward in **The Center for Student Success** on the lower level of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center at 732-571-4411 or [mward@monmouth.edu](mailto:mward@monmouth.edu)

### SGA Giving Tree

The annual SGA Giving Tree provides the opportunity to help a needy family during the holidays. Trees will be set up on the first floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Plangere Center and the Dining Hall. Take a tag from the tree to help a family referred by the Visiting Nurse Association, CPC Behavioral Health, Checkmate, the Long Branch Public Schools and other agencies.

### MU Bookstore

The Bookstore is collecting non-perishable food items from November 18th to December 21st. Those who bring in 6 cans or packages will receive a 20% off coupon good for savings on Monmouth University imprinted clothing and giftware. Items should be dropped off at the front registers, and no out-of-date food will be accepted.

### Holiday Express

This organization provides entertainment and gifts for those less fortunate, including the developmentally disabled, the elderly and disadvantaged children. As a non-profit organization that started in 1993, this volunteer group sings for - and gives gifts to - those who need it most. Holiday Express Concerts are at many different venues each year. Volunteers are needed to prepare gift packages in the Tinton Falls warehouse. To volunteer please call 732-544-8010.

Have some extra time?

Volunteer at Holiday Express events!

- Monday December 7, 4:30pm - 7:30pm at CPC Behavioral Health @ Highpoint School, 1 High Point Center Way, Morganville, NJ
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**Public Relations Internship**  
Research, write, and pitch stories to the media. Plan and execute special events, and interact with clients. Prior public relations experience is a plus, but not required. Working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel is also required. Job located in Upper Saddle River, NJ.  
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# NOTHING BEATS SEEING IT LIVE

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# Bob Dylan's *Christmas in the Heart*

JOHN YURO

"Do You Hear What I Hear," the classic Christmas song that was penned in 1962, the same year Bob Dylan's debut album was released, appears as the second track on Dylan's latest release, *Christmas in the Heart*. "Do you hear what I hear?" was the same question fans were asking themselves upon the CD's release last month, many who never expected "the voice of a generation" to trade in secular rock for sacred hymns and Christmas carols.

Dylan, who is introduced at his concerts as, "the poet laureate of rock 'n' roll, the voice of the promise of the '60s counterculture, the guy who forced folk into bed with rock, who donned makeup in the '70s and disappeared into a haze of substance abuse, who emerged to find Jesus, who was written off as a has-been by the end of the '80s, who suddenly shifted gears, releasing some of the strongest music of his career beginning in the late '90s," has seemingly shifted the gears of his career once again, only months after releasing *Together Through Life*, his follow-up to 2005's critically acclaimed *Modern Times*.

In his albums released during this decade, primarily on 2001's *Love and Theft* and the aforementioned *Modern Times* and *Together Through Life*, Dylan has taken on a crooner mentality, emulating classic singers in the genre of pre-rock balladry such as Gene Austin and Bing Crosby. Not only performing in the style of these

artists, both who found their greatest success during a time when current students' grandparents were still children, Dylan has also taken influence on their trademark songs. He used the melody from Crosby's "Where the Blue of the Night" (recorded in 1931), for example, for his own song, "When the Deal Goes Down" (recorded by Dylan in 2005). This, as many fans are aware, is only one example of many in which Dylan has recently "borrowed" others' melodies or lyrics for his own songs.

Given his apparent love for com-



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Dylan tries out his musical talent during the holidays.

positions in Bing Crosby's style, it should then come as little surprise that Dylan followed in his footsteps, recording *Christmas in the Heart* to sound much like one of Crosby's classic Christmas tunes.

On the album, Dylan is accompanied by members of his touring and augmented by other musicians, including Los Lobos' David Hidalgo on accordion and a group of

backing vocalists. One would not expect Dylan's trademark gravelly voice and unique phrasing to work with Christmas carols, nor would one expect to hear an accordion or a fiddle, but combined with the backing vocals heavily featured in the mix and clever production, *Christmas in the Heart* tends to sound as if Bing Crosby, albeit with a raspy voice, had recorded a Christmas record at the Tex-Mex border.

The album, which is selling for about \$10 at most retailers, includes 15 songs such as "Here Comes Santa Claus," "Winter Wonderland," and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Religious hymns are also featured, including "The First Noel" and "O' Little Town of Bethlehem," interesting for an artist who, although famously converted to Christianity decades ago, has since gone back to his Jewish roots.

*Christmas in the Heart* debuted at #1 on Billboard's holiday album charts upon its release in October. A music video for the album's single, "Must Be Santa," was released in November, described as, "...one bizarre Christmas treat" in the *Daily News*. The video opens with an accordion player and drummer performing at a holiday house party, entertaining a group of guests. The 68-year-old Dylan appears in wig and top hat, grasping a cigar, dancing with guests throughout the home. Little more explanation is needed – head over to YouTube and see the madness for yourself.

As fun as the album is to listen to, it is also serving a great cause.

All of Dylan's royalties from the album's sales will benefit charities during the holiday season,

each do what we can to help feed those who are suffering and support efforts to find long-term solu-

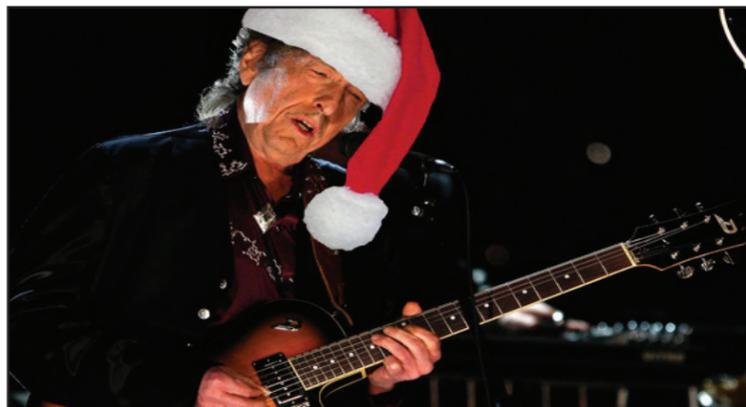


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Bob Dylan performing live, dressed up as everyone's favorite jolly Saint Nick.

such as Feeding America in the United States and the United Nations' World Food Program in the United Kingdom. At the time of publication, enough money has been raised to provide the poor with nearly 3 million meals.

"It's a tragedy that more than 35 million people in [the United States] – 12 million of those children – often go to bed hungry and wake up each morning unsure of where their next meal is coming from. I join the good people of Feeding America in the hope that our efforts can bring some food security to people in need during this holiday season," said Dylan in a press release.

"That the problem of hunger is ultimately solvable means we must

tions," Dylan told the UK's *Daily Mirror*. "I'm honored to partner with [these charities] in their fight against hunger and homelessness."

*Christmas in the Heart* will not only help put the listener in the Christmas spirit, but also provides valuable funds for those in need during this time of year. It is an entertaining album with an excellent cause. Only time will tell whether the CD will prove to be as timeless as Bing Crosby's *White Christmas* or merely a folly, but for now, one can rest assured it will provide a terrific soundtrack for the holiday season quickly approaching. Whether you are a fan of Bob Dylan or not, you will find yourself singing along.

## For a Holiday Gift *Up* Soars

LAUREN BOYLE  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The holidays can drum up a lot of anxiety for some people, with all the obligations and pressures a time that is supposed to be joyful can be a nightmare. Often with a list a mile long of people to get gifts for, it can be incredibly challenging to think of appropriate items for friends and loved ones. If you're tired of buying the same scarf in different colors for just about everyone you know, then perhaps some entertainment would be a better avenue for you to shop down.

This year was a mildly eventful year for film, but one movie that stands out above the rest is Disney Pixar's *Up*. While it is an animated film, *Up* transcends the genre's usual targeted audience of children and has a storyline that appeals to young, old and in-between. There's action, heart, laughs and adventure all contained in this 96 minute film.

The film centers on Carl Fredricksen, an elderly man who recently lost his wife and is just about to lose his home. Carl and Ellie, his wife, built that home together and lived there for the entirety of their marriage, storing all of the memories of their life. Using his experience as a

former balloon salesman, Carl lifts his house and his sadness away with the release of thousands of balloons as the house escapes its fate of being demolished to make way for a construction site. Carl intends to make good on a promise to his wife, to move their home to Paradise Falls, a tropical wonder in South America that he and Ellie both dreamed of venturing to as children. Little does Carl know that just before liftoff Russell, a young boy that had been eager to assist the elderly man to earn a Wilderness Explorer merit badge, happens to be on the porch and is eager to go along for the ride.

When the house lands near Paradise Falls on visually stunning rock formations, the two trek across to reach Carl's destination. Along the way they meet two different creatures, a giant bird that resembles a cross between a peacock and an ostrich which Russell names Kevin, and a dog with a collar that allows him to talk, Dug. The adventure ensues and takes many unexpect-



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Disney and Pixar's movie *Up* is a great stocking stuffer this holiday season.

ed twists and turns, ultimately leading the motley group to become close and fill in the missing places in each other's lives.

