



# ‘Third Degree’ First in College Bowl

## University to be Represented By Students in February Regionals

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After rallying back from an early deficit last Saturday in Anacon Hall, team Third Degree won first place at the fourth annual College Bowl, a trivia competition quizzing students on various topics, including sports, science, and pop-culture.

Team members Chris Monacelli, Aaron Reevey, and Tim Swartz walked away with long-sleeved championship shirts and \$25 Monmouth Mall gift certificates after a 170-100 victory over The Avengers. Juniors Monacelli and Swartz’s individual score performances landed them positions on Monmouth’s “All-Star”

team, competing in the regional College Bowl at West Chester University in Pennsylvania in late February. Matt Zorner, captain of The Avengers, and Monacelli are returning members to the regional team.

“After being eliminated in the second round last year, it feels great to win,” said Swartz. “I’m very happy to win. The field was much smaller than last year, but still very good.”

“It feels good to win,” added Reevey, who plans on using his gift certificate to buy holiday gifts for needy children. “The competition was very intelligent, and I respect their efforts tremendously.”

Seven teams in attendance

squared off against each other in two seven-minute half, single elimination matches. Various members of the campus community grouped together for the College Bowl, including Greek organization Sigma Tau Gamma, the Student Government Association, and Hawk-TV’s Team Media Off-line. Michael Patterson, Associate Director of Student Activities, moderated the competition.

The Avengers, named after a Marvel comic superhero group, took home a second place finish along with a College Bowl t-shirt prize. Avenger Chris Clairmont



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(from left to right): Team Media Offline and S.G.A. competed in the annual College Bowl Tournament on December 2.

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# Kessler Field Hosts Inaugural Gridiron Classic against San Diego

## Miscues Cost Hawks Mid-Major Championship Versus Toreros

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The Monmouth Hawks lost for just the second time all year on Saturday, dropping a 27-7 decision at Kessler Field to the University of San Diego in the inaugural Gridiron Classic, the championship game of Division I-AA Mid-Major football.

The Hawks entered the contest on a six game winning streak. Eleven players from Monmouth were named to All-Northeast Conference teams, and head coach Kevin Callahan picked up his third NEC Coach of the Year award. The Toreros, from the Pioneer Football League, sported 16 all-conference players, and a quarterback in Josh Johnson who was named the PFL’s Offensive Player of Year.

On a windy and cold day at Kessler, Monmouth received the ball first. They were able to pick up some yards, aided by a pass interference call on San Diego defensive back Josh Brisco. But on third down, Monmouth quarterback Brian Boland’s pass was



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Shane Sharpley catches a pass in the third quarter. His big play help set up David Sinisi’s one yard touchdown run.

dropped by Adam San Miguel. San Miguel, who was battling an ankle injury, was held to just six yards on three catches.

The Toreros got the ball after a Hawks punt, and were driving towards the end zone when Johnson threw an interception to Mike Nunziato at the Monmouth three yard line. But just as quickly as the Hawks took the ball away, they gave it right back. On third-and-10, Boland was picked off by Ben Hannula, who took it 37 yards the other way for the touchdown, giving USD the early 7-0 lead.

After the ensuing kickoff, Monmouth was unable to move the ball effectively, and its drive stalled. After the MU punt, San Diego started from the Hawks 46. After a delay of game penalty to start the drive, Johnson scrambled for 29 yards down to the Monmouth 18. On the first play of the second quarter, Johnson again ran for 10 yards, and a Torero first down. JT Rogan would cash in from five yards out, giving San Diego a 13-0 lead after place kicker Hutch Parker missed the extra point.

Johnson’s ability to run was a thorn in the side of the Monmouth defense all day. Johnson said after the game that the Hawks forced him to change his game plan.

“They had the (pass) coverage, so I ran a lot,” Johnson said.

After going down 13-0, the Hawks were able to move the ball to the San Diego 47. But, after a four yard loss by running back David Sinisi and two incomplete passes by Boland, the Hawks were forced to once again punt. After forcing USD into a three and out, Monmouth got the ball back and looked to be right back in the game, as Sinisi ran for 23 yards down to the Torero one yard line. But, once again, a penalty negated the long run, and Monmouth could not convert on third down.

“We had a lot of costly penalties that took points off the board,” said Boland.

The Toreros got the ball back with 4:30 left to go in the first half. On a third and five from their own 26, and throwing into

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was pleasantly surprised of his team’s progression to the finals.

“I’m very excited to have made it this far,” he commented. “I’m very proud of our accomplishment, and will be wearing my second place t-shirt with the utmost pride.”

“I’m disappointed that every question they asked the other teams in the competition, I knew, but the ones that we were asked, I completely blanked on,” recalled Peter Torlucci, member of The Avengers. “Still, Third Degree was pretty smart, and it psyched me out.”

Teams SGA and Media-Offline placed third and fourth, walking away with College Bowl mugs and hats respectively. SGA team member Tara Shirk made her first appearance in the competition, while also earning a position on Monmouth’s All-Star team.

“I only decided to do it yesterday,” she said. “But, I plan on participating again next year.”

“It was fun,” added sophomore Kevin Liguori, a second year participant from team SGA. “I was with different people last year, but it felt good to contribute to a different team.”

The first official winning match of the night went to the Blue Barracudas, defeating Phi Sigma Kappa, who did not show up for their match. They went on to lose to Media Off-line in the second round.

“If we did not go first, and actually got to watch how it was run, we would have won,” said Blue Barracuda member Peter Sully. “It was still an interesting experience.”

Despite her team JAMS’ second round defeat to Third Degree, junior Aimee Babbin’s individual performance landed her a third consecutive spot on the regional team. While the team departed shortly after their loss, she remained attentive, responding to many of the questions being asked to other teams.

“I’m answering all these right!” she quietly replied after a series of questions. “I’m disappointed in my personal performance. I gave some stupid answers and some mistakes.”

In its fourth year at Monmouth, Patterson continues to admire the feats and intelligence the students demonstrate at the College Bowl.

“I’m always impressed on what students know, and their knowledge,” he commented. “It’s amazing how they have this activity,

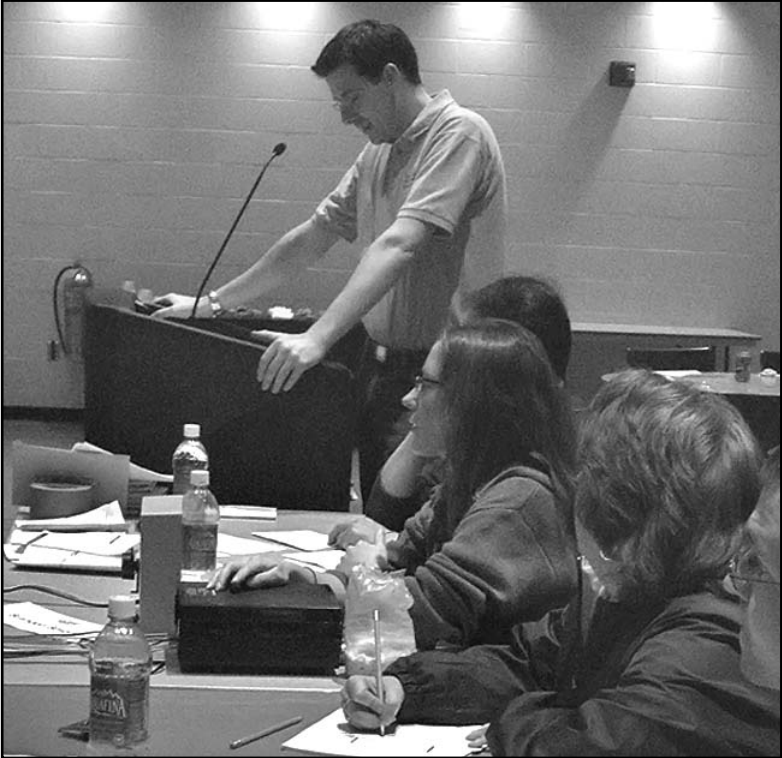


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(from left to right): Moderator Mike Patterson, Judge Rick Su, Heather Kelly, and Shannon Killeen.

and are able to bridge a social atmosphere with classroom elements.”

Monmouth’s regional team placed fourth in 2004 and 2005, and members received Regional

All-Star Player awards. If successful at preliminary regional competitions, the team may qualify to compete at the College Bowl finals, hosted at the University of Southern California.

# AIDS Memorial Quilt Displayed in Anacon

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In honor of World AIDS Day on December 1, the Monmouth University Human Relations Advisory Council sponsored a display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in Anacon Hall from November 28-30, welcoming members of the Monmouth University and surrounding communities to see this poignant and symbolic piece of artwork.

Twenty rectangular panels, each measuring 3-foot-by-6-foot, lined the walls of Anacon Hall, displaying the hard work and loving effort put into each of the quilts. Many are made by parents, a sad reminder that this fatal disease causes some parents to bury their own children; others are made by friends, spouses, or brothers and sisters.

They display such things as pianos, photographs, rainbows, stuffed animals, t-shirts, playbills, music notes, wedding rings, and handprints. Some have inspirational sayings, such as, “Stepping through that door begins the journey toward your eternal home. For some, the journey may be long. For others, very, very short. Perhaps only a few steps. But the best part of all is that the one who waits at the end is also the one who walks by your side.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF Nicole Stevens

The Human Relations Advisory Council hosted the display of the Aids Memorial Quilt in Anacon Hall.

AIDS, and at least one American under the age of 22 becomes infected with HIV every hour of every day. African-American and Latina women are at an especially great risk, and make up over 75 percent of all AIDS cases among American women. Children can

rent AIDS patients hope for a cure in the near future, they also remember and honor the passing of those victims who unfortunately could not survive the illness. The Quilt allows everyone involved to express their grief in a tangible and meaningful way.

disease.

Raymond Gonzalez, Assistant Director of Residential Life and a member of the Human Relations Advisory Council, proposed the idea to bring the quilt to Monmouth in hopes that, “students and everyone else [who] visits the display will appreciate and remember the important people in their lives, including their families, friends and significant others. I also hope that visitors will realize that the AIDS epidemic is still a serious issue, not only in the United States, but also worldwide.” He also advises everyone to practice safe sex and get tested for HIV in order to prevent the spread of this terrible disease.

Over 15 million people have visited the Quilt, and that number increased this past week as Monmouth students and faculty indeed did come to see the meaningful exhibit. Christopher Smith, a freshman majoring in education, visited the Quilt and thought it was, “really nice of families to remember [their] loved ones.”

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Each panel is different, yet they are all the same because they are all expressions of remembrance, love, hope, and courage.

Although the hysteria about AIDS seems to have decreased since the turn of the century, it is still a major epidemic both nationally and internationally. Currently, over one million people in the United States are living with

also be directly and indirectly affected by the disease; according to UNAIDS, an estimated 15 million children have become orphans due to losing one or both parents to AIDS.

Unfortunately, there is currently no cure for the disease, but there are medications which have cut the death rate of AIDS by about 80 percent since the 1980s. As cur-

Although Monmouth displayed 20 panels, the Quilt actually has about 46,000 panels with over 83,000 names and weighing over 54 tons. It is 1,285,200 square feet, and if the panels were laid out end to end, the Quilt would be nearly 52 miles long. Such a massive piece of artwork truly embodies the significance of these lives and the harsh reality of the devastating

# Community Service Club Puts on a Show

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The Community Service Club hosted a program last Sunday titled, “Let’s Put on a Show!” for the Monmouth County Girl Scouts. Eighty-one girls from numerous troops across the county, traveled to Monmouth University for this puppet-themed program.

During the program, the girls were separated into groups of approximately six to ten and completed three different activities before performing their final puppet show. Each group, led by a volunteer from the Community Service Club, made a puppet at the first station, a background for their puppet show and wrote a script using their puppets as characters. The girls each made their own puppet, ranging from Santa Claus to frogs and lions, using an online template and a paper bag. Then each group made the background by either cutting out sponges and stamping sheets of paper with different colors of paint, or by mixing the paints together and painting the background using brushes.

Finally, each group wrote a master script using their puppets as the characters and the background as the setting for their play. The finale of the day was the performance of the groups’ plays in front of the rest of the girls and their parents.

