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## Communication major receives first CDW award

NATALIE B. ANZAROUTH  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Junior Communication student Kevin Scally recently received the first annual CDW Corporation Computer/Business Award, designed to offer students studying computer and business related courses with technology that will aid them with their educational experience.

"They [CDW] were a new company in our area and decided they wanted to do something to help students. They contacted the University," Associate Director of the Annual Fund for University Advancement Lisa De Vona said.



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Monmouth University student Kevin Scally (from left) receives his laptop computer from Kris MacDermant of CDW Corporation and Jeff Mills, vice president of university advancement.

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## Monmouth University entrepreneurs tackle music biz the current Wave Collective

MARTIN HALO  
STAFF WRITER

If you ever thought that embarking on your own business venture, in which specifically met the needs of up and coming musical artists, was a tale of urban legend; well, think again!

As of November 2005, a group of fifteen Monmouth University Music Majors have done just that, created a company that is dedicated to finding musical talent in which they will personally promote, produce, and manage. All in hopes of making already established acts more accessible to the listening public and with the common goal of getting undiscovered acts signed to record deals.

"We are a one-stop shop for music industry affairs," says Current Wave Collective President and CEO Nina Chiminec. "We are a booking agency, a management company, a promotion machine,

and a production team."

"The company was founded on the basis that we all need experience in the music business before we graduate, and through our work we will hope to have an impact in pushing music in the right direction" says Chiminec.

The Current Wave Collective is working in conjunction with Gig Records which will facilitate the mass production and distribution of Current Wave artists.

"We are a multifunctional music industry machine," says Aine O'Carroll head of Marketing Analysis. "Everything that a band will have to deal with in their career we have the ability and resources to handle."

The first major project for the Collective is a full-fledged Rock n' Bowl every Tuesday night, starting December 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Asbury Park Lanes, located at 209 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Asbury Park.

"We are going to be running the

Lanes as if it was our own club," says Chiminec. Doors will be open from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., to all guests over 18, and will feature two full live sets of musical performances and an evening of unlimited bowling. Alcohol will be available to patrons over the age of 21.

"The gigs at the Asbury lanes are going to be very unique, it's a good alternative for college students to go out and not have to be in a club atmosphere," says Rhyann Sharkey, Head of Merchandising. "Not to mention this is a great opportunity for audiences to be exposed to new music."

Coleman Imhoff, Supervisor of Recording Development says, "we are basically going to be managing bands, if we find a band we like that has potential we are going to push them, the company will book shows, and will help acts out by getting their foot in the door."

Head of Finance, Bill Dwight, comments, "We are funding the company through our own projects. This is a company that we feel will flourish, we might be starting with the Asbury Lanes but the money we make from these events will go towards future projects and the expansion of the Collective."

The Current Wave Collective has an active website still under construction at [currentwavecollective.com](http://currentwavecollective.com).

LAUREN BENEDETTI  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Monmouth University announced a delayed opening yesterday morning due to overnight snowfall that affected school districts across the county.

Classes beginning at 8:30 a.m. were cancelled giving the University time to clear snow from the parking lots and sidewalks.

"My 10 o'clock was cancelled even though school had reopened. It was nice to sleep in and it gave me sometime to relax in bed, something I haven't been doing much of due to all of the work I'm trying to get done before finals," said senior communication major Dusty Archer.



PHOTO BY Lauren Benedetti

Monmouth University had a delayed opening yesterday morning after Monday night and Tuesday morning's snowfall.

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## MU hosts College Bowl 2005

ERIN ROSE  
STAFF WRITER

Monmouth University held its campus-wide College Bowl tournament at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3 to find the best-qualified students to comprise the All-Star team that will be sent to the regional competition at Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland on Feb. 23-26, 2006.

Eight teams, each comprised of three or four members, competed to win the competition. Five of the best performing students, determined by using their individual scores, will be chosen to make up the All-Star team.

The competition was held in a style similar to the NCAA's March Madness bracket system. There were four sessions in the first round, with two teams competing against each other at a time. Finally, the two winning teams moved on to the final found, where they competed to be the champions of the tournament.

In the first round, 2 Guys, A Girl, & A Giant competed against Alpha Sigma Tau Dream Team in the first session. The team 2 Guys, A Girl, & A Giant won with a score of 155 points to AST's 55 points. In the second session, the Sigma Tau Gamma team, with 150 points, won against the JAMS, with a total of 85 points. The third session pitted Patten's Soldiers against Tau Kappa Epsilon's The Green Buds. TKE prevailed with 175 points to Patten Soldier's 90. Finally, in the fourth session, the Independence won over the Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

The second round's scores were not much closer than those of the first. Sigma Tau Gamma went up against 2 Guys, A Girl, & A Giant, and won with 225 points to their opponents 20 points. Independence also won over TKE's The Green Buds, with 240 point to TKE's 125.

### What is the college bowl?

College Bowl, the "Varsity Sport of the Mind," has a long and illustrious history on television, on radio, and on campuses. It is the world famous game of questions and answers played by two teams of competing students. More than 500 schools have competed in the program, which has raised millions of dollars for institutional grants.

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# College Bowl

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In the final round, Sigma Tau Gamma played a close game against Independence. STG pulled away in the second half to win with 270 points, against Independence's 175, and won Campus Bowl t-shirts and \$25 Monmouth Mall gift certificates.

STG has won the past two years' campus-wide tournament, and one member of the team, Joe Bucher, went on to the regional competition last year and was named the top individual scorer.

The members of the team, including Bucher, Kevin Ligouri, Tony D'Amico, Tom Murphy, and alternate member Alex Ramos, are all members of Sigma Tau Gamma. The team was formed through the fraternity.

"I really enjoy the competition because it is fun and exciting," Ligouri said. "It's really fair and a lot like Jeopardy."

One complaint about the event was a lack of publicity and the entire team agreed that more was needed.

"If there was more publicity, more people would come and support the teams, and hopefully, more people would participate too," Murphy said.

Bucher recommended advertising to on-campus groups to see if more people will come out and form teams to make the tournament more competitive.

Fellow students echoed the competitor's complaint. Many students



**Monmouth University's regional college bowl champions** from last year (pictured from left) Joseph Bucher, Alex Biese, Matthew Zorner, Ryan Campbell and Aimee Babbitt at the Regional College Bowl Tournament at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark.

asked knew nothing about the competition.

"I've never heard of it," Jeannette Caruso, a senior communication major, said. "I'm in the communication's honor society and I wish they would have advertised more so that we could have put together a team and competed."

The audience was comprised of teams waiting to compete and a few supporters. They were asked to remain as silent as possible, and not to give the competitors any hints or even to whisper the answer to another spectator to keep the tournament as fair as possible. The spectators had to be reminded four times to remain quiet during Saturday's event.

The tournament is similar to Jeopardy, and asks the participants questions on topics that range from history, literature, current events, to pop culture and sports. Two types of questions, toss-ups and bonus questions are asked, and points are tallied to determine the winning team. Toss-up questions are worth 10 points and

can be answered by any player, while the bonus questions, available to the team that answers the toss-up question correctly, are worth 20 or 30 points, and have two or three answers and can make a big difference in the competition's results.

Each session is 14 minutes long, with two seven minute halves. The questions are read, and students buzz in and must be recognized by a judge before they are able to answer. Competitors are discouraged from buzzing in before the question being read is completed, and if a competitor buzzes in before it is finished and gets the question wrong, their team will lose five points.

Last year's all-star team placed fourth overall in the regionals, and the previous year's team won third place, the best placing team Monmouth has ever sent to the competition. If this year's team wins the regional competition, they will continue on to the national tournament, being held at the University of Hartford in Connecticut on April 21-23,

communication media, will be reliant upon new technologies. Outfitting students with devices that help with the understanding of these technologies can only prove beneficial."

Scally also sees the importance of technology, particularly to students, explaining, "I think it's really important for them. The students are what should be valued...and without that type of technology it wouldn't be possible," he said, adding, "I came to Monmouth mainly because of the Communication Department. Computer studies will definitely help with editing and web design."

The convenience of his laptop, which Scally said he uses mostly for school related work, has relieved him of needing to run back and forth from computer labs and waiting on lines in places like the Student Center.

"So far it's made everything a lot easier, and also commented on how this will help him in the future stating, "I'm planning on coming here for Graduate school...this is going to help in a myriad of ways."

Offering guidance to other students, who may be the beneficiaries of this award in the future Scally advised, "Try as hard as you can while you're here. It's only a couple of years, it could happen."

"They couldn't get over it," Scally said of his family and friends when they heard the news, who as of now, have not asked him to borrow it.

There are likely to be other surprised students as CDW plans on donating a laptop annually to students who display both scholastic ability, as well as an interest in computer and business.

As far as Scally's future is concerned, De Vona noted, "Knowing him, I know he'll succeed in anything he does."

"I couldn't have asked for anything better to happen to me," Scally noted.

# MU IN THE KNOW: WEEK IN REVIEW

NATALIE B. ANZAROUTH  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

## Former 9/11 Commissioners warn U.S. of risk:

Former 9/11 chairman Thomas Kean and vice chairman Lee Hamilton said that the U.S. is not prepared for another terrorist attack. According to the 9/11 Public Discourse Project, now privately funded, the government has not implemented all the recommendations that the original committee set in July 2004. Although the government has appointed a national intelligence director as part of these recommendations, the commission claims that the government has neglected to improve the way emergency response personnel communicate. Another

recommendation was for congress to pass a bill to disperse money between Washington and N.Y., the states they believe should receive the most money for anti-terrorism security. Congress is still debating over this. Chairman Keen stated that he does not support random checks in airports, and stressed the importance of a security database to track terrorists. Former chairman of the commission, Lee Hamilton said, "We believe another attack will occur. It's not a question of it. We are not as well prepared as we should be."(Source: *Associated Press* APP.com Dec.5)

## Al-Qaida member's body confirmed with DNA test:

A top al-Qaida operative was reportedly killed by Pakistani defense forces, with help from U.S. forces, in a missile attack by the Afghan border on Thursday. The body of Hazma Rabia was identified via DNA tests, Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said. He was believed to have been the No. 5 wanted terrorist, and

head of al-Qaida's overseas operations to train, recruit, and carry out terrorist attacks. Rabia was reportedly an Egyptian, and linked to other wanted terrorists such as the No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahri. Details on his death are uncertain. (*Associated Press* Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> news.yahoo.com)

## Suicide bombing in Israeli mall:

At least five people are dead after a Palestinian suicide bomber detonated a bomb outside the Sharon mall early Monday afternoon in the city of Netanya, Israel. Forty people were wounded. Islamic Jihad reportedly took responsibility for the fifth bombing since a truce was made in February, stating it was retribution for their leaders' killings. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon held an emergency meeting with his Cabinet to discuss response tactics. Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas

strongly denounced the attack and said he would take action against all those to blame. The bomber was seen by an Israeli policewoman and an Israeli driver. He was stopped from entering the mall by a guard. The bomber set off the explosives, killing at least five, including the guard, police reported. In response to this The Defense Ministry plans to make arrests in the West Bank and go after Jihad members. (Source: *Associated Press* article found on APP.com Dec.5)

## British historian in custody of Austrian court for allegations of Holocaust denial:

British historian David Irving is being held in custody on charges of Holocaust denial after an Austrian court ruling on Friday, Nov. 25th. Irving has authored books including, "Hitler's War," where he questioned the scale of the mass extermination of European Jewry during World War II, and has previously asserted that Adolf Hitler had no knowledge of the Holocaust's existence. The author said he now recognizes that his past statements that denied the use of Nazi gas chambers could be false. The Simon Wiesenthal Center said Irving's com-

ments are "...an admission designed to extricate himself from imprisonment and in no way truly reflects his views," director of the Los Angeles center Efraim Zuroff said. Irving's lawyer said that his past statements may have been "misinterpreted." Holocaust denial is a crime in Austria that can yield up to 10 years in prison. The case is pled by a jury consisting of eight people, and three judges. Irving is being held without bail.

(Source: *Associated Press* article in Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> *Asbury Park Press*)

# Student Award

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Scally, who is studying Radio and Television in the Communication Department and is an Info Technology Minor, was selected by the Office of Financial Aid and the University Advancement Annual fund departments. He received a laptop computer and said he was happily surprised stating, "When I first heard it, it was hard to believe. I thought it was the greatest thing that ever happened to me."

According to De Vona, the award was designed to, "Provide students with the opportunity to have a computer...to make their college experience easier," adding that this was something that students could use following graduation.

"Not having a computer in your room can be very difficult, given all the papers you have to write," she said.

Candidates for this award are students with a junior standing with at least a 3.0 GPA, who have taken classes relating to computers and business. They are chosen by the Office of Financial Aid and the University Advancement Office under the criteria set by CDW Corporation.

CDW is a large technology source based in Vernon Hills, IL, and recently moved to the area. They are a major resource for technology products and services to businesses, government, and education, and ranked No. 347 by *Fortune* 500.

The qualities that set Scally apart from his peers, according to De Vona, were his abundant dedication and motivation. "He's an extremely hard worker, very dedicated with everything he does. He's been working with me for a while. He's highly motivated, he motivates other students, and

he has excellent leadership qualities."

Scally had the opportunity to go to the CDW company and recalled, "It was so nice up there... we waited for one of the reps for CDW and we went into a really elaborate room."

Kris McDermant of CDW presented Scally with his laptop. "He was just as excited as I was," Scally said, and stated that he felt that the company was not just "all about business." Scally noted, "... he actually told me to call him if I ever had questions."

He also stressed the importance of hard work and the importance it has had in his life. "I definitely think I've worked hard enough. This is something that I certainly deserve; it couldn't have come at a better time. And it's really nice to know that good things happen to good people sometimes," he said.

This award could not have come at a more appropriate time for Scally, as he explained his old laptop recently broke.

Scally's future interests in business include pursuing a career in film editing and web-design. He is currently taking 18 credits and involved with Monmouth's student-run radio station, WMCX, where his show "Last Revelation" airs Mondays from 9 p.m. to midnight. Along with this, Scally works five nights with the office of University Advancement for annual fundraising.

De Vona mentioned Scally's ability to be involved with so many extra-curricular activities while maintaining his grades, "Which I think is very impressive," she said.

Specialist Professor Robert Scott of Communication commented on the importance of technology in today's society stating, "The future of media, particularly



# MEET MU: “MU Mom” Mary Crisanto

*It’s the simple things:  
Ms. Crisanto’s warmth and friend-  
liness is a refreshing quality.*



PHOTO BY Suzanne Guarino  
“The nice lady” behind the counter” is Ms. Mary Crisanto. The C-Store is open until 11 p.m. on weekdays for all snacking needs.

**SUZANNE GUARINO**  
PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

If you have ever been to the C-Store in the Student Center, you may have been surprised by how kind “the lady behind the counter” was. This friendly woman is Mary Crisanto. Ms. Crisanto always greets you with a smile and makes sure you have everything you need before you go on your way.

“The convenience store lady is extremely nice and courteous. She

own, but they do not realize that it is a lot of work! It is a rewarding experience, but it is just like any business,” she explained.

Crisanto has traveled to many places all over the world, such as France, Russia, China, and the Caribbean. But she claims that there is no place like home.

When she’s not working, Crisanto loves to cook and come up with creative recipes. She also enjoys doing crafts and spending time with her cats. She has three grown children and six grand-

*“Mary is a staple of the M.U. community. She is always so kind. The convenience store wouldn’t run the same without her.”*

**JOSH STRAUSS**  
MU Senior

won’t let you leave without making sure you have enough utensils and napkins”, commented junior Alyx Kostiuk. Freshman Jared S. Ballin added, “She’s really friendly and makes sure you’ve got your napkins. I wouldn’t want to buy Twinkies from anyone else”.

When asked how she feels about working with college students, Crisanto replied “I do enjoy working with the young people. It’s very refreshing. They are all very polite; I’ve never had a problem with any of them.” The C-Store has never had any problems with theft. This is her third year working at Monmouth University.

Before this job, she worked at The Ocean Place for eight years. She worked in food service and room service. Crisanto claims that she is people-oriented and service-oriented because of her work experience. Before The Ocean Place, Crisanto, along with a partner, owned a Bed & Breakfast for six years in Hunter Mountain, N.Y.

“Everybody says they want to have a Bed & Breakfast of their

children (three of which are in college).

Crisanto never gets bored during her hours in the C-Store.

“There is not enough time to get bored. When it gets slow, I do inventory.” She gets tempted staring at the goodies all day. She enjoys her job and plans to stay at the C-Store.

What makes Crisanto unique is her genuine friendliness and care. She provides food and medicine to hungry and sick students. For these reasons, she can easily be called the “M.U. Mom”. “She’s sweet and considerate. I must be in there every day having a conversation with her. She’s a wonderful woman,” junior Kevin Paccione stated.

Crisanto explained that she likes to acknowledge each student by greeting them personally by name. “Treat people how you want to be treated” is Crisanto’s motto. Senior Josh Strauss commented, “Mary is a staple of the M.U. community. She is always so kind. The convenience store wouldn’t run the same without her.”

## Inclement Weather Information

A REMINDER OF THE UNIVERSITY’S STORM ANNOUNCEMENT AND CLOSING POLICY.

