



Senior Art Exhibit Opens

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This past Friday, December 7, from 7-9 p.m., was the Opening Reception of the Fall 2007 Senior Show in the Rotary Ice House Gallery. This is an exhibit of the senior art and design students who are graduating at the end of this semester.

Chair of the Art and Design Department, Dr. Andrew Cohen notes, "This was a great experience for the students to conclude their degree. They all seem to have great knowledge, and visually, the work is very successful. I think they are all ready to find professional jobs."

The exhibit includes a variety of different art, such as prints and paintings. There is also a student's animation project of an animated version of a clip from the movie, *Office Space*, which can be viewed on the computers in the gallery.

Kathy Bright, Professor and Program Director of Design, is the supervisor of the event. Being in charge of the event was due to the fact that 4 of the 7 students taking her Senior Portfolio class, had to prepare for the show as a class requirement. Bright's job is to review all of the student pieces prior to the show and determine which of their existing portfolio pieces need to be either rede-

signed, reprinted/re-mounted, or not used.

The actual exhibit took about three months to prepare for - basically the entire fall semester. The seven students in the show were all entirely involved in the process of preparing their work for the show.

The students in the show include: Jennifer Berlingeri, Danielle Vanacore, Cindy Brynes, Lacey Ackerman, Matthew Varacalliu, Chris Fleming, and Patrick Himmer.

Bright described the show saying, "I think the show is very strong and is a good sampling of the quality and range of our design students." Bright has been teaching Senior Portfolio since the class began in about 1999 and also helps students present their work since she came to Monmouth in 1996.

Scott Knauer, the gallery director, helps the students physically hang their work.

Instead of individually labeling each piece of artwork, some students hung large name tags or logos over their space or displayed business cards.

Bright explained, "The requirement was to have their publicity sheet, business card and resumé ready for the show with multiple copies available for people to take away."

She also said, "Most of the



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Examples of the work displayed at the Senior Show in the Ice House Gallery.

pieces in the show are from class projects geared towards their final portfolio and/or senior show. However, students could also present independent study work."

Jennifer Berlingeri and Danielle Vanacore both took printmaking as an independent study and presented this work. Along with the fall exhibit, there are three exhibits in the spring: 2 senior exhibits: one for design majors and one for

studio art majors; there is also an annual student exhibition which showcases work for all levels of art and design majors. The fall exhibit will be open to students, faculty, and the community until this Thursday, December 13. The Gallery's hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on other events in the art department and to find out about upcoming exhibits, go to www.monmouth.edu/arts.

Flu Vaccinations: Essential or Unnecessary?

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When Dorothy Matzen arrived at the doctor's office for her influenza vaccination, she was expecting a pin prick that would enable her to have a flu-free winter season. Shortly after her flu shot, Dorothy became extremely sick with the flu.

"She would never go to the doctor again after that," said Dorothy's daughter, Carin Kaplan.

Despite the small risk of developing influenza associated with getting a flu shot, each season, many people decide to have the vaccination.

According to the Center for Disease Control and prevention, "the flu is a contagious

respiratory illness caused by Influenza viruses," and notes that 5-20 percent of the national population gets the flu, and about 36,000 people die annually from it.

With flu season (November-March) upon us, and with

Dr. Damiani, a Biology professor at Monmouth University and full time physician believes they are necessary. Flu shots "help prevent major diseases and reduce health care costs," said Damiani. Damiani expressed that flu shots are a

up the cost of health care," he said.

While some health insurance companies cover the cost of flu vaccines, in private shot distributions, such as those given at Monmouth University, recipients have to spend extra money to receive a shot.

In regards to the \$200 or more insurance plan offered by the University, and the extra \$30 for the flu shot, Damiani stated, "I believe the price is reasonable."

Yet those who have to pay for the vaccine, such as sophomore student Alex Hassleberger, believe different.

"The extra money we have

"Flu shots 'help prevent major diseases and reduce health care costs.'"

DR. FRANK DAMIANI
Biology Department

people shuffling in physician's offices nationwide, the following question is raised by many: Are flu shots really necessary for everyone?

cheaper alternative to fighting influenza. "After a person is diagnosed with the flu, the treatment such as medication and possible hospitalization drives

How Much of a Risk is MRSA?

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The recent outbreak of the "superbug," or MRSA, in schools and towns nearby has people worried. MRSA, or Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus is not a new infection.