In addition to the touching and entertaining feature film,

the DVD is full of extras that are engaging and fun. Accompanying the film is an animated short that also appeared alongside *Up* in theatres, *Partly Cloudy*. This short, a twist on the story about babies being delivered by storks, is sweet and funny, and complements the feature well.

Other extras on the DVD include several documentaries about the creation of *Up*, one of which is a very interesting look at the real life Paradise Falls, the tepuis of South America, a trip the filmmakers went on to seek inspiration. To see that this magical place is actually real is astonishing and awe inspiring. Another feature of the DVD is *Dug's Special Mission*, about the quest Dug's pack sends him on to distract him while they search for

the bird, Kevin. This comical and charming short coincides nicely with the main storyline as it provides viewers with some background into what was happening on the rocks before Carl

and Russell arrive. The moments with Dug are sweet and especially endearing to any animal lovers out there who see their own pet in the adorable Dug, and appreciate the idea of hearing their dog talk.

Like the best animated films, the content reaches both children and adults. Some jokes and dialogue may not register with younger viewers, but that doesn't detract from the universal appeal and charm of this film.

Everyone old and young has some experience with the themes of loneliness, thirst for adventure and a realization that sometimes everything you need in life is right there in front of you. The visuals in the film are breathtaking and make it all the more worthwhile to see, from the brightness of the balloons to the mystifying intricacy of Paradise Falls.

*Up* is heartwarming and while it's full of whimsy and fantasy (who doesn't wish they could just float away from life sometimes?) it's also grounded with real emotion. Overall though the film is truly uplifting and will leave you soaring long after you watch it. This film would make a great holiday gift for anyone in your life, young or old who has a sense of humor and a love for the adventure that's out there!

# New Moon Will Only Make Fans Howl

MATTHEW FISHER  
STAFF WRITER

When Hollywood adapts something, the result can fall into three different groups. They include those who like the original work and movie, those who haven't read the original work but are intrigued by the film, and those who have not read the work adapted and don't care about the film. As a guy, *The Twilight Saga: New Moon* (or *New Moon*) falls into the last category.

That isn't to say that this film didn't look promising. The trailer offered more action and drama than *Twilight* did. Yet, *New Moon* didn't meet any expectations and fell in the same rut as the first film. Having never read the *Twilight* series, it is unclear what was changed or kept the same. The bottom line seems to be that unless audiences are fans of *Twilight*, they won't enjoy the movie too much.

In the sequel to *Twilight* and based on the novel by Stephenie Meyer, *New Moon* follows Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) living in Forks, WA as she engages in a supernatural relationship with a 109-year-old vampire, Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson). Bella has turned 18-years-old and started her senior year of high school, but her thoughts and feelings remain with Edward. She desires for him to turn her into a vampire so they can be together forever, but Edward is content in his ways and refuses to grant Bella's wish.

While at the Cullen's house for Bella's birthday, danger arises when she cuts herself opening a present. This causes Jasper

by becoming an "adrenaline junkie," doing things like jumping off seaside cliffs.

Soon, Bella finds comfort with her friend Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner). As they begin to spend more time together, their relationship builds to the next level. She starts to fill in the void caused by Edward's departure with Jacob. However, things start to go wrong in Bella's life again when she discovers her best friend is a werewolf.

As she starts to come to terms with this part of Jacob's life and connects more, her heart still yearns for Edward and one misinterpreted incident pushes Bella to find Edward and keep their love alive.

Under the direction of Chris Weitz (*The Golden Compass*), the movie achieves a different look. The environments have fall colors composing the scenes, helping to make the movie not as cold and dark as the first film. In addition,

nicely handled it doesn't make up for waiting for the next fight to happen. Of course, this isn't an action movie, but the film doesn't move as fast as non-*Twilight* fans will want it to. It takes time for the story to unravel, but for some it may take too much time. The movie is so bogged down in emotion it doesn't present much passion for casual movie viewers. With so much emotion, it is hard to move forward which makes *New Moon* feel like waiting for the new moon.



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Bella and Edward are in love and try hard to stay together.

Cullen bloodthirsty and tries to attack Bella but is thwarted by Edward. Realizing the danger that Bella is in and against turning her into a vampire, Edward and his family leave Forks. This causes Bella's world to collapse and tries to fill this empty void

tion to this, Weitz directs some pretty good action scenes which assist in picking up the pace of the film during the long, emotional scenes including some great, although extremely large, werewolves battling.

However, while the action is

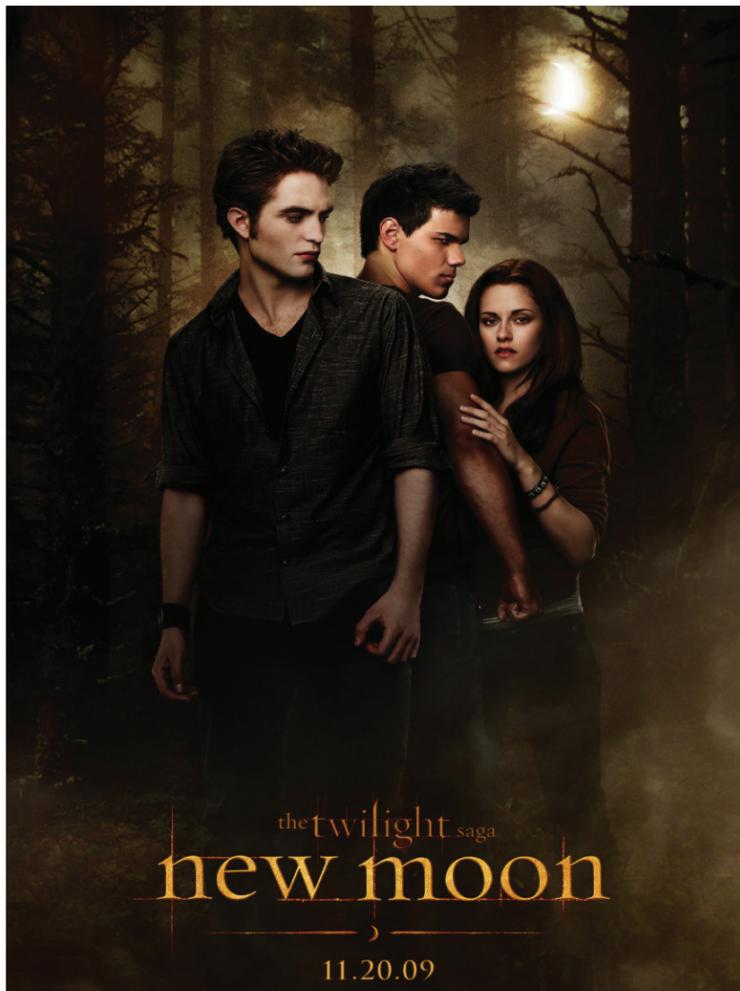


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The second movie in the Twilight saga, blew the box office with record breaking numbers.

While the script by Melissa Rosenberg has a somewhat better story than the first, it still doesn't work a lot of the time and offers some weird moments. Too many times, Bella has a voiceover during a scene, which becomes less meaningful by being so plenty and start to drag down the movie.

Now, some scenes are meant to be funny yet other times the humor comes from how ridiculous a scene plays out on the screen. For example, when Bella is riding motocross bikes with Jacob and cuts her head, he does the

only thing a guy can do. He takes off his shirt and dabs her head with it, which no doubts helps to show off his body for the female fans. (There were equal gasps and laughter at the viewing I went to. Hearing these reactions was a benefit to seeing *New Moon* with a large audience).

Secondly, having Edward appear to Bella when she is doing reckless and adrenaline-filled activities was just weird and annoying. The better move would have been to have only Edward's voice be heard in Bella's head. Instead, this makes Edward seem like a character from the TV show *Quantum Leap*, trying to help her find her way back home.

Now in *New Moon*, the cast has improved a bit from their performances in *Twilight*. Stewart actually shows a few more emotions that help to develop her character in the beginning. She smiles and seems to be in love rather than unemotional. However, once Edward leaves, Stewart falls into the same moody appearance that she gave previously. Overall, her performance here doesn't feel that much different from the first movie.

Pattinson develops his character by being less creepy. Still, he makes Edward such a moody guy that it seems to be his only trait except for showing his love for Bella. Another thing Pattinson does one time is not look Stewart in the face right away when he's talking to her. While, the film might have called for this, it just doesn't work because a connection between these two soul mates is lost. For Pattinson to have made a more personal con-

nection, he should have stared deep into her eyes instantly.

Lastly, Lautner as Jacob gets his moment in the spotlight after being a side character in *Twilight*. He gives a fair performance as this tough and aggressive rookie werewolf and works well in his scenes with Stewart. While the trailers make Lautner out to be more interesting than Pattinson, they are pretty much the same.