“I think it was great to hold the event at Monmouth University because it is central to Monmouth County. I also think the girls really enjoyed making the puppets,” stated Aimee Babbin, parliamentarian of the Monmouth University Community Service Club.

During the spring 2006 semester, the club sponsored an event similar to this for the Girl Scouts. Rather than a puppet show theme, the girls completed a series of science activities on magnetism, mixing colors, and even a science and technology scavenger hunt. This event had an attendance of approximately 25 girls.

Ian Craig, the president of the club acknowledged, “The event has grown so much in only one semester. I know that if we hold an event again this year, it will only become more successful. Hats off to all of our members who volunteered and put the event together!”

The Community Service Club is hoping to make this an event held at least once a year or perhaps once a semester.

# Last Installment of Religious Panel Focuses on Islam

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Wilson Auditorium hosted “God Willing,” a panel presentation discussing the religion of Islam, last Wednesday. This was the third and final installment of the Religious Studies Program “God’s Will” presentations, in an effort to spread religious education and openness to the greater campus community.

Dr. Sayed Noorul Haque, originally from Pakistan, headed the panel, speaking on behalf of Islam. Formerly a Nuclear Industry Research Engineer at AT&T and Bell Labs, he has been teaching Islam to non-Muslims for many years. Haque has traveled to various churches in England and the United States explaining Islam, and has done several lectures outside houses of religion.

“My father began teaching me Islam when I was 5,” recalled Haque. “And after retiring, I began going around and talking about Islam. Professionally, I’ve been doing engineering work, but speaking of Islam for free.”

“You could say Islam is my hobby,” he added jokingly.

Joining Haque on the panel were Rabbi Brooks Susman of the Congregation Kol Am in Freehold, and Reverend Ophelia Laughlin, Rector at St. George’s By-the-River Episcopal Church in Rumson. The two provided Jewish and Christian responses, respectively, to Haque’s presentation. Communication Professor C. David McKirachan, Pastor of The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury, acted as panel chair and moderator.

“This has been an experience that we are very gratified by the participation of the university community, but also the community beyond the university,” commented McKirachan. “With

some amazement, we face all these people who are interested in learning about each other, [especially when] so much of the news is about people who don’t.”

Haque’s presentation described the view of the Islamic God, Allah, detailing “Its” presence in the everyday lives of people.

“Allah has no partners,” he described. “No plural, no gender. Something is wrong with making a physical concept of God. So, when I refer to God, I say ‘It’.”

Although speaking on behalf of his own religion, Haque’s intention was and has not been to gain converts to Islam. According to his own beliefs and goals, he is there to act as an intermediary for non-Muslims.

“I’m here, ask any questions,” Haque said. “My purpose is to tell, not convert. I stand in a role, [similar to that] of the Prophet. There is the message that is told through me, and it is God that says to me, ‘You don’t convert, I do.’”

Rabbi Susman bridged the gap between Judaism and Islam, drawing similarities found in Haque’s speech to his own. He commented that many of points Haque made were “essences of Judaism,” and that perceived differences fall from lack of broader communication.

“Our problem in the past that we, in the Western world, have made a distinction, in that when we dialog, we’ve always dialoged: Christianity and Judaism,” responded Susman. “It’s so important, now, that we are ‘tri-aling’, with Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.”

“When speaking of religions, we are speaking of cousins, essentially,” he added.

“We all have to understand the importance of relationships between the faiths, and know that we are all in a community with each

other,” stated Reverend Laughlin.

Panel members expressed their condemnation of the use of religion for, in their opinions, personal gain and corruption.

“We have people in power in Washington today, who claim to speak the word of God. Obviously, there are people who have hijacked much of the Koran, who have been using it in a negative way throughout the world,” said Susman. “We have to look at what religion says, not what the people of the religion say.”

Laughlin believes that moderate voices of the nation have been largely silent, allowing “extremists” to overshadow the rest. She continued by asserting her opinion that most moderate Christians do not know enough about their own religion to take control.

“We have a responsibility to speak common sense, and compassion, and moderation,” she added. “Until you and I are willing to get up and speak for moderation, and listening, and dialog, then we’re going to continue to have our religions hijacked.”

Future plans on events similar to these are in the works for the 2007 year. This event acts in supporting some of Religious Studies Program objectives, including teaching students and the community different faiths, and fostering a harmonious social unity in which members of all religions or ideologies may interact openly.

“We’re seeing how we can attract people on a continuing basis in this ongoing dialog between the faiths,” said McKirachan. “In many ways, this is what keeps us going as people of faith, in that we are keeping with dialog.”

“When we listen to each other’s belief, we do not say ‘No, you are wrong, because I am so right.’ It’s because we are all right in our own way,” added Susman.

## Hawthorne in History & History in Hawthorne: A Symposium

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Senior class English majors are hosting the first-ever English Seminar symposium, titled, “Hawthorne in History & History in Hawthorne,” on December 9.

The symposium will feature panel discussions and paper deliverances on selected Nathaniel Hawthorne works including classic novels such as *The Scarlet Letter*, *The House of the Seven Gables*, and *The Blithedale Romance*; popular short stories from *Twice Told Tales* and *Mosses from an Old Manse*; and more. Obscure writings by the author, including Hawthorne’s *American Notebooks* and *Selected Letters*, will also be featured in the symposium agenda.

The event has been organized by Dr. Lisa Vetere, professor of this semester’s senior English Seminar. Dr. Vetere, whose academic expertise lies in early and antebellum American literature and culture, hopes this semester’s symposium will be “the start of an ongoing tradition in the English Department.”

Although the focus of the symposium is Hawthorne’s fiction, those interested in early American literature, critical theory, or even late 19<sup>th</sup> century American culture are encouraged to attend.

The symposium panel participants are all undergrads currently enrolled in the senior Hawthorne Seminar. They have taken a New Historicist approach to Hawthorne’s fiction, placing his works within a historical context and exploring the “cultural work” of those texts that have been deemed Literary Classics in the century and a half since their original publication.

The topics that will be addressed at the symposium include: Sexuality in *The Scarlet Letter*; The Effects of the Dead on the Living in Hawthorne’s Short Stories; The Function of Class Structure and Gender in Hawthorne’s Published Works; Hawthorne and the Romance Novel; Puritanism and Religious Ideology in Hawthorne’s Fiction; Death and the Collective Consciousness; and Psychoanalytical Interpretations of Hawthorne’s Recurrent Motifs.

Daniel Caputo, a student who regularly attends Monmouth University events, is especially looking forward to the Hawthorne Symposium because he anticipates “an interesting combination of intellect, critical analysis and debate” worth being in attendance for. “I’m going because I think the symposium is going to spark a lot of new and unheard views on one of the great American authors of our time.” Jokingly, he adds, “I also volunteered to make some posters for the event, so I’m hoping the Senior Seminar will have a good turnout for the symposium. I wouldn’t want them to think my artwork was so bad, that it discouraged anyone from attending!”

The symposium is open to all of the Monmouth University community, including faculty, students of all majors, family, and friends. The symposium is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendance is free and morning refreshments and lunch will be offered.

Anyone who would like additional information is asked to contact Dr. Vetere at [lvetere@monmouth.edu](mailto:lvetere@monmouth.edu) or Debra Pachucki at [s0578676@monmouth.edu](mailto:s0578676@monmouth.edu).

# When College Graduates Skip the Internship

## PRESS RELEASE

It’s not unusual for college students to ignore the advice of friends, family and the counselor at the college Career Center about the importance of participating in internships. College life can be academically challenging, socially frenetic or financially draining - even all three - and students may find themselves walking down the runway to pick up their diplomas-with plenty of classes in the classics but no experience in a company office. To compound matters, nowadays employers expect college students to be familiar with the 9 to 5 routine.

How can graduates make up for this lost opportunity? Brenda Greene, author of the recently published *You’ve Got the Interview . Now What?: Fortune 500 Hiring Professionals Tell You How to Get Hired* (Kaplan, November 2005), offers the following five suggestions:

**Research:** College graduates should know what they want to do specifically once they graduate.

This is especially true of Liberal Arts majors, who often exhibit a little too much flexibility when it comes to making career choices. Vague suggestions that a college

graduate wants to do some writing at the new job will not score points with an employer. Graduates must know - ahead of time - what they can specifically offer an employer. They should commit to a crash course on scouring company Websites and reviewing the skills required for entry-level positions. Zeroing in on keywords (proofreading, bilingual, client-service background, manage databases, excellent telephone demeanor, provide back-up support, HTML proficiency) and making sure these words appear on the resume (provided, of course, they have these skills) is also advantageous.

**Identify transferable skills:** Even if a college graduate never worked in an office, he or she still has skills that can be “transferred.”

The job at Tido’s Dogs allowed them to hone customer-service skills. The job at the Gap provided an opportunity to manage inventory. The fund-raising for the Alumni Office helped to sharpen telephone and sales/marketing skills. Any experience working or volunteering is valuable. Graduates should try to figure out how those skills can be used in a work environment.

Additionally they should think

about what they learned as they went through high school and college and prepare a two-minute talk on the skills acquired in part-time positions.



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**Network:** Graduates should tell everyone they know - even Aunt Melinda - they are looking for a job.

In addition, they should be prepared to send their newfound contacts a current and accurate resume at a moment’s notice. People want to help, so they should not hesitate to ask for it. Most positions are filled by referral - even when they are seven degrees removed. Job fairs and industry conferences are also helpful in extending the con-

tact list.

**Work while looking for the perfect job:** After three or four months of lounging, a prospective employer is going to question how much drive and initiative a graduate has if he or she is still hanging around long after graduation without any kind of work.

They should take part-time jobs (or two!!) to hold them over till their dream position opens up. Better yet, working at a temp agency and getting the office skills needed for a future position will score points with a prospective employer. A few offers for full-time work may even result. In addition, temp work is an excellent way of discovering strengths and weaknesses. Freelance work, even the unpaid kind, helps too.

**Prepare for a job interview:** Information is readily available about the industry and the available jobs in that industry.

Graduates should spend time on a company Website before their job interview and know as much as possible about the company to determine what they have to offer the employer. Surfing the job sites on the Internet helps graduates to zero in on the kind of skills in demand. Ad-

ditionally they should review possible job-interview questions and practice answers, even if that means grabbing their mothers to rehearse. And, finally, reading a book about what the expectations are in today’s job market is a good idea. Nowadays there is nothing haphazard about finding a job.

Brenda Greene is also the co-author of *The Business Style Handbook: An A-to-Z Guide for Writing on the Job with Tips from Fortune 500 Communications Professionals* (McGraw-Hill, 2002) and author of *Get the Interview Every Time: Fortune 500 Hiring Professionals Tips for Writing Winning Resumes and Cover Letters* (2004).



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# World According to MU

## Winter Weather Takes Nation By Surprise

A massive snow and ice storm ravaged parts of the Midwest late last week, according to a CNN.com report. The storm began at the end of last week and brought snow and ice to most of the middle states and extended itself further northeast in the form of severe thunderstorms. As a result of the powerful and far-reaching storm, hundreds of thousands are still without power four days after the initial impact of the storm.

The massive low pressure system moved across a large part of the country, bringing wintry weather to Missouri and as far

north as Michigan. The remnants of the system reached the east coast of the country over the weekend, but spared many of the country's major northeast cities of the damage that was inflicted on the Midwest. Sheets of ice and hills of snow covered most of the state of Missouri as hundreds of thousands were left without power. Nearly 260,000 Missouri residents are still without power to begin the week, and state officials are claiming that relief may still be a few days away.

According to CNN.com and the Associated Press, once the storm was over, crowds of people were seen gathering in candle lit bookshops and searching the areas

in and around the St. Louis area for warm shelter. Thousands of homes and businesses were harshly affected by one of the earliest ice and snow storms of the year, and business as usual has ground down to a halt throughout most parts of the region.

As hundreds of thousands deal with the inconvenience of being without power, some of those affected by the storm were not so lucky. According to the Associated Press, the storm claimed the lives of 23 across the affected area, seven of which were Missouri residents.

The power outages were not just confined to the Missouri area. Residents in Illinois and Texas

also suffered blackouts from down power lines and frozen high tension wires. At the present time, officials in all the affected areas are unsure of when power will finally be restored, but sources say the timetable of less than a week has been expressed by most city and state representatives. Temperatures for the Midwest region of the country are also expected to stay below freezing, only adding to the problems facing thousands of residents regarding electricity and heating.