"The MRSA virus is a very serious problem that we all need to be very aware of," says Joe Compagni, head coach of the Monmouth's cross country and track and field teams. This infection is transmitted through an open wound and it is very commonly seen in athletes who play a sport in which their skin comes in contact with another person's skin, like wrestling or gymnastics.

Cailin Lynam, a Monmouth University student-athlete says, "I think everyone should be more cautious in the weight room and with hygiene because this could happen to anyone in any school." The question is, should Monmouth University let students know how to prevent this from occurring here and take more steps to help this from happening?

"It is vital that all those involved are taking steps to prevent MRSA and recognizing it in its early stages if someone were to have it, especially in a school setting or athletic environment," says Compagni.

According to Compagni, MRSA spread through many college campuses and athletic departments about two years ago and the sports medicine staff did many things to inform students about the outbreak.

"They took extensive steps to minimize the chance of an outbreak here on campus and put some procedures in place to handle the situation," says Compagni. MRSA is a serious problem to deal with because of its rapid effects. People have died within days due to this virus. According to the ABC News website, MRSA can cause trouble quickly.

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Director of UCI Named to National Research Council

PRESS RELEASE

Tony MacDonald, director of the Monmouth University Urban Coast Institute (UCI) has been named to the National Research Council Ocean Studies Board committee formed to examine the Effectiveness of International and National Measures to Prevent and Reduce Marine Debris and its Impact. The project, sponsored by the United States Coast Guard, was required by Congress. The committee will provide a report to Congress within 18 months to include: an evaluation of international and national measures that have been taken to prevent pollution, as well as specific devices that generate marine debris; a review of methods available to further reduce the impact of marine debris; and an overview of federal statutes on marine debris. Marine debris is defined as “any persistent, manufactured or processed solid material that is directly or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally, disposed of or abandoned into the marine

environment.”

In their 2004 report, the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy found that reducing marine debris remains a significant management challenge for the nation. The report stated that 20 percent of the marine debris that washes ashore comes from an ocean-based source (e.g., fishing vessels, stationary platforms, cargo ships). While international and national laws strictly control, and in some cases prohibit, the indirect or direct disposal or abandonment of garbage from vessels, ocean-based marine debris continues to be a serious threat to coastal ecosystems and to human health and safety. Monmouth University President Paul G. Gaffney II was a member of the U.S. Commission.

The UCI was established in September 2005 as one of Monmouth University’s Centers of Distinction to serve the public interest as a forum for research, education and collaboration that fosters the application of the best available science and policy to support healthy and produc-

tive coastal ecosystems and a sustainable and economically vibrant future for coastal communities. Prior to joining UCI as director, MacDonald was the executive director of the Coastal States Organization. He has also served as the special counsel and director of environmental affairs at the American Association of Port Authorities, where he represented the International Association of Ports and Harbors at the International Maritime Organization on negotiations on the London Convention. He holds a B.A. from Middlebury College and a J.D. from Fordham University.

The mission of the NRC is to improve government decision-making and public policy, increase public education and understanding, and promote the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge in matters involving science, engineering, technology, and health. The institution works to inform policies and actions that have the power to improve the lives of people in the U.S. and around the world.

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What starts as a skin infection can become a deadly pneumonia or blood or bone infection in a matter of days if not treated correctly.

This infection has people everywhere, especially athletes, very worried. Something that seems to be a little staph infection, but can kill you in days is something that people need to know how to prevent.

“I don’t think that enough is happening to make students aware of this problem,” says stu-

dent-athlete Sarah Frenette. “I would really like it if Monmouth put on a seminar or something with the athletes, or anyone who uses the gym and locker room, about what students can do to prevent this,” says Frenette, “because it’s really scary and I would like to know more.”

MRSA has not only been seen in athletes, but in young students as well. In fact, children from all over the New Jersey area have been reported to have this infection in the past few months. In October, there were cases in Vernon, Point Pleasant Borough, South Orange, Newark, and

many other places throughout New Jersey.

Many people believe that it could never happen to them so they are not taking the proper precautions, but it is happening in our own backyards and killing people in the matter of a few days. As a University with a large population of athletes, there is concern over what is being done and what should be done.

“If anyone has any illness or virus, we need to make sure they take care of it right away and inform their coaches, Sports Medicine, and the Health Center,” said Compagni.

Are Flu Shots Necessary?

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to pay for flu shots is ridiculous, since we already paid the school a lot of money for health insurance,” he reasoned.