Now, this isn't to say the film lacks standouts in the casts. Michael Sheen, from the *Underworld* franchise plays Aro, the head of the Volturi or the vampire aristocracy. He gives class to his character and makes him interesting to watch even though toward the end of his performance he's a bit too animated with wide eyes and large gasps. Furthermore, the show stealer of *New Moon* is the talented Dakota Fanning as Jane, a member of the Volturi, who does a wonderful job acting as a creepy but intriguing vampire. She puts a lot of spirit in her character and shows she has a deadly supernatural power, which makes her a force to be reckoned with.

For any *Twilight* fans who read to the end of this review, this was about looking at *New Moon* from a cinematic point of view. From this perspective, the film moves slowly and isn't engaging to watch despite some improvements.

As fans count down the days until *The Twilight Saga: Eclipse* premieres on June 30, 2010, this critic will leave the diehard *Twilight* fans alone to enjoy their passion as this feeling doesn't seem mutual.

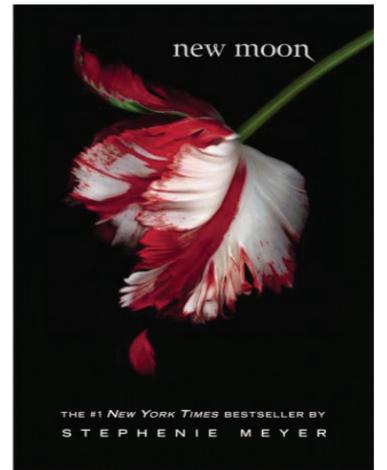


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THE NOVEL that the movie *New Moon* is based on.

Instead, good vampire lore will be looked for elsewhere with either a glass of *True Blood* or by reading a few *Vampire Diaries*.



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The Cullens are a vampire family who make the choice to not drink human blood.

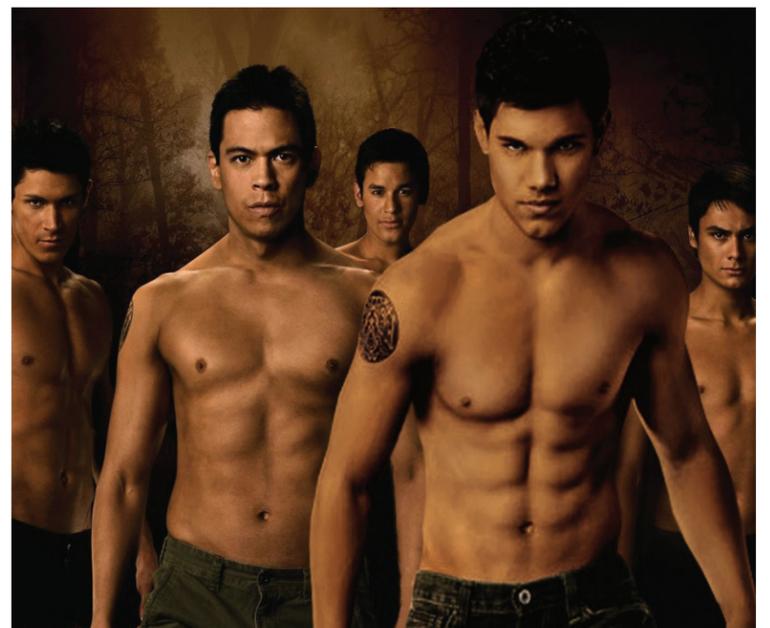
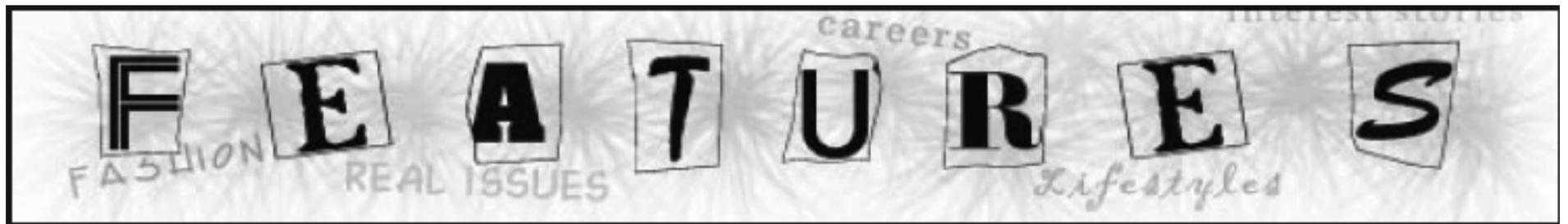


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A pack of werewolves are a vampires number one enemy.



# Twilight Fashion: Pale is The New Tan

*Twilight characters Edward and Bella turn pale cool*

ANDREW SCHETTER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Stephanie Meyer in creating, Edward Cullen has singlehandedly changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people, but not in the way you are probably thinking. I have never read the books and I found the first movie so nauseating that I could not make myself see New Moon, but still I am thankful for Edward Cullen.

Why?

Because ever since Twilight, pale is the new tan.

Think about it. The last two movies to reach number one at the box office have lead men who make Casper the friendly ghost look Caribbean, with Robert Pattinson and John Cusack. Twilight has given the ladies a choice of Jacob who is tall dark and handsome, or Edward who is tall, pallid, and sparkles in the sunlight and for some reason that can't be explained by modern science they have chosen my man Eddy.

The trend of pale stretches beyond the silver screen. NBC told Jay Leno I'm sorry but you can move your fake and bake self down to the ten o'clock, time slot because our resident pasty funny man Conan O'Brien is taking over the Tonight Show. Conan also started an animated online series called Pale Force with comedian Jim Gaffigan that became a huge viral hit.

In wrestling where the men are known for long hair, color-

ful clothes, and the skin tone of bologna, the latest next big thing in WWE is a man who plays a character named Sheamus who wears 85 proof sun tan lotion every day to ensure he stays as white as possible.

Before the dawn of the tanning bed craze we had Johnny Depp being called sexy as Edward Scissorhands. Not only was the man milky white, he had scissors for hands.

Edwards have apparently always been pioneers in spreading the Pale isn't stale craze.

Then after turning to the dark side, or at least the tan side in the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise, Depp defied the odds again becoming a sex symbol (the media's words not mine) in Sweeney Todd the Demon Barber of Fleet Street. In the film he plays a deranged, colorless barber, so obsessed with revenge that he kills people and turns them into meat pies. If that's not building up the street cred of the pigment deficient I don't know what is.

These are all examples of pale being viewed as cool on the male side of the spectrum, but the ladies have some good examples as well. Edward Cullen's love interest, Bella, is also a very pale individual and she has both a werewolf and a vampire, fighting for her affection.

Harry Potter is the chosen one to kill the most powerful evil sorcerer ever. Potter could have any lady he desires, but he chooses (spoiler alert) red headed beauty, Ginny Weasley.

That's right J.K. Rowling ups the pasty ante with a best friend who makes fresh snow look like mud, and a girlfriend who is as pale as the moon above.

This isn't to say that tan still isn't cool, it is. For every Bella and Ginny there is a Meghan Fox tanned to perfection in Transformers and trust me she looked more than cool.

For every Edward Cullen there is ten versions of Antonio Banderas or a shirtless Matthew McConaughey who never have to worry about keeping their aloe collection in stock. This doesn't make them bad people it just makes them the stereotype of what the media shows as the ideal man. Pale, growing up, has always been viewed as something less than desirable.

These patriarchs of pale have done wonders for the psyche of the tormented section of the population who can't go to a tanning bed, because they have the sense to know that no one is buying it.

I, for one, am well aware I would burn like a real vampire would in the sunlight, (sorry Edward) if I ever entered a tanning bed. For all of us who have gotten on stage and wondered if they should have applied sun tan lotion because the spotlight is just a little too bright, or was embarrassed by their parents putting on that awful purple sunscreen to make sure they didn't miss a spot when they were kids, Edward Cullen is a symbol of hope.