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## Monmouth University presents programs for drunk driving awareness month

### PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University will present the following programs for Drunk Driving Awareness Month:

Program: Effects of Drunk Driving

Where: Outside Student Center, Monmouth University

Sponsored by: Monmouth University's Substance Awareness Program

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2005

Time: Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Contact: Suanne Schaad, substance abuse coordinator at Monmouth

University, (732) 263-5804

Crashed car, donated by Red Bank Auto Wreckers, will be displayed in front of Student Center as an example of the tragic results of drunk driving. A booth will be set-up for students to place a cab company phone number in their cell phones and enter raffle for a \$50 gift certificate.

Program: Project Pride  
Where: Pollak Theatre, Monmouth University

Sponsored by: Monmouth University's Substance Awareness Program

Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2005

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Cost: The program is free

Contact: Suanne Schaad, substance abuse coordinator at Monmouth University, (732) 263-5804

Project Pride (Promoting Responsibility In Drug Education), a program run through the Department of Corrections, sends inmates into universities and schools to talk to students about the wrong choices they have made, and the resulting consequences. Three young adults (ages 18-21) will tell their story of how one bad decision around drugs/alcohol has changed their life.

These youth, who were once college students, are now in jail. One female will tell her story of her bad decision to drive drunk. The program is designed to reduce the appeal of drugs and alcohol and to promote positive decision-making skills.

## DelFranco raises awareness about fundraising

### Freshmen learn about Monmouth University annual fund

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STAFF WRITER

On November 30, Freshman Seminar and Academic Habit classes were required to attend a presentation entitled "Monmouth Traditions: The Annual Fund: Past, Present, and Beyond." Anthony DelFranco, the Director of the Annual Fund, was the presenter for the week-long program, which was held in Wilson Auditorium. The event was designed to teach students about the importance of fundraising for Monmouth University.

He introduced the Annual Fund by stating, "It has been going on for a long, long time." He also said that the purpose of the presentation, which was shown to freshman, was to educate students on how the Annual Fund currently benefits them, and how it will affect them in the future. While serving his current position, DelFranco helped to increase alumni participation from six percent in 2000 to a current 13 percent, which was done through a strategic plan to improve the University on all levels. In the director's words, his job helps to get students to, "Make the conscientious decision to support (their) alma mater when (they) graduate."

The basis of the Annual Fund is the idea of philanthropy. DelFranco defined philanthropy as "The effort to advance human well-being through giving, and benevolence through mankind."

Philanthropy has been around for thousands of years, and it is now one of the things that Americans do best, according to the speaker. The idea of philanthropy

being used to fund post-secondary education began in 1641 at Harvard College. Since then, great strides have been taken within this area. For example, The Revenue Act of 1913, the individual tax rates established in 1917, and the creation of the 501 Status in 1954. Some examples of famous philanthropists in the presentation included Benjamin Franklin, Andrew Carnegie, Henry Ford, John D. Rockefeller, and Oprah Winfrey.

DelFranco then discussed the Department of University Advancement, and its role at Monmouth. Its purpose is to get people to understand the mission and to support it through volunteerism and financial support. There are several divisions within this department: Alumni Affairs, Annual Fund, Special Events, Major Gifts, and Planned Giving. Alumni Affairs was referred to as the "friend makers." Homecoming and reunions are organized through this group. The speaker said that if it were not for the alumni, Monmouth University would not be what it is today. The Special Events section plans for things like the Holiday Ball, which is to be held next month. They hold events, like the Holiday Ball, to thank philanthropists for their support. The Major Gifts area is the group that handles donors who give \$100,000 or more to the university, or have left Monmouth in their will. To date, 41 people have made a major gift to Monmouth.

Finally, DelFranco went more into depth about the Annual Fund. He said that it is, "A longstanding tradition of giving back to the university...and the 'life blood' of the University." The funds from this project "bridge the gap" be-

tween tuition cost and the amount students actually pay. In fact, due to its success, Monmouth's tuition has gone up less than any other college in New Jersey, according to DelFranco. Money is also raised for academic programs, the library, computer resources, athletic programs, and faculty recruitment.

Part of the Annual Fund is the Phonathon, in which alumni are contacted via telephone to determine if the individual would be interested in giving a donation. It is also used to renew the support or increase the giving levels of previous donors, as well as identify and involve leaders and major gift prospects in the Monmouth "family." In the future, e-mail may be used as a part of this event.

The presentation was a way to explain how Monmouth attains its funds, how they are divided, and the importance of the alumni who secure the future of the university.

Jennifer Marcucci, a Psychology and Criminal Justice major, commented on the presentation. "The speaker seemed to be knowledgeable about the material, but I really don't believe that attendance should be mandatory."

Although attendance was required, some students still gained a lot from the program.

Katrina Mazzocchi, a Psychology major, learned a lot from DelFranco's presentation.

"In terms of Monmouth, philanthropists, especially alumni, are encouraged to help their alma mater in order to continue its success. "The speaker was very enthusiastic about this lecture which helped students understand the significance of fundraising for the University," she said.

## New law bans smoking in residence halls

### Acting Governor Richard Codey implements a law to halt smoking in residential buildings

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CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Acting Governor Richard Codey signed a bill making N.J. the first state in the U.S. to require smoke-free policies in college residence halls.

The bill was issued before the 2005 school year after a Feb. 14 dormitory fire at Drew University was caused by a student smoking a cigarette. There were no injuries, but the damage cost Drew thousands of dollars in repairs.

"Prohibiting smoking greatly reduces the risk of fires and creates a comfortable environment, free of dangerous secondhand smoke," Codey said in a press release from the Governor's Office. Senator Barbara Buono (D-Middlesex), sponsor of the bill, said in the same press release, "Students at our colleges and universities should realize that while they have the right to choose to smoke and chance the risks that come along with it, those who live in the same dorm shouldn't have to deal with the hazards of cigarette smoke."

The bill is considered the toughest smoking law in the nation because it is the first to forbid smoking in both private as well as

public resident halls. Other states, such as Connecticut and Wisconsin, have only legislated smoking bans that affect residence halls at public universities.

"I do not smoke or live on campus, but I still think it's unfair," said Monmouth junior April Chichelo. "Students spend a lot of money to come live here and they can't even smoke in their own dorm."

Freshman resident Melissa Visco of Elmwood Hall holds a simi-

lar stance on the issue. "There is an excessive amount of smokers on campus and it's really going to annoy people in the winter," Visco said.

"When it gets cold outside a lot of people will try to smoke out of their windows, but I can smell the smoke when they do," said Ciprich.

"The new rule is you have to be 25 feet away, which means you can't even stand on the steps to your building and smoke."

Monmouth University custodian Francisca Smith has experienced the smoking issue in dorms first-hand.

"I found cigarettes all over the time, on the rug, on the couch," said Smith. "I would find ashes all over the room, it was so bad that one time I just went and bought them an ash tray."

Although it appears an overwhelming majority of MU residents smoke cigarettes, many say the law keeps those who do not free of the dangers of second-hand smoke.

"I think the law is good because second-hand smoke is killing people every year," said sophomore Stef Casey of Beechwood Hall. "This way, people who don't smoke won't have to worry if they live with a smoker."

"I think we look at students as adults, and in a way have to respect their right to smoke or not," said Director of Residential Life James Pillar. "I think it is a very restrictive law, but it was done for the student safety."

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MU Sophomore

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"There is an excessive amount of smokers on campus and it's really going to annoy people in the winter," Visco said.

"When it's cold out people will probably try to smoke in their dorms, but at the same time it will be so cold that it might make some people not want to smoke."

The bill stated that after the law went into effect every college and university would be required to enforce it and would choose how to do so.

Head Resident Assistant of Laurel Hall Stacy Ciprich pointed out



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# Relationships: The causes of failure

Read on to find out why some relationships fail while others succeed

DEBRA PACHUCKI  
STAFF WRITER

Humans have fallen deeply in love with one another since the advent of recorded history. So deeply, in fact, that we seem to fall straight through it and right back out of it again. How is it that so many of us, who have all been so very, positively sure at one time or another that we were in life-long love with someone else, end up calling it quits?

According to Dinah Temple, author of *Picking up the Pieces: A Guide to Recovery from Betrayal and a Broken Heart*, deception is a primary cause for failed relationships. But while deception might explain the oh-so-tragic fizzle between Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake, the rest of us aren't exactly running around one another's backs with foreign royalty. How does deception apply to those relationships that inevitably fail, regardless of how hard we try to maintain them?

What most people don't realize is that minor incidents of deception, such as cheering for the Red Sox simply because the hot guy you'd like to get to know over at the other end of the bar is doing the same, dooms relationships before they ever even begin.

Often, in the beginning of a new relationship, people "do all of the right things and lead [each other] to believe that they could be the right one," says Temple in her article *The Top 5 Reasons Relationships Fail*.

People's intentions are usually good, whether one is trying to put their best foot forward, turn over a new leaf, or simply striving to be everything they think the other

person wants in a partner. However, if you're not being your true self when you're first getting to know someone else, you're doing little more than creating a façade that your partner will ultimately see straight through.

"Eventually," explains Temple, "the real person is revealed," because "wear[ing] the mask of [the] ideal partner becomes too hard" to maintain. Both parties end up feeling resentful. One person feels that they've been lied to, and the other feels as though they can't be accepted for who they really are. Thus, a recipe for disaster is born.

In order to avoid this kind of situation, Temple suggests that people "make a good impression," while

still being themselves. And remember, just because you're not being deceptive, doesn't mean that your new partner isn't, either.

ther. "Spend the time to truly get to know perspective partners," offers Temple. "To do otherwise is foolish and paves the way for eventual failure."

According to columnist Cuccinello Pemo, compatibility issues rank alongside deception as the top reasons why relationships fail. While the saying goes that opposites attract, Pemo argues the more realistic possibility that opposites will only create a division between partners in his article *27 Reasons Why Relationships Fail and What You Can Do to Avoid Them*.

"Sure it's great to have some 'spice' in your life," says Pemo, but "those who have a difficult time focusing on what attracted them to their mates in the first place can suffer unhealthy, sad relationships, constantly in conflict over issues with which they can't

agree."

Sure, there have been cases where opposites seemed to have no negative effect on relationships. Aren't we all still scratching our heads over the oddly triumphant freak-fest that was Brigitte Nielsen and Flava Flav's relationship? But the reality is that for those who don't have their own show on VH1, getting involved with someone who is completely different from themselves will likely lead to a relationship that flounders. Though diversity can be a good thing, and while no two people are exactly alike, choosing a partner that has similar interests, goals and ideals to your own will dramatically increase your chances for success as a couple.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, Pemo adds that another reason why relationships fail is due to the "Xerox" factor. Often in the beginning of a new relationship, people are so smitten with one another that one will sometimes start to mimic the other simply because they are so heavily influenced by what they like about their partner to begin with.

Pemo says the trouble is, when someone "copies" someone else, they are "failing to be himself or herself." And as Dinah Temple points out, "Maintaining one's individuality in a relationship is paramount. Successful couples not only respect their partner's individuality but also encourage it in addition to sharing interests in the life they have built together."

Unrealistic Expectations also drive many relationships southward. According to Temple, relationships often fail because "one or both partners have unrealistic expectations of what their partner should bring to a relationship." Temple goes on to say that "one should never expect their partner to be the source of their own happiness," or "to fulfill their individual hopes, dreams or monetary aspirations."

Instead, one should only expect

put and opinions more often," so that she's able to express her own points of view more frequently.

### Men are reporters

Whether they're talking about sports, business, or cars, men mostly communicate to give facts or to report.

As Ohio University's Marilyn Sachs suggests, men talk about *things* rather than people. "They convey facts, not details. They are goal-oriented. They focus on solving problems and are less likely to ask for help."

Because of this, men often have difficulty expressing their thoughts and feelings, which leads to communication problems within relationships.

As Monmouth University's director of Psychological Services, Dr. Franca Mancini points out, "Men tend to be more concrete and women tend to be more multidimensional in relationships." While being straightforward and to the point is efficient when speaking matter-of-factly, women need the men in their lives to be willing and able to actively explore and dig into relationship issues through conversation.

Sanders suggests that when men communicate with women, they should "insert a little more personal disclosure, offer more details more often," and "be flexible and keep a positive attitude



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**Touching is a vital human need.** Studies have shown that without touching, many animals - including humans - will die in childhood. Being caressed also lowers blood pressure and releases natural opiates in the brain, as well as the chemical oxytocin, which is essential for human pair-bonding. Touch has the power to comfort and support, to protect and encourage, to relax and, of course, to arouse. Non-sexual touching is a bit more important than sexual touching, but safe touch (non-intrusive, wanted, freely-given, and well absorbed), is why we get together as couples in the first place. So make sure you touch your partner and keep your love strong.

to gain "mutual and reciprocated love, respect, moral support, friendship and partnership" from their relationship. According to Temple, anything else received from a relationship is simply "icing on the cake."

The eighteenth century English Poet Alexander Pope once said, "To err is human, to forgive, divine." And while relationships have come a long way since the age of Romanticism, Pope's adage still serves as the golden rule of relationships that work.

Everyone makes mistakes, and often accidentally hurt someone else as a result. But as Pemo points out, "Those unwilling or unable to

forgive can pretty much count on having more unhealthy relationships over time." He continues that "relationships based on growing on anger, spite, disgust, resentment or other negative feelings associated with lack of forgiveness are like wilted flowers. They need tending to or they'll die."

So whether you're currently in a relationship that you'd genuinely like to see through, or are back out in the market for the umpteenth time, keep the above explanations and advice in mind. Doing so will enhance your odds of finding long-term happiness with someone else; an endeavor that humans have pursued throughout the ages.

## Miscommunication: love's worst foe

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With all the research on love and relationships so readily available today, mostly everyone is aware that miscommunication is the number one reason for why relationships fail. And it is certainly no secret that men and women's communication skills vary drastically. But how do these differences affect communication within relationships, and what can be done to overcome such boundaries?

In this article, you'll find what doctors, therapists, and other professionals have to say about how the sexes communicate with one another. You will also learn how to effectively express and recognize what's most important to you and your partner.

### Women are detailed creatures

As evidenced in their anatomic composition as well as their cognitive thought processes, women are very detailed creatures, and their communication skills are certainly no exception. According to

DiscoveryHealth.com, Christiane Northrup, M.D., author of *Women's Bodies and Women's Wisdom*, says that "Men compartmentalize their feelings, but women remember everything." She adds that "when women bring up issues in a relationship, they tend to bring up everything that is related."

Although attention to detail is usually a wonderful quality, it becomes a crucial mistake when women scrutinize every aspect of their relationships within a single conversation. As Northrup points out, most men feel overwhelmed by such an approach, and often view "hashing over everything" as a personal attack on their character.

Jane Sanders, president of Authentic Leadership Resources, offers that when communicating with men, women should "be succinct and to the point" but not abrupt, "hold details for backup," and avoid "questions [and] apologies" in expressing their concerns to their partner. Sanders also suggests that men "avoid interrupting and use active listening skills" as well as to "ask women for their in-

about differences." At the same time, women should be willing to "handle conflict directly and politely," and "avoid strong displays of emotions."

### Tips for both sexes

Gender differences aren't the only cause of miscommunication problems within relationships.

As Dr. Mancini points out, "the issue of defensiveness on both sides is a huge deterrent to open communication." This being the case, couples should try to communicate to their partners with as little blame attached as possible in order to alleviate problems with defensiveness when one person feels attacked by the other.

As noted on Discovery Health.com, Kathlyn Hendricks, Ph.D., and Gay Hendricks, Ph.D. have written over 17 books that describe how to communicate without blame. According to them, people can effectively eliminate blame by utilizing the following techniques:

**Speak unarguably:** Simply state your accusations or desires instead of complaining or venting about them. Women, for example, instead of exclaiming "You know, why do you always have to bug me when I'm eating?" or "You never take me to go see *anything* in the theatres unless it involves guns and explosions," try saying "I'll

be happy to give you a hand as soon as I'm finished eating" or "It would really mean a lot to me if we saw that new Jennifer Aniston that just came out" instead.

### Focus on appreciation:

Make sure that for every time you make a complaint, you offer your partner twice as many compliments. For example, you might want to say "You know how much I love your cooking! Do you think that maybe next time, though, you can use margarine instead of butter? Then the meal would be perfect!" That's likely to go over a lot better than, "You know I can't eat butter! I can't bring myself to eat this, now!" If you find frequently complimenting your partner difficult, then you should seriously reconsider your relationship, and why you're with this person to begin with.

### Shift from blame to wonder:

This simple technique is both easy and efficient. Every time you want to say something like, "Damn it, woman! How many times do I have to tell you not to let your foot off of the clutch that fast," try "Honey, do you think you can remember to let your foot off of the clutch more slowly *before* I'll need to replace it?" Techniques such as this soften the blow of harsh criticism by incorporating humor and creativity.





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According to *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus*, men mistakingly expect women to communicate and react the way they do because they believe their way is the right way. Women also mistakingly think men should communicate, feel, and respond the way they do in situations because they believe they are right. The conflict stems from the other gender expecting the other to react in the same manner.