Frustrated, Hassleberger expressed his feelings, “We pay a ton of money to go to this school. We also pay money for insurance on top of our tuition. Now they want us to pay for flu vaccinations!” he exclaimed.

Some people, such as college student Lisa Maloney, believe that the costs of flu shots are not the problem. “I am scared of needles because they hurt, so I have never had a flu shot,” she said. Regardless of never receiving a vaccination, Maloney admitted, “I have also never had the flu.”

According to the CDC, alternative methods other than vaccinations, such as the nasal spray “Flumist” are available for people who choose not to inject vaccinations via needles.

Zack Lowenstein, a 19 year old Jewish student has different reasons for never receiving the shot. “I have never had any shot or taken any medicine in my entire life, it is against my family’s beliefs,” he said. “Instead of vaccines and others medicines, we take vitamins and supplements to stay healthy,” Lowenstein also added.

Alex Zubikowski, a healthy Bricktown resident, admits that he has no problem with needles and/

or medicine, and is willing to part with a small amount of money if it is in regards to his health.

“My mom made me get [a flu shot]. She didn’t want anyone in my family to get the flu because everyone around us was getting sick with it,” he said. “She was right, I never came down with the flu,” he added.

In Dr. Damiani’s view, average healthy people, such as those aforementioned, could go without the flu vaccine. “If healthy people do come down with the disease, their body will generally fight it off,” Damiani concluded. Damiani also added that through his experiences, he has pinpointed age groups who are more susceptible to the flu, and who are in most need of the vaccination.

“The people who are more at risk to the deadly risks of the flu are elderly people and people who are not healthy,” the physician added.

The CDC also states that people of “65 years of age or older” or “with chronic” medical conditions” are likely to “get complications from influenza”. As they explain, the flu can turn into pneumonia, bronchitis, and sinus and ear infections.

With all of the controversy swirling regarding the necessity and or effectiveness of flu shots, it is clear that the public has opposing viewpoints.

Regardless of people’s opinions, one thing is sure, the flu is rampant, and flu shots are a controversial way of possibly bypassing the illness.

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Trans Fats No Longer in Use by Aramark

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Aramark knows trans fats can lead to health risks and so therefore has eliminated them from its foods.

Trans fats is the common name for unsaturated fats. They can be monosaturated or polysaturated. One viewpoint is that they should be eliminated from people’s diets because they can lead to coronary heart disease and other health problems.

Trans fats were first used by Crisco in 1911. Hydrogen atoms were added to the fats so that they would be more saturated, last longer and be better for baking with.

The thing is, trans fats are un-



PHOTO COURTESY of Chad Esposito
Trans fat is a risk to many people’s health.

necessary for consumption. They increase the risk of health problems and can be replaced with other chemical substances. New York City and California have recently banned trans fats from being used in bakeries and restaurants to help the situation.

However, how much can 1 mg of trans fat hurt you? Is this really necessary to ban all trans fats from these areas and do we know enough information about these replacement chemical substances to consider them a better alternative or safer.

Some of these alternatives are product lines of non-hydrogenated oils, margarines and shortenings, made from palm, canola, and soya oils, in some cases with added water and/or glyceride.

The new law that New York City passed was to eliminate all of the city’s trans fats by the Summer of 2008. The ban has some exceptions like allowing restaurant owners to serve food that comes in its original packaging. Another law that the government is trying to pass is making it mandatory to list the calories of the foods that the restaurants serve. However, this would mostly apply to fast food joints.

Some of the foods that contain trans fats are fried foods, baked goods such as donuts and cookies, butter, and other goods. Aramark does not use trans fats in any of the products they have so therefore the butter they serve is free of unsaturated fats. This shows that Aramark is really trying to help the student body maintain their health and weight. Also, this shows that they are trying to eliminate the common “Freshmen 15” that freshmen sometimes get from eating more once at college.

Aramark decided to eliminate the fats when they realized that the American public and consumers are looking for trans-fat free foods. They also were trying to make their products healthier by using oils that did not contain the fats. This was all decided about a year ago in the hopes of pleasing their consumers. Aramark knows that the products that they replace the trans fats foods with are safe because they test all of their products before consumption.

“Company-wide we have eliminated all trans fats from our cooking oils, sprays, etc. and all of our products are free of all trans fats,” said Andrea D, Sansone the District Marketing Manager of Dign Services at Aramark.