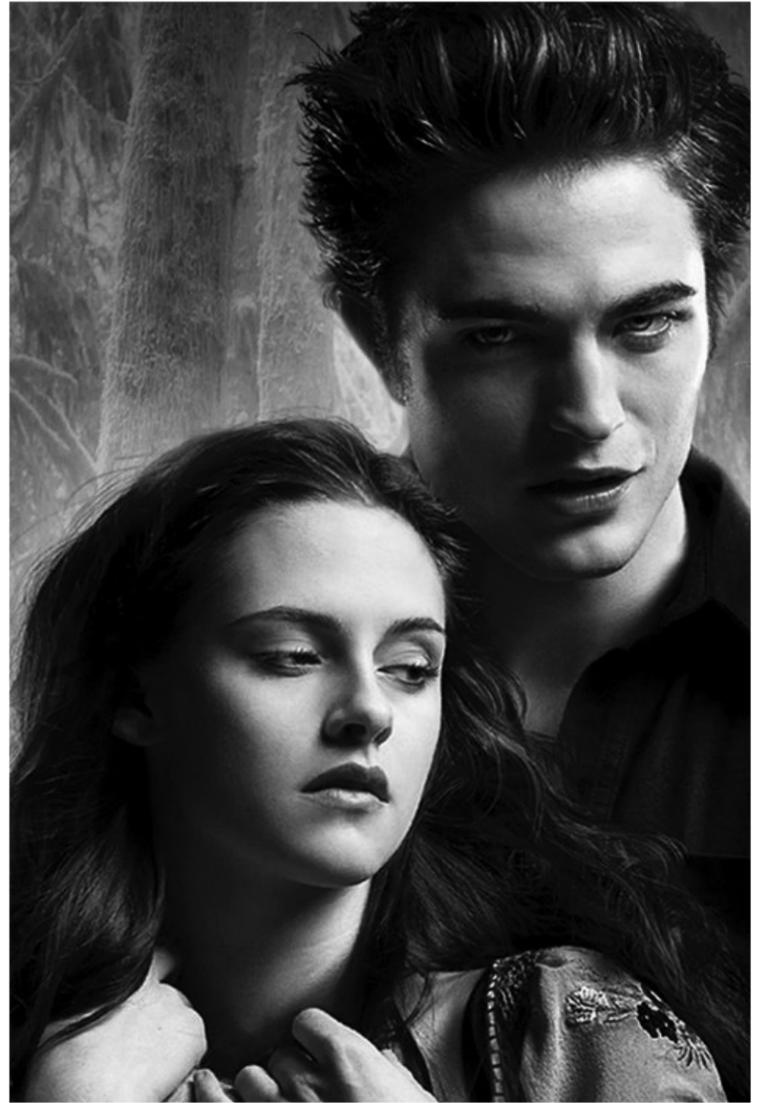


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Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart are pioneers in the pale trend.

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I recently graduated from Monmouth University with a History/Political Science Interdisciplinary degree. As a first year law student at George Mason University I am really gaining a perspective on how valuable my time at Monmouth was. The law and public policy courses I took at Monmouth gave me a thorough background to be prepared for law school. The professors at Monmouth provided me an excellent education.

Most of my time at Monmouth was dedicated to clubs and organizations. By far, my favorite organizations were the debate team, writing politics for the newspaper, and being a member of the greatest club on campus, the political science club. The debate team taught me logic and public speaking, the newspaper taught me persuasion and organization, and the political science club taught me both team work and leadership. The instruction I received in class was excellent, but the main thing I will take away from Monmouth is what I learned in its organizations – through the professors and other students.

I wouldn't be where I am today, personally or professionally, if the professors in the Political Science Department hadn't been so motivating.

*Daniel J. Wisniewski*

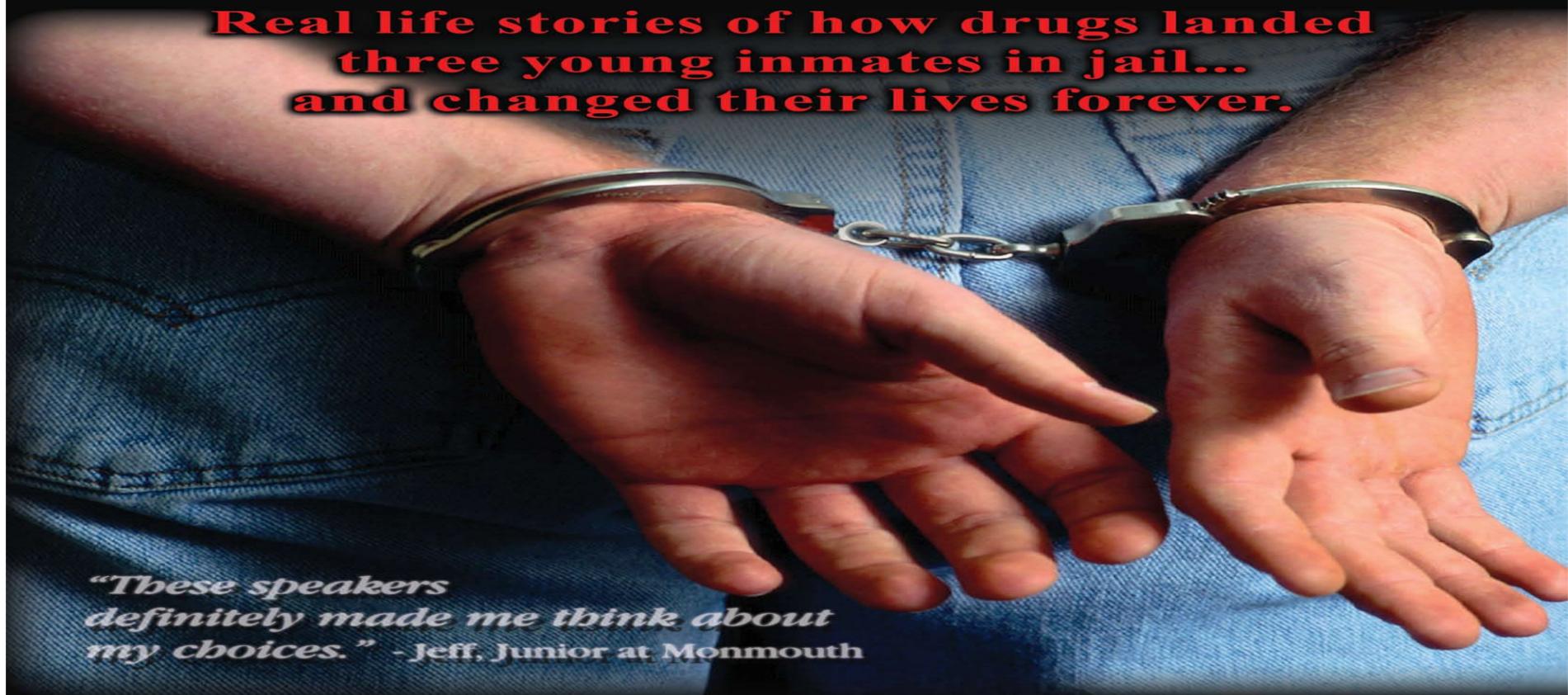
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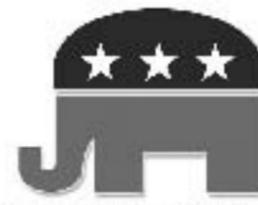
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### Political Debate: Should President Obama Attend the U.N. Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen?

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

#### Side 1: Obama Should Not Attend

TRENNIA FIELD  
STAFF WRITER

The United Nations Climate Change Conference is set for December 7 thru December 18. Approximately 65 heads of states from around the globe will join together in Copenhagen to address climate change to drastically reduce emissions by 2020.

This climate summit is vital because the Kyoto Protocol, which is in place, now ends in 2012. Kyoto is a treaty that was ratified by 187 states as of November 2009. The Kyoto Protocol calls for the "stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with climate systems." However, the only nation who has signed but does not have an intention of ratifying the protocol is the United States.

With this given information, the climate summit in Copenhagen in the coming weeks seems important to the rest of the world, but is just another summit for the United States. It was not until November 26, that President Obama announced that he would be attending the conference. President Obama will join British Prime Minister

Gordon Brown and French President Nicolas Sarkozy in order to negotiate a drastic decrease in emissions. During the time leading up to the conference, President Obama was in Copenhagen fighting for the Olympic bid in Chicago, which was obviously lost to Rio de Janeiro, but seemed to be leaning towards avoiding the climate summit altogether.

After all, why should President Obama go to Copenhagen? His argument was without concrete plans in place to cut emissions, without having a treat-

United States.

Instead of attending the conference and spending money and perhaps an enlarged carbon footprint of his own, President Obama could skip the summit and stick to accepting his Nobel Prize instead. Climate change is not a photo opportunity, but a serious concern and should be treated as such. If Obama is not going to attend the conference and voice opinions on what the United States along with the industrialized world is going to do when concerning emissions, then he should simply not go. His trip to Copenhagen will not be a productive one if the industrialized world is not willing to be proactive on reducing emissions by at least 17% in order to make a small

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ty to sign; there was no reason to go around the world. Climate change is not as important as hosting the Olympics. President Obama really has no need to go to Copenhagen, especially when he is simply dropping by on his way to pick up his Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo on December 10. President Obama will not be at the summit at the end when plans are set to be in place, when other leaders will be there. He will be there in the beginning, making a one-day appearance, which will do little more than draw attention to the summit and media frenzy on the President of the

difference.