As the Midwest attempts to pull itself back together from last week's storms, the northeast section of the country has been dealing with its own strange weather. Highs throughout New Jersey climbed to the upper 50s and 60s most of last week, but drastic changes have taken place the past two or three days.

According to the National Weather Service Web site ([www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)), since Friday's thunderstorms that drenched most of the state with nearly a quarter inch of water, temperatures have taken a dramatic drop. Monday saw day time high temperatures climb only to the mid 40s in the West Long Branch area and high winds made it feel much colder than the temperature degree reading. As in the middle portion of the nation, high temperatures in the Long Branch area are only predicted to climb into the upper 30s, according to the National Weather Service.

After a November that was dominated by unusually high temperatures ranging from daytime highs in the upper 50s to multiple days in which the high rose over 70 degrees, Monmouth students seemed to be taken completely offguard by Monday's cold temperatures. Within less than a week, high tem-

Many students did have to drastically alter their outfits in a shorter amount of time than in previous years, considering the quick change in temperature – switching from short sleeves and sandals to heavy coats, winter hats and gloves.

Other students added their opinions on the change in weather by making reference to an issue many in the scientific community have been debating over the past two decades – global warming. Some may consider the strange weather that has gone on the past few years as a result of global warming, but many of those claims are up for debate. Junior Dan Heinkel weighs in on this particular issue and how the weather on and around campus has changed so dramatically in such a short period of time.

Heinkel describes his thoughts by stating, "They say it's global warming that can make it 70 degrees on the first day of December, but what do they call it when its 40 degrees colder the next?"

The idea that global warming is having a direct affect on the weather at the present time is up for debate, but the issue is something that many in the scientific community are constantly discussing and researching. As a result of the recent thrust of the issue into the media, countless Americans, including students, have examined the possibility that there is a connection between the two. Although this issue is a hot topic of debate in this country, surprisingly cold weather is still an unavoidable truth for the next few days around the country.

Other students expressed different opinions on how they see the meteorological changes on the Jersey Shore and around the nation. Some students, like junior Laura Lohf, are fearful of the upcoming

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peratures sunk nearly 30 degrees in the area around Monmouth University, resulting in a general feeling of surprise around campus. Many students could be seen walking around campus Monday bundled up in heavy coats, scarves and winter hats as if it were the peak of the winter, which is still two weeks away.

Some students took to the cold weather well, being prepared with winter clothing and being "weather savvy," while others were taken completely by surprise by the cold temperatures. Senior Courtney Hoefer expressed what she felt summed up her and many other students' thoughts on the drastic change in weather over the past few days.

"Three days ago, I had on sandals and was walking on the boardwalk in Belmar," Hoefer explained. "Now it seems it's time to bundle up and wait for the snow, because apparently it's finally time for winter – considering it is December."

weather, but look at it as just another cycle in the year as a whole.

"It's already pretty scary, because the weather is already so unpredictable, and now it seems things are just starting to get worse," said Loaf. "Honestly, though, I'm just really scared for the penguins," she continued, jokingly commenting on the state of Antarctic wildlife.

As we all have seen in the past few days, though, winter is right around the corner, and Monmouth students should all be preparing for those long, windy, bone chilling walks across the open field in front of Wilson Hall and the vast commuter parking lots. The recent chill across the nation is surprising to the millions who have been enjoying a relatively mild autumn. But winter is still two weeks away, and spring is even further. While the Midwest gets back onto its feet, the Northeast and other parts of the country are just beginning to feel the chill of the winter months.

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# Editorial

SAMANTHA YOUNG  
CO EDITOR IN CHIEF

Lately, I think everyone can agree *The Outlook* has become a breeding ground for the now infamous "Diversity Debate." Personally, I feel the University could be more diverse; however, I also believe to promote said diversity is the responsibility of the student.

Everyone has the right to speak their mind; but it seems no one is doing anything to solve the problem at hand. None of the following is meant as a personal attack, but if you feel there is a lack of clubs for African Americans, Latinos, natives from other countries, etc. you have the right as a student enrolled in this University to petition to have a club made in that name.

If you feel that is not an option, what would be the problem with getting together with some of your friends unofficially and discussing topics and issues pertaining to your cause? Your club name doesn't have to be recognized by anyone, the things you do and say will still matter. If you decided to support a cause does not having an affiliation with a club take away the power of your words or effects of your actions? No.

One such instance of proaction has been witnessed in the past few weeks. As a result of the issues brought about by students in the last three or four issues of *The Outlook*, a diversity meeting took place last night. Called Student Speak Out, this open forum was sponsored by Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, and Omega Psi Chi Fraternity.

These organizations epitomize the thoughts and sentiments I am trying to relate. These members

weren't happy with the current status of the University and did something to change it.

Walking around this campus, I have heard students debating on diversity in every possible situation. What I heard thus far is "No one cares about diversity," "People should know what to expect when they come here," and other seemingly profound words of wisdom.

Truthfully, there are some people who don't care about diversity on campus, or even the world. To be fair these are probably the same people who, if categorized, would be the majority. Secondly, I can most certainly understand the argument for the later point of view. Monmouth is, by definition, a "white bred" school. That has been the tradition and subsequent tagline I have been familiarized with since long before I applied. So yes, if you are of a minority, it should not come as a surprise to you that your cultural/racial group is somewhere in the single digit percentages.

Nevertheless, if I have learned one thing throughout my short life: the future is never certain. Things change - but only if people stand up and change them.

We shall soon see if the concerns of the students voiced during the Student Speak Out were heard by the members of the administration, primarily, President Paul Gaffney, Mary Anne Nagy, Tyler Havens, MUPD, Amy Bellina, or if it simply fell on dead ears.

At this juncture I would like to encourage readers to mosey on to page seven and take a gander at the article written by one of our staff writers, Jason Morley. In it, he addresses the controversy in much more detailed fashion that I could, given the space constriction.

In an unbiased and sophisticated manner, he addresses many points. Most memorably, I found, was the last line. It stated: "...nobody gets anywhere trying to figure out who's more wrong. Let's try finding out if we all can't be a little more right."

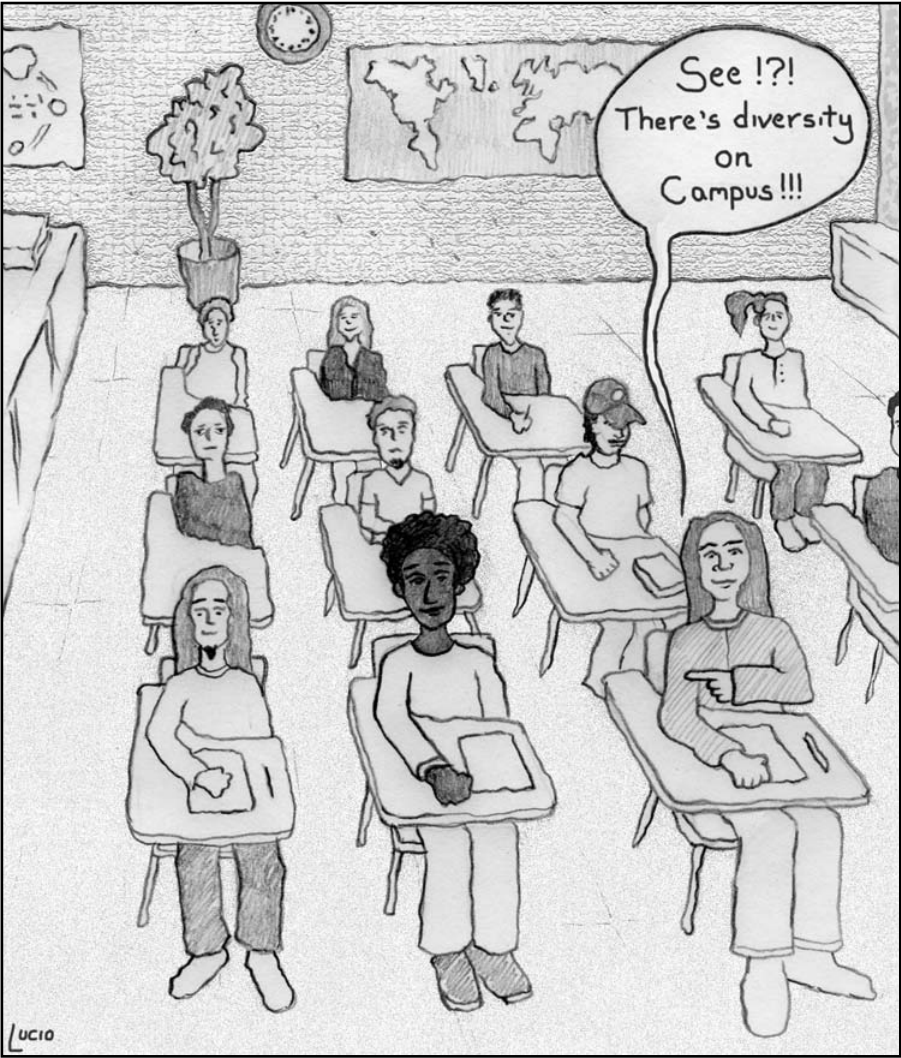
Nothing can be done about the events of years passed or the attitude and ignorance of those who have gone before. Yesterday is set in stone, but tomorrow is up for grabs. As Gandhi use to say, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

I have nothing but admiration for those who try to bring about change and awareness of any subject/race/religion/culture. Those who choose to only complain about the world and how it won't ever change - for these people, I have nothing but pity. It is these people who will never see all the world has to offer.

Lastly, as an end to this debate (as least on my end) I would like to thank those who wrote articles and sent them into *The Outlook*. Your expressions, despite the way in which they were received, were important in that they brought about discussion on a topic avoided by most. Through this discussion, everyone is a bit more aware, a bit more knowledgeable, and a bit more opinionated on the subject.

And to the person that started this sequence of events, Rashaun Jarvis. I may not agree with your words, but fully support the right you have to speak your mind. You were the catalyst to a lengthy and eye-opening debate.

To those who may have thoughts on another issue, please don't hesitate -- publish it. You never know what could happen.



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BY SUZANNE GUARINO

Recently in the news, the incident regarding 23-year-old Sean Bell, a Black man who was shot 50 times by police on the day of his wedding has been of much discussion and controversy. Many think that the incident surrounds the issue of police brutality, comparing it to what happened to Amadou Diallo.

I thought it was necessary to get students reactions to this situation being that it was such a horrible tragedy.

Here's what they had to say:



Brian sophomore  
"It goes beyond police brutality, what could any unarmed individual possibly do to deserve that kind of reaction?"



Allen & TJ freshmen  
"It's obvious that they shot to kill firing 50 shots. They shouldn't shoot unless they are sure that their lives are being threatened. the actions of the men who were victims did not justify the shooting of 50 shots."



Bilal junior  
"With all of the stories about it that I have heard so far, there has not been anything to justify the 50 shots. There are other ways to stop a car besides shooting the people in it."



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# Addressing the Controversy

JASON MORLEY  
STAFF WRITER

The recent controversies both within the confines of our University community, and across the nation, have been cause for concern. I have considered how to approach controversial issues and wrestled with my own opinions, a fair balance of public opinion, and the plain old reality of things that ignores political correctness. I have wondered at length if there is any way to successfully approach sensitive situations with enough tact to create introspective thinking among those who read this rather than a response that facilitates ignorance and encourages a dismissive attitude.

First, I feel it is necessary to comment on the diversity banter that has filled this section in recent issues. I leave my own opinion out of this issue and will purely present some perspectives in an attempt to encourage a more united attitude towards multi-cultural living and a diversified campus community. Anyone who claims that Monmouth University is not diverse has a reasonable case to present. On the other hand, comparing it to other institutions could place it as either more diverse or less diverse. There are colleges with less diverse student populations. Keep in mind many of these schools are predominantly white and there are many schools in the United States that are predominantly black (either way the diversity is lacking).

Monmouth does a lot to encourage diversity. In fact, America has replaced institutionalized racism with institutionalized diversity. Everyone is welcome to their own opinion on affirmative action and quotas for minority groups at any level, but there is no argument that these laws and practices do exist in this country, and also exist in our educational institutions (don't kid yourself, even private schools get state and federal money).