Freedom of College Newspapers Debated

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Every Wednesday morning, on Monmouth University’s campus, students rush over to the Student Center, to enrich their minds with news stories from The Outlook, the Monmouth University newspaper. The Outlook is filled with campus events’ news reports, and it is of interest to students’ about life at Monmouth University community.

“Writers of *The Outlook* have much freedom in the writing of their news articles to be printed,” Mary Ann Nagy, Monmouth University Vice President for Student Services, stated.

“College newspapers, in New Jersey, are entitled to as much freedom as they need to make a responsible, respectful and balanced story today,” Nagy stated. “Most colleges grant students the freedom to type and print out what they feel is necessary to be stated in their school’s newspaper.”

Despite this, there is still some censorship that occurs with college newspapers. David Horowitz and the Academic Bill of Rights maps out a few of these college writing censorships. They include the fact that prior review, rough draft reading, should be prohibited.

Colleges should encourage the development of alternative newspapers by providing resources and access to facilities. Alternative student newspapers must receive equal treatment as other student groups in funding. All student publication should have substantial access to distribute access campus, according to the Academic Bill of Rights.

Student journalists should be encouraged to develop sound policies to address controversial issues regarding content and advertising. However, these policies cannot be imposed by the administration or journalism faculty. Colleges should provide opportunities for student journalists to receive advice and instruction about journalistic skills and ethics.

The content of a student newspaper should not be used for disciplinary action except under extraordinary circumstances such as confession of a serious crime. Campus conduct codes should not apply to student writing in a publication.

Threats against journalists and trashing of the college paper should be recognized as a violation of the campus’ code of conduct and disciplines should be granted against those students who do this.

Despite her proclamation of free press, Nagy also stated, “Censorship is strongly needed in New Jersey college newspapers’ news reports,” she continued, “College newspapers must be balanced. They need to include, in each issue, hot topic articles which present a good light on the school, and they need to also include some articles which are bad,” Nagy stated. “I see many school papers, and I have noticed that here at Monmouth, writers of *The Outlook* do a good job on covering everything that needs to be covered.”

“*The Outlook* is a very balanced paper; they show all sides of each topic,” Nagy continued, “The stories reflect the Monmouth students’ responsible actions.”

John Morano, a Monmouth journalism professor, *Outlook* advisor, and an author of several books, agreed with the censorship of student publication codes as well. He stated, very casually, “I believe that school newspapers are entitled to the First Amendment; freedom of the press and the laws of the land.”

“Student press should work within the bonds of what is legal and reflect a solid, ethical foundation. There are many problems, involved in student newspapers, with students not being accurate. Writers are expected to be truthful and state exactly what is told to them and what they see. Newspapers are a lab; writing for the paper and making mistakes is how you learn. Writers learn from their mistakes,” Morano stated.

Morano excitedly explained about the American Scholastic Press Association National Contest, a national daily and weekly news writing contest, where Monmouth seemed to rank almost perfectly. “They were awarded first place, special merit. “This award speaks very highly of the writing of Monmouth University. Writers of *The Outlook* usually compare themselves to writers of the *Asbury Park Press*, *Times* and other major papers. These comparisons are absurd; we are only a school, compared to other schools we are ranked very high. *The Outlook*, to become better, may want to include better feature stories, more investigative reporting and a stronger Op. Ed.,

including all the *Outlook* members’ feelings,” he said.

Nagy regretfully pointed out that about 15 or 16 years ago, there was an article printed on the front page of the Monmouth University school’s newspaper, *The Outlook*, about a serious, dangerous incident that occurred on campus that prior week. Nagy removed all papers because that week was an important week, with many visitors to the campus grounds, and she did not want the visitors to have the wrong impression of Monmouth.

When Nagy removed the papers that week, some folks believed that this was an error on her part, to hide the truth. She did not want to give Monmouth University a bad reputation. “I wanted to protect the image of our school. That story should not have been printed in that week’s Outlook, I believe,” Nagy clearly stated.

There have been a few errors that the Outlook has made in the past. Monmouth University Biology Professor James Mack had an issue a few years ago, with the Outlook, involving an annual Pre-Professional Health Career Meeting. The Outlook did not post an announcement about it as soon as it was announced, which they should have done.

Mack had a problem with The Outlook because of this matter, but they did post the advertisement for the meeting in the next issue, which he greatly appreciated. “I have not had any problems with The Outlook’s writers since that concern; I believe that they are very responsible with their writing,” Mack stated.