The Associated Press reports that there will only be an outline created at the end of the conference with no set plans to reduce emissions, which will come later next year. So, President Obama attending the conference would do nothing more than show the world that he stands behind words and not actions. Until there are concrete plans set in place, then President Obama should keep to his plan of picking up his Nobel Peace Prize in Norway and leave the climate change talks to the other world leaders.

#### Side 2: Obama Should Attend

SAMANTHA TARTAS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Recently, the White House has announced that President Obama will most likely not attend the U.N. climate change summit in Copenhagen because the President and his advisors believes that it is not a "head of state" event.

White House officials claim that Obama will have nothing to bring to the table, concerning lowering green house gas emissions, so attending the conference would not be a priority. Although the climate-change bill remains stagnant within the Senate, President Obama may want to make this conference in December somewhat of a priority and attend since the United States is viewed as the most powerful and influential country in the world.

About 40 "head of state" officials from various countries plan to attend this conference which should instinctively show that President Obama's presence is key. Countries throughout Europe view the United States as less than energetic about issues concerning energy conservation. In 1990, it was proven that the United States constitutes for about 36 percent of all green house gas emissions and has failed to back up its past treaties to reduce emissions. By not attending, it further shows that the United States is scoffing at the severity of this rapidly growing situation.

At the global climate summit, countries across the world aim to tackle climate change and the problems that are arising due to

it. Countries have been warned by numerous scientists that if a larger, more combined stance on global climate change is not taken, it will prove to be catastrophic in upcoming decades. By President Obama attending this conference and presenting its attendees with his eloquent speaking techniques, it will deem its success or failure.

During the 2008 Presidential elections, Obama was able to sway a nation back onto the path of development and change. If he does not attend this conference, then he will begin to backtrack on his ideals and could risk losing the faith and support of Americans. Obama has a manner about him that could potentially sway the outcome of this conference. If the United States sends its representative in place of the President, it shows that the United States cannot handle pivotal tasks and are not the ones to look to in times of strife.

As of November 25, 2009, President Obama has agreed to attend the conference in Copenhagen. Jose Manuel Barroso, the president of the European Commission, has stated, "[i] have made it clear that we need as many world leaders as possible. I hope that others will follow in suit." With this affirmation, it manifests evidence that most countries look to the United States as a leader; they view the United States as an avid promoter for change. By Obama taking initiative in this crucial situation, he shows that America and its citizens are capable and more than willing to begin taking steps to curb emissions.

## New Jersey Radio DJ Ray Rossi Talks Politics

DENNIS MIKOLAY  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Since his childhood, Brooklyn-raised Ray Rossi wanted to be a radio personality. After years of hard work, his dream came true. Today, as the less-eccentric half of NJ101.5FM's controversial Jersey Guys, Rossi is one of the most recognized voices in New Jersey. He and his Yoo-Hoo guzzling co-host, Casey Bartholomew, spend five hours every weekday evening discussing politics, pop culture, and current events.

"I don't like to label my [political ideology]," said Rossi. "While I am a registered Republican, I vote by the issue."

One thing Rossi was determined to vote against, however, was Governor Jon Corzine. For years, the Jersey Guys have opposed Corzine's monetary policies. They

criticized him on air, sent empty wallets to the State House, and unleashed the infamous "flying pigs" on Trenton during a massive rally.

Yet, the duo repeatedly invited Corzine to defend himself on the program. Their calls were consistently unanswered.

Ultimately, Corzine's apparent animosity for New Jersey media,

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RAY ROSSI  
NJ Radio DJ

coupled with his refusal to downsize fiscally demanding policies to suit the flailing economy, led to the governor's downfall.

"We don't like to take credit for [Corzine's defeat], but a lot of people thank us for bringing the

issues to light," said Rossi. "Without NJ 101.5FM, the eight-hundred percent toll hike would likely have gone into effect. If you take that into account, we do play a part in what policies are chosen, and who is elected. But there was a need, and a desire, for change...even within the [Democratic Party] there was little enthusiasm for the Corzine campaign," Rossi said.

Rossi hopes that the next four years will provide much needed changes in Trenton.

"I'd like to see taxes go down, and more townships and school-districts consolidated," said Rossi, who advocates smaller government.

While the Jersey Guys dedicate a large portion of their air-time to political issues, current events and pop culture often sneak into their discussions. A frequent topic of conversation on radio and television programs across the country has been the H1N1 scare. The

wave of frenzy that is sweeping up parents across the country, and the fear of infection, may put a damper on many children's holiday season, as parents fear any form of social-

izing. Even the traditional pilgrimage to the mall to visit Santa Clause seems too risky to some.

"It's foolishness," said Rossi. "It's an insane level of hysteria. Just take precautions; I really think the hysteria is unwarranted. I really don't think Santa should have to wear a face-mask."

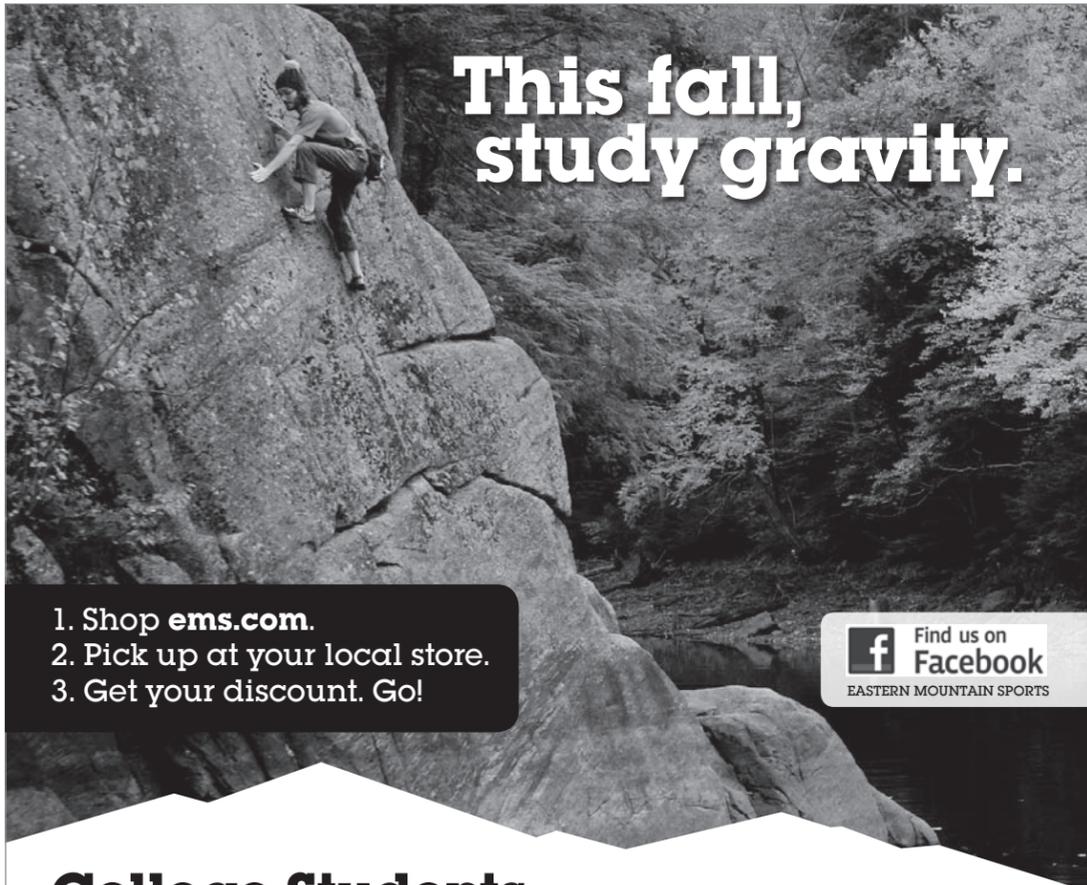
While Rossi spends his Christmas enjoying traditional Italian-Amer-

ican cuisine with his family, it is unlikely any gift under the tree will top the present he received on November 3rd, when voters forced Governor Corzine from office.



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NJ 101.5's Talk Radio host Ray Rossi takes a political stance on the gubernatorial election.