I will not make the case that Monmouth does enough to encourage diversity, but I will not make a contrary case either. This is a matter of opinion, but the fact that it has reasonable supportive facts to make either claim should at least tell you that we are going in the right direction. I do not think that making sensational attacks on the "university" is fair. Monmouth is not actually representative of one idea or person. That is no different than making a generalized statement about college students or any other group of people. It's too broad and therefore not accurate.

I also do not encourage personal attacks or the idea of using this publication as a argumentative back-and-forth from week to week. In addition, should anyone imply that this paper is somehow a piece of pro-University propaganda may best make that argument to someone other than me (do your research on what I have contributed before you question my motives; get back issues if necessary).

America has become a nation of finger pointing. I will gladly admit

that a great deal of unfairness occurs in our society and prejudice is a plague on all people.

Several weeks ago, civil rights activist General Joe McNeil spoke at an event focused on campus diversity and social awareness. I'll let him make my point and allow all those who read this to draw the parallels on their own. He called civil rights an American movement, as opposed to a fight for equality. He chose not to draw a line of any color when outlining

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his contributions to our country. He spoke from the perspective of three colors...red, white, and blue.

Admittedly, there are racists out there. There are people who are unjustly treated. We need to locate prejudices and biases in amongst ourselves and eliminate them as much as possible. I am alarmed at the arguments to make any community more diverse by institutionalized groups that support just the opposite. I realize the need for groups that cater to the needs of certain cultures, religions, etc. But the reality is that our effort must be equal in knocking down the barriers that separate us. We are not supposed to be building walls in an attempt to oppose each other on more level ground.

The Alliance for Campus Diversity actually surprised me with the literature they provided at several events this semester. I hate to admit that I expected a less broad scope, and less balanced view more associated with a crusade against statistical inequalities. Instead I saw a fair, open minded approach to informing those who attended. There was information about multiple different ethnicities, religions, sexual lifestyle choices, and even the inequalities gender may present.

So often our media and social timidity has allowed sensation-

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alism to paint an unfair picture. Racism is bad. Reverse racism is bad as well. Any method used to turn people against each other by highlighting their differences to

create oppositional confrontation is a step back for the human race.

I recently found myself quite displeased with the actions of Michael Richards in his bigoted tirade on a comedy club stage. Michael Richards has been chastised in the media as a racist. I won't disagree. The E! Channel covered another event that caught less news. In a recent interview, rapper 50 Cent called Oprah Winfrey an "oreo," which was meant to say she "is 'black' on the outside but

'white' on the inside." This apparently stemmed from the fact that she does not have certain musical guests on her talk show because she does not support gangster rap, or music that encourages vulgarity and violence towards women. I am very offended that anyone would attack someone's race based on their personal choices or opinions on an issue like violence against women. Is Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson (who I personally listen to and am not bothered

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by) saying that being black means supporting another black celebrity purely because you share a common skin tone? Is making a stand against rap music and her perception of damage it has done to our community (regardless of race) a white concept? I defy anyone to support such a claim. In fact, I detest any claims that a culture is the same as a color. Whether you believe that or not, it is certainly not an appropriate attitude to take when trying to cross the lines of past racism and prejudice.

The recent shooting of a group of men in a car in New York by five officers has been a topic of major attention. Regardless of your feelings about the incident, many people jumped to conclusions that it must be a racially motivated act by white police officers. Several panels on major news networks were taken back by the statements made by the attorney for the family of one of the victims. They were told by an attorney, who was seemingly African-American, that the issue was "not about racism," but instead was about police brutality and attitudes toward people of lower socio-economic class. No matter what you think about the incident itself, you have to admit that the attorney is doing a heck of

a job rising above playing a race card like so many others often would. One motivating factor may have been that the first shots were believed to be fired by a black police officer.

When I hear people discussing diversity as though it is some kind of black-white issue I get nauseous. Anyone who narrows their scope to that simple view is completely ignorant of their own argument and basically invalidates their own argument by displaying their self-righteous motives and irresponsible attitude.

I must again reinforce this effect on the simplicity that some people apply to the definition of diversity. I feel that it is my duty to remind the world that biologically, humans are humans. In addition, our social norms are derived from culture not color, tradition not tint. When you argue for diversity you would be remiss if you were not obliged to mention all minority groups.

Ah, and so comes the history lesson for all those who planned to bank on blame to long-dead perpetrators of evil on their fellow man. This is very true, and almost cliché enough to sound totally uninformed. Let me remind everyone that Americans of Asian decent were placed in internment camps in the very country you call home less than four score ago. Irish and Italian immigrants were persecuted both in the neighborhoods of the states that surround you and in

the courts run by the government you now demand fairness from. People of Jewish faith and people with alternate lifestyles (homosexual, bisexual, transgender, etc.) were the top two groups most often victimized by hate crimes in the tri-state area over the past few years. Racial profiling and violence against people who even appear to be Arab or Muslim have been all too prevalent in the not so distant past as well. People of Latin or Hispanic background have not been excluded from prejudice. And, if there is any attempt for you to claim that one group's historical plight is more egregious than another's, I will simply point out that no culture has been harmed more than the Native American groups that once populated the ground you stand on.

I make these points not to point more fingers but to shake my finger at all people who can not comprehend the idea that everyone has the ability to blame others and look for reasons to be mad or excuses for failure. Society is made up of people and as a group they can embrace change. But nobody gets anywhere trying to find out who's more wrong. Let's try finding out if we all can't be a little more right.

# Africa: The Fourth World

JASON MORLEY  
STAFF WRITER

Why does it take a movie starring Don Cheadle to make Americans aware of the genocide in Rwanda in 1994? Why does it take a rap song by Kanye West to make Americans aware of slaves being slaughtered in Sierra Leone as a

On top of that, there is an AIDS epidemic and there are entire towns that have no food or clean water. So why are many African nations dealt with as though they are “fourth world” countries in the international arena? Well, it is because they are. In many nations, there is a blatant lack of political stability, military strength and

**Why does it take a rap song by Kanye West to make Americans aware of slaves being slaughtered in Sierra Leone as a direct result of the diamond industry?**

direct result of the diamond industry? Why does the civil war in the Ivory Coast only get attention after their soccer team reached the 2006 World Cup?

In three years, almost 200,000 people have died as a result of civil unrest in the Darfur region of Sudan. The majority of the continent is under duress in one way or another: corruption runs rampant through governments, insurgencies and/or militant factions invoke their will on innocent women and children, tribes battle over long expired blood feuds, and religious issues spill in from other regions.

unity, or basic infrastructure.

Many organizations, including our government, provide huge amounts of aid to various African countries and commit assistance to organizations designed to help the plights of the people there. Charity and philanthropy are great. The strides that have been made in many nations have been impressive at times. But, in comparison with what would be needed to stabilize certain regions and enable them to eventually be more self-sufficient, the efforts to help are only meager attempts at simple solutions and quick fixes. Despite all the positive effort, the

resources devoted to improving conditions there seem nominal and almost token-like.

To make the region stronger, further intervention is necessary. Further interest is necessary. However, the interests that usually attract world powers to developing nations are less apparent in these cases. Without getting caught up addressing a common misnomer like, “blood for oil”, or debating the War in Iraq, it is reasonable to claim that world powers tend to direct more attention towards nations that can become a part of the global economy. Globalization is inevitable and it is wrong to condemn a government or a private business for taking an interest in developing nations chiefly for trade reasons.

By the same logic, it is inevitable that instability in areas will ultimately affect us in the long run, regardless of whether the country has potential to be a benefit to our immediate interests. It’s not hard to draw an unsettling comparison between Africa today and the Middle East over the past half-century. In the Middle East, powerful political interests and militant groups used the weapons that funneled out of the former Soviet Union to wreak havoc. In response, the West supplied weapons to governments in the region

commitment is unpredictable, because any genuine commitment to turn a “fourth world” country into a nation with much direct upside is risky. When choosing sides in the past the side we supported has betrayed us. One obvious example is American support of Stalin in World War II. Another occurred when the United States supported an anti-Bautista movement that backfired when Castro eventually took power in Cuba, but lent his loyalties to the Soviet Union rather than the Kennedy administration.

Another factor that often makes some countries more appealing to devote developmental resources to is the potential for private businesses to either produce goods in the country, export a natural resource from it, or relocate and market goods to the public there. Keeping the peace in Malaysian and South American nations and being as diplomatic as possible when dealing with some Asian powers is always important to the government because the government is constantly influenced by economic interests and the desires of businesses. Many companies outsource labor as well.

Unfortunately, Africa is at a disadvantage when looking to suit the needs of companies looking to take private industry to

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to combat the influx “red rifles” to radical groups.

The Cold War left a surplus of weapons from the U.S. Soviet arms race for sale on the international black market. Anti-communist objectives forced the United States and other countries to support allied governments and spread the democratic influence. The United States has a record of military intervention in some cases and not in others (either openly, or through various other methods).

There are several reasons that the United States is less likely to get involved in issues between African nations and radical groups. The stage is smaller in the global media. The lines between opposing sides and competing powers are blurred in many cases. Long-term

outside locations. It is just not as appealing for countries looking to invest money, time, and military resources. The average citizen is only now becoming enlightened to issues in Africa after the media has led strong efforts to inform on some issues. But this is disappointing. The media will cover it if people want to know about it. So let them know you are aware. Become familiar with issues beyond the version you hear on radio or see on a screen.

Darfur should not be a new piece of one’s geographic knowledge. The term “blood diamond” should not be introduced to the average citizen by a film starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

In fact, they shouldn’t need to be introduced at all.

## “Quotes” of the week

*“There is no greater mistake than the hasty conclusion that opinions are worthless because they are badly argued.”*  
-Thomas H. Huxley

*“That which we persist in doing becomes easier, not that the task itself has become easier, but that our ability to perform it has improved.”*  
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

*“Energy and persistence conquer all things.”*  
-Benjamin Franklin

*“I think a hero is an ordinary individual who finds strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.”*  
-Christopher Reeve

*“The world is my country, all mankind are my brethren, and to do good is my religion.”*  
-Thomas Paine

*“We are made to persist. That’s how we find out who we are.”*  
-Howard Newton

*“In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer.”*  
-Albert Camus

*“Every mile is two in winter.”*  
-George Herbert

*“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.”*  
-Anne Bradstreet

*“Measure not the work until the day’s out and the labor done.”*  
-Elizabeth Barrett Browning

*“It does not seem to be true that work necessarily needs to be unpleasant. It may always have to be hard, or at least harder than doing nothing at all. But there is ample evidence that work can be enjoyable, and that indeed, it is often the most enjoyable part of life.”*  
-Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi

*“We shall find peace. We shall hear the angels, we shall see the sky sparkling with diamonds.”*  
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Janet Jackson performed last night at the awards.

Las Vegas played host to the annual Billboard awards on Monday, December 4. Kicking off the show was Janet Jackson -- without a wardrobe malfunction.

Mary J. Blige went home with an outstanding nine awards, including Outstanding Female R&B Artist of the Year.

Chris Brown, at just 17 years old, went home with the New Artist of the Year award.

Rihanna edged out the competition and went home with the Best Female Artist of the Year award.

Nickelback went home with the Best Artist Group/Duo of the Year.

And, surprisingly, Three Days Grace came away with Best Rock Single of the Year with "Animal I Have Become."

## TBS' MY BOYS Original Comedy Wins Big with Critics

JENNY GOLDEN  
STAFF WRITER

TBS is looking to add originals to its roster and, simply put, *My Boys* portrays a potentially semi-entertaining newcomer to the list that incorporates elements with which both genders are guaranteed to identify with.

The show, which TBS has said from the beginning is supposed to be a companion to *Sex and the City*, is definitely not a derivative, cheap imitation of the Emmy award winning HBO series. Instead, the show's primary focus is the story of a female sportswriter in Chicago (Jordana Spiro) and her clique of mainly male friends which comes across as a fresh new concept in primetime television.

PJ has one single female friend, played with comedic stereotypical femininity by Kellee Stewart, who provides a refreshing and beneficial female perspective into the constantly evolving world of dat-

ing. The male friends include PJ's brother Andy (Jim Gaffigan), her ex-roommate Brendan, Kenny the nerd, and the typical guy's guy Mike.