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*Men Are from Mars and Women Are from Venus!* Single men and single women will both agree that in most cases it does feel as if men and women are from different planets. Both genders swear that the opposite sex is crazy and psychotic. Rebecca West, a famous British-Irish feminist and writer, states, “The main difference between men and women is that

men are lunatics and women are idiots.” The truth is, men and women have very different outlooks especially when there is not a balance in a relationship. Meaning, the man and woman have to share equal appreciation for the other. The games start when one is not sure how he or she feels about the other person. How do you know whether a guy is interested in you? According to the *New York Times* best-seller, *He’s Just Not That*

# Trying to understand the other gender

*Into You*, “if you’re confused about whether or not a guy likes you, don’t be. If he likes you, you’ll know. If he doesn’t, you may be *confused*. So if you’re confused, he’s not interested.” Women are not good at accepting the fact that any guy would not be completely infatuated at first sight. Women think every man should fall in love with them even when they don’t want anything to do with that guy. Therefore, it is in a woman’s nature to make excuses to cover up the bad behavior of men. Then women wonder why men are such jerks. The reason is because of the leeway women give them. They have the ability to manipulate naïve women and control the relationship. That is the reason independent women usually blame men for playing “mind games,” because they are smart enough to see through their lies and deception tactics. According to Oliver Hereford, “A woman’s mind is cleaner than a man’s - That’s because she changes it more often.” Men have problems deciphering what women want because women are fickle by nature. Women are generally more complicated than men. Some women may be lying in order to save the man’s feelings. She will only play “mind games” when she is not interested. Men have a lot of pride, and women do not like to completely destroy that pride even if they try to use lame pickup lines on them. The following female responses to pickup lines will clue men in on what she really means. Heidi Muller, relation-

ship correspondent for AskMen.com contributes the following statements. Muller believes that many women brush men off out of reflex, because they do not want to be picked up at that given moment. “I have a boyfriend.” She means: I may or may not have a boyfriend, but you don’t stand a chance. “I don’t dance.” She means: I don’t dance with you, but I do dance with my female friends. “I don’t drink.” She means: I’ll drink whatever a guy I like gives me. “I don’t have a phone because I just moved.” She means: I have three lines, a cell and a beeper, but you can’t have the number. “I also love Jim Carrey, what’s your favorite movie?”

She means: I want to know more about you, so tell me... Do men and women at Monmouth University play these mind games? Of course! College relationships are full of lies and games. A lot of college students enjoy being single during their college years because they are young and in their prime. Also, unless the relationship is 100 percent committed, it can change in the blink of an eye. Here are some questions to ponder...Why is it when a girl starts dating a new guy, all of that guy’s friends attempt to ask her out? Why do girls become infatuated with guys they have to chase around and, when they finally catch them, are no longer interested? Why do guys have girlfriends if they are going to cheat on them continuously and vice versa?

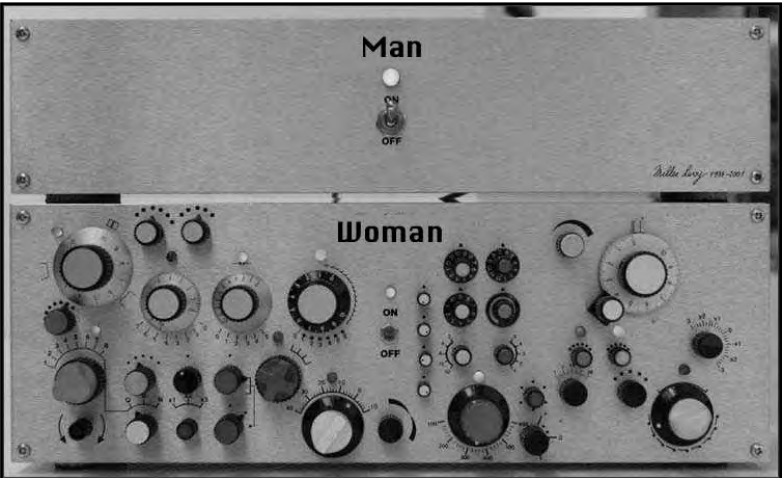


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Men rely easily and more heavily on their left brain to solve one problem one step at a time. They usually focus on one thing at time and are poor multitaskers. Women have more efficient access to both sides of their brain and therefore greater use of their right brain. Women can focus on more than one problem at one time and frequently prefer to solve problems through multiple activities at a time.

## Men and Women: What are we really saying?



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### She says, she means

**Men:** If you do actually score a date with a lucky lady, she may only have accepted the date because you seemed nice. It does not mean she wants to pursue a romantic relationship. Here is “what she really means” from the Neystadt Corporation.

You want = You want  
We need = I want  
It’s your decision = The correct decision should be obvious by now.  
Do what you want = You’ll pay for this later.  
We need to talk = I need to complain  
Sure... go ahead = I don’t want you to.  
I’m not upset = Of course I’m upset, you moron!  
You’re ... so manly = You need a shave and you sweat a lot.

I’m not emotional! And I’m not overreacting! = I’m on my period.  
Be romantic, turn out the lights. = I have flabby thighs.  
I need new shoes = the other 40 pairs are the wrong shade of white.  
I heard a noise = I noticed you were almost asleep.  
Do you love me? = I’m going to ask for something expensive.  
How much do you love me? = I did something today you’re really not going to like.  
I’ll be ready in a minute. = Kick off your shoes and find a good game on TV.  
Is my butt fat? = Tell me I’m beautiful.  
You have to learn to communicate. = Just agree with me.

**Women:** Some of the following statements are very harsh, but they will help you protect yourself from the “slick” lines men attempt. These statements were submitted by an online copyrighted corporation, The Forbidden Donut!

I want = I want  
We need = I want  
You’re beautiful = I’d do you  
It’s a guy thing = It’s not my fault  
I’m not yelling = Yes I’m yelling because I know you’re right and I think if I scream loud enough I’ll win  
We need to talk = I’m dumping you  
Let’s just be friends = I want to sleep with your friends  
Yes = Yes  
Maybe = Yes

No = Not with you  
It’s not what you think = It’s what you think  
Why are you upset/angry/depressed/crying = It must be PMS  
I’m not drunk, I can remember everything that’s happening to me = I’m drunk  
You’re not fat = Finally a question  
I know the right answer to  
Yes dear = (no thought, a conditioned reflex)  
I’ll make dinner tonight = I’ll order pizza  
I can fix it = Seventh grade I made a lamp out of a pop can; I can fix anything  
We’re going to have a guy’s night = I feel the need to drink, talk about sex, belch and scratch myself in public  
I won’t tell anyone = Except all the guys I know  
Let’s turn off the lights = You’re ugly

### He says, He means



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# The end to the best day ever

## Editorial

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Well, yesterday was another comedic display of Monmouth County's fear of snow, which gave us an extra two hours to sleep - nothing like a delayed opening. Like most other students, I welcomed the extra sleep in time with open arms, and waited with bated breath each extra minute of sleep this morning to hear whether my Professor cancelled the following class session - the dreaded 10 o'clock.

As I was laying in bed hitting my alarm every 10 minutes I started thinking about Monday when the talk of snow was big news in every class, everyone wanted to know "would we have school on Tuesday?"

That's when I remembered snow days from prior years in both college and high school. Somewhere between all the deliciousness of sleeping in and the gentle self-loathing that comes from ordering Domino's just so you don't have to shovel yourself out, the magic of snow days disappears and come somewhat depressing. So how did snow days become so sad? I can still remember simpler times, when my mom used to turn off my alarm and I didn't even realize it was a snow day until I woke up hours later. Then I'd go out and play in the snow, which was so magical when we were still young and stubborn enough to ignore how horribly uncomfortable it was. My friend's dad used to build a big snow slide so we could go sledding even though there weren't any hills around our house. We used to drink hot chocolate and watch TV and play Nintendo. But things are different now. We always say how great college

would be if only school didn't get in the way. Getting snowed in isn't so bad and I look forward to those cold weeks ahead and the possibility of being trapped in my place right down the road in lil ole' Sea Bright. But being trapped in during those infamous snow weeks can sometimes become a bit gloomy. Maybe it's because we're old enough to have lost the charm of continuing to go sledding even after so much snow has found our ankles that they're red and swollen, and warm water pools gather in the bottom of our boots. Maybe because college life is so different than all the rest of our schooling has been. I know for me, between going to school, working, the newspaper, eating dinner and showering, I have very little free time at night to watch TV or do much of anything else. In college, a typical day for most people is a few hours of class, a certain amount of time at a job, and some schoolwork. Even very conscientious students have plenty of free time after doing all of their work. Add to this the fact that the weekend has bloated to include Thursdays, and you've got a lot of spare time.

The problem seems to be that in college, with the exception of some students who fill their free time with multiple jobs or internships, the difference between being a functioning member of society and being a complete slob is just a few hours of sitting in a classroom everyday. I find this a little frightening. I am more than willing to admit my own laziness, and how much I love pretty much anything that involves a blanket, slippers, and a couch. But I don't like to think that when the snow days hit and without a few measly classes everyday, I am doomed to turn into a worthless

sloth. It's really unsettling to think my productivity hangs in such a precarious balance.

I can remember last year when we had a number of snow days it was when I talked to my Dad, and I couldn't come up with anything noteworthy I had done with my time inside, my dad asked me why I didn't get any work done. I had watched a lot of TV and movies, ate a lot of food, and even done some reading for pleasure, which is an increasingly elusive concept for college students. I wanted to explain to him how snow days, especially clumped together, are inescapable black holes of productivity where it's hard to motivate yourself to do so much as shower, much less do any work. You know things have gotten bad when a college student doesn't even have the energy to drink. After being trapped in your house or dorm for a couple of days you can understand when I say There is a palpable sense of relief for me, when things return to somewhat normal on the day that school does reopen. I have places to be. I have things to do. I'm sure I'll be over my head with schoolwork next semester (when it really starts snowing). But there's always that sense of responsibility. We're young; we're students who believe they are overworked. We're supposed to want as much time off as we can get. I almost feel guilty for wanting classes to start again after a "snow break." There's such a romantic attachment to a spontaneous snow day, a nice break in the routine of life. But just like everything else, too much of a good thing becomes a burden. If a few hours of class a day is all it takes to keep me from going crazy, then I'll take it.

# AMUSED

By: CHRIS NETTA



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# Differences and Perspectives

ERIN LUCAS  
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There are millions of people out there, millions of people with their own stories, their own memories, and their own scars. Each one of us live our lives the way we see fit, and when put in situations we each deal with it in our own, individual ways. Being in college we are all introduced to dozens of people a day, some we meet in class, others we may meet at night, when we aren't in the best of shape. After waking up from weekend that was

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a little blurry in my memory I felt like I started to see some things clearly. To be honest some of the things I was beginning to see were not the best part of my day and I wondered if I'm starting to grow up a little bit or just growing out of a stage.

Every college student's life is different and being a very observant person I go out of my way to get as many perspectives as I can. While at a party I look around at myself, my friends, and other people there and for the most part we all seem to be having a good time. The majority of us are drinking, playing games, mingling, meeting new people, and maybe even ending up going home with someone. Yet, the more I partake in these festivities the more I am starting to get bored. I guess what I'm trying to figure out is when a person gets tired of meeting people who they know don't have much meaning to them and want something more permanent, where do they begin? I also wonder how many people we may have passed up being drunk and not communicating with them afterwards. When do people want

to meet someone who is a decent person all around, not just decent for a few hours?

When one does reach this point, will it be an easy transition or one that will take much effort? I am only starting to realize after many nights of partying that are somewhat foggy how much some of us throw words around or do things out of character. So when you do something you wouldn't normally do how does a person explain it the next day, by just brushing it off, simply laughing because we really have no answer or recollection?

After three years of the same cycle which don't get me wrong, I would never take back a moment of all the fun I have had with my friends, I am beginning to see how hard it is to break. I tried out the relationship scene and realize I couldn't do it and found it was hard for to communicate my feelings out loud because I was so used to not having them. So many of us are so scared to say how we genuinely feel because of past scars. And while these scars may not be visible, they certainly cut us the deepest. It's a scary thing to be honest with yourself after being a certain way for a long period of time and I'm sure many of us turn our backs on something that could be really great because we are scared. We might just laugh it off and pretend we don't care when in reality we are holding so much back.

In closing, it's hard for anyone to change the way they live their life but think of how much a load it be off your shoulders if for once you were completely honest. Honest to yourself and to other people about how you feel towards them. Scary? Sure, but worth it? Most definitely.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

This weeks photo was submitted by Lauren Benedetti



Mr. Snowman who plotted himself outside Wilson Hall early this morning was berated for M-You by Hawk TV general member, Adam Davis and host, Matthew Siciliano.

To Submit a Photo of the Week simply have a photograph relevant to Monmouth University, and e-mail it to Outlook@Monmouth.edu

# Stark Raving Bland

Weekly observations and ravings

REUVEN FELDMAN  
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I am standing in front of two mirrors. Wait, actually, an infinite amount of mirrors. No, I'm not dreaming or in the non-haunted part of the Haunted House. I am standing in a bathroom that has mirrors on both the wall in front of me and the wall behind me. This allows the "infinite mirror" effect which "increases" the space of a room as seen in small Chinese take out places that have the entire menu in pictures, shrouded by cigarette smoke. I am only using the mirror in front of me now (naked gymnastic poses in front of both are held on alternating Wednesday evenings)

I have not shaved for a week or so. Now however, I am at the point where my face is starting to look like...wow, I am really mentally constipated today, nothing comes to mind. Basically, its time to do something about the hair on my face before I start wearing my fathers Vietnam jacket and get pitying glances at the library while holding "Shopgirl" (feminine) and "Jarhead" (masculine) in my hand. I suppose this selection of books is ready to confuse anyone, but I like to read anything and mess with the librarians' heads.

Exeunt: Vietnam Vet

Main stage; Two Women

Helen [AARP member who volunteers her time and smiles at babies]: "I bet he's one of those "metrosterile men I read about in "Prevention."

Jennifer [Associate's degree from OCC, subscribes to "Cosmopolitan", hasn't had success with their beauty tips]: "You mean 'metrosexual' Helen!"

Helen: "Thank you dear!" (She's so sweet and helpful; I should have her come over and meet my Justin).

SORRY! Way off topic. (It *will* happen again)

So I have to shave some of this manly stuff away. I opt for two things: a Mach 3 Turbo and some shaving cream. For those of you who grew up with a Neanderthal "Bic", the Mach 3 Turbo is a razor that like most things today, suggests that woman will fall for you if you buy it. It also gives a good shave. Its side kick is some Gillette shaving cream with more vitamins in it than the entire nation of Zimbabweadishu or whatever country Angelina Jolie is in right now.



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Splash. Hot Water. First my neck gets it. The micro-fibers below the blades that are made only to gently lift my hairs in a smothering embrace of advertising seem to do the job as does the strip of aloe on top which looks like it needs some sun to get the color back in it. Wow, so does my face. I end up shaving this ridiculous excuse for a mustache and then shave off some hair from the main area of my cheeks. Hmm...I am now left looking like a Wolverine reject that ran out of batteries while shaving. And lost a lot of weight. And his claws. (I don't care, when I am 40, I will still like Wolverine, even if he gets his butt kicked by every evil female character in the X-Men movies. Is that feminism or just reality?) I don't care to think about this now. I must do something about my face. I trace out a line, down from my sideburns to my jaw, both sides slightly the same width. OK, not the same width. Where the hell is a Renaissance artist to help me with some pointers on three dimensional line of site? This line makes it way around my jaw to my chin which now from every military man's nightmare, has been attacked from both sides. The forces on my chin are taking a beating and regroup in a triangle pattern with its tip pointing up at my mouth and the two sides desperately clutching the two hair reinforcements traveling on the side of my jaw, which after careful evasion from some Mach 3 strafing attacks are still there.

Wow! That doesn't look that bad! I liken it to the Quaker cereal guy's rebellious kid's Saturday night statement of machism.

I think I will venture out with this semi artful expression of manhood on my face but if I start getting looks I think I just might be too weak to keep it. We'll see.

Splash.

More Water.

Shaving cream reluctantly is swallowed by the sewer and will probably be some sewer creature's "sever companion" in 24 hours.

A truce between my hair and my face is struck while both sides still have their honor. I however have none and decide that I can't wait until next Wednesday night...



"I have not been afraid of excess: excess on occasion is exhilarating. It prevents moderation from acquiring the deadening effect of a habit."

W. Somerset Maugham  
(1874-1965)

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"Anyone can be great with money. With money greatness is not a talent but an obligation. The trick is to be great without money."

Robert Crichton  
(1925-1993.)

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"Do not bite at the bait of pleasure till you know there is no hook beneath it."

Thomas Jefferson  
(1743-1826)

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"The beginning is the most important part of the work."

Plato  
(428-348 BCE)

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"The Republican form of government is the highest form of government; but because of this it requires the highest type of human nature -- a type nowhere at present existing."

Herbert Spencer  
(1820-1903)

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"A state may be ruled by correction, and weapons of war may be used with crafty dexterity, but the kingdom is made one's own only by freedom from action and purpose."

Lao-tzu  
(c.604-c.531 BCE)

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"By protracting life, we do not deduct one jot from the duration of death."

Lucretius  
(c.96-55 BCE)

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"When choosing between two evils, I always pick the one I never tried before."

Mae West  
(1893-1980)

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"Advertising is legalized lying."

H.G. Wells (1866-1946)

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"Quotations (such as have point and lack triteness) from the great old authors are an act of reverence on the part of the quoter, and a blessing to a public grown superficial and external."

Louise Imogen Guiney  
(1861-1920)

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BY SUZANNE GUARINO

Sterilizing America:  
Must we be so  
politically correct?