Mack announced proudly, “I believe that College newspaper should have freedom of the press, as long as they do not violate any policies, and the Outlook seems to work well with that idea.”

College newspaper writers need to be responsible and balanced in their writing of their articles of what they feel is necessary to report on campus’ lives. Writers can have much freedom, but they need to be respectful and accurate in their writing; they cannot violate any policies.

College writers need to establish policies in order to protect the freedom of their writing. Freedom of writing comes with being respectful and responsible.

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The Importance of a GPA

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Many graduating seniors are afraid that their GPA will not be high enough to get a decent job. In actuality, however, a student’s GPA may not have anything to do with whether or not he or she is given a job.

Ed Moed, senior partner of Peppercom Strategic Communications, a Public Relations firm in New York City says, “When we hire kids just out of school we don’t care how high their grade point average was. It’s important for them to have experience and actually know what they are doing. It doesn’t help if a kid had a 4.0 (GPA) or a 2.5, we just want someone who can get the job done.”

Moed goes on to say, “It is so annoying when we hire someone right out of school and they think they know everything because they graduated with honors. It is better for the company to hire someone who is modest and will pay attention to their superiors, regardless of their grades upon graduation.”

Many students are often misled by teachers. Graduating seniors are constantly stressed out about their grades. If one paper gets a bad grade many think that they won’t get their

dream job. Teachers often stress the importance of their class and indicate that it is essential to pass it in order to graduate with a high GPA.

It is not only teachers and advisors who are pressuring students to do well but also parents. Many parents expect greatness from their children. Mediocrity is simply not an option.

“I have been staying up late every night this semester trying to bring up my grades,” says Alex Benanti, a senior who is graduating in the spring. “I can’t graduate with anything lower than a 3.0 GPA or else my dad will kill me.”

What parents don’t realize is that constantly nagging their children only makes things worse.

Kimberly DeBard, a sophomore at Monmouth University says, “Whenever my mom starts yelling at me to do better in school it actually has the opposite effect. It makes me lazy and makes me hate school. Whether or not I do homework has absolutely nothing to do with my mom telling me to.”

William Hill, the Assistant Dean of Placement and Student Employment at Monmouth University said, “(GPA) is obviously important or else we wouldn’t have them.” He goes on to say that ideally when

looking for a job one should have a GPA of no less than a 3.0, which is equivalent to a B. Hill also said, “Usually it depends on the employer. It’s more important to be a good fit with the company rather than have high grades.”

Almost everything on a resume is subjective, according to Hill, except the GPA. That is the only thing that cannot be talked up or made to look better. If one received a low GPA upon graduation, it will show on a resume and there is nothing one can do to change it.

Some people, however, feel that grade point averages are merely instruments used to gauge how much knowledge one can acquire.

Professor Jarmon of the English department at Monmouth University said, “GPA is a measure of maturity and capacity to learn rather than a marker of how much you know.”

Jarmon goes on to say, “However, some employers are more concerned with where you went to school rather how well you did. Eagerness and enthusiasm usually win out in the end. But a great deal also depends on timing and dumb luck.”

No matter who is asked, it is evident that GPAs are, indeed, important but not to the extent that students crack them up to be.

Students Perform at Final Late Night Lounge of Semester

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The Late Night Lounge, held in the Underground every Thursday night, is a great opportunity for students to show off their talents or watch a great show. The lounge is sponsored by the office of substance awareness, and its goal is to give the students something better to do on a Thursday night.

Devin Menker, MC of the show, says that the “Late night lounge is a great way [for people] to come and show their talents and a great way to show their music.” Free popcorn is served to students, and there are raffles to win various prizes at the event. Thus, the lounge is a good way for people who want to showcase their talents, or simply practice playing a song in front of a crowd.

This past week’s lounge was filled with music and comedy, and there was a great turnout of both the audience and performers. Many of the performers put on their best acts, considering that this was the last lounge of the year. A popular theme at this event was the acoustic sounds of the guitar. The show opened with Bill Palmer on the guitar playing “The Heineken Song.” He was followed by Jordan, who also played a song on the guitar. After this act, Devin raffled off a free tee-shirt, and he did raffles for shirts throughout the night.