Spiro's PJ Franklin has a good life: a dream job at the Sun-Times, a chic apartment and a group of supportive, playful, and most of the time reliable friends.

PJ does not really have a love life, but it is possible that it is by choice due to her genuinely enjoying spending her nights having a beer with the guys and playing poker rather than getting dressed up to be noticed at a club or bar.

The situation changes when she meets writer Bobby (Kyle Howard), who is attracted to her but he is turned off by her male-like characteristics, in that he can't seem to decipher if there are mutual feelings or not.

Like the archetypal sitcom guy, PJ has difficulty communicating her feelings. When she and Bobby try to test if there is actually

something developing between them, she keeps doing "the guy stuff," as Bobby puts it, which results in him withdrawing from her and dating another girl.

This, naturally, worries PJ and puts her brain in an overly-analytical mode and her thoughts in a voice-over explaining the current confusion in her life, a complimentary nod to good old Carrie Bradshaw.

TBS has done a good job capturing the common awkwardness of a young woman hanging around a group of guy friends who obsess over baseball, talk blatantly about getting laid, and never eat anything even remotely nutritious.

*My Boys* doesn't drive gender clichés to a stimulating new level, but it does poke fun of them appropriately.

To check out *My Boys*, tune in Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on TBS (MU channel 17)

# Love, Sex and the 1800s

LISA PIKAARD  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Teenage sexual discovery, atheism, abortion, and alternative rock music are the components that form the newest Broadway rock musical, *Spring Awakening*.

The characters of *Spring Awakening* formulate ideas about sexual and emotional shame and determine the idea that shame is a product of education. The show mainly takes place in German religious schools (although the only German aspects of the show are their names) while the characters fight internal battles with religion and its views on homosexuality, sex and masturbation.

The off-beat male character, Moritz, played by John Gallagher Jr. begins the play talking about his nightmares and phantoms. They are leaving him exhausted

in the morning and, in fact, he is actually having wet dreams and cries, "God give me consumption and take these sticky dreams away."

The actors sing their hearts and emotions out with great skill and amazing harmonies. Each of the characters have hand-held microphones as well, which are creatively used for asides in the script. They use them to sing their deep thoughts both alone and with others. The show is fantastically choreographed, even though there is little dancing.

Because of the wet dreams and his lack of sleep, Moritz asks the male lead, Melchior (Jonathan Groff) about his dreams, masturbation, and sex. Melchior writes him an essay in response with pictures which later leaves him "Totally F\*\*\*ed." The characters' sexual naivety and emo-

tional detachment forced upon them by their parents and teachers lead them on their trail to discovery and, in some cases, disaster.

Although discussing wet dreams seems to be a bit forward for a musical to be singing about, it is far from the only sexual reference in the show. The show actually begins with the lead female, Wendla (Lea Michele) asking her mother how to have a baby. Her mother's response is simply when a husband and wife love each other with their whole heart. Problems arise when that is what Wendla actually believes. She knows nothing about sex and the repercussions of having it.

The best way to define the show is to quote Melchior. He states, "It's as though the entire world was focused on penis and vagina!" The response he receives from Moritz is simply, "I am!" as is everyone else in the show.

Although the idea of sexual naivety seems rather modern, the idea of getting consumption is one of the few hints that this show was not written this year, this decade, or even this century. The show was written in 1890 by Frank Wedekind. The play was banned, however, because of its content. It is even shocking as it is staged now. With what appears to be the most explicit sex scene on Broadway -- with nudity, aggression and emotion -- it is amazing how a show with this



PHOTO COURTESY OF Joan Marcus

Melchior (Jonathan Groff) and Wendla (Lea Michele) experience emotion and sex for the first time.

much power was written so long ago.

Director Michael Mayer said he wanted to take "one of the most disturbing plays and make a musical of it!" However, both he, the musical director, and composer agreed it was crucial to honor the play and refrain from altering it. Placing the show in 1890s Germany, Mayer does well in keeping as true to the play as possible. Gallagher was pleased with the role he was given and the way it was put together. He said, "We don't make a mess out of it which could really happen." It is easy to see how masturbation, having sex, and the problems that can arise from having sex and getting beaten can be turned into a joke, but Mayer keeps the play in its true melancholy and dark form. Yet, with songs entitled "Totally F\*\*\*ed" and "The B\*\*\*h of Living," the show has a modern in your face appeal about it.

*Spring Awakening* is entirely original -- from how the audience is situated, to the lighting scheme and the actors. Although Groff and Gallagher haven't been in many, or in Gallagher's case, any, Broadway shows before, their tal-

ent is undeniable, as is the lighting and set designers' talent. The audience can sit on stage and they are intermingled cast members who sing and perform from those seats. The lighting is very well done. The use of neon lights contrast the 1890s setting, even the piano is time appropriate, but miraculously, it works.

The set is simple and entirely ironic. The rehearsals for *Spring Awakening* took place in church and the set is a replica of that rehearsal space down to the chalkboard on the wall and the brick archways high over head. Without wing space and the actors on stage largely from beginning to end of the performance, very little is hidden from the audience.

With his modern rock opera, Michael Mayer has become one of the few successful directors to take a play from the 1800s and modernize it. Jonathan Larson's rock opera, *Rent*, is the other success (based on *La bohème*). Although both shows are about sexual discovery, hardships, and rock music, they are almost nothing alike. But they do have one thing in common - they're both hits.



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A moment in thought with Melchior (Groff standing center), Georg (Sylvester Stallone in backdrop) and Moritz (Gallagher upside down) singing "The B\*\*\*h of Living."





## Hollywood Happenings

KRISTEN RENDA  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

This week in Hollywood, there are lots of breakups - yet again. On Monday morning, news came out about three different couples that are now dunzo.

First, we have Lance Bass and Reichen Lehmkuhl. Bass' publicist let out a statement on Monday morning stating simply, "They have broken up." News came as a surprise to Lehmkuhl, as he had no idea that Bass was planning on

alerting the media anytime soon.

The next break up is Eddie Murphy and Melanie "Scary Spice" Brown. After second guessing that he is the father to her baby, he dumped her. On top of that, he showed up to an event with his new girlfriend on the very same day news broke of their split.

This next couple came as a complete surprise to me. After over two years of dating, *The OC* stars Rachel Bilson and Adam Brody have called it quits. A close friend of the couple said that they have been broken up for a few weeks now, and there was no drama with the break up at all.



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Rachel Bilson and Adam Brody

In happier news, it appears as if Eva Longoria and Tony Parker are not breaking up after all. In fact, they got engaged last week. Parker has the ring custom made for her, and even had a special saying engraved on the inside for only Longoria's eyes to see.

It appears as if the



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Lance Bass and Reichen Lehmkuhl

rumors of the Beckhams moving to Los Angeles are no longer rumors. Victoria Beckham was seen looking at houses in Los Angeles recently. Could this be confirming that Becks will retire from Real Madrid and come over to the US to play for the Los Angeles Galaxy? Let's hope so!

That's all I have for this week. Make sure to read again next week for more exciting news on your favorite celebrities. Why? Because their lives are just...better.

## Diggin' in the Crate

JASON MORLEY  
STAFF WRITER

It is important to appreciate music from all styles. There's nothing wrong with liking the mainstream or being more partial to music from your own generation, but keep an open mind. This week I pulled some stuff out from way back, and also threw in some records that you might remember from a bit more recently.

### Hip Hop/R&B

- Eve & Gwen Stefani - "Let Me Blow Your Mind"
- Fabolous - "The Bad Guy"
- Mariah Carey feat. Jadakiss & Styles P. - "We Belong Together (Remix)"
- The Alchemist feat. Nina Sky & Mobb Deep - "Hold You Down"

### Pop/Top 40

- Kandi - "Just Don't Think I'm Not"
- Stacie Orrico - "(There's Gotta Be) More to Life"

### Rock

- Phil Collins - "Something Happened on the Way to Heaven"
- Paul Simon - "Me & Julio Down By the Schoolyard"

### 80s

- George Michael - "Amazing"
- El DeBarge - "Rhythm of the Night"
- Prince - "Kiss"
- George Benson - "Give me the Night"

# Know Your Roots

MIKE MARTIN  
STAFF WRITER

"This is the greatest and best song in the world"—The D

This Friday, I had the honor and pleasure of witnessing one of the greatest bands of all time (at least in their opinion), Tenacious D. While I was expecting mainly a comedy performance -- and it was very funny -- the musical aspect of the show was extremely impressive. Beneath all of the goofy gestures and hilarious skits, this band really knows how to rock. And, as Jack Black has made clear in the past, they definitely know and respect their roots.

Most of the show related to the band's new movie, *Tenacious D and the Pick of Destiny*. While it was definitely much funnier for anyone who had seen the movie, anyone who had not yet had the privilege of seeing the film still thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The opening set was of Jack and Kyle's living room. JB and KG (as they are respectively referred) were lying on a couch between a television and refrigerator. As soon as the stage lights turned on and JB and KG got up off the couch, the crowd went absolutely wild. Their presence had been greatly anticipated for the past hour and a half, especially since the two opening acts were terrible and got booed off stage. When the crowd wasn't booing during their performances (consisting of a Tenacious D wannabe duo and an unfunny comedian), they were chanting "D! D! D! D!" So the D's presence onstage was substantially more welcomed than usual.

They started off with the opening song of their first album,

"Kielbasa." Pretty much everyone in the Garden (Madison Square Garden) sang all the words. From there, they played a mix of new and old songs, but swayed more towards the new to promote their new album and movie. The show was more like a musical than a traditional concert. They performed little skits in between songs, which then related to the next song that was played. For example, when their neighbor Lee came in halfway through a song and interrupted them, JB made a sarcastic comment (thanks, that wasn't distracting at all) and then the two broke out into their song "Lee" from the first album. KG screwed

up and the end of the song, JB got pissed and karate chopped him which lead them into their infamous song "Karate."

About halfway through the show, JB suggested they go electric. They went to plug their guitars into an amp, only to realize at the last moment that Lee had spilt beer all over the amplifier. They both got electrocuted and the stage went black. A huge screen came down in front of the stage and showed a short film of the dynamic duo realizing they are in Hell. They soon bump into the Antichrist playing electric guitar, Colonel Sanders with drumsticks in his hand (wooden,

not chicken), and Charlie Chaplin holding a bass. They befriend the three and ask Sanders and Chaplin what they're in Hell for. The Colonel explains that he killed too many chickens in his lifetime, and Charlie simply replies, "I'm gay." The five then join forces and rock out in Hell.

The screen then went up and revealed an awesome stage designed to look like the depths of Hell in the video. A drumset was set atop a red boulder and the rest was rocky red terrain surrounded by fake fire. Tenacious D and their newfound band then played the rest of the show with the added depth of drums, bass, and an ex-

tra guitar. Now it really felt like a rock show. The drummer was exceptionally good (although, unfortunately, it was not David Grohl, who usually plays for them), and the Antichrist on lead guitar was also impressive.

It was amazing how good the band sounded. They did still have some skits for comic relief, though, most of which were directly related to the movie.

Near the end of the show, Satan showed up and Tenacious D challenged him to a duel. They acted out the exact scene from the film and went into the song "Beelzeboss (The Final Showdown)". As funny as this scene is, this song really flexes the band's musical muscle. It's my new favorite song by the D, in terms of talent. It also just sounds really, really good. While I usually listen to them to get a good laugh, this song would satisfy if I wanted to listen to some good rock music. It does all this while still managing to be funny—and I think that's what the D is really all about.

To wrap up the show, the band went back to rock's roots and played a melody of songs from "Tommy," the classic rock opera by The Who. They started off with "Pinball Wizard" and went on to play parts from all the hits on that album. Jack Black has showed us in movies like *School of Rock* that he knows what true rock is all about and respects the grounds on which it was built on. At the end of this show, he showed us that he also has the ability to play on those grounds. When all the jokes are said and done, Tenacious D knows how to be serious about rock 'n roll.

Stay classy MU.



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Tenacious D shines at Madison Square Garden while performing and promoting their major motion picture *Tenacious D and the Pick of Destiny*.



# THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

## London, England

### Study Abroad Student Bids a Final Farewell as Semester Draws to a Close

ERIN LUCAS  
STAFF WRITER

Hey Everyone! I hope the end of the semester is going well for everyone. I still can't believe I'll be home in two weeks and that this is my last article. I have so much to say about this trip and I also talked to some of the other people on this trip to see how they were feeling. So here it goes.

I think back to a year ago and remember packing up to go back up north from for Christmas, and now, a year later I'm packing up souvenirs from eight different countries and memories from a life in London that I will never forget. Saying good bye is going to be extremely hard because this trip has changed my life in so many different ways. I can say with confidence that I am not the same person I was four months ago when I left Newark Airport.

As I look back on the past four months I still can't believe the things I've done and the places I've seen. How can I describe what it's like to stand at the foot of the Acropolis or to stand inside

the Coliseum trying to grasp the amount of history that was right before my eyes? I know I'll never see a castle like the one in Edinburgh at home or a place that resembles the Red Light District in Amsterdam. There are no art classes that could compare to seeing the actual Mona Lisa or an original by Van Gogh. I hope to go back to the beaches in Nice that are covered in pebbles and I know I'll never forget swimming in the crystal clear waters of Monaco in the middle of October. I only wish to live in a place as beautiful as Regents Park one day and to come into contact with people half as unique as those that worked at our school.

It's hard to explain on paper how I have changed as a person from my time in London. I feel my eyes are definitely opened up wider, I think it would be impossible for them not to be after seeing so many different cultures and ways of life. I thoroughly enjoyed every country I visited because they were each different from each other. I was so used to certain things at home, especially the food and the lan-

guage and as much as I knew about other places you really start to comprehend that there is a whole world out there waiting to be explored. There are so many places I want to go when I get home and I feel like this trip has prepared me to do that. I always say I'm going to go here or there but now I know I will actually go to all the places I want to see.

**I feel so lucky to have gone through with this experience.**

One of the hardest things is going to be saying good bye to the friends I've made here that unfortunately don't go to Monmouth. I talked to Rachel, a senior from New Hampshire, and one of my good friends here about her experience in London. She told me, "This is the type of experience that changes you but you don't realize until years later just how

pivotal it was.

Maybe 10 years from now I will be able to comprehend all I've seen and experienced here, but the simple recognition of something great is enough for now." I've spent the last three and half months with her and its going to be such an adjustment not to see her, along with everyone else everyday.

I looked back on the first article I wrote before leaving for London and I think that everyone usually feels the same before they leave. I was scared to leave everything I knew and of course that feeling doesn't just go away when your plane lands in Heathrow Airport. However, at the same time there is this excitement somewhere amongst the fear and that excitement will drive you to make your place in Regent's college and not to long for home.

I missed my friends, family, and boyfriend everyday, I wondered what I was missing at first but than you have to make yourself realize how lucky you are to be here and take full advantage. There will be times when you feel really homesick but everyone is

only a phone call away and before you know it you will be packing up to come home.

In closing, I feel so lucky to have gone through this experience and that's not to say I wasn't scared, because I was. It's a scary thought to leave your comfort zone but I wouldn't take back this experience for anything. Four months may seem like a long time to be away from the ones you love, but it is way too short of a time to see the world. They say time flies when you're having fun, and let's just say London was a blast, and I still can't believe it's time to come home.



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Study Abroad Students Erin Lucas and Liz Wright say goodbye to London.



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

**Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is an 9**  
 You're growing more impatient, which won't do you any good. Relax and let what you want come to you. That's the masterful plan.

**Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 5**  
 Your good sense is returning. Hopefully, you're not humiliated by whatever it is you've recently bought. Don't take it back yet. Maybe you'll find a use for it.

**Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 8**  
 The next few weeks will be good for practicing over and over again. The next few days will be good for bringing in money to pay for your lessons.

**Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 5**  
 Concentrate on efficiency. Free up more of your time, to investigate options you've never considered. You don't even know what they are, yet.

**Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - Today is a 9**  
 Others look to you for leadership and advice. You have the experience. Also have the patience.

**Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 5**  
 Your friends are there for you again. They come up with great ideas that help you get your sense of humor back, and put things into perspective.

**Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 8**  
 Be ready for a new assignment. Somebody important likes your work. Accept a challenge. If you can do it, the word will get around.

**Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is a 6**  
 Your attention will be diverted with another tempting offer. Don't drop what you're doing, until it's producing the results without your attention.

**Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 8**  
 Check your storage facilities, and find out what you already have. Stash away as much and more as you can, so you don't have to lug it around.

**Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is a 5**  
 You're in for a pleasant surprise, so don't put up too much of a fight. When your partner makes a suggestion, go along with it.

**Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 8**  
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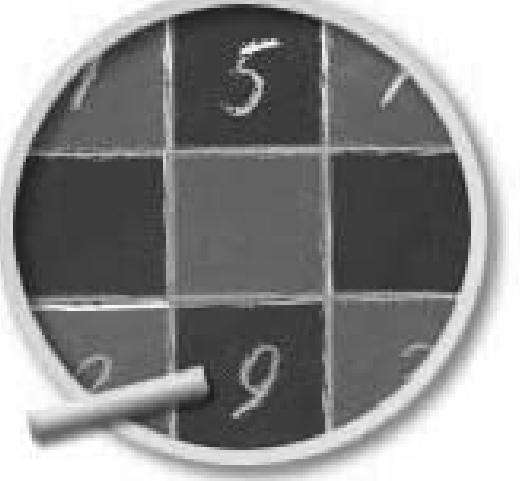
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Theta Phi Alpha

Tia I'm so proud of you and I know you will do a fab job! Love exelpres. Little wastey-> hope your bday was fab! Can't wait to celebrate with you! Congrats Alpha Pi! I <3 AN and miss Monmouth Rd a lot xoxo - Heather. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving & ate lots of yummy food! Ash, your birthday was a blast & Nicole I think we were wildest girls on the bus haha! Alpha Omicron you're my life & I'm obsessed. Biggie, you're the greatest! Love you! -Barbie. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! Congrats Alpha Pi. Happy Bday to Amanda and Ash. Best party ever haha love you all - Nicole. Happy Birthday Ashley! Missed you this week, yay for being back. Congrats Little! Congrats to Alpha Pi Girls! A perfect new addition. All my love to my sisters. Biggie smalls you are my life. Thanks for the sleepover - Amanda. Little - thanks for my black Giants big/ little fans! Heart you - Jenna. My big is the sexiest rockstar ever. Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. So happy to call all of you girls my sisters -love Katie. My big & GBig are the hottest things alive! Hope everyone had a fabulous Thanksgiving!! LOVE YOU ALL SO MUCH!! - Lisa

Phi Sigma Sigma

Phi Sigma Sigma would like to congratulate our new E-Board and committees! All of you girls are going to do a wonderful job in your new positions. Last week the Phi Sig's hit New York City... HARD! The # of people who stared at LunaBella's knockers = 157 + 1(Rachael Ray). The # of shrimp Parisa eats on National TV = 5. The # of items of protection Blahnixx carries in her bag = 1. The # of times RC wanted to make out with Caliente on the rotating stage = 20. The # of songs we can download on our free mini ipod shuffles = 270! Other important news, CaPri still has game (no worries). And yes, DiVine still has her faja. Over the weekend 307 turns their house into a retirement home and parks the motorized wheelchairs on the front lawn... better than DeZire's car being parked there. We have recently invested in a bush whacking business, free for all frats! Jacinta moved on from stealing random items to stealing bartenders' hearts (agita!) Ending with the Phi Sig Question of the Week, Who had the Best Week Everrr?? A) DiVine for her extreme close up B) Graziella for getting fused C) Jacinta for her amazing sing-a-long skills D) Amadora for her celebrity hook up. The Answer: Obviously D because "It's Tricky to rock a rhyme, to rock a rhyme that's right on time, it's tricky!" AIM HIGH

Alpha Sigma Tau

COME ONE, COME ALL TO AST'S HOLIDAY RECRUITMENT PARTY. COME GET TO KNOW THE LADIES OF AST BECAUSE WE WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU. SAVE THE DATE - DECEMBER 12TH - MORE DETAILS TO COME! Tink..Friday made me love you even more than I already could and sorry that I had to leave you out for the Army trip today. Glamour, your #1 Baby loves you tons and let Belle know I feel the same way about her. Fiona, twins for like no matter what (just answer your phone next time. Congrats to the Alpha Rhos! Love you girls! <3 Shimmer. Smalls, we need to hang-out more. Ok - great. PS I <3 the Alpha Rhos! Good job! Lucky Star, can't wait for our psuedo twin date on Thursday, you made my day! <3 Shimmer. Lady giant hearts Alpha Rho! Congrats ladies. I love you Alpha Rhos Serenity and Trix. you all "rock my socks!" Alpha Rhos more like... <3 Muse. Moto - nothing but love for you! Life - Beantown was ridiculous, more road trips weekends? I think so, let's get jobs and make it happen. Thanks for everything...Love you! Love you all, Twinkle Sairs University - LAdy, Riff, & Scky boycott school. We triumphed over the "Dark Side." <3 Matey. Yay for Thanksgiving dinner AST Style! Yummy, Yummy. Happy Birthday Little & congrats. I'm so proud of you! <3 Lucky Star

Alpha Xi Delta

Hey everyone! Lots of things are happening with Alpha Xi Delta. We held our first elections before Thanksgiving, which were very successful, and we had our officer training this past Friday. Congratulations to the new E-Board and to all the new officers, who will all take office in January. Saturday we had our first semi-formal, known as the Snowflake Social (or "Flakey Flake" as some of us opt to call it)! We were all very excited for this event and had an absolute blast! A big thanks goes out to our social chair, Alyce Quinlan, for planning the event. On Friday, December 8, we will be having our sisterhood retreat, which had previously been postponed. The Tribute Concert to Jessica Blain is the same night, so we have incorporated that as an option into our retreat. Many, if not all, of us will be there. PLEASE come out to Woods Theatre at 8pm to honor Jess' memory and to support epilepsy research. As the semester comes to a close, Beth Overmoe, our Educational Leadership Consultant (or ELC), will be flying back home this week. We would like to thank her for everything she has done for us this semester, and we wish her all the best! That is all for this week. Much Xi Love to all!!!

SGA President's Corner

Hey there Monmouth, Hope your break was a good one and that you're fresh and ready to finish the last few weeks of the semester. Reading the Outlook and talking to all kinds of people the past few weeks has really made me realize that diversity is a major issue on campus that students actually care about. The anger and frustration that I sense from some students who say the school "isn't doing anything about it" or that minorities are not represented is something I'm really concerned about and take personally. First, I'd like to say that I am 1 out of the 72 Latino men that are undergrads at Monmouth (Yes, just 72 Hispanic men out of about 4,000 undergraduates). I'm 110% Puerto Rican and proud of it. I do my best to represent the minorities on and off campus, so when I hear people say that minorities don't have a say and are not represented when the SGA President is a minority himself is unfair and misinformed. Misinformation and miscommunication is what I feel is the whole reason for a lot of the frustration felt by the minorities on campus. Diversity is an issue that the Monmouth University Administration, specifically Vice President of Student Affairs Maryann Nagy cares deeply about and are searching for a solution. Just acknowledging there is a problem isn't enough. You, as a genuinely concerned student, have to be proactive about it. An idea that has been introduced is that we can talk to high schools statewide and have myself and fellow minorities talk to minorities at these schools about Monmouth and what it can offer on a personal level. Most students don't realize how much is done to make life better at Monmouth, it seems easier to poke at the weaknesses and shortcomings from the sidelines. Come to the Speak Out, come to SGA meetings, and give ideas on how we can upgrade the culture of the University. Be a part of the answer. To me, diversity is more than skin deep; color coding everyone makes for the stereotypes that I've been fighting off since grammar school. I have all kinds of friends here. When it comes down to it, it doesn't matter if we're white, black, brown, or green, we're just college kids trying to find our niche in the world. It is my personal goal that Monmouth University provides every opportunity for every kind of person. I just need you're help. You can always come to our office on the 3rd floor of the student center or email at sga@monmouth.edu , as usual. Let's make big things happen at MU.

Sincerely,

Brandon Bosque  
SGA President

Sigma Tau Gamma

Hey Monmouth, how's everything going? We hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and relaxing weekend. We're starting up some recruitment events soon so keep on the look out for calls or messages from a brother if we already have your contact info, and if you're not sure what's going on then just ask a brother when you see him. We're gearing up for more philanthropy projects, so if you have any new or slightly new children's books please let us know. We hope that everyone has a great week.