**“How do you feel about the big debate going on in the news lately about being politically correct about ‘the Holidays’?”**



Jerry  
sophomore

“The liberal media is taking away from the idea of Christmas and the true meaning. They focus more on a holiday when it is much more than that. It’s not about a Christmas (or “Holiday”) tree, it’s about the birth of Jesus.”



Victoria  
freshman

“People need to get over themselves. It’s a Christmas tree.”



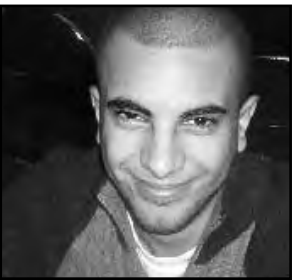
Kristin & Erin  
freshman

“It’s ridiculous. People are way too sensitive. They need to stop taking everything so seriously. Why is it such a problem all of a sudden?”



Emy  
freshman

“I think it’s really silly because Christmas is all about Christ’s birth.”



Omar  
freshman

“It’s stupid because it’s not going to really change anything, just the way people say it.”

# Ocean Township cops trample thin blue line

*Undergrad feels Township police single out MU students*

KEVIN NORTH  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The residents of Ocean Township, most notably the Quality of Life Association, have consistently shown a distaste for Monmouth University’s off-campus students living in their neighborhoods. They post signs on their lawns that support measures that would severely limit the number of students renting in the area. They support community patrols designed to prevent students from holding any type of social gathering. To put it more simply, they are heavily prejudiced against college students.



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*The problem is that the people of Ocean Township are encouraging their police force to target college renters in their town.*

This alone is not a problem. People have the right to their own opinions. Not everyone has to get along. The problem is that the residents are encouraging their police force to target Monmouth students and violate their rights.

Many times in the past the Ocean Township police have driven past my house shining a spotlight at my front porch. More specifically, four times in the last three weeks the Ocean Township police have come to the house that I rent claiming that they were alerted by the sounds of people partying and making noise. On the first three of these occasions there were two people or less present at the house when they arrived. The fourth time there were approximately 10 people, all of legal age, sitting around either listening to music and

talking quietly or watching television.

Perhaps the last of those events seems like it may have been my

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fault, and perhaps things got a little loud. This would have been all understandable, until the officer who arrived cued me and my housemates into some interesting information. He told us that this was the first time that he saw that any officer had ever been sent to our house. This strongly implies that the officers that had previously come to my house had not been summoned as a result of the complaints by neighbors. It definitely seems like the police were simply singling out my house because it houses college students.

No police force in the United States has the right to harass their respective public. When the police show up to investigate my housemate sitting in an empty house watching television, there is a problem. When the police follow my housemate into our driveway when he is sober and not in violation of any traffic laws, there is a problem. When people are spotlighted by police cruisers for smoking cigarettes on their own porch, there is a problem. When two police arrive to investigate one individual standing immediately outside the back door of my house talking on his cell phone, there is a problem.

The problem is that the people of Ocean Township, specifically the Quality of Life Association, are encouraging their police force to target college renters in their

town. This needs to end. The police and the people of Ocean Township need to learn to live peacefully with their neighbors from campus. We are not all extras from “Animal House,” and we should not all be

treated as if we are.

My plea to the residents of Ocean is a simple one. Please give your neighbors from Monmouth University the benefit of the doubt. Let them cause trouble before you start trying to persecute them. If you simply do this we can all live happily together.

# DAN: Unleashed and Uncensored

DAN ROTH  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Hey everyone and welcome to the last two weeks of the 2005 semester. Aren’t you all thrilled? I know you seniors are, only one more semester until you face what you have been grilled for, for the last 21 years... the real world.

For some of you this must be really exciting. You’re finally done with school and ready to head on to the next phase of your life. For others it marks an extremely scary time in which everything is up in the air, and you feel like dust in the wind, not sure of where you are going to land.

The fact is that for the last 21 or so years, we have been groomed for this moment. We have been led to believe that this is when life really begins, a time in which we finally have to start taking responsibility for our actions. Maybe it’s just me but I’m pretty sure we have been taking responsibility for our actions for a long time now.

Yeah preschool and elementary were fly by, and middle school was no different. But as of probably sophomore year in high school everything we have done has in some way affected where we are today. The people we met, the relationships we made, the bonds we formed, they all play a part in who we are and what we have become.

Those of us who took things lightly are probably not reading this because they are still in the old home town working 60 hours a week in order to survive. It is where they wound up and a place that they will probably stay unless they change it.

There are also those of us that did really well and took everything very seriously. For you all, congratulations, you are probably way more prepared for the rest of your lives than the rest of us.

Then there are those (like me) that did barely enough to get through high school and into college, then fooled around the first two years, and are finally starting to understand that if

regrets that have been pondered, a lot of things that at this point we wish we could have done differently, and it sucks. It sucks that we can not go back and change the past, turn the bad that we have done into positive, and turn all the positives into something magical.

I guess it seems like this is the time when we begin to realize that everything our parents have hammered into our brains time after time, really was not a load of garbage.

Perhaps there was some real truth to what they were saying.

Anyway that is just a reflection on life from my fingers to your eyes.

I want to let all of you, my



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beloved readers, know that Dan: Unleashed and Uncensored will not be picked up in the spring. This is not due to any higher up telling me I need to stop, it is my decision. While I have loved ranting and raving about anything and everything, good topics are very hard to find. For those of you loyal to this column, I will be working for the news section

*I know that there are a lot of regrets that have been pondered, ...and it sucks.*

we don’t push the pace, then we are probably going to wind up in some embarrassing, petty, non-respectable job. For us, and I am not attempting to speak for everyone, this period of time is downright nuts.

I guess for most we wonder where our lives have gone. After all I think everyone can remember being a little kid, or playing little league, maybe ballet if that’s your cup of tea; whatever the case it has left us in a hurry.

I know that there are a lot of

and also potentially doing a split column in the health and life section with noted viewpoint writer Suzanne Guarino.

It has been a pleasure entertaining you all this semester and I look forward to my last two columns of the year.

This weeks’ words of wisdom is an anonymous author’s view on the holiday season.

“Anyone can light up a Christmas tree, it’s redundant, and old. Why not light a menorah and be different?”

See you all next week.



When Liberals Attack

Attention Faculty:  
A Parking Solution

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CONTRIBUTING WRITER

So after reading a rather inflamed response to an article I had written titled “Terrorism is not an Uprising” I quickly realized why last year, being fed up with the overwhelming liberal bias on American college campuses, I hightailed it on a flight to Germany to spend the remainder of my school year studying in Europe.

Before I get into my piece I would like to thank Sean Quinn for his kind words, Chris Netta for writing about his viewpoint (opposite of mine) so eloquently, and also the writer of the article who took the liberty to speak on behalf of all “thinking” people at this intellectual institution. I write with respect for the readers of *The Outlook* and know perfectly well that they do not need anyone to speak on behalf of them. I believe that as college students they are extraordinarily capable of speaking and thinking for themselves as well as being capable of developing their own opinions. Therefore, one should never be pompous enough to feel the need to “apologize” on behalf of any reader. It was truly an excellent article because of its striking and perfect example of how a young, liberal, and actually “misinformed” college student can accidentally pick the wrong conservative to label as an ignorant preacher of Fox News.

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I am sure there are others who can relate to the frustration of being ostracized and constantly argued with just for having conservative views, and yes I have a real problem being called “misinformed” due to the “right-wing” television this contributing writer took the authority to assume I watch and only watch. Liberals need to be cautious of who they accuse of spouting White House rhetoric because my opinions, and yes they are OPINIONS, are not the regurgitation of Fox News propaganda but the words explaining what I lived through

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and experienced. It is wrong to denounce someone else’s views as “misinformation” or “ignorant logic” when one cannot possibly be sure of how that person came to acquire their stance on worldwide issues.

I wrote “Terrorism is not an Uprising” because I felt strongly about the topic due to my first hand experience living in Heidelberg, Germany outside of Frank-

furt last year. I lived among young European Muslims; some were the most wonderful people I had ever met, while others weren’t. I had been threatened on numerous occasions by many.

*I saw with my own eyes violence directed specifically towards Americans.*

One situation involved a 27-year-old Turkish Muslim who grabbed me by the arm severely and told me I was “American bull\*\*\*\*”. This occurred in a very public manner on the Hauptstrasse (Main Street) of Heidelberg, which was crowded with tons of university students. He was dating a girl I went to school with and behaved with such aggression after I said I was tired after a night out, did not want to be taken back to his friend’s house, and proceeded to take a cab home. I am 5-foot-6, 125 lbs and was 21 at the time posing absolutely no threat to this man. I was shocked and astonished at his very public display of aggression being that I thanked him for the invitation and declined politely, it was late. The situation did not warrant that kind of reaction. I was not in his country, his society, or his girlfriend. Granted I wasn’t in my own either but just as that behavior holds no place as an American value it doesn’t in German values either. According to him, “Women don’t just leave whenever they feel like it” or get into a cab without a man. I saw with my own eyes violence directed specifically towards Americans, especially the American soldiers stationed there, who might I mention regardless of what one’s opinion on the war is, are risking their lives to bring peace into the Islamic areas of the world, in clubs, bars, and on the streets by Muslim youths. I’ve seen the suburbs of Paris. My accounts of first hand experience are not meant to be skewed by others as denouncing another culture due to fear or “Islamophobia” (try Islam phobia next time). I only wrote about violent groups not ALL Muslim groups and did not attack the true religion of Islam. I only spoke out against what had been ruined by the concept of rule by terror.

I saw the aggression and resistance many of those groups use and the damage they cause to European towns and cities. As an American student living abroad every week I was issued a different warning to be aware of violent people and actions by those who oppose Western values. The question burning in my mind was, “why are they living in the West if they oppose such

values?” If terror and violence is acceptable to them they should stay in their own violent places and keep it out of Western civilization.

A lot of the media and many of the officials in our government pretend that this kind of aggression does not exist, that it is merely “right-wing” propaganda but the truth is it does exist.

I know German, Italian, and French and frequently read International News in those languages for information, outside of English speaking broadcasts, when writing about topics that affect the world. To this day, I return to Europe on a frequent basis to visit my boyfriend who is a 1st Lieutenant in the 1<sup>st</sup> Armor division of the U.S. Army and just got back Sunday from my stay over Thanksgiving. My views are conservative but it wasn’t Fox News or the White House that formed those views for me. I formed them myself after both living and studying outside my own country and seeing the world in other places, through other languages, living with different people of all nationalities, and most importantly through my own eyes. I’m sure to the dismay of the writer who chose to “challenge” me it is obvious I am not as “misinformed” as he would like to think.

I have so much respect for my peers and it is true that young people can make a difference but I wonder how they can while their minds are being ravaged by

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liberal sensationalism and then they fall into a trap becoming typical of young, misinformed, college students-A lot of talk and not a lot of DO.

The beauty of this country is many times reflected in the first amendment so I know, personally, I am tired of being degraded by raving liberals for my views that I, as an intelligent 22-year-old woman, have the right to have. Different views are a wonderful asset to society and liberals must stop projecting conservative views as frightened ideas from “Islamophobic”, ethnocentric, misinformed, fanatics of Fox News, because that is not the case.

P.S. No I was not wondering if an inflammable liquid will burn because it will. (Check if you’d like-The American Heritage Dictionary.)

Inflammable-

1. easily ignited and capable of burning rapidly.
2. quickly or easily aroused to strong emotion; excitable .

SEE LIBERAL.

CHRIS NETTA  
OP?ED EDITOR

Monmouth University has a problem that plagues most other college and university campuses around the country. Parking. Those seven letters are a bane of student existence, resident and commuter alike.

4:20 p.m., ten minutes to class. Deciding to go to your friend’s house during your break doesn’t seem like such a hot idea now, does it? Scouring the parking lot like a thirsty man in the desert, you think you see an oasis, a parking spot not one hundred feet from your class. As you pull up you realize that the spot is not empty, but inhabited by a compact car.

After rolling around lots 24 and 25 for about eight minutes you realize that, despite parking woes, your class will not wait. Perhaps you park near the gym, in something that isn’t really a spot. Or perhaps you high tail it off campus and park off of Cedar Ave, three quarters down the block.

After class your day is done, it’s about 6:00 p.m. and your beat, trying to head to your respective home. If you were lucky enough to find a spot on campus, you are now stuck in a line of cars trying to get off campus, stuck behind one slow moron who could afford to drive slightly more offensively hopelessly trying to make a left onto Cedar Ave. in rush hour traf-

fic. Sometimes its laughable, the drudgery of trying to escape MU after a long day, going right behind eight people making lefts.

To this problem I propose a solution; a simple and effective means of alleviating outgoing traffic during times of high volume. The solution is thus: Take the exit which I am discussing, and create two lanes, one for left turns and one for rights.

This would take some capital to perform (grass must be removed and the sign may have to be moved back-wards), but perhaps it could come out of the landscaping budget, as this would be more useful than flowers and fertilizer. In addition, with the growing credibility and attention that MU has been receiving, it is only a matter of time before an operation like this is simply necessary.

Not to say that this would solve all of the problems with parking that MU has. This is a popular school, located in New Jersey and attracts a large number of commuter and off-campus resident students. Between nine and eleven percent of America’s economy is based around motor vehicles, and almost everybody owns at least one these days. Parking lots, those dull, lifeless, blacktop masses, will have to exist in their present state until something radical changes in transportation; but that doesn’t mean that they can’t be easier to leave.

What does Free-FM mean to you?

CHRIS NETTA  
OP?ED EDITOR

I haven’t had a stereo in my car for about two weeks. A fuse blew in my car, and I haven’t gotten around to replacing it. I commute, 45 minutes each day I have school, with no radio. Don’t feel that bad, my bad ass breaks the law by wearing headphones sometimes and listening to CDs, but I haven’t listened to the radio for about two weeks. On Monday, due to the snow, I borrowed by mom’s Ford Explorer, a nice car, fully equipped with leather seats, four wheel drive, and an AM/FM radio.

I am cruising to school, listening to the music that has been absent from my car’s speakers for some time now when I hear a reminder of something bad which I had forgotten about. *Free FM*. When Howard Stern leaves FM for satellite radio (which is soon) K-Rock, the last modern rock radio station in the New York Market flips its format to talk radio.

I am not a big fan of WXRK, I feel that they could have been one of the major rock outlets on the east coast, but blew it by following trends to closely and following a “Z-100” style to their format, playing almost exclusively hits. Rarely, if ever, have I heard K-Rock solely

break a band, but as I said, I am not a big fan of the station. I merely feel that with K-Rock’s switch to a talk format, an entire market loses one of the only remaining rock outlets.

The radio industry seems to be changing in a negative direction, with things such as JACK-FMs and satellite radios working against them. Ipods are also blamed for radios downturn in ratings, but I believe that those who run the industry need to stop blaming the changing times, and blame themselves for not changing with them.

We live in strange times; everything is slowly getting smaller and less personal. Things are changing, and the world is becoming a very strange place.

Maybe that was a little off topic, but I never thought that this station that I heard for the first time in Middle School would stop playing rock and roll music. I assumed that what they played could get bad (which it did), or I could turn off a DJ in disgust (which I have), but I always assumed that the outlet would be there for the music.

I suppose I shouldn’t be this annoyed about the changes in the radio industry. I listen to WSOU (88.9 FM, Seaton Hall’s Pirate Radio) and WRAT more than K-Rock, and enjoy their selections more. The loss of the major outlet is what hurts the most, to me, as a music fan.



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# Graphic designer gives insight to students

*Matt Owens talks to MU art students about his career*



PHOTO BY Taylor Smith

**Matt Owens**, a graphic designer, gave a presentation to students in the Art Building on Thursday, November 17.

**Taylor Smith**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Graphic designer Matt Owens came to Monmouth to speak to students in the Art Department, Thursday November 17th in room 801 of the Art Building. The room was small, but that didn't stop students from packing in to listen to this creative designer.

Owens presented a look into his world of design and imagination. He spoke of his experi-

ences and how having teamwork can make any project that much stronger. Matt owns his own design company called VolumeOne based in New York City.

Not only does Matt have great co-workers, but they have become his friends that he relies on when work needs to get done.

His work ranges from campaigns for companies such as American Eagle, to short films for the Sundance Channel, and even music videos. He fascinated students with his innovative ideas

especially with his vibrant personality.

He encouraged art students to get out there and put as much effort into their work because one day it will all pay off.

He also motivated students by saying, "it's great to wake up everyday and do something that you love."

It was a fascinating lecture that made students ranging from freshmen to seniors ready to get into the field of graphic design.

# Giving Tree



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**Tags hang on the Giving Tree** in the Student Center on campus. Students can take the tags off the tree and choose a gift according to the age, wrap it and bring it to the boxes under the tree by Wednesday, December 14.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## LOW FLYING JETS

LISA PIKAARD  
STAFF WRITER

This past week, M-squared had their third episode of the year. The show hosted Low Flying Jets, a band that formed in 2002 in New York City. This relatively young band appears to be having success. With a dedicated fan-base in the audience, the show went over really well.

In the past, Low Flying Jets performed at clubs like The Stone Pony, CBGB and The Saint. The band itself is amazing. They combine heavy base, tricky guitar and hardpounding drums to bring MU it's loudest M-squared yet.