Guitars were a big theme of the night as Mike Semanti sang “Oasis,” which was one of the most well received performances by the crowd. He performed two more times, and he even per-



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Senior Michael Dante Summonte performs at the last Late Night Lounge of the fall semester in The Underground on Thursday, December 6.

formed one of his own original songs titled “Digging Myself a Hole.”

Two other popular singers were the duo of Little Wheezy, who sang the acoustic version of “Soulja Boy.” This song made the crowd laugh, as the duo took a popular fast paced song and slowed it down to an acoustic pace. Another popular pair was Jay and Mike, who jammed out some music on their guitars.

Apart from guitar scene was Kyle Seiverd, a comedian who had the crowd laughing with his string of jokes.

“The sensation I receive from hearing a room break into laughter is an indescribable utopia” states Kyle Seiverd, a freshman at the school. Bill Palmer performed two more times, includ-

ing some original pieces, and Jay and Mike jammed out a second time. There were also three raffles throughout the show, each time giving away a Monmouth University T-shirt.

The crowd was very active in the show. Jess Pino, a member of the audience said “All of the performers exhibited talent and skill.” Many people during the show had the same respect for the performers. During most of the performances the audience listened to the music or laughed along with the jokes. It was also helpful for many of the performers, because many people may have a fear of performing on stage. The late night lounge is available for students who both want to watch a show or perform.

A Look at the Wilson Annex

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In the sub-basement of the Wilson Annex stands an eerie old door that most students and faculty members of the Monmouth University community are aware of. The door, barely visible thanks to a bare light bulb, is rumored to have been put there by President Woodrow Wilson as the threshold to a tunnel leading all the way to

nex served as a servants’ quarters.

However, what many people do not know is the door in the sub-basement. On what seems to be the bottom floor of the annex, another stairwell can be found, somewhat hidden behind Professor Blair’s office. After traveling down those creaky stairs, a bare light bulb dangles from the ceiling, barely illuminating the door.

“Not many people know about [the door]. But those who do usually try linking it to the supposed spirits that haunt Wilson Hall.”

PROFESSOR SUSAN BLOIR
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the beach as a quick escape in the event of a potential terrorist attack.

Commonly known by members of the Monmouth community, the Wilson Annex is the home to some English professors’ offices and a few classes. The annex was also originally part of the Shadow Lawn Mansion, established in 1903. It was first used by President Wilson in 1916 as a summer home, and later bought by Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Templteton Parson (heads of the F.W. Woolworth Company). During the time that the President was there, the An-

Nothing else is on this level of the annex.

The door is much larger than others, and has evidently been there for several years. It stands dusty and rusted, and clearly untouched for quite some time. Upon attempt at opening the door, one would find that it has been dead bolted shut in numerous spots.

Out of 20 people surveyed (including students and staff), only two people knew of this door, one being Professor Susan Blair. “Not many people know about [the door],” said Blair, “But those

who do usually try linking it to the supposed spirits that haunt Wilson Hall.”

The spirits that Professor Blair referred to are part of well-known Monmouth University folklore. It is said that spirits haunt certain campus locations, including the Woods Theatre, the Guggenheim Library, and primarily, Wilson Hall. There was even an award-winning documentary made by the university, *Shadows of Shadow Lawn*, which informed viewers of the ghost stories on the campus.

“I heard a story about the door being sealed because of the ghost of Woodrow Wilson or something,” said Victor Rizzotto, sophomore at Monmouth.

The story Rizzotto was referring to was that the ghost of President Wilson haunted Wilson Hall and Annex so much that a past president of Monmouth University had the door sealed out of superstition. It is said that his ghost would most commonly tamper with the lights.

Numerous times, reports were called in to the Monmouth University Police Department saying that lights were on in Wilson after closing hours. “When the cops got to Wilson Hall, the lights all turned off... at once,” said Aaron Furgason, university professor and advisor for the campus radio station. When looking at the light switch board, one could say that it would be near impossible for every light in the building to be turned off at once.

Negative Facebook Profiles Could Harm Potential Job Hunt

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Although some students believe that Facebook is just that; a page that shows at face value who a college student is and what they would like others to see about them, some students disagree and feel that companies should not judge a potential employee based on pictures from parties or information that was not meant to be taken seriously.

According to the New York Times, a survey on Careerbuilder.com stated that of the hiring managers who used social networking sites to research candidates, the majority (63%) did not hire the person based on what they found. The site also reported that when screening job candidates, one in four employers uses the Internet to acquire personal information, and one in ten uses or has used social networking sites for the same purpose.