WMCX TOP 10 & GIVEAWAY

1. TOM WAITS - "Orphans: Brawlers, Bawlers, and Bastards" (Anti)
2. FOUR LETTER LIE - "Let Your Body Take Over" (Victory)
3. COLD WAR KIDS - "Robbers and Cowards" (Downtown)
4. MY CHEMICAL ROMANCE - "Black Parade" (Reprise)
5. BLUE VAN - "Dear Independence" (TVT)
6. ME FIRST AND THE GIMME GIMMES - "Love Their Country" (Fat Wreck Chords)
7. AS TALL AS LIONS - "As Tall As Lions" (Triple Crown)
8. MORELLO - "Twelve Ways to Breathe"
9. BLOOD BROTHERS - "Young Machetes" (V2)
10. A STATIC LULLABY - "A Static Lullaby" (Fearless)

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3:00PM Issues & Insights  
3:30PM M - You  
4:00PM M Squared  
5:00PM M Squared Live  
6:00PM Hawk TV News  
6:30PM Extra Point

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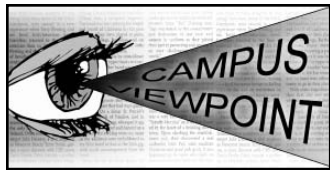
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and much more



## What's on your holiday wish list?

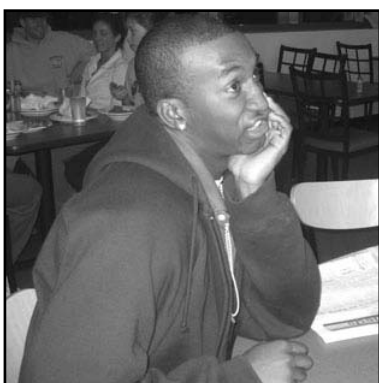


BY: SUZANNE GUARINO



**Devon**  
freshman

"A new computer. Specifically, a Dell Core Duo."



**Jermaine**  
junior

"A roommate who pays his rent."



**Lauren**  
freshman

"I'm wishing for someone special. And to be home with my family."



**Jamie**  
freshman

"The new Verizon White Chocolate phone."



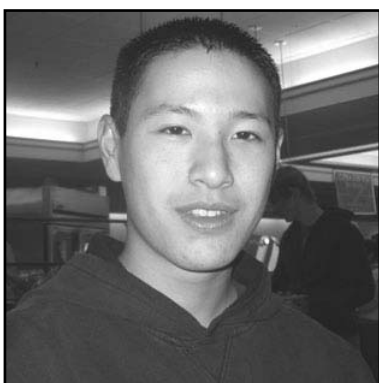
**Farva & Waldo**  
super senior & sophomore

"A clean STD test."



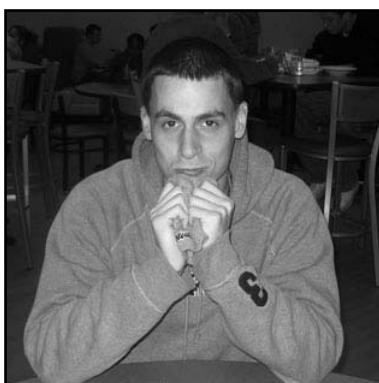
**Gillian & Stefanie**  
freshman

"We are asking for clothes and a digital camera."



**Brandon**  
freshman

"I don't really want anything except just to be able to relax at home with friends and family."



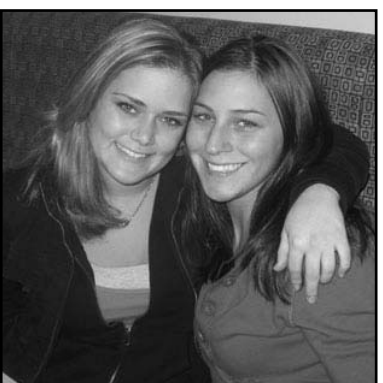
**Joe Q.**  
junior

"I want my girlfriend back."



**Jay**  
senior

"I want Mike York to shave his mustache."



**Lauren & Alia**  
juniors

"New pimped-out rides."

## Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations

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### This Weeks Campus Events

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2006**  
Women's Basketball vs. Gazelles (Exhibition)  
Boylan, 7:30 PM

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2006**  
Choosing a Major  
RSSC 202B, 3:00 PM

Study Skills for Finals  
RSSC 202B, 4:00 PM

Men's Basketball vs. Long Island University  
Boylan, 7:00 PM

Christmas Party  
Catholic Centre, 8:30 PM

Thursday Night Alternative  
Oakwood, 10:00 PM

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2006**  
Intramural Texas Hold 'Em  
RSSC Fireplace, 5:00 PM

Movie Accepted  
Young Aud., 8:00 PM

MU Ice Hawks vs. Albany  
Wall Sports Arena, 9 PM

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2006**  
Broadway Trip - Spamalat - SOLD OUT  
Bus Departs @ 11:00 AM

Movie Accepted  
Young Aud., 3:00 PM

Men's Basketball vs. University of Hartford  
Boylan, 7:00 PM

Movie Gridiron Gang  
Young Aud., 9:00 PM

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2006**  
Kwanzaa Celebration  
Anacon Hall, 6:00 PM

Monmouth's Got Talent!  
Java City, 8:00 PM

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2006**  
Labyrinth Walk -  
Anacon Hall,

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2006**  
De Stress Fest  
Anacon Hall, 1:00 PM

Greeks in the Gym - Meet the Fraternities  
Boylan Gym, 10:00 PM

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2006**  
Late Night Breakfast  
Magill, 9:30 PM

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Events must be  
open to all students.  
We do not publish  
meeting times.

### Be a Summer 2007 Orientation Leader

#### About the Position:

- Assist new students in their transition to Monmouth University
- Be a part of a NEW orientation program (summer instead of fall)
- Represent Monmouth in one of the most important leadership roles available
- Gain excellent skills and experiences
- \$1500 Stipend, Housing and Meals during training and programs
- 16 Orientation Leader positions are available
- Students from all areas of campus are encouraged to apply

#### About the Time Commitment:

- Training - May 9 - May 14, 2007
- Orientation Programs - July 3 - July 30, 2007
- Welcome Week - August 27 - September 3, 2007

#### Want to Learn More? Come to an Info. Session:

- Friday, January 26 - 202A, 3:00 PM
- Monday, January 29 - 202A, 4:00 PM
- Thursday, February 1 - The Underground, 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, February 7 - 202A, 3:30 PM
- APPLICATIONS DUE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 @ 4:30 PM
- All applicants will go through an interview process

#### Where to get an Application or to ask questions:

- The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations
- 2nd Floor, Rebecca Stafford Student Center, activities@monmouth.edu



Young Auditorium, Bey Hall. All Movies are Free! Free popcorn, too!!!

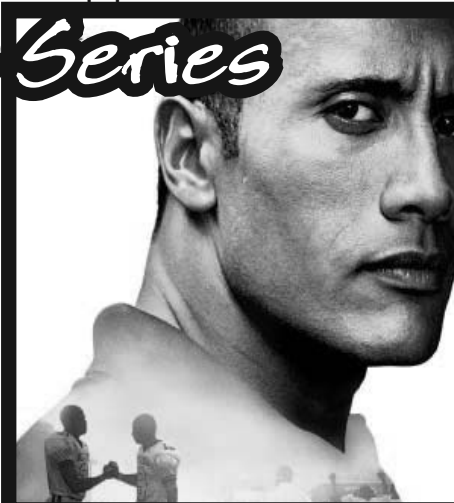
### Weekend Movie Series

#### Accepted

Friday, 11/10 @ 8PM &  
Saturday, 11/11 @ 3 PM

#### Gridiron Gang

Saturday, 11/11 @ 9PM &  
Sunday, 11/12 @ 1PM







# THE END ZONE

## Hawks End Season with Loss to University of San Diego

Football continued from page 1

a stiff wind, Johnson found John Matthews for a 36 yard connection that set up USD at the Monmouth 38. Then, faced with a fourth and seven at the Monmouth 35, Johnson once again showed off his footwork, rushing for 18 yards down to the Hawks 17. Rogan would again cap the drive with a score, this time from four yards out. San Diego failed on the two point conversion, but still took a 19-0 lead into halftime. USD, led by their star quarterback, seemed to have their way with the Monmouth defense.

“As a whole, on defense, we made mistakes,” said linebacker Mike Castellano.

In the second half, the Hawks came out determined to make a statement. After stopping the Torero offense, Monmouth got the ball back.

After three straight handoffs to Sinisi, in which he picked up 21 yards, Boland found Shane Sharp-

Boland threw his second pick of the day, again to Hannula, at the Monmouth 9.

San Diego would never look back. In the fourth quarter, after the teams traded three and outs, the Toreros would go on a 10 play drive that culminated in Brendan Feliczak taking it in from three yards out. The two point conversion was good, giving the University of San Diego a 27-7 lead, which is how the game would end.

Johnson finished the game with 104 yards on 13 carries, and was 18-of-30 passing for 180 yards. When he wasn’t able to throw the ball, he made plays by running the ball, and when he wasn’t able to run, he made plays with his arm. The Toreros leading receiver was Matthews, who had five catches for 71 yards, including a 36 yard pass play into the wind.

After the game, Jim Harbaugh, head coach of USD said of Johnson, “In every game we’ve played this year, Josh Johnson has been the best player on the field.”



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

Leonard Brice tries to find a hole in the USD defense. Monmouth could not get the ground game going against the Toreros

yards on 10 carries.

Although the Hawks finished on the short end of 27-7 decision in the team’s first ever bowl game, coach Callahan spoke highly of his team’s efforts throughout the season.

“We were happy to be in the game,” he said. “This doesn’t take away from what this team has accomplished.”

Boland echoed those comments. “We’ve had some big wins this year,” he said in the post-game press conference.

The 2006 season will certainly be remembered as one of the more successful seasons in the history of Monmouth football. After winning two games on the road against two tough non-con-



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

Brian Boland was sacked four times by the University of San Diego defense.

ley for a 57 yard completion, down to the USD 1-yard-line. That set up a Sinisi touchdown, his 12th consecutive game with a score. Monmouth now closed the gap to 19-7.

USD got the ball back and looked to be driving. But an illegal block penalty called against the Toreros put San Diego in a third-and-long situation that they could not convert. After the punt, Monmouth got the ball back on its own 24.

After a 21-yard-completion to Chris Kiley, on third-and-11, Boland then used his legs on third-and-one to pick up another first down at the Torero 28. But just when it seemed that the Hawks had all the momentum and were looking to get back into the game,

Although just a junior, Johnson is viewed by many scouts as a potential NFL player. There is some speculation that if he were to enter the NFL draft this April, he would be a first day pick.

Monmouth, on the other hand, had difficulty moving the ball all day, and when they did, they turned the ball over or had penalties that took away big plays. Boland finished his day 12-of-24 for 145 yards, and threw two interceptions, including the one that went the other way to give San Diego the 7-0 lead in the first quarter. Boland was also sacked four times. The Hawks couldn’t get it going on the ground, either, as Sinisi ended the game as the Blue and White’s leading rusher, picking up just 42



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

Josh Johnson, who was the Pioneer Football League Player of the Year, gave the Monmouth defense problems throughout the game. He finished with 104 yards rushing on 13 attempts. He was also 18 of 30 for 180 yards through the air.

ference opponents in Fordham and Colgate, Monmouth knocked off Central Connecticut State, then the No. 19 ranked team in I-AA football. It was the highest ranked opponent Monmouth had ever beaten.

Next season, the Hawks will look to defend their NEC crown. And, although they will graduate key players like Boland, Castellano, and Leonard Brice, Monmouth still has a quality core of players who will be returning. San Miguel, who has an opportunity to break many of Miles Austin’s receiving records, has said that he will be back in 2007 wearing blue and white. Sinisi will look to continue his streak of consecutive games with a touchdown, and Callahan will look to a young but experienced defense to lead MU to its sixth Northeast Conference title next fall.