They kicked off the show with a track entitled "Can't Help My Love" which is a powerful, fun track. The vocalists also harmonize very well; however, individually, they were slightly weaker. The base player, Sam Crowell, is a very strong musician, as is the drummer Jef Plate. The guitar riffs played by guitarists Brad York and Brian Leopold, showcase the band's individual talent. Together, they have the potential to go very far, but the vocals need to tighten up.

There were times when I was questioning whether they were speaking,

screaming or singing. This tactic can stylistically work from time to time but in songs like "Murder" and "Listen." The latter had interesting lyrics but the guitar and baseline really make it a catchy song. Vocally, their strongest song was, "Photosynthesis," but, the drummer's "ohs" in the background were a little overpowering. This was most likely due to the microphone balance at the show. All in all, "Photosynthesis" is one of their strongest tracks.

"Fantastic" is just that, fantastic. At times the vocals were a little fuzzy but it is certainly their most likable tune. The two songs that they really should not have sung were "We're all Girls," and their cover of "Bone Machine." Their sound is very original but in an attempt to summarize their sound it would have to be The Killers with an edge or Maroon 5, but less pop and more rock.

If they stick to their own tracks and tighten their vocals, this band can certainly go somewhere. They definitely have my support and are certainly a band worth checking out.

Check their website [www.lowflyingjets.com](http://www.lowflyingjets.com) or their myspace website at [www.myspace.com/lowflyingjets](http://www.myspace.com/lowflyingjets) for upcoming shows.



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## LYRIC LOUNGE

Lindsay Lohan's newest album *A Little More Personal (Raw)* shows a new side of Lohan. Her first single off the album is "Confessions of a Broken Heart (Daughter to Father)" and shows, as the album title suggests, a very personal struggle with her father. The track is very dark, passionate and deeper than what her audience has come to expect. "Black Hole" is another dark song on the album, and really helps set the tone for the rest of the album. One of the strongest tracks on the album is another dark track, "My Innocence." The title track off the album is probably one of the weakest songs. Lohan attempts to convey passion and depth in an upbeat pop/rock song and just cannot pull it off. Another one of her weaker tracks is her cover of "I Want You to Want Me." It is by far, the worst track on the album. Her voice is not appropriate for the song. Despite the power and depth of the initial tracks, the album just slides downhill.

Shakira's latest album, *Oral Fixation Vol. 2*, is much better sounding than named - much better than I had expected. The album is a pop/rock album with a Latin twist. For the most part, the album is virtually a dance album with one or two ballads thrown in. The true ballad on the album, "Your Embrace," is by far one of the best tracks on the album. The only one better is her track featuring Carlos Santana, "Illegal." The track has a heavy Latin feel and heavy guitar riffs. It is by far Shakira's best song to date. The most interesting, original track on her album is "Animal City." It contains interesting, original lyrics and is very bubbly. For those of you who never liked Shakira's music, this is a change of sound for her. It seems as though she is finally finding her sound and it's one that will appeal to the masses. Her best album to date, no matter how interestingly titled.

Little did anyone know, Britney Spears released a new album entitled *B In The Mix, The Remixes*. This album contains her great hits, as well as a few tracks that aren't so well-known to most of the general public. "Early Mornin'" is one of the surprising less well-known tracks on the album. It is a highly catchy tune. Her pop sound is remixed to attract a wider audience than normal. A few of the more common, chart-topping Britney Spears songs on the album are "Toxic," "Me Against the Music," "I'm a Slave for You," and her first hit "Baby One More Time." The remixes are very original and very catchy. If this album had received more publicity, it would have climbed up the charts rather quickly. Overall, the album is one of her best. But, it will most likely be her least popular album. If you are a fan of her chart-topping hits, this album is for you. However, if her bubblegum pop style never appealed to you, you are better off passing.

## WHITE STRIPES EP: SHORT AND SWEET

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STAFF WRITER

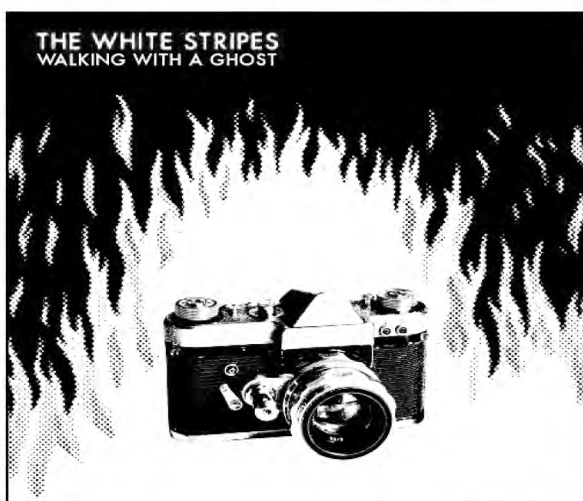
It's back to basics on December 6 when rock duo The White Stripes will release a five-song EP titled, *Walking With A Ghost + 4 Live Tracks*. The name says it all. In addition to the title track, (a Tegan and Sara cover) the disc features four tracks of unreleased songs played live. It's a small package, but all new material...something other bands should do more often.

The White Stripes landed mainstream success in 2002 with their third album, *White Blood Cells*, along with a slew of bands like The Vines, The Strokes and The Hives. They were all on a mission (well,

as assigned by the press) to revive down n' dirty rock-and-roll in the new millennium. Although these groups have done well, The White Stripes have stuck around most noticeably.

After, "Fell In Love With A Girl" and its digital-Lego looking video hit radio and TV, it was on from there. 2003's *Elephant* had the drilling and dynamic anthem, "Seven Nation Army." Their last record, *Get Behind Me Satan* gave us the single, "Blue Orchid."

With simple, to the point, sincere songs, the White Stripes put out the type of rock n' roll that doesn't get old and will always be sound.



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The White Stripes, produce another mainstream hit.



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Lohan's needs a little more time in the studio (working).



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Shakira's new sound will become the fixation of many.



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Britney Spears' money train stops here.

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## Box Office

- 1 - Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire \$ 19.9 million
- 2 - Aeon Flux \$12.7 million
- 3 - Walk the Line \$9.5 million
- 4 - Yours, Mine, & Ours \$8.3 million
- 5 - Just Friends \$5.6 million



# CHRISTINE MARTUCCI BAND TAKES ROCK TO THE NEXT LEVEL

DAN ROTH  
STAFF WRITER

Once upon a time, there was good music: music that could send a soul to heaven, and warm you to the point where you were sweating in the debt of winter. There used to be music that would make a person feel so alive that they would get up and dance for no other reason than because that collective sound made them do it. It didn't matter what kind of music it was: punk, rock, metal, soul, country, reggae, jazz; it all had elements that rose above the stereotypes and went straight to the soul of a person.

## BAND REVIEW

This defamation of the music industry has caused an indescribable amount of pain to all those who truly love music. It has also made true music lovers go into hiding, hiding in places like Asbury Park, where a small contingent of true musicians and music fans go. It is a place where these musicians have laid dormant, waiting for just the right moment to rise again and take over the music industry.

Enter The Christine Martucci Band; a group of hard-rockin', music-loving, and soul-feeling group of musicians from mostly the Flemington, New Jersey area that have a sound to live by. This group, which would be more appropriately described as a family, has risen from the ashes to take the music industry by storm.

The Christine Martucci Band offers the easy flowing, melt-your-heart sounds of pure rock-and-roll. With two lead guitarists, a bassist, and a drummer, the instrumental sounds that come off their instruments are truly amazing. The guitar riffs fly through the air and into your ears as if that was their home. Most would liken Christine's music to that of a combination Melissa Ethridge and Janis Japlin. While these two were great influences to Christine, they in no way encapsulate what the band's sound is all about.

For Rob, Chuck, and Duane, it has been a road less traveled, as they have been together the last 15 years. Two years ago, after playing with numerous bands, the three amigos found themselves playing for a cover band called "Rain." When their lead singer wanted a break, Christine offered to fill in and, then when their original singer quit, Christine, Duane, Chuck, and Rob be-

came four of the six members of the group.

Before joining Duane, Rob, and Chuck, Christine had already had her fill of the music industry. After a hard childhood, Christine joined the army at age 20 and, while stationed in Germany, was part of a band that landed her her first radio interview. After that band came apart, Christine came back to New Jersey, where she took a job with the Department of Defense. This is where she stayed for the next nine years. During this time, she played in a local band out of Trenton called "Early Warning." "Early Warning's" run ended abruptly, and Christine took a few years off from music. When she finally did make her comeback in the music industry, it was with the Christine Martucci Band.

Now that she had Duane, Chuck, Rob, and herself, all she needed was a backup singer and another lead guitarist. So, along the way, Tina Rose, formerly a lead singer for 13 years, and Pat Ru joined up and the Christine Martucci Band was formed.

Many times when a group is introduced, the drummer gets pushed to the backburner. This may be because he is the hardest to see in a live show, or because they don't get to display those harsh guitar riffs that seem to clog up the airways. But make no mistake about it: the drummer is the backbone of the band. They are the ones that hold the beat steady and are a constant no matter what happens. This is especially true in this band, where the colorful Chuck Ribaud mans the reins. Chuck is a drum master, he has been playing since age 12. At every performance, you can see Chuck's drumsticks swinging through the air at speeds too fast for even the most advanced radar gun to pick up. You might compare his style to a combination of Tommy Lee and Keith Moon with a kick. His love and passion of music is the essence of who he is, and the glue that keeps this band together.

The next member of the band is the bassist, Duane Horne. When looking at Duane, you would swear you were staring at legendary Beach Boy Brian Wilson. The truth of the matter is that, in terms of personality, Brian Wilson is no match for Duane. As for his guitar playing, this guy can wail. His hands are faster than the speed of light, and produce a sweet and invigorating sound that make him truly a unique talent.

Pat Ru is the lead guitarist for the band. Ru has been playing guitar since age 13, and is a magician on those strings. Half the time you have no idea how he gets his fingers from one place to the next in time. If you're looking for a comparison, then think of a Randy Rhoads meets Mike Stern in the new millennium. Then you have about as close of an idea of how he sounds as can possibly be given.

Rounding out the instrumentals is Rob Viola, the other lead guitarist. Rob is the person I would consider the father of the group. Rob is your prototypical rocker, a man who plays

with the intricacies of Eric Clapton and with the passion of Joe Satriani or Steve Vie. When he plays, you know you are listening to a musical genius. He makes everything he does look easy. Rob also offers background vocals.

Then there is Tina Rose, the quiet back up singer that will absolutely shock you with how sweet and melodic her voice is. Tina offers the perfect harmonies to back up Christine. Tina enables the band to be unique in that they have two dynamic singers both more than worthy of being lead. Tina has a very soulful sound that might be likened to that of Patsy Klein meets Mariah Carey.

Finally, there is Christine, the voice and heart of a band built around love and friendship. Christine's greatest attribute is that, in a music industry filled with people trying to copy everyone else, she stands alone in her ability to be herself and stay true to the essence of what makes music great. Every angelic note and har-

mony that comes out of her mouth is filled with a passion and hunger that brings you back to the happiest time in your life, and she allows you to stay there for whatever amount of time her set or CD lasts. Christine doesn't look for whatever angle will get her to the top the quickest; she is way too smart for that. She acknowledges that she needs to pay her dues before she makes it. Hence, that is what she has been doing since reentering the music industry after an extended absence a couple of years ago.

When sitting at a table or hanging out with The Christine Martucci Band, you are instantly taken back in time, back to a time where the music industry wasn't about the money, the endorsements, or the exposure, but about a love of music that is unparalleled. They have traditional values and philosophies about music. Such as, if you can't play as well live as you do on the CD, then you have no business in music. These philosophies make the band work as hard as they can to create a pure sound and a sound just as easily produced outside the studio as inside.

The single greatest thing about The Christine Martucci Band is that they are constantly improving. All of the members of the band agree that while Christine's first album "Mama Says" was great, it did not capture the essence or feel that it should have. Lead guitarist Pat Ru explains it when he said "the new album will be great and have more heart in it. This is a band that has been together for awhile and it will have a lot more heart and feel." Other lead guitarist Rob Viola offers his opinion, "I don't think (Christine's) soul came out on the first album."

The Christine Martucci Band offers music enthusiasts a change to see a group perform rock and roll at its finest level, a level that will carry them out of the depths of Asbury Park and onto a global stage. I once asked Christine why she felt that she had not made it to the next level, her response was simply that "it was not her time." Well, Christine, you have set the groundwork and laid the foundation. You have a group around you that is as talented and passionate about the music as you are, and a fanbase that will follow you anywhere.

If you are interested in seeing the Christine Martucci Band, visit their Web site at [www.christinemartucci.com](http://www.christinemartucci.com). Their next show is Dec. 7 at the Saint in Asbury Park.

*The Christine Martucci Band offers the easy flowing, melt-your-heart sounds of pure rock-and-roll.*



The Christine Martucci Band performing at the Starland Ballroom in Sayreville, New Jersey.

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## BIG IN '05 AWARDS

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The Big in '05 Awards, which took place in Los Angeles, California, aired December 4 at 8 p.m. on VH1.

The evening's purpose was to "pay homage to the biggest people, the biggest moments and the biggest crazes of the past year," according to reality TV magazine.

Comedian D. L. Hughley hosted the event, with performances by Fall Out Boy, INXS and Def Leppard.

For the complete list of winners, visit [www.vh1.com/shows/events/big/in/2005/voting/](http://www.vh1.com/shows/events/big/in/2005/voting/).

*And the winners are:*



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# Diet Myths Are Just What They Are: Myths

LINDSAY WEISS  
COLUMNIST

Everyone has joined the bandwagon and followed the pack when it involves dieting. You are not alone if you have tried *Weight Watchers* or the *Atkins Diet*, or even *The South Beach Diet*. Eating healthy and cutting carbohydrates to an extent is alright, but once it begins to consume you and take over your life, that is the point where you have to ask yourself: how much is too much? Compulsive dieting and distorted body image can lead to harmful diseases such as anorexia or bulimia in teenage men and women. The following diet myths will be exposed, and you will be able to find the diet that is right for you without being an obsessive dieter.

The first myth is that cutting carbohydrates the wrong way can make you feel unhealthy and famished. You need carbohydrates for energy, and some carbs are better than others. According to Lona Sandon, assistant professor in clinical nutrition at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, your carbohydrate intake should be a minimum of 130 grams a day. If your carbohydrate intake is lower than 130 grams per day, you could become fatigued, irritable, and light-headed. The Atkins diet, which was and still is popular among diet gurus, implements low-carb life dieting that could increase the risk for heart disease and colon cancer.

A solution to low-carb dieting is to cut back on refined carbs such as soda and foods made with white flour, and instead fill your plate with fruits and veggies.

The second dieting myth is diet foods can help you shed a few extra pounds. This is untrue and may be even causing you more harm than good. Just because the food you are eating has fewer calories in it doesn't mean it is better for

**Compulsive dieting and distorted body image can lead to harmful diseases such as anorexia or bulimia in teenage men and women.**

you. Diet foods such as the infamous Atkins bars could contain a great deal of sugars, and trans fats. You should be eating healthy foods with monounsaturated fats in them, foods such as nuts, olive oil, and avocados. These products will help your cardiovascular system, and improve weight loss all at the same time. The Harvard Nurses' Health Study found that by replacing 30 calories of carbohydrates per day with the same amount of trans fats, the risk of heart disease would decrease by 30 percent to 40 percent. It will be for your own good to increase your intake of good fats by includ-

ing nuts into your cereal for breakfast, or avocado into your salad for dinner.

The third myth, which is especially harmful to your dieting, is that people tend to believe that the more they cut calories, the more weight they will lose. This is a mistake most dieters make, and pay for it later when they realize the diet they are on is not working for them. If you cut too many calories, you could actually decrease your metabolism and muscle mass. To decrease the risk of cutting calories, you should eat more fresh fish and meat in order to gain protein and the healthy calories you need for nourishment. It is a healthier way to lose weight.

Another significant myth which you need to know about is that you will not pack on the pounds if you eat dairy products while on a diet. Most people assume that cheese and milk is very fattening, and they avoid it at all costs. Calcium is significant and can help prevent osteoporosis later in life. According to Dr. Michael Zemel, a University of Tennessee professor of nutrition, a dairy-rich diet that is combined with calorie control can almost double body-fat reduction and weight loss and help prevent weight gain.

The last myth you need to know about is that whole-wheat products are beneficial to your health, and can decrease your risks for chronic ailments, obesity, and diabetes, and the increased fiber in whole grains can reduce the speed at which the meal is absorbed.

For all you pro-Atkins and carb watchers, heed my advice and diet the healthy way. Do not try to take the easy way out and cut out the carbohydrates, because what you don't know could hurt you in the end.

players like to see that you went to college and that you studied something. It's not a big deal how great your GPA was, just the fact that you had one. They seem to be much more interested in what you actually know about, what you think you want to do, thus, they ask you to submit a resume and go in for an interview.

Is this why grade inflation has started to occur? Professors really don't care what the grades are that are being given out, because they know it doesn't mean anything? They know that just because you've gotten your instant gratification and got an A this semester, if you didn't actually learn the material, life will catch up with you? And if they are spending time teaching the students who really want to learn the subject, why should they be so bothered to punish someone who can't be bothered to even try to learn the subject?