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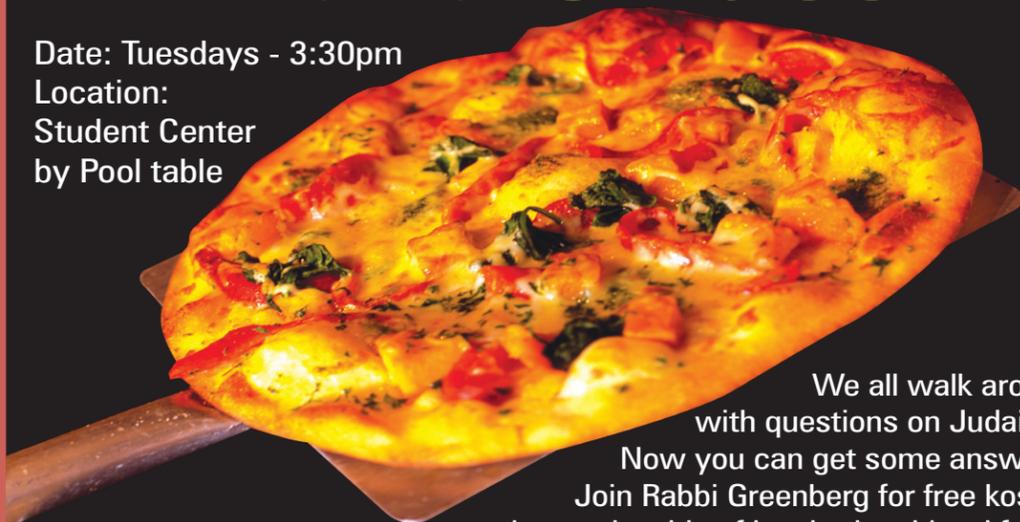
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## What is One Change that You Hope Chris Christie Will Make, in Office?

COMPILED BY: SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON



**Kevin junior**

"I hope he restructures the education system to reward better teachers."



**Justine freshman**

"I hope he lowers taxes and improves health care, like he says he will."



**Jeff sophomore**

"Lower taxes."



**Josh sophomore**

"Improves health care system."



**Darvin Henderson sophomore**

"Improve NJ's public school system."



**JP sophomore**

"Legalize marijuana."



**Michelle freshman**

"Republicans rule, so any change will be great!"



**Joe freshman**

"He NEEDS to lower taxes."



**Diaanna sophomore**

"He needs to lowers taxes so that I can live comfortably in New Jersey."



**Rebecca sophomore**

"Improve teachers' income. I am an education major, and I would like to make some money one day."



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- Holiday Mixer • 7:00 – 10:00pm Club Dining Room
- Matt Kozial Concert • 8:00pm • Oakwood
- Community Garden Forum • 6- 8pm • Magill Commons Room 107

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## Team Jacob vs. Team Edward

MAX TIMKO  
STAFF WRITER

Now let me just say for starters that I am not a *Twilight* fan at all so this article will remain without me preferring a side. I will just hate on the both of them equally.

So I have never really been able to get into *Twilight* because I have always been a *Harry Potter* supporter. However, this is a topic that several people have been bringing up in the media. I feel that every time I go to the grocery store I have to see a magazine with Jacob's (Taylor Lautner) crazy chiseled abdominals. I just look at it and aside from feeling extremely uncomfortable, I kind of feel that I need to go to the gym more.

Another thing is that I also see Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart as much as I see Angelina Jolie and her parade of Sudan children or wherever they are from. I have been trying to understand the

big deal about these two guys in *New Moon*. Kristen Stewart's character in the film *New Moon* is in a love triangle with Robert Pattinson's character Edward (vampire), and Taylor Lautner's character Jacob (shape shifter/Werewolf). This whole topic really turns into who is the better looker.

Now, you can not just say you like one over the other because he has nicer man thighs, oh no! You have to do an entire evaluation of what encompasses each character. But in order to get to the bottom of the issue I have to start the evaluation beginning with each type of horror monster turned sexy. I will begin with the vampire.

Now a vampire is pale, living dead, very creepy, has fangs, sometimes has a cape, and sucks blood from people's throats. Now normally I would say that there is nothing likeable about this monster. For some reason people have turned this into a sex appeal. People, this is not

sexy, this is weird. Sucking blood is strange and awkward. If that was something regular, people would be talking about it on shows that don't matter like *The View*. They would say things like "So I was sucking this one guy's blood the other night and just before he was about to past out, he proposed to me!" or "OMG, did you see how he sparkled in the sunlight, I could just fall into my coffee and die all over again." While we are on the topic, the vampires sparkle in the sunlight?! Usually they ash into a thousand of pieces and scream as if their lower lip is being pulled over their face. I guess the *Twilight* version is more reader friendly for lack of better words. (...stupid) People will start wearing turtle necks to not hide their 'hickies' anymore but to hide their bite marks from the other night. Edward is a dumb character who is selfish and always seems to be looking off into the distance at something. Do not support a vampire, they suck, literally!

Now time to talk about the toddler with the steroid problem. I really do not understand why so many people like him. I mean let's break it down. He has like a million abs, which means I already do not like him because he has one set more than me. (I am a liar).

Lautner was in the movie *Shark Boy and Lava Girl* and just for that career move I would not support him. I see girls swooning over him though. I think it is the fact that he has finally hit puberty that makes it ok for 40 year old women to even be talking about him. (You know who you are ladies, and it's gross) He is a werewolf people! He is a dog! Which means he smells horrible, gets diseases like fleas, and not to mention rubs his bottom across the rug in your house, and let's be honest that stain never really dissipates.

In the end, I have to say to just not give into the hype with this movie. Sure it has already made almost 200 million dollars in the box office alone and they are currently filming the others as you are reading this but that is just it. Do not pander to this crap. Or you can just choose a side and get it over with.

As for me, I will never get into something as ridiculous as this movie. I will stick to what I know and have enjoyed already for years, having a crush on the *Pink Power Ranger*, and *Zena* the warrior princess.

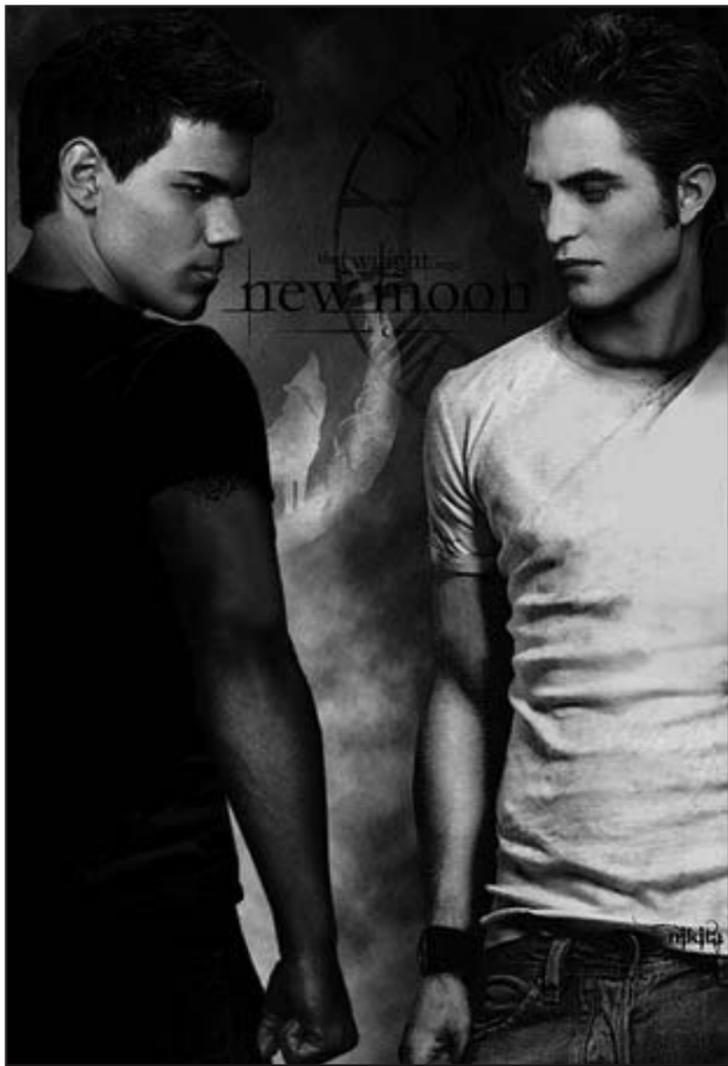


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The battle between the unfocused vampire and the adolescent sex symbol is raging.

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“Whaddaya say we head home and curl up in front of a nice warm football game?”

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Foxy holds his very own poetry slam for the Monmouth University squirrel population

"The Poetry Machine" by Brian Blackmon

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Rough at the edges.

Scattered thoughts/composition of dreams/  
Imagination to the reader/voice to the speaker/  
Kinetic message from sender to receiver.

Read all that is written/  
Hear all that is spoken/  
When will you share your bottled-up/artistic emotion?

What do you have to say for yourself?  
I've heard from all the rest/the best/  
Let me hear your poetry so eloquently expressed.

A universe of poetic sensation is taking Quantum leaps and bounds/  
Put your pencil to paper/no eraser/  
And pass the test.

Can you tell it like you see it/  
Triumphant beauty of your life?  
I want victory over defeat/  
Forget all the ignorant spite.

Give me the true love of true lovers/  
No negative cliches allowed.

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# THE END ZONE

## Hawks Fall to Robert Morris on Senior Day

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Saturday marked the final game of the 2009 football season, which also meant the last time 12 seniors would take the field as a Hawk. Even with emotions running high, Monmouth failed to close out the year on a winning note as Robert Morris compiled a 23-9 victory to spoil the last collegiate game of their careers and setting their record at 5-6 overall and 5-3 in conference.