### Hawks Land Three Players on Sports Network Mid-Major All-American Team

PRESS RELEASE  
MU ATHLETICS

Three Monmouth University senior football players were named to the Sports Network’s I-AA Mid-Major All-America team. Offensive lineman Matt Connolly, linebacker Mike Castellano and defensive back Matt Hill

Connolly, a first team NEC selection, protected one of the nation’s best passing offenses. Behind Connolly, the Hawks had the second best offense in the NEC in scoring and in yardage per game.

Castellano, a three-time All-Northeast Conference selection, finished second on the team in tackles with 77 stops, 46 of them solo. Castellano also finished with six tackles for a loss, two sacks and a trio of interceptions. The Freehold, N.J., native finished his career with 218 tackles and seven interceptions.

Hill was first on the Hawks in tackles with 85, which ranked seventh in the NEC. Hill’s 265 career tackles ranks fourth all-time at Monmouth, while his nine career interceptions is third among all players to play for the Blue & White. The Hopatcong, N.J., native anchored a Hawk defense that finished 2006 ranked in the top-10 in the NCAA in four separate defensive categories.

Men's Basketball

# Hawks Run Wild in the Broncs' Zoo

Coleman's Jumper with :05 to go Gives Hawks 67-66 Win Over Rider

**CRAIG D'AMICO**  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Monmouth Hawks exorcised the demons of the gym known as the "Broncs' Zoo" last Thursday night with a thrilling 67-66 victory over Rider University. The win was the first Monmouth victory in Lawrenceville since 1996.

With the game tied at 58 with five minutes to play in regulation, Rider started to pull away as senior guard Terrance Mouton converted a layup, and Ryan Thompson and Jason Thompson each made a pair of free throws to give Rider a 64-59 advantage, the Broncs' largest lead of the game, with just 1:47 to play.

Off of a timeout, Dejan Delic drove to the basket for a quick layup to pull Monmouth within three, and then, after a Harris Mansell turnover, Delic drove for another bucket to bring the Hawks within one, 64-63.

Ryan Thompson, a freshman guard, showed no nerves in a pressure situation, drilling two free throws with 25 seconds left to add a little more cushion for Rider, 66-63. Following the free throws, the Hawks attacked quickly, as Mike Shipman went the length of the floor for a quick score to cut the Rider advantage to 66-65 with just 18 seconds to play.

Rider took a timeout, allowing Monmouth to bring in Corey Hallett for defensive purposes. Hallett, with his long wingspan, forced a turnover off of the Rider inbound pass, as Shipman seized possession for the Hawks. With just five seconds remaining, Whitney Coleman came free on the left baseline for a jumper with 5.3 seconds left to give Monmouth a 67-66 lead.

The Broncs' quickly inbounded

and ran the length of the floor. Mouton missed a layup as the final buzzer sounded, giving the Hawks a thrilling one point victory. Delic led the Hawks with 25 points, while John Bunch and Jhamar Youngblood contributed 12 and 11 points off of the bench, respectively.

"It felt great (to win the game)," said Coleman. "We talked a lot about toughness before the game. I think we showed toughness being up and then going down and not

quitting and coming back right until that very last play."

The bench proved to be the difference, as Monmouth outscored Rider's bench 25-2. The Hawks also had their best game all season long in the turnover department, only committing 10 while scoring 18 points off Rider turnovers.

For Monmouth, it was their third victory of the season, with the three wins coming by a total of four points. Monmouth was able

to survive a back-and-forth contest which saw 11 ties and six lead changes, with the biggest lead for either team at six points.

Monday night, the Hawks dropped to 0-30 all-time against the Big East, as they fell to the Seton Hall Pirates 83-49 at the Meadowlands.

After Grant Billmeier scored the first points of the game on a free throw, Coleman connected on a back door bucket to give Monmouth a 2-1 lead, giving Monmouth their only lead of the game.

Following the basket, the Hall went on a 10-0 run with Billmeier scoring the first five Seton Hall points.

Late in the first half, with Delic headed to the free throw line, Seton Hall head coach was flagged with a technical foul for arguing with the officials. However, Delic was only able to convert on one of the four opportunities, and the Hall went on a 15-2 run over the final 4:28 of the first half to head into the locker room with a 43-34 lead.

Last year, Monmouth outscored Seton Hall in the second half. However, this year, with the unpleasant memory fresh in their minds of having their 33 game win streak against NEC schools come to an end against Fairleigh Dickinson, the Pirates would not let up.

Seton Hall broke out with a 17-1 run to give the Hall a 69-33 advantage with just over nine minutes to go. Towards the end, with the game out of reach, it allowed Dave Callo-way to give freshman Ricky Crews his first career minutes. Crews played 12 minutes and scored six points.

The Pirates would lead by as many as 40 in the second half, and

go on to win 83-49. Alex Nunner led the Hawks in scoring with a career high 11 points off of the bench.

Monmouth stands at 3-6 on the season, and now, after playing eight of their first nine games on the road, the Hawks will begin a six game homestand Thursday night against conference foe Long Island. The Blackbirds were picked third in the NEC preseason poll, and will be looking to gather some revenge, as Monmouth eliminated LIU last year in the first round of the NEC Tournament.

Following the conference clash with LIU, the Monmouth Hawks will take on the Hartford Hawks on Saturday night, December 9th at Boylan Gym, with the opening tip set for 7 p.m.



Jhamar Youngblood goes up for a layup in Monmouth's one point victory over Rider.

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## Outlook's Weekly NFL Picks - Week 14

	Away	New York Giants	Philadelphia Eagles	New Orleans Saints	New York Jets	Denver Broncos	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Indianapolis Colts	Green Bay Packers
	Home	Carolina Panthers	Washington Redskins	Dallas Cowboys	Buffalo Bills	San Diego Chargers	Atlanta Falcons	Jacksonville Jaguars	San Francisco 49ers
Alex (5-3 Last Wk) (60-36 Overall)									
Craig (3-5 Last Wk) (52-44 Overall)									
Jacqueline (6-2 Last Wk) (57-39 Overall)									
Lisa (6-2 Last Wk) (57-39 Overall)									
Sam (7-1 Last Wk) (44-52 Overall)									
Wes (4-4 Last Wk) (57-39 Overall)									



# Women's Basketball

## Hawks Pull Out OT Victory Over Lehigh, Fall to St. John's

*The Blue and White Beat Lehigh in Overtime 72-65, But Lose at St. John's 54-46*

ERIC M. WALSH  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Monmouth University women's basketball team battled hard this week to earn a tough win against Lehigh at home on November 29, but couldn't pull out the victory at St. John's on December 2. With the win and the loss this week, the Blue and White maintain their wining record at 4-3 through their first seven games of the 2006/07 season.

On Wednesday, November 29, the Hawks hosted Lehigh University at Boylan Gymnasium and battled for every point to pull out a come-from-behind victory in overtime, 72-65. Monmouth came out strong, going up 10-6 before the game had to be paused because of a leak from a pipe over the court in Boyler Room. After the problem was fixed, Monmouth was victim to a Mountain Hawks 5-0 run which cut the Blue and White's 12-6 lead to one. Monmouth took a quick 30-second timeout to regroup and regained their composure with the help Veronica Randolph's long distance three to put the Hawks up 20-13. Lehigh came right back with their own 7-0 run to tie the game at 20-20. The Mountain Hawks finished the first half with a buzzer beater that put them on top 24-22 at the intermission.

In the second half, the game was tied at 28 when Lehigh went on a 12 point scoring rush that put the Blue and White in a deep hole. Sophomore Jennifer Bender led the Hawks back to within two of the Mountain Hawks with

her jumper that capped off a 14-6 run MU run. Lehigh took a seven point lead with just over two minutes to go in the contest with two quick scores. After a clutch Randolph three-pointer and a quick lay-up by Bender, the Hawks were down 53-51 with 1:30 remaining. The buzzer sounded for the end of regulation, but the game couldn't be decided after a last-second shot fell short for the Blue and White; at the end of 40 minutes, the con-

test was all knotted up, 58-58. The Hawks took advantage of the free-throw line in the extra period and pulled out the victory, 72-65. The contest was relatively ugly, with both teams combining for 43 turnovers. Bender and Randolph were the players of the game for the Hawks. Bender contributed a double-double, with 17 points and 10 rebounds, while Randolph scored a career high 22 points and added 7 rebounds for the Blue and White.

Monmouth returned to action on Saturday December 2, when they traveled to Jamaica, Queens to battle Big East power St. John's. While the Hawks held St. John's to only 31 percent shooting from the field, the Red Storm were just too much on defense, holding Monmouth to just 46 points. In the 54-46 defeat for the Blue and White, both teams shot close to 30 percent for the contest, with each team connecting on eight field goals from 28 shots in the first half. The Hawks were only down three after the first 20 minutes, but could never close in on the Red Storm. Bender and Brianne Edwards scored eight points apiece for the Blue and White, with LaKia Barber, Marisa Jimenez, and Nyaimah Ware adding seven points to the effort.

The Hawks will host the NY Gazelles in an exhibition game at Boylan Gymnasium on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30. Michele Baxter's squad will open up their conference schedule when they take on St. Francis in New York on December 10, before traveling to Drexel on December 12.

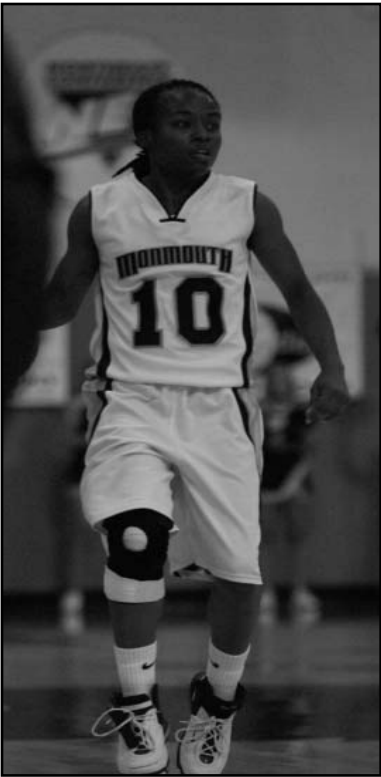


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Brianne Edwards led Monmouth with eight points in a losing effort against St. John's.

## Hawks Indoor Track Season Gets Underway

*Season Begins with Meet at Seton Hall*

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It was small, but that doesn't mean it wasn't a productive weekend for Monmouth's Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field teams.

Bringing just a handful of competitors, Monmouth got its Indoor Track & Field season under way this past Sunday at Seton Hall University.

Deemed as a low key meet by Coach Joe Compagni, the Hawks who made the trip to West Orange made it an overall successful trip.

"We just brought a small group of athletes to get in their first meet in a few events, but the athletes

klau took first place in shot put with a throw of 16.01 meters. Hirschklau then posted a fourth place finish in the weight throw with a mark of 14.04 meters. Along with Hirschklau's fourth place finish in the weight throw, Monmouth's Ryan Connell took first overall with a throw of 15.29 meters. Another first place finish belonged to Jude Rene in the high jump. His best jump saw him clear 6'2" which was good for a tie for first.

The women's side saw the return of Ashley Huffman. Huffman had lost her whole junior year to an injury, but she started off her season in a positive way, placing in three events. Along with Huffman, Jen

*"We just brought a small group of athletes to get in their first meet in a few events, but the athletes who competed did a great job."*

JOE COMPAGNI  
Indoor Track Head Coach

who competed did a great job," said Coach Joe Compagni.

The event is a good opening meet in order to get the season underway. A total of twelve teams competed at the Seton Hall Games, with Monmouth bringing a mixture of veterans and freshmen. The group that did compete only made up about a quarter of the Hawks' roster.

Unofficial results at press time saw a handful of Hawks start their season off well.

For the men's side, Kyle Hirsch-

Tarsan placed third in the triple jump with a mark of 10.61 meters. Overall, the women had nine women place in the top 10 or better this past weekend.

From here, the Hawks will turn their attention to Princeton for the Princeton Invitational. The event is taking place on Friday. This time, though, the Hawks will be bringing close to a full roster and will look to make their mark early on in the season.

The NEC Indoor Track polls will come out this week.



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# A Winning Tradition



**The Hawks boasted 11 all-conference players this season en route to their 3rd NEC title in 4 years. The Hawks will look to build on their 10 win season in 2007. *Story Inside***