Some people might argue that it's their job to be bothered and attempt to teach these students a lesson and force them to learn the subject they are signed up for. But, by senior year, can you teach an old dog new tricks? If a senior has gotten through college with As by doing nothing, come senior year, how easy will it be to persuade this student that his/her grades don't mean anything, but that he should focus on the learning process? Of course, it should be attempted, students can't be given up on. On the flip side though, more of the professor's time should be focused on those who want to learn, rather than those that don't. This isn't high school where the key is to get you to simply learn, but for a lot of us, these classes are a part of our majors and what we want to do in life. So, we want all the knowledge we can get before we go out

## Love



## Doctors

### The Love Doctors Are In... Going...Going...Gone

Dear Linsay & Suzanne,

Is it too long when your hair becomes thin and gray, and your acne is replaced by your first wrinkle and your firm buttocks are replaced by unwanted cellulite? How long is too long before you become official and call your significant other your boyfriend or girlfriend? Before you can even say the L word known as love, you must first say like.

I do not know if it is time to call it quits and move on with my life and ditch my guy?

Sincerely,  
Heart Breaker

Dear Heart Breaker,

Before you throw your man to the curb, keep this mantra in your head, "do not throw out dirty water until you have clean water." Like you, I was in a long-term relationship and contemplated several times whether the man in my life was worth my time, because it seemed as if I was doing all the work in the relationship. It became so frustrating that I resorted to "playing the game." For some reason, men like a chase and want what they cannot have. It is a rule of thumb, and to succeed in this dog-eat-dog world, we women must play by the rules. Then again, rules were meant to be broken. Do not make yourself readily available, instead, play hard-to-get. The next time he invites you to a social get together with his friends, politely decline and say that you are busy.

Also, do not sit by the phone like Alyson Hannigan, better known as "the band geek" from the film *American Pie*. Not only will you seem desperate, but your boyfriend will think of you as a last resort and call you when he has nothing better to do. Make him appreciate you, and you should not have to work so hard at your relationship, be-

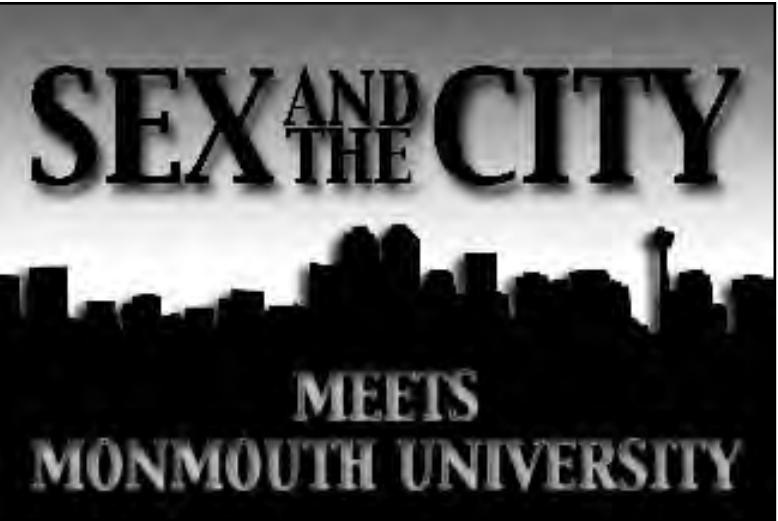
cause it should come naturally.

If you are waiting to hear the anticipated "L" word, do not hold your breath. It is satisfying to get through a date without being told to pay for your half of the check, or being picked up half an hour late. It may seem hopeless, and your Mr. Right may seem like he is a thousand miles away, but never settle. A good catch is hard to find, and the saying there are many fish in the sea may be true, but how many "good" guys are really out there.

The adage, "out with the old, and in with the new" has great meaning, and can come in handy when you are in a situation such as this one. If he is not ready for commitment, then why should you be? Unless it is set in stone that you are an item, you have no reason to sit at home and wait for a phone call (which usually takes a week if you're lucky). There is a new trend occurring, and we women are the trendsetters. I have noticed that a majority of women have begun dating like men. They date one guy after another because they refuse to settle and remain unsatisfied with their boyfriend.

The 50s are over, and women no longer sit at home and cook for their man and bat their pretty blue eyes at them. We are able to have professional careers and a life of our own; therefore we are entitled to serial date and have the right to know if we are a couple yet?

If only having a relationship were as simple as choosing what to eat for breakfast. The next time you get fed up with your man's antics, remember Ivana Trump's mantra, "Don't get mad, get everything." Instead of buying a new wardrobe and breaking the bank out of frustration, try to find a new man that will suffice your needs and make you happy.



REBECCA HEYDON  
COLUMNIST

Once again, it's the end of the semester and, from what I've observed, it's a rocky end. People seem to be completely overloaded with work. I read away messages and people all seem to be studying and working away, long into the midnight hours. And what will all these studious students get for all their hard work? A grade. A letter on a piece of paper. It could be an A, an A-, a B+, or a C. Exactly how much is that grade worth, though?

First off, parents usually like to see high grades, as in a B or better. Why? Because they believe that that's the evidence that we didn't just waste money here at college, but we actually did something. It seems to ease their fears and ensures we're not here and only going out to the bars or parties every night, but we actually are going to class and learning something.

Sometimes, we have classes where we don't learn a thing and still get the desired A. Then, there are those other classes where you

learn something very valuable, but end up with a B, or perhaps even lower. As students, we all know the grade does not mean everything. And, as we've gotten older, more and more of our professors, I think, have tried to teach us that it's not just about the grade, that they aren't here to give out grades, but to teach us something. And I do agree, I mean, in two of the classes that I've probably learned more from in this semester than I have in my college career, there's a high probability that I won't get an A, which will bring down my GPA. However, even knowing that, I still would have signed up for the classes, because I know I'll be a better person because of the classes, and this is exactly what professors, and some parents have been trying to instill in me since the day I started school.

And it has been shown to me that they are right. In applying for jobs, it has been presented to me that it doesn't really matter what your GPA was in college. It might look good, but that's not really a determining factor. Em-

into the real world.

In addition, most of our professors seem to be hopefuls. They want, no, *need* to believe that we will all go out into the world and change it for the better. They also believe that, eventually, these people who are only worried about the grade letter will be changed by some life or work event that occurs. This is true: how can we predict the future? We can't. So, what's to say that just because someone doesn't want to learn in college, that they won't want or can't learn in the real world? Nothing.

Thus, it appears that the only real way you could not have grade inflation would either be to fail everyone who isn't up to par, and have them here in college forever, or have perfect students. You can't fail half the college though, because that counteracts our professors' hopeful attitude. These students would never get the chance to change in the real world, because

they'd never leave college. As for the other posed solution, that's just as unlikely, and not as good an idea as the first one. People are different, and don't care about the same things. I understand why I have to take Literature classes, but by no means am I going to be as excited about those as I am about my business classes. And should I fail because of that? No, since I do still try.

We have inflation in our economic system due to changes and imbalances in our economic environment. Again, money doesn't necessarily mean anything, but it serves as a basic measuring stick as to what you can afford. One thousand pesos might not be worth much here, but it could be worth tons in Mexico. It all depends on the environment. Why should we not expect the same from grades, which also don't really mean anything, but are only a basic measuring stick?



# Is monogamy extinct?

*Questions arise if it is still possible to find the perfect soulmate*

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LAYOUT EDITOR

As promiscuity is in all of us, our search for the "one" is no less prevalent than it was centuries ago, but in this day in age, with opportunities around every corner, with choices and chances, and second chances, we as a people follow our nature; to exploit and take advantage of any situation, even when that situation tempts one to be unfaithful.

love with him. She had been seeing someone on the side for quite awhile on and off trying to piece together the labyrinth of her life. When asked why she decided to break it off she replied, "He isn't the one for me, I know that somewhere out there, there is someone for me, it just isn't him."

For ages, promiscuity has been encouraged in men and condemned in women. Recently, the lines between them are seemingly distorted. Its now the time where people have had mot-

to good intentions, virtue, patience or any other positive attribute people might come to attain in hopes for falling in love.

We all feel that there is someone out there that will permanently ignite our inner desires, which will fit a mold we have created since childhood. But, this fantasy we create, will it defer us from experiencing real monogamy?

The DeBeers commercial featuring the shadowed woman, has been portrayed as the perfect woman. Women are known to stray from their partners because they think that there is someone better out there for them, where as men tend to be opportunistic and have sex out of a relationship or even marriage because it is instant gratification.

Love is an entity in which we all falsely pursue. It is not what we want, but what we need, and in order to find that we must give up all that we desire. Will-power has become a weakness for humans; money, food, drugs, sex, anything in which you can indulge most likely fighting off temptation is almost the same as trying to win the lottery.

When looking for true love, humans believe ultimately that there is someone perfect out there for them, but what isn't understood is that no one is perfect, but there are those who are perfect for each other.

As a relationship begins, there are fireworks; passion,

also known as, lust, a concept in which most of us mistake for love. Therefore, when the passion dies what do you have, especially on those occasions when there is nothing really there but a sexual attraction.

Has it always been like this or is it true that our generation has taken all morals and destroyed them? We seem to be a selfish generation Are we selfish?

Movies and television today are portraying infidelity as a fact of life; that monogamy is more of an unattainable goal; therefore the new ideal is honesty about infidelity.

A new blockbuster with controversial views, *Closer*, is a movie which takes cynicism to a whole new level; brutal truth, infidelity, and deception all key points portraying 4 lovers stories. *Sex*

*and the City*, a television show in which addressed the issue of monogamy and promiscuity, has become a type of survival guide for many women even after the show has ended.

Women, some simple and some complicated will always look for solutions, with questions like "In a city like New York, with infinite possibilities, has monogamy become too much to expect," and "Is cheating like a tree in the forest: It doesn't exist if no ones around to catch you," the infamous Carrie attempts to help resolve.

Whether or not the mystery of monogamy will ever be solved, humans will still be under the impression that we must search and find "the one." Is it good enough to just do what makes us happy?

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People, by nature, tend to be drawn in by curiosity, therefore, their relationships, whether it is that of puppy love or one that has matured over time, are affected by this.

Danielle, a 26 year old entrepreneur, spent the last nine years of her life in a relationship that was all wrong. Although she loved him very much, she could not understand why she was no longer in

tos from 'be all you can be' to 'just do it' to the simple truth often told to us by our parents that we can do anything. With that ideal, there comes the belief that we need the compromise and patience, and in this fast paced world, we try to find perfection at a moments glance. Love doesn't listen to your wants or to your needs. And not to sound cynical, but love does not adhere

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HOROSCOPES

By Linda C. Black,  
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Dec. 7th)

Your compulsion this year is to rearrange things at home. You might even decide to move to a whole new place, to get comfortable.

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

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

Finish up what you promised. You gain a lot more than the satisfaction you get by marking the job done. You'll win valuable kudos.

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

Your friends are eager to help, and have lots of imaginative suggestions. Rely on help from them, rather than digging into your savings.

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

Listen respectfully to a person with unusual ideas. If this works, you stand to benefit, so check it out.

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 8

Postpone travel and new adventures until you've finished the job you've already agreed to do. It'll be more fun later, too.

Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - Today is a 7

It's good to know how much money you have, and how to get more if you need it. Take on a second job instead of going into debt.

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

There's a flurry of activity over the next few days. The overall outcome is good; however, so don't get stressed out about it.

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 7

Creative work pays well now, so crank out as much as you can. The stuff you make for your own house counts as money saved.

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is an 7

Encourage creative ideas and a loved one comes up with a doozie. Go along with the program and you'll have a wonderful time.

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

Fix up your place with the help of items you've long kept hidden. Bring them out slowly, to retain their value.

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

Study the situation carefully, over the next few days. Then, follow a hunch to come up with the right answer.

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

An older, wealthier person is feeling much more generous now. Go ahead and ask for whatever you want. You'll get some of it.

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is an 8

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ACROSS

1 Throw in cards  
5 Ancient sin city  
10 Irish Rose's lover  
14 \_\_\_\_\_ vincit omnia (love conquers all)  
5 Century plant  
16 Browse the Web  
17 Palace near Paris  
19 Buzz off!  
20 Common conjunction  
21 Those on the lam  
22 Just manages  
23 Paid players  
24 Actress Christine  
26 Landlord  
29 Creche figures  
30 Future louse  
33 Killer whales  
34 Walks in water  
35 Wildebeest  
36 Thai currency  
37 Repairs  
38 Herring's kin  
39 WWII zone  
40 Pine product  
41 Bird droppings  
42 Male progeny  
43 Table scraps  
44 Gabled window  
45 Succinct  
47 Sandwich pocket  
48 Make a hole  
50 Most likely  
52 Table support  
55 Numbered musical piece  
56 Palace near Madrid  
58 Trig ratio  
59 Select few  
60 Light brown  
61 Red coin?  
62 Church assembly  
63 Fender flaw

DOWN

1 Type of bean  
2 Harbinger

Two Dudes

by Aaron Warner

DUDE!  
THIS IS ONE OF  
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EMPTYING A BOX OF  
MACARONI IN A PAN AND  
STIRRING IN THE CHEESE  
IS SO DIFFERENT THAN  
WHAT YOU USUALLY DO.

I KNOW.  
BUT I WAS TIRED OF  
THE BOX CATCHING  
ON FIRE.

A College Girl Named Joe

by Aaron Warner

SO HOW DID YOUR  
TEST GO? WHEN WILL  
YOU KNOW IF YOU PASSED  
OR NOT?

THEY POST  
THE GRADES AT  
THE END OF THE  
WEEK, SO I'LL FIND  
OUT THEN.

SO  
YOU'VE GOT  
SOME TIME TO  
GO OUT BEFORE  
FRIDAY?

I DON'T KNOW.  
MY SCHEDULE IS  
PRETTY FULL WITH  
ALL THE PRAYING  
UNTIL THEN.

HARD KNOCKS BY LOUIS COPPOLA

KNOX, DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS GETTING A LITTLE...  
...SELFISH?

AREN'T THERE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAN YOUR SUDDEN FEAR OF DEATH?

BIGGER THINGS?

THAN MY OWN DEATH?  
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I SHOULD TAKE SOMEONE OUT WITH ME.

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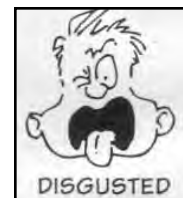
YEAH, BY MYSELF. SINCE I CAN'T GET ANYONE TO PLAY WITH ME.

YOU DIDN'T TELL ME WE HAD COMPANY!





**“What is something you are picky about when choosing a guy/girl? What is something that turns you off right away?”**



BY: SUZANNE GUARINO



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senior

“They need to have a sense of humor and not be cocky.”



**A-Rod**  
junior

“I don’t want no gold digger. My money is for my pocket.”



**Mike**  
freshman

“No “brow bridge”. Good eyebrows because I can spot a good brow from a mile away.”



**Alex**  
grad student

“Ugliness.”



**Cliff**  
freshman

“Smoking turns me off.”



**Raina**  
grad student

“Bad teeth/ missing teeth and poor grooming habits.”



**Daniel**  
senior

“If they disclose too much personal info or ask me personal questions right away.”



**Mike & Jermaine**  
sophomores

“Funky, nasty, stankness on the breath.”



**Katie**  
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“Non-intelligent people.”



**D-Cep**  
sophomore

“Smoking because it’s dirty and smells bad.”

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# Internet plagiarism rampant in colleges

PRESS RELEASE

Don McCabe has surveyed 45,000 of America’s college students over the past three years, asking them to come clean about whether they cheat on their tests and term papers.

Many cheaters in the classroom are surprisingly honest in the surveys, said McCabe, the founder of the Center for Academic Integrity and a foremost authority on academic fraud. About 37 percent have admitted to what’s called “cut-and-paste” plagiarism, the practice of creating term papers by copying information available over the Internet.

“It’s becoming a pervasive problem,” said McCabe, a professor of management and global business at Rutgers Business School in New Jersey. “It happens a lot in last-minute situations. The paper isn’t done, and it’s the night before it’s due. If they don’t get caught, it’s tempting to do it again.”

University authorities consider this practice to be a violation of conduct codes, and the penalty can range from a failing grade on an assignment to expulsion.

David Hoffman, assistant dean of student affairs at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., said it’s important for faculty to root out cheating.

“I don’t want my surgeon, my structural engineer, my airline pilot thinking it’s OK to cut corners,” he said.

It’s not just deans who are concerned about academic fraud. In a case filed not too far from St. Louis, a student is battling a Carbondale, Ill., company that she says offered her essay for sale online without permission. Such businesses are known as “paper mills.” As with cut-and-paste plagiarism, it’s out of bounds for students to use them.

The suit, filed in August in U.S. District Court in Benton, Ill., accuses business owner Rusty Carroll, his company, R2C2 Inc., and the Internet company that hosts his Web site of violating copyright laws.

The plaintiff is a graduate student named Blue Macellari, who is enrolled in a joint program offered by Duke and Johns Hopkins universities. According to the suit, a friend entered her name into the Google search engine, and the results turned up a paper Macellari had written and posted online while finishing undergraduate studies in South Africa. The paper

had been available after the payment of a registration fee at several Web sites.

Macellari’s lawyers are representing her for free, McCabe said. They called him before filing, telling him to expect calls from reporters.