"These past five years have been such an incredible experience," said senior running back David Sinisi, who finished with 62 yards on 20 carries. "I just wish the outcome could have been different."

The game got off to a slow start with the first three possessions resulting in punts. It wasn't until the 2:52 mark of the first stanza that Robert Morris took a 7-0 lead, which came after a 10 yard run by Miles Russ. This would be the lone score of the half as the defense from both squads proved to be too much for the offensive units.

A reenergized RMU squad took the field in the second half and increased their lead to 10-0 after kicker Garret Clawson nailed a 26 yard field goal.

It didn't take long for the Colonials to strike again when on their next offensive set quarterback Jeff Sinclair, who finished the game on 13-of-17 passing with 128 yards, connected with Sherrod Evans on a four-yard touchdown pass. The PAT was blocked by MU's Jose Gumbs, who returned it to the

house, putting Monmouth on the board and cutting the lead to 16-2.

The visitors put together yet another scoring drive to open the fourth quarter when Sinclair threw another touchdown pass, this time a 31 yarder to Anthony Coleman to give them a 23-2 advantage with 11:52 left in regulation.

The Blue and White responded with their only score of the contest when Kyle Frazier, who finished with a 130 yards on 13-of-34 passing, hit a streaking Ron Lauch for a 15-yard pass into the end zone to cut the lead to 23-9. Unfortunately, times was not on the Hawks side and with just under five minutes to play Monmouth's attempted comeback was cut short.

Lauch led the receivers with five catches for 57 yards and a score, while Rodney Salomon and Ryan Folsom each hauled in three for 31 yards and 22 yards respectively.

Defensively, Dave Ogden finished with a team best eight stops, including three for loss, and a sack. Kendall Haley, Jeff Brady, and safety Kenny Amsel also chipped in with eight tackles each while Amsel also pulled down an interception, his fifth of the year.

With the conclusion of the season, several Hawks garnered post-season accolades. A total of six Monmouth players were selected to All-Conference teams, while sophomore linebacker/safety Jose Gumbs was named the Northeast Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

The Hawks who joined Gumbs on the First Team All-NEC included safety Kendall Haley, running back David Sinisi, guard Shawn Wright and tackle Kevin



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Jose Gumbs was named NEC Defensive Player of the Year after leading MU in tackles with 95.

Sterling. Defensive tackle David Kennedy was name to the second team.

Gumbs, who led the Blue and White in tackles this season with 95 stops, became the second consecutive Hawk to win the honor of NEC Defensive Player of the Year, after senior Kevin Walsh took home the award last season. Gumbs recorded double-digit tackles in seven of the nine games he played in this season, finishing with a game average of 10.56 tackles per contest, ranking 13th in the nation. The redshirt sophomore started the season at safety, but injuries led to his move to outside linebacker for the last three games of the year.

Sinisi, who earned his fourth all-conference honors, finished the season with 1,437 yards on 300 carries and 13 rushing touchdowns. Sinisi, who was also a two-time Walter Payton Award finalist (the Heisman Trophy for D-1 AA), had 17 total TDs in 2009, finishing off the most decorated MU football career with 72 total touchdowns, the most in NEC history. He ran for over 100 yards in eight of 11 games in his final season in a Hawk uniform, completing his career with 25 games of over 100 yards rushing.

The fifth-year senior is the current active NCAA career leader in rushing yards, carries per game and scoring. Sinisi's 5,049 career

rushing yards rank 15th in FCS history and first in NEC history.

Leading the way for Sinisi on the right side were offensive linemen Wright and Sterling. Wright, a redshirt junior, makes his third appearance on the All-NEC list. The right guard was a 2007 second team selection before earning back-to-back First Team All-NEC nods.

Wright started in 10 of 11 games, missing the final game of the season with an injury. Sterling, who finished his career starting 32 straight games at right tackle, is a member of the First Team All-NEC for the second consecutive season.

Starting his first season at safety, Haley joined Gumbs as the only two MU defenders on the First Team All-NEC. Haley finished second on the team in tackles with 86 takedowns, which ties him for the 11th most in school history.

The junior posted 11 tackles in two games this season, while recording three interceptions and a forced fumble. One of those interceptions Haley returned for 65 yards and a touchdown to give Monmouth a September win over Duquesne.

Kennedy earns all-conference honors for the first time in his career after recording 33 tackles and 3.5 sacks as a senior. The defensive tackle had six tackles-for-a-loss and a blocked kick in 2009. Kennedy's 13.5 sacks is ninth most in Monmouth history.

Next year's squad will have a difficult time replacing the 12 senior contributors that will be departing, but return the starting quarterback and the reigning NEC Defensive Player of the Year.

## Outlook's Weekly NFL Picks - Week 13



	Away	Dallas Cowboys	New York Jets	Philadelphia Eagles	Oakland Raiders	New England Patriots	Tennessee Titans	San Diego Chargers	New Orleans Saints
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Eric (5-3 Last Wk) (59-29 Overall)									
Andrew (6-2 Last Wk) (53-35 Overall)									
Lisa (5-3 Last Wk) (58-30 Overall)									
Brian (6-2 Last Wk) (61-27 Overall)									
Frank (6-2 Last Wk) (55-33 Overall)									

# Men's Soccer Ends Most Successful Season in History

CHARLES KRUZITS  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

After winning the NEC championship the Hawks were lined up to play the Connecticut Huskies on the Great Lawn on Thursday, November 19, at 12:00 pm in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The latest rankings had the Hawks as the no. five team in the country while the Huskies were ranked at the 12 spot.

From the beginning the stage was set for an epic match; neither

there was no tomorrow, the result was two halves of play and two overtimes with zero goals, and a shootout left to decide the winner.

Through five kicks in the shootout the score was 3-3 and with a save from Meredith the Hawks were looking to close the game. Sophomore Cesar Blacido stepped up to a pressure filled situation and blasted the ball by Huskies goalie Josh Ford to send the Hawks to victory and onto the next round of the NCAA tournament to face the no. 9 seed Harvard University.

Through the first half of play the Hawks outshot the Crimson 2-1 but found themselves at a 1-0 deficit. In the second half 30 minutes of play went by before the next goal and unfortunately for the Hawks it wasn't scored by them. The incredible run the Hawks were on was slowly closing and was finally put away when a Harvard player scored the third goal of the game at the 84 minute mark. The Hawks season came to a close against Harvard by a 3-0 score; it's worth noting that senior defender and



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

Daniel Bostock is the only senior on this year's fifth ranked Hawk team that won a school record 18 games.

team was going to allow their opponent any chances to get ahead. MU's high paced offense was turned into a bland one due to stellar defensive play from the Huskies. The Hawks only had one shot on goal through two halves and two overtimes while the Huskies registered four shots on goal through 110 minutes but were denied because of strong play from junior goalkeeper Bryan Meredith. Both defenses played like

On Sunday, November 22, just days after winning the biggest game in men's soccer history, the Blue and White faced off against the Crimson at Ohiri Field in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. The Hawks faced a tough challenge; not only did they face a tough team in Harvard University but also the chance of burning out due to playing four games in 10 days while their opponent was on a six day break.

NEC Defender of the Year Daniel Bostock played his final game as a Hawk.

Monmouth ends the season with an 18-2-2 record which is the best record in school history. The Hawks had an incredible run this year and accomplished many feats that they should be proud of. With the loss of Bostock the Hawks will search for a replacement but on the whole next season is looking very bright, as they are losing only one senior to graduation.

## Women's Basketball in Win Column

PRESS RELEASE

The Monmouth University women's basketball team defeated Davidson, 46-43 in the consolation game of the 2009 Hampton Inn Invitational on Saturday afternoon at Trask Coliseum on the campus of UNC Wilmington.

Trailing Davidson by a point, 43-42, with 23 seconds left, Monmouth freshman Gabby Singer swished a three-pointer from the left wing to give the Hawks a two-point advantage they wouldn't relinquish. After an offensive foul by the Wildcats, Singer then hit one of two free throws and Davidson's Alex Thompson missed a desperation three attempt at the buzzer.

"This was a huge step forward for our young basketball team," said Monmouth head coach Stephanie V. Gaitley. "To come back the way we did and beat a good basketball team is big for us. When you play defense the way we did in the second half, you're going to have a chance to win games. This was a statement to our kids that playing defense puts us in a position to steal games when we don't shoot well."

MU's defense limited Davidson to 15 second half points, it's best defensive half of the season, on 28.6% (4-for-14) field goal shooting.

The Hawks, who improve to 2-3 on the season with the win, were paced by Singer and sophomore Alexis Canady, who each scored 11 points. Singer scored nine of her 11 in the second half, includ-

ing the deciding three-pointer. She added five rebounds, two assists and four steals, and hit 5-of-6 free throws in the game. Canady added six boards as well, while freshman Alysha Womack contributed 10 points, four rebounds and three steals.