When asked how she felt about employers using Facebook to scan online profiles before they interview applicants, Sabrina Borriello, a Monmouth University student, said, “I think it is an invasion of privacy, and unnecessary because people are being judged on who they are and not their skills. Someone’s social identity should not be combined with work identity.”

While students may want their privacy, Facebook is generally available to anyone who registers.

Joseph Mosca, an Associate Professor in the Department of Management and Marketing at Monmouth University, agreed with students and felt that they should express themselves on Facebook, but by the time job searches come along, begin to monitor anything foolish.

Professor Mosca said, “This is the best time of a college student’s life in which they will make friends, and learn and experience the ups and downs of life. Now is their time to enjoy and play, because they have the rest of their lives to be serious.”

He explained that students should accultuate being in a sorority or fraternity, or any organizational part they played on campus, but convert their profile to a professional degree by maturing one’s image as they approach the job market.

Despite the fact that some may

feel a person’s social life should not be connected when recruiting for jobs, employers are confused as to what kind of judgment a student or graduate has to allow things like violence, sex, and drugs to be viewed publicly or semipublicly.

According to The New York Times, a small consulting company in Chicago was looking to hire a summer intern last year when the company’s president went online to check on a promising graduate from the University of Illinois.

“The executive found the candidate’s webpage with this description of interests: “smokin blunts”, shooting people and obsessive sex, all described in vivid slang.”

Trudy Steinfeld, executive director of the center for career development, explained “The term they’ve used over and over again is red flags. Is there something about their lifestyle that we might find questionable or that we might find goes against the core values of our corporation?”

Michael Saad, a senior at Monmouth University, agreed with the employers’ side of the argument, saying, “If a person voluntarily decides to put up pictures or information about themselves in a public place like the Internet, anyone has the right to view it. If people don’t want the companies to see or view these things, then they are aware that they are doing something wrong.”

He also explained that he felt networking sites are abused by resulting in a popularity contest to see “how many friends you can get” or who can put the craziest pictures up, as though they need the attention.

However, Michael said, “People don’t realize that kind of attention can get them into trouble.”

Students should want to portray themselves in a positive way. Most of the students on Facebook feel that by showing pictures of themselves getting drunk or acting crazy they will look cool, when in reality they are just hurting themselves. Facebook could be beneficial to students in finding a job if they decide to display admirable characteristics relating to the type of job they want to pursue.

While most students would assume employers are focused on a carefully constructed resume and decent grades, the secret is out, watch what you say or do on Facebook.

Dear Students of Monmouth University:

You break soon for the holidays and the start of a New Year. I wish you well with your families and friends.

Perhaps you return home for a traditional family gathering, perhaps you head for the slopes or a cruise or a beach.

Some will keep their noses to the grindstone as they take up holiday jobs. And some will be right here readying themselves for the 2008 athletic seasons.

Whatever you chose to do for the next 3-4 weeks, leave here in December feeling immensely proud of your individual and collective achievements.

I feel you have done a special job this Semester. One could not be prouder of how you took care of yourselves and each other than I am. You have heaped great credit on this university since September. And, I sense for the first time, here, a new and heightened sense of camaraderie and self pride.

Wherever I go, I tell people about you; you who I meet in the Art Gallery, in the Student Center, on the new patio of the Student Center, in the hallways of Wilson, Boylan and Bey or you who I have seen on HAWKTV or Kessler Field or heard in Woods Theater or on WMCX. Wherever it has been, you have shown yourselves off very well.

Go now, enjoy your vacation, take a breath, revel in your accomplishments, forget any small missteps you’ve made, recharge yourselves and know that your faculty and administrators – and most of all, your fellow MU friends – can’t wait to see you back here in January 2008.

President Paul Gaffney

DRUNK DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

"I Got ADWT"

The subject of this letter is about the changes in my life after being charged with a DUI. Over the last couple of years I have heard of kids that I went to high school with getting DUIs, and thought "what scumbags." Then I came to Monmouth University as a freshman. I didn't drink throughout high school so it wasn't until midway through the semester that I started to drink. In the beginning, I would not even think of driving after drinking. However, after getting used to the feeling of being drunk it did not seem to be an impossible feat. All the time I had the mentality that I would never get a DUI.