“Someone screwed up,” he said, evaluating what happened with Macellari’s paper. “Whether there was a mistake, legally, that can be argued forever, but clearly, there was a mistake.”

Lawyers representing the defendants did not return calls seeking comment, but they have filed answers to Macellari’s complaint. They suggest that their clients aren’t liable for breaking copyright codes because a student is not a competing business interest.

Advertisements for paper mills used to be relegated to postage-stamp-sized appeals in the backs of magazines, but the services they offer are now easily accessed over the Internet.

Universities now have tools to uncover Internet cheating.

Hoffman said faculty at Truman State use a service called turnitin.com, which matches a student’s paper with text found on the Internet, whether cut and pasted into the student’s own work or purchased wholesale. The service costs the university between \$3,000 and \$4,000, he said.

The service has uncovered several instances of cut-and-paste plagiarism at Truman State. But Hoffman said when a case of cheating comes to light, educators generally want to work with students to correct the behavior rather than punish them outright.

“We have small class sizes and focus on student development. We don’t have the Wal-Mart heiress going here,” he said, referring to Paige Laurie, who returned her degree from the University of Southern California after cheating allegations surfaced earlier this year.

McCabe favors tailoring assignments to make it harder for students to copy parts of generic essays and hand them in as original work. He regards that as better than relying on services such as turnitin.com.

He credited the anti-cheating services with starting a new trend: old-fashioned plagiarism from books found in a library.

“We’re starting to see the first rumblings of that now in our survey,” he said.

# Push to bar military from campuses heads to Supreme Court

PRESS RELEASE

Pam Nickisher was driving to class at Rutgers law school when terrorists hit the World Trade Center towers on Sept. 11. She wished she could help defend her country by becoming a lawyer for the military, but was barred from doing so because she’s openly gay.

Instead of enlisting, Nickisher got swept up in a legal battle that will be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday. The case hinges on whether it’s constitutional for the government to require universities that accept federal money to allow military recruiters as well.

On one side are three recent Rutgers law school graduates and the Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights, or FAIR, an alliance of 38 law schools and law faculties that want to bar military recruiters. They oppose the military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy excluding open homosexuals, and say that being forced to accept recruiters violates their First Amendment right to express disgust by distancing themselves from such discrimination.

On the other side are Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and a wide range of supporters. They assert that for the sake of national security, the military must be able to recruit talent from universities especially during wartime.

Rumsfeld’s lawyers brandish the Solomon Amendment, passed by Congress in 1994, which states that higher education institutions that accept federal funding must also give military recruiters access.

The question is whether that law is constitutional. The case has been a crusade among law schools, which in 1990 agreed to make all employers that interview students on campus sign a pledge that they don’t discriminate on the basis of race, gender or sexual orientation. Under pressure from the Solomon Amendment, the law schools reluctantly gave the military a waiver from that pledge.

The Supreme Court’s ruling on Rumsfeld v. FAIR could reach far beyond law schools, and affect the military’s access to all colleges and

graduate schools.

Outside the courtroom, meanwhile, publicity about the case is sure to draw in all sides of the “culture wars”; some see the underlying battle as the Bush administration vs. liberal academia.

The administration of the Rutgers University system has taken no position on the Solomon Amendment and has let recruiters on its campuses while the court battle proceeds. The Solomon Amendment states that if the law school or any unit of a university rejects recruiters, federal money for the entire university is jeopardized. Critics of the Solomon Amendment say it blackmails schools into aiding and abetting a discriminatory system.

The faculty at Rutgers School of Law regularly issues “a statement saying the Solomon Amendment is morally wrong and discriminating against gays and lesbians is morally unacceptable,” said Fran Bouchoux, a law school dean in charge of career services. She said some students are interested in joining the military’s legal teams, but many more apply to private firms.

The military “says that as a gay person you’re not good enough to serve your country,” says Nickisher, now 37 and working for a public defender’s office in New Bruns-

wick, N.J. “The Solomon Amendment holds law schools hostage.”

The military’s lawyers argue that if universities don’t want military recruiters, they can simply say no to federal money. The military also stresses that there’s no impingement on free expression because schools can criticize the government as loudly as they want. Indeed, when military recruiters show up, students and professors often put up posters and petitions decrying them.

“Institutions that voluntarily accept federal funding remain free to protest the military’s policies,” Rumsfeld’s court papers say.

But opponents cite legal precedents stating the government can attach strings to funding but not ones that violate civil rights. They say making law schools accept military recruiters forces them to act as a conduit for discrimination against gays.

“There’s no stronger way of distancing yourself from that message than by saying you can’t come on campus,” said Michael Blauschild, a 26-year-old Rutgers law graduate and plaintiff. “They can’t ram a message we don’t agree with down our throats and say if you don’t agree with us, don’t take the money. That’s very insidious and very scary.”

Those backing the military, however, note that schools allow recruiting by many employers whose views or behavior they might not condone.

Philip R. Sellinger, a Florham Park, N.J., attorney, represents 25 senior military officials in a friend-of-the-court brief.

“A university doesn’t endorse everything that GM does or Union Carbide does,” he said. “The school is not making a value judgment about those employers.”

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# Winterize y<sup>❄</sup>ur wardrobe

ANDREA TIBALDO  
FASHION EDITOR

Is it too late to put warm weather on a Christmas list? We're only one week into December and have already been hit with a few inches of snow proving it's going to be a very long winter for those of you who despise the cold weather. Minimize the cold and maximize the comfortable warmth everyone seeks during this time of year by adding winter accessories to your wardrobe.

Ever since you were a young child your parents were badgering you to cover up before you went outside and you couldn't help but give in to the offered hats, scarves, and gloves. However, it's time to give up those mittens that attach to your jacket since you traded in the playground for the dorm (although sometimes they seem so alike). Just because it's chilly out doesn't mean you have to totally disregard a fashionable appeal when bundeling up. From earmuffs to driving gloves to scarves embroidered with details, there are countless choices for stylish winter accessories.

If you're going for a dressy look then add a simple cashmere scarf and leather gloves since they give off a more polished look. If it's a sporty look you would like to achieve try a pair of cozy mittens that will remind you of childhood. However, stay away from childish prints on mittens that will leave you looking like you're five years old again; you're going for a fun look not necessarily a look to make fun of. Add a hat with a mock brim such as the women's Delias hat and men's Hollister cap shown at the left. If you're the type whose more concerned with the look than the temperature then try a trendy pair of fingerless gloves. For adorable, feminine and not so hobo-looking fingerless gloves check out [freepeople.com](http://freepeople.com), ladies.

Wearing accessories isn't the only way to stay comfortable during the winter though. Try adding some flannel sheets to your bedding or even wrap yourself in an electric blanket. Space heaters are a great way to keep a small to medium sized room warm as well. Home Depot offers a Honeywell Digital Oscillating space heater for only \$39.99. If these options don't work try layering clothes or just cuddling.

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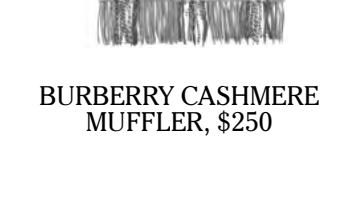
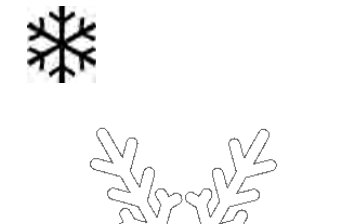
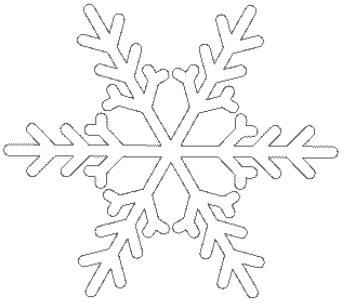
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***(WPE)***

The Writing Proficiency Examination will be offered next on  
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**Check-in for the December 15th exam will begin at 8:45 a.m.**  
**Check-in for the December 16th exam will begin at 4:15 p.m.**

**Check-in for both exams will be held in the lobby of Pollak Theatre.**

**Eligibility Requirements for the Exam**

**In general, you are eligible to take the December 2005 WPE if and only if you meet all three of the following conditions:**

- 1. you are a current student at the time of the exam** (that is, you have a start date that falls before the date of the exam),
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- 3. you have not previously attempted the WPE.**

**Requirements for Attempting the Exam**

The mandatory **reading set** for the WPE will be available at the University Bookstore for a minimal fee, beginning Wednesday, November 30, 2005. Before the exam, students must purchase and read the reading set, and must bring it to the examination.

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

**Resources for Preparing for the Exam**

To prepare for the examination, students should pick up and read the Writing Proficiency Requirement **Preparation Manual**, available for no charge at the Writing Office (Wilson Annex Room 510) or online at <http://bluehawk.monmouth.edu/~eng/wpr.pdf>.

The Writing Office will offer **three information sessions** about the WPE at which the format and expectations of the exam are explained and at which you can ask questions in person. The sessions will be held on Thursday, December 1, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, December 7, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.; and Monday, December 12, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. All sessions will be held in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, room 202B.



CLUB and GREEK

**Editor Note:** The Club and Greek page contains articles written by the student members of these organizations. The Outlook is not responsible for the content of these articles.

Phi Sigma Kappa

Yo check it.. big ups to Phi Sigma Sigma for the great mixer...seeing Cheese in a toga is just what we needed.. DJ Scrotum tears it up at club 259 and even plays his theme song “Desert Deek”.. Another soldier down, Honky gets put on a short leash and it looks like Tweek is following the same path..stay strong guys...Around his friends he’s known as Precious, around the girl you can just call him Poofie.. Give Keegles a drink and he will give u a night full of memories.. sick dance moves and the tank are just some of my favorites.. Speaking of tank, Hamsterjockeys dog is now officially bigger than he is..Squirrelmaster lives upstairs from me and uses baby wipes when he does #2 but told me not to tell anyone.. Around the guys he’s known as Stimp, around the girl he’s known as codename: 11/22.... Schlaefer is still reading the first line of this article.. Visa and Flamer get into it when Flamer ends it by saying “You know I don’t speak Spanish”.. Launchpad sings “Its my party and ill cry every time I see my ex if I want to”...Rerun and Cheese go Skiing .. they looked like the #10 coming down the mountain... Gastone wears an Isotoner to protect and heal his Hoof... This is Farva signing off saying DAMN PROUD!!

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Phi Sigma Sigma

To all my Phi Sigs-Thank You for making my college experience complete! Don’t worry, I’ll be around next semester! Love always-Beauty. LiL-Formal is going to be AMAZING! Jod-I love you-Jersey. Formal will be amazing, BIG!! Love all you Phi Sigs! Have a great holiday break! Love, Serendipidy.Have a good winter break! I’ll miss you tons

Saph! bobert-no one compares my BP partner! Can’t wait for Formal and my Ari’s 21st! Feel better Nugget-ilu-Lunabelle. Miss my Little Amadora more than life-Get ready for Winter Break!! Divine-you are my backbone-Love xoxo Amore. I LOVE PHI SIG for always taking care of my belligerent self! Love you SWF Divine! Congratz caliente! 401 + currie, depalma = ariel is obsessed with u! Miss my tender lovin’, LOVE shams to Xtreme, & lobster ur my life, Smoochies DeZire. Beauty, I’m going to miss you way too much. Phi Sigs, it’s been an honor being your President. I cherish you all-Elle. Congrats to Lisa forbecoming a seamstress!-Roxie. Lexi-I’m going to miss being Panhel withyou!!-ValenCia. Jenna-BP partners for life!! Claude me Zo! I LOVE US!!-Paradise. Yeah Phi Sig-Blahnixx Hugs and Kisses.

Surf Club

Hello. Here is the deal, Saturday Dec 3rd @ noon Meet up at Phillips ave in Deal to do the first clean up Of our adoption...If u can bring bags or whatever you feel necessary would be cool.. This is just the first cleanup of OUR beach, ones to follow will have more BLING BLING to them...But either way, we decided to do this, SO were gonna get it off the ground.. In other surf club news....If your interested in Costa Rica, talk with an active member of the club and we will inform u of whats going on... And Save some Money...Its not going to be Very expensive..But keep in mind your flying to South America for the best time/waves/vibes of your life SOooooo Having some money stowed away wouldn’t hurt. I think that’s all, Come to meetings...Bring ideas... Talk to people in filming; ready for Flugtag..... WWW.redbull-flugtag.com

Alpha Chi Rho

We must depart with the magical “Doylee Blue-ball Theatre”; for his next trick, he will make out with Flounder...indirectly, of course. Dog Show soaps his buttocks...Binger watches. Bacon’s gal destroys the good “Doctor”. I DRIVE A DODGE STRATUS...over Flush’s foot! Stimp, craves pie after training for Greek Week...Kramer delivers. Goomba’s new room is equipped with Racecar Bed AND footsy-pajamas; CONGRATULATIONS GOOMBA...you’re young again! Blue misses formal to Narffle

the Garthok...again. Porkchop gropes his formal date as Skeeter and Bacon go “Pi Mei” on them. The Old School M-Suite crew may be the next L. Ron Hubbard. Hyde’s “Gravedigger” discussion is the one time in our lives we have not knocked Reynolds for his infamous, “I’m an English major.” Wee Man takes time away from the circus. Crockett continues to be not funny. Tuna is the new Bam; strikes and gutters my friend...strikes and gutters. We live up to Landmark Four by allowing an NYIT Brother attend our winter formal. Uno wins the award for “Most Haggard Formal Ensemble”. Gotti’s Witness Protection contract is null-and-void. The rest of you...BE MORE FUNNY! (That still includes you Crockett) BE MEN –Skeet.

Alpha Sigma Tau

Well it may have taken us a few weeks but we are back and more fashionably late than ever. Congratulations Alpha Omicrons and welcome to AST Glamour, Destiny, Serenity and Matey. Trix gets a real live reenactment of Ladder 49 in her living room while Phin takes pictures of course. 308-MMTK-good times as always-loving lamps-HEY! We need to go dancing stat! AC hold on because were coming to rock hard! ALLLLL Right!” Pearl runs off to Cali and becomes President while Firecracker becomes an Australian-Scott as she churns hot chocolate. Alpha Lambdas are ALL finally 21 which means trouble (especially if Phin decides to fall off another bar stool). Marcel has a “ I know her, I ain’t sayin she a gold-digger” fan club, but you better watch out cause they even have shirts! Glamour loves “hanging on the moment”, with Sutter Homes and McDonalds. Serenity “doesn’t really want it” but its ok cause we will give it to her anyway. Boo led the way this semester but next semester will be taken by Storm. Ca-booooooooooooooooooooooo. Storm, Stitch and Belle are holding down the Alpha class. Trix and Storm “Shoop” it up at Jacks and Mystic realizes she needs AA. Phin gets over the loss of her pet turkey, Albuquerque while Stitch confesses her love for AST because she works at a bank. Oh and who could forget “Woah..Belle has a naked roommate in her face.” But don’t worry Boo she still loves u. We may not have it all together, but together we have it ALL. COME OUT AND SUPPORT AST IN THEIR FIRST ANNUAL HOLIDAY VARIETY SHOW MONDAY DECEMBER12 10PM POLLACK THEATRE

Zeta Tau Alpha

Congratulations Sister of the Week: Tulip, Daisy, and McGuire! Thank you to my EC for a great Fall semester- Daisy. You’re welcome, Daisy!- Sapphire. Weekly dose of love to the Brat Pack. Pixie, you will always be my wingman. Hoboken was fun. Punky, get ready, after the LSAT’S it’s on like Donkey Kong. Love and kisses. Yes, 4 is the magic number! Little I love you! Trimspa Baby-XOXO Kaybee. Rain, 4 is tha magic number isn’t it? Deko? AC? Red works at 12:30am. Brothers? Heyyy- Esmeralda. I love you Big...good job planning formal for us!- Love your Little Camelia! McGuire, aka Roomus, thanks for being so amazing- Sunriise. Juicz- I love you, thank you for always being there for me! Love Dolphin aka Prodigy! You make me smile Little Nala. I love you!- McGuire. McGuire, I LOVE YOU BIG!!- Love Little Nala. Paris, you are the love of my life butt buddy- Litle Nala. Big, Secrets, Nus, Zetas, I love you for everything- Stellarr. I love you butt buddy! What would I do without you! Big, You’re are my pride and joy! Love you to pieces!- Love Paris. I love my Biggie!- Juicz. Daisy I do not want this semester to end, what will I do without you?- Tulip. Camelia, my life, my little, I love you XOXO Tulip. Savannah, formal...ahhh! I love you to pieces- Love Tulip. Puma, Gia, + Posh= 2HOT2HANDLE!! I love you girls!! XOXO Posh. Rain+Posh=Hottest Big and Little!! Hollur! Good luck Big!!- Posh. Puma, Posh <3.. formal will be rediculous..but.. where will the boys go? Big, I love your guts..Big jr..You’re a blonde!! Good luck on the LSATS and when you’re feeling vulnerable, wrap them around you like a blanket- XOXO Gia. Little, I love you! Keep smiling! <3 Your Big, Pearl. Big, you make me smile! Thank you! <3 Your Little, Angelina. Bonnie and Clyde- I love you more then anything. You two are the best littles anyone could ever ask for. <3 Your Big, Lucky.