After Julia Paquette scored the first basket of the game for Davidson, five points apiece from Womack and Canady pushed Monmouth's early advantage to 11-4 with 12:41 left in the first half. Davidson then went on a 13-0 scoring run, keyed by eight straight points from 6-3 center Sarah Davis, to take a 20-15 lead with 6:03 left before halftime.

The Wildcats took a 28-24 lead into halftime after Paquette scored to end the half. MU shot 32% from the floor in the first half, compared to 54.5% for Davidson.

The Hawks connected on 3-of-6 of their first half three-pointers with Canady hitting both of her attempts and Womack, who led the Hawks with nine first half points, making her only triple. Canady added eight opening half points while freshman Abby Martin contributed six rebounds.

The Hawks, who were outscored 24-8 in the paint in the first half, committed 17 turnovers in the opening 20 minutes, which Davidson turned into 19 points. MU, which hit 5-of-7 first half free throws, outrebounded Davidson 21-11 in the opening period, including 10-3 on the offensive glass.

Monmouth was able to tie the contest at 30-30 after two free

throws from Adriana Allen with 10:14 left in the second half, but DC retook the lead after a three-pointer from Ashley Lax with 8:45 remaining. Davidson kept MU at arm's length, maintaining between a three and five point advantage, until Canady connected on a three with 3:20 left to cut the lead to 41-40.

Martin added three points and seven rebounds for MU while Thibault added three points and three assists. The Hawks shot 28.9% (13-for-45) for the game, while Davidson connected on 44.4% (16-of-36) of its field goals in the game. Monmouth hit six three's in the game, three from Canady and two from Singer, and outrebounded the Wildcats 39-28, including 16-5 on the offensive end.

Davidson was led by Sarah Davis, who scored 14 points and pulled down six boards. DC outscored Monmouth in the paint 28-12 and 20-18 in points off turnovers. The two teams each committed 30 turnovers.

In addition to defeating Davidson, MU's Womack was named to the 2009 UNCW-Hampton Inn Invitational All-Tournament Team. She joins Sarah Davis from Davidson, Martha White and Brittany Blackwell from UNC Wilmington and Samantha Pollino from Duquesne.

Alex Gensler from Duquesne was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

The Hawks return to action on Wednesday when they hosts Stony Brook at 7:00 pm in the MAC.

# Men's Basketball Earns Second Victory of the Year

BRIAN GLICOS  
STAFF WRITER

Monmouth basketball has seen a tumultuous start to an anticipated season. The opening of the MAC overshadowed, and may continue to overshadow, the early part of the basketball season for the hawks.

Monmouth entered the World Vision Basketball Challenge tournament with a record of one win and one loss. On the Friday after Thanksgiving, the men's team squared off against the host school, Wyoming in the first game of the tournament. The Hawks avenged a loss from a season ago, with a 75-73 victory over the Cowboys. It was a back

three-pointers in Monmouth's 82-73 loss. Hett was able to assist the Hawks in 8 of their point attempts, but it was not nearly enough to fend off their fourth loss of the season.

Monmouth courageously came out for their third game in a row on Sunday, November 29 against the Hampton University Pirates. Unfortunately for the Hawks, a victory fell just out of reach for the second game in a row and the sixth out of their last seven. Not for lack of effort, Monmouth was outscored 59-56 by the Pirates in their third game of the World Vision Basketball Challenge.

Both Freshman Ed Waite, and Senior Whitney Cole-

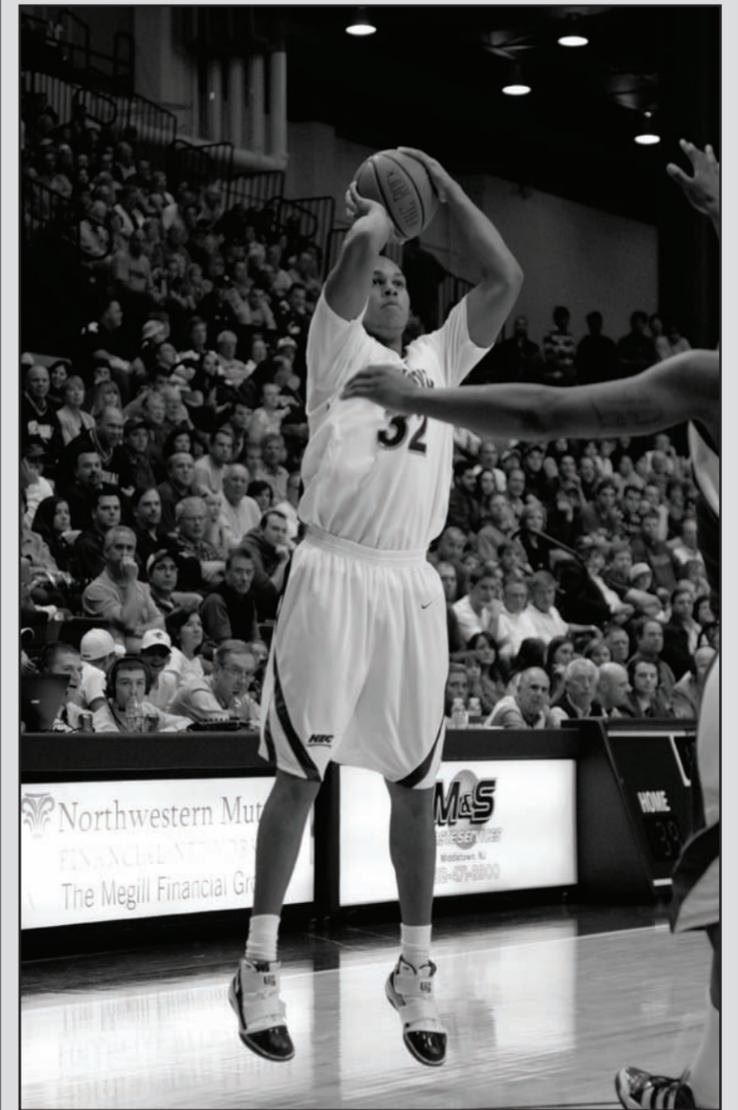


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Ed Waite earned NEC Rookie of the Week honors after averaging 11.5 points and 6.0 rebounds in four games.

and forth struggle for four quarters.

Senior shooting guard Whitney Coleman led the way with a season high 24 points. Coleman also came through in the clutch when he cashed in a jumper with just under four seconds left in the game. Travis Taylor tallied his second double-double of the season, and James Hett led the Hawks in assists (6) yet again.

Monmouth moved on the next day to face Pepperdine in the second round of the tournament. Even with another valiant effort from guards Whitney Coleman James Hett and Justin Sofman, as well as, the second straight double-double from Travis Taylor, the Hawks fell to the Waves of Pepperdine. Coleman offered his second straight 20 point game, and Justin Sofman nailed five

man provided 17 point efforts in the contest. Travis Taylor brought the Hawks to an even score with Hampton until Vincent Simpson hit a jump shot that propelled Hampton to a 56-54 lead with 42 seconds left. Monmouth was unable to overcome the small margin in the last 40 seconds.

They now stand with a record of two wins and five losses. Although the season has been thus far disappointing, there is reason for hope as Monmouth enters conference play beginning Saturday, December 5. The Hawks will travel to Connecticut to take on Sacred Heart. If they can be successful in conference during the regular season, and pull out an upset in the conference tournament when it counts, all the early disappointments will be forgotten.



IT AIN'T OVER  
TILL THE FAT LADY SINGS



**Gabby Singer made it official when she hit a three in the final seconds of the game to beat Davidson 46-43.**

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In particular, we would like to recognize one of our contributors. On a weekly basis, for as long as anyone on our staff can remember and likely even before that, he has gone above and beyond to help us with his submissions. He has never once

said "no" to a request for help from an Outlook member and has never once asked for anything in return for his help.

He is among the busiest people at Monmouth and is literally a part of just about everything that happens here. No matter how busy he might be, however, he is always willing to lend a hand when it is needed and for that we thank him.

His name is Jim Reme.

For those of you who do not know Jim, we're sure you've probably seen him at a sporting event, or any one of the other numerous affairs the school puts on each year. At times it seems as if he is in several places at once because he is rarely absent from events. He is the school photographer.

Each and every week you can see his work littered throughout The Outlook. His work is varied and can be found in almost every section of this newspaper from News to Club and Greek to Sports.

He is a skilled photographer, as is evident in the gorgeous photos he provides us with each week, and The Outlook is proud to include his work every week.

We would also like to recognize Jim's fellow photographer Blaze Nowara as well because if Jim has not covered an event, it's almost a sure bet that Blaze did. Blaze has also made a large body of contributions that are always stunning visual compliments to the stories we write and run in The Outlook and for that we are grateful.

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