Alpha Xi Delta

Alpha Xi Delta, a National Panhellenic Sorority, colonized at Monmouth University On November 17, 2005, Alpha Xi Delta, a National Panhellenic Sorority, was colonized at Monmouth University. Sixteen women were accepted to the colony, two of whom were already initiated sisters who transferred to Monmouth from other universities. Bringing Alpha Xi Delta to campus was a process which took several months of work from the members of the interest group and members of the University community. After interviewing three different national sororities and several consultations, the women of the interest group found that Alpha Xi Delta was the best fit for the Monmouth community. In the spring, Alpha Xi Delta at Monmouth University will be organizing philanthropy events to help children in the community and working to earn their charter. For more information, contact Monmouth University Alphi Xi Delta member Jennifer O’Donnell at s0494571@monmouth.edu. Alpha Xi Delta was founded in 1893 by ten young women at Lombard College, Galesburg, Illinois, who shared a vision and a dream of a national organization dedicated to the personal growth of women. Since that time more than a 100 years ago, the spirit of Alpha Xi Delta has enriched the lives of thousands of women throughout the world with its emphasis on lifelong learning and lasting friendship. Now a national fraternity with more than 120,000 initiated members, Alpha Xi Delta has grown into a progressive and forward-thinking organization with college chapters and alumnae associations throughout the United States. For more information on Alpha Xi Delta, visit their web page at

www.alphaxidelta.org.

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# Women's Basketball

## Hawks drop game to in-state rival Princeton

**CRAIG D'AMICO**  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Last season, the Monmouth Hawks women's basketball team traveled to Princeton for their season opener and suffered a defeat just as heartbreaking as the recent news of Nick and Jessica's breakup.

Tiger senior Katy O'Brien hit a three pointer from the right corner at the buzzer to send the game into overtime, and Princeton was able to pull away for the victory. The three was O'Brien's only field goal of the game. The Hawks hosted Princeton last Thursday night, looking to get back on track after a two game losing streak.

**"We missed a whole lot of lay-ups during the game. If we only knocked half of those missed shots down, we win..."**

**MICHELE BAXTER**  
Head Coach

Monmouth started the game by shaking up their starting lineup as sophomore Brianne Edwards and freshman Rachel Ferdinand earned their first career starts. In Monmouth's previous home game against St. John's, the starters struggled (excluding Hawk senior Niamh Dwyer) with only two field goals and nine points. Dwyer didn't start against the Tigers due to being five minutes late to the gym, which left the Hawks starters looking very young, starting four sophomores and a freshman.

The action was close early on, and physical, as neither team was more than six points ahead of the other, and both teams racked up early fouls. Princeton held a slim 27-24 lead at the half.

Princeton heated up from behind the arc in the second half and began to pull away, as they shot 56 percent from the field and 4-for-7 from

behind the arc. O'Brien picked up right where she left off last year, going 5-for-7 from three point land, and finished with 15 points on the night.

The Hawks kept fighting late in the game, and threatened late, but the Tigers never relinquished the lead and came away with the 64-56 win.

Princeton had four players finish in double figures, as Becky Brown led the way with a double double, 17 points and 10 rebounds. Meagan Cowher, daughter of Pittsburgh Steelers Head Coach Bill Cowher, finished with 15 points. Freshman guard Jessica Berry had 12 points on the night.

Monmouth's leading scorer was Niamh Dwyer off the bench with 16 points, bouncing back for her 3-for-17 shooting performance in the previous game against Lehigh. LaShaunda Merriweather's pattern of only scoring in the state of New Jersey continued as she put in 10 points, and Ferdinand had 10 as well.

Ferdinand has been a pleasant surprise for the Hawks, as she had six rebounds and five assists in addition to the 10 points, as well as playing great defense down low against the taller Tiger lineup.

"Rachel Ferdinand is playing very good for a freshman," commented her Head Coach, "She is a very intense player who always plays hard in practice and games. She has worked her way into the starting line-up because of this."

Monmouth's pattern of going on scoring droughts continued against

the Tigers. They went on droughts of five, eight, and six minutes respectively in losses to Del St, St. John's, and Lehigh. This time, it was two separate three minute droughts, one in each half. One of the positives coming out of the loss is that the Hawks out-rebounded their opponents, after getting blasted on the glass by their previous two opponents.

"One way to prevent scoring droughts is to make easy buckets," said coach Baxter, "We missed a whole lot of lay-ups during the game. If we only knocked half of those missed shots down, we win. We are getting great looks but we are not executing when it counts."

Up next for Monmouth is a visit tonight from the No. 9 team in the country, the 6-1 Maryland Terrapins. The Terps finished 22-10 last year, finished No. 24 in the nation, and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. They defeated Monmouth last December 81-49 in College Park, MD. This season, Maryland's lone loss came by five points to Pat Summit and the Tennessee Lady Vols. They have scored over 100 points three times, including the last two games in a row. They are coming off of a victory against fellow NEC team Mount St. Mary's 102-53 last Sunday.

"We will prepare for Maryland just like any other team," said Coach Baxter, "We have nothing to lose in a game like this. We are telling our players to play hard, take care of the ball, get back on defense, rebound, and finish your easy shots. We will watch film and just try to control the pace of the game."

Following the Maryland game, the Hawks visit NEC foe St. Francis NY. on Saturday. Baxter said the Hawks will be ready, "Our non-conference schedule so far was a little tougher than in the past. That hopefully will prepare us for the upcoming conference game against SFNY. I feel that this will be a good match-up for us."

# Monmouth boasts three All-NEC runners in 2005

## Alexander, Schau, and Caporaso earn distinction

**ALEXANDER TRUNCALE**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Three Monmouth University cross-country runners have earned All-NEC honors. Katina Alexander was the only runner from the women's team to be named, while the men were represented by Matt Caporaso and Larry Schau.

This was Alexander's second All-NEC honor in as many years and third overall. She had arguably one of the finest seasons in Hawks cross-country history.

Her season was highlighted by a stellar performance at the East Coast Athletic Conference Championships, as she finished ninth overall. Her time (18:43) was the second best in school history on the hilly Van Cortlandt Park. Junior Malia Lyles just missed earning All-NEC honors, finishing eighteenth overall.

"The women's team competed hard all season long, stuck together and all made great improvements from September to November," said Head Coach Joe Compagni.

On the men's side, Larry Schau, who along with Alexander was injured last week, came back and earned his accolades by finishing 16th overall in the ECAC. Matt Caporaso finished his solid season with 26th place finish.

"For Larry and Katina to come back the way they did and race tough after some misfortune last week was tremendous," said Compagni.

"The men's team had an excellent work ethic this fall, and both the men and the women only lose one senior this year, so we are looking forward to more success in track and next fall as well."






































Overall, the Hawks ran very well at the ECAC Championships. The men's team, led by Schau and Coporaso, finished ninth out of 23 teams, their best finish since 2002. The women's team finished 13th out of 26 schools, their best finish since 2001.

This past weekend, the Hawks began their Indoor Track season at Seton Hall. On December 10th, they will visit Princeton. Highlights from the Seton Hall meet:

- MU Men's Highlights (unofficial results)**
- Men's Long Jump**  
Troy Dennis - 7.09m (23'3.25")  
- 1st Place - IC4A Qualifier
- Men's Weight Throw**  
Ryan Connell - 15.33m (50' 3.50") - 1st Place  
Larry Lundy - 13.55m (44' 5.50") - 2nd Place
- Men's 60 Meter Hurdles**  
Andrew Allen - 8.54 trials, 8.50 finals - 3rd Place
- Men's 60 Meter Dash**  
Troy Dennis - 7.19 Trials, 7.10 Finals - 3rd
- Men's Shot Put**  
Larry Lundy - 13.36m (43' 10") 3rd
- MU Women's Highlights (unofficial results)**
- Women's 500**  
Latasha Dickson - 1:19.0 - 3rd overall, 1st collegiate
- Women's Triple Jump**  
Tara Ebert - 10.75m (35'3.25") - 4th Place
- Women's High Jump**  
Latasha Leake - 5'0" -5th Place  
Tara Ebert - 5'0" - 5th Place
- Women's 60 Meter Dash**  
Deanna Paulson - 8.21

For up-to-date results of all Monmouth athletic teams, go to [www.monmouth.edu/athletics](http://www.monmouth.edu/athletics) or [www.northeast-conference.org](http://www.northeast-conference.org)

# Outlook's Weekly NFL Picks - Week 14

	Away	Chicago Bears	Indianapolis Colts	New England Patriots	Oakland Raiders	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	New York Giants	Kansas City Chiefs	Detroit Lions
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 <div>Eddy (7-1 Last Wk) (52-28 Overall)</div>									
 <div>Craig (6-2 Last Wk) (44-36 Overall)</div>									
 <div>Lauren (5-3 Last Wk) (41-39 Overall)</div>									
 <div>Alex (7-1 Last Wk) (54-26 Overall)</div>									



# Hawks drop 75-67 decision to in-state rival Rider

EDDY OCCHIPINTI  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Monmouth University men’s basketball team has had some great battles against their cross-state rival, the Rider Broncs, over the years. This year however left something to be desired in the series as Rider topped Monmouth 75-67 this past Saturday in front of a packed Boylan Gym.

The two central Jersey teams were Northeast Conference foes until Rider left the league for the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference just before the 1997-1998 season, but the rivalry hasn’t died down. This marked the third time in the last four years Rider has defeated the Hawks.

“They outrebounded us and we didn’t get stops when we needed to,” said junior center Corey Hallett, who had eight points and six rebounds in the loss. “We have to come ready to play every night. We learned our lesson, and we have put it behind us.”

Rider had the task of replacing a lot of its scoring load from the previous season, including All-MAAC guard Jerry Johnson. They had no problem doing that Saturday, as they were led by Edwin Muniz’s 28 points. He was complemented by Jason Thompson’s 15 points, 13 rebounds and aggressive defense as the 6-10 sophomore was the top of Rider’s 3-2 zone, which gave the Hawks fits all night. Johnson’s replacement, and old backcourt mate, Terrance Mouton added 19 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

The Hawks struggled from the floor, only shooting 41 percent for the game, and 33 percent from three-point range. Monmouth’s usually reliable defense also allowed Rider to shoot 50 percent from the field, including 5-of-10 from three-point range after half-time.

Monmouth opened up the game

with a layup from Hallet followed by a steal and a layup by Dejan Delic to take an early 4-0 advantage. The Broncs responded quickly as they went on a 12-2 run, led by three point field goals by Lamar Johnson and Muniz.

At halftime, the score was 32-30 as Rider had a slim lead after the two teams traded baskets all half.

Monmouth scored the second half’s first six points to erase Rider’s two-point lead and give them a 36-32 cushion with two minutes gone by. Rider would eventually take a five point lead at 48-43 with 13:05 showing on the second half clock, and the lead would not get larger than six points until the 1:37 mark, but Monmouth was unable to pull within two points for the remainder of the game. The Hawks were again without the services of senior point guard Tyler Azzarelli, who is slated to miss up to four weeks of action with a stress fracture in his foot. They were led by Marques Alston’s 21 points on 9-of-14 shooting from the field. Freshman guard Whitney Coleman, who started for the injured Azzarelli, added 11 points and seven assists. Delic chipped in with 10 points but struggled from three-point range, only going 2-for-10. Rider pounded the boards and held a 43-29 rebounding advantage for the game.

“There’s going to be nights when the shots don’t fall, and we need to rebound to try and get easy second-chance opportunities,” added Hallett. “The more possessions we can get, the better for us.”

The Broncs also shot a blistering 47 percent (10-of-21), from 3-point range.

“We’ve shown flashes of brilliance this season, like in Alaska,” Hallett said. “The bottom line is if we don’t play 40 minutes of basketball, we’re not going to win. We need to get to loose balls and play

solid defense to be successful. The fans have seen the best and worst of us so far. If we play Monmouth basketball, hard defense and efficient offense, we’ll be fine.”

The Hawks return to action tomorrow night, Thursday, as they travel to the Continental Airlines Arena for another game against an in-state rival in Seton Hall University at 7 p.m. Last season, the Hawks fell to the Pirates 70-50. This year Seton Hall is 3-2, including a 93-40 loss to nationally number-one ranked Duke.

Seton Hall is currently undefeated at home at 3-0, including wins over Manhattan, Marist and St. Peter’s. The Hall is paced by Donald Copeland’s 13 points per game and Kelly’s Whitney’s 12.2 points and 6.4 rebounds per contest. The Hawks have never defeated a Big East team.

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COREY HALLETT  
Junior Center

## Hawk Notes

The remainder of Monmouth’s non-conference schedule includes trips to Lehigh, Princeton and Hartford, and a home date against Drexel.... The Dragons had an impressive showing in the NIT Season Tip-Off, losing to number-one ranked Duke 78-68 and then number-18 ranked UCLA 57-56... Princeton defeated Lehigh earlier this year 64-54, but lost to Drexel 54-41... The record of Monmouth’s remaining nonconference opponents is 10-15...Monmouth’s starting lineup of Chris Kenny, Corey Hallett, Marques Alston, Dejan Delic and Whitney Coleman are averaging a combined 52.6 points per game, and that’s without the 15.0 ppg of the injured Tyler Azzarelli...The Hawks are giving up a meager 67.4 points per game so far this season...Azzarelli’s injury is going to keep him out of action for at least four weeks, which would mean he would miss the first Northeast Conference game of the year versus Sacred Heart... According to warrennolan.com, Monmouth’s current RPI is 275, and the NEC is rated as the 24th best conference in the country... The Hawks are currently receiving 10 votes in the collegeinsider.com Mid-Major Top 25 Poll... Two teams Monmouth played in the Great Alaska Shootout are in the Mid-Major Top 25 in Oral Roberts (7) and Southern Illinois (25)...The Hawks are first in the NEC in three pointers per game at 7.8 per contest and assists per game despite not having any one player average over 3.6 assts./game...Dejan Delic is sixth in the NEC in scoring at 14.2

ppg... Monmouth has six blocked shots on the season, five by 7-2 center Jon Bunch...The Hawks are second in the NEC in field goal percentage, shooting a hot 46 % from the floor through the season’s first four games... The highly touted freshmen class brought in has contributed immediately, as Whitney Coleman and Michael Shipman have combined to average about 14 ppg and has 29 assists on the year.

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**Senior Chris Kenny** is averaging around 10 ppg so far this season. He had 13 points, four assists and two steals in Monmouth’s 80-68 upset win over Southern Illinois.

## More than a game: A life experience

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(EDITOR’S NOTE: THIS IS A FIRST PERSON ACCOUNT OF THE RECENT TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO AND ALASKA FROM THE SPORTS EDITOR. DUE TO ITS SUBJECT MATTER, IT IS PLACED WITH THE REST OF THE SPORTS ARTICLES.)

Ten days, five plane rides, five time zones, three games, one amazing experience. The 2005-2006 season-opening trips for the Monmouth University men’s basketball team were something to behold. Three years ago, the Hawks opened the year in the Virgin Islands. Last season, it was a pair of games in California.

For this year, it was a little of both, just without the warmth and tropical setting of the Caribbean. This year saw the season again start out in California, this time in San Francisco. After dropping a heartbreaking game to the University of San Francisco, it was on to the prestigious Great Alaska Shootout in Anchorage, Alaska.

Myself included, it was the first trip for many of the players and people in the Monmouth contingent to Alaska. The Last Frontier is a very beautiful place, especially when seeing it for the first time. To go along with the natural beauty was the way the Hawks played, which was just as captivating for stretches. As the radio broadcaster for the Hawks, I was able to make the trip and witness something truly amazing. Being far from home, the Hawks were able to win over a crowd, save the 30 or so people that made the trip from Monmouth and player’s parents, made up mostly of Alaskans and people from the other schools with there with their style and demeanor.

Monmouth started out as the underdog everyone rooted for, and by the end of the tournament, everyone saw the Hawks for what they really are, a darn

good basketball team that can beat any team on a given night. I can’t begin to tell you how many people came up to me while there and complemented the players for how hard they played and how disciplined they were.

Sounding corny aside, it made me proud to be a Monmouth student watching the team represent the school the way they did. From the crowd chanting for big John Bunch (we think it was the first time a 7-2 man has ever been to Alaska) to calling for walk-on Steve Bazaz to get in the game, the Sullivan Arena had all the feelings of Boylan Gym for three games. That was due not only to the way the guys played on the court, which was inspiring, but to the way they are off the court. From Tyler Azzarelli playing the second half of the Southern Illinois game with a broken bone in his foot to the player’s signing autographs for kids after the games; it was truly a special trip.

One resounding theme came out of the 10 days we spent away from West Long Branch; this Monmouth team can play with any team in the country on any given night, and they are good guys when they go about their business. The Hawks were able to win over an entire tournament’s crowd based on three games, and I’m just thankful I was there to witness it. Everyone was exhausted when we pulled up to Boylan Gym after being on two separate planes for about eight hours, including a four-hour lay-over in Denver, but one thing was for sure; this team has the chance to be special, they proved it to the world in Alaska.



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**Senior point guard Tyler Azzarelli** was averaging 15.0 ppg before being sidelined with an ankle injury against Southern Illinois at the Great Alaska Shootout. He is expected to miss at least four weeks of action.



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## HAWKS FACE TALL TASK

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Brianne Edwards and the women's basketball team faces the #9 Maryland Terrapins tonight at Boylan Gym, the highest ranked team ever to come to West Long Branch. *Women's basketball coverage on pg. 26.*