Now let's fast-forward to the first Thursday of the semester of my junior year. I drove to a party at one of my good buddy's fraternity brothers' house. I was having a great time drinking beers and taking the occasional shot. After partying for a couple of hours, the police showed up because of noise complaints. The homeowners received a summons for the noise so they asked everyone to leave. So after everyone cleared out, my roommate and I decided to leave. I did not even think twice about driving back to campus. So we got to my car and I drive back to campus. Long story short, I made a left into my parking lot despite the Exit Only sign. I also did not see the police officer who was parked in the lot until it was too late. He came to the car and smelled the alcohol on my breath. I took the field sobriety tests and failed two out of the three according to the officer. He put handcuffs on me and said that I was being charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. I could not believe this was happening.

Once inside the police station, I was asked a series of questions about the night. I was given the breathalyzer test and blew a 0.14, the legal limit being 0.08. So things were not looking good. After everything was finished I was told to walk back to my apartment. When I got back I was furious as I told my roommates what had happened. The next day I had the worst feeling in my stomach. I didn't even do anything that day, all I could think about was how mad and upset my parents were going to be. Finally, I mustered the courage to call them the following day. My mother started crying on the phone. She sounded so upset and heartbroken that I began to cry too. Then I had to tell my Dad the story. His reaction was more yelling than crying. So needless to say, the rest of that day was not too good either.

The next day, my father called again to tell me that we will get through this. That made me feel a little better. So, then the search for a lawyer began. We found a guy who charges a flat fee of \$2500. My parents had to take out a loan to pay him because we do not have extra money lying around. On top of that, the great state of New Jersey has a surcharge of \$1000 a year for three years for those charged with DUI. Don't forget to add court fees and your car insurance rate doubling, if they do not drop you. This is going to be very difficult for me to pay off, I am going to be in debt with my parents for a long time.

Besides the financial aspect, I am looking at losing my driver's license for a minimum of seven months. Also, having a DUI on my permanent record is not something to be proud of.

Since the incident, I have not driven my car while drunk. I just take a little time before I go out to make sure I have a plan for either getting home or staying at the place where I drank. Other ways are to call taxi services and or decided with my friends who is going to be the designated driver for the evening. Now that I am 21, I have to also be careful about drinking with friends that are not 21 yet. I do not want to get in trouble again for drinking. So if anyone reads this and has the state of mind that I used to, please believe that it can happen to you, even if you are just driving down the road. In hindsight I definitely would have rather stayed at my friend's house or spent an extra ten minutes by walking back to my apartment, than driving back and getting a DUI.

NOT NOW CHIEF, I'M YOUR TICKET HOME

Pat Doyle VP Sigma Pi Fraternity

As each school year begins we're all faced with a mountain of questions. Which major should I enroll in? How many credits should I take? Is that 5 star rating for my IT professor as crappy as Eli's performance vs. the Vikings? However, when all the school work comes to an end and the weekend begins, for most of us as early as Tuesday, one of the most important questions arises, how am I getting home tonight?

Though this question is often tossed around in a joking manner by several, myself included, and that the most desired answer for several of us, is simply I just won't come home tonight. Now this may seem easy enough to accomplish at times, there is a high chance that you will not come home, ever. Upon entering or returning to college, we are all introduced to new many new experiences each year whether it is new clubs, intramural sports, new classes, or even fraternities and sororities.

However, all of these new experiences aren't always positive, for some these new experiences threaten our safety and even our lives. One new experience I was introduced to this year was how it felt to hit a guard rail at over 65 miles per hour. This particular accident wasn't caused by weather, the sky was clear, it wasn't caused by ice; the temperature was 85 degrees or a problem with the car, it was brand new. This accident was caused by me and my friends putting our trust in a friend who had had too much to drink.

Sadly this is the trend among college students these days, plan on how we're getting to the party/bar/club and then figure out who's driving later. Though this may have worked for several of us several times, myself included, the risk is a lot higher than one might think. Though I was able to walk away with a few cuts and a splitting headache, several thousands each year don't walk away from very similar accidents at all. Every year over 17,000 people die and another 350,000 people are injured by accidents involving drunk driving each year. To put this in perspective, think of all your friends at Monmouth, add in everyone you see on your way to class, on the road, in your town and even those at Nelly's at 3:30am, now have them all die, you've just covered only a third of the deaths that happened each year. Morbid much?

The HERO Campaign, recently adopted by Monmouth, hopes to put an end to these staggering numbers. Now before you turn the page, thinking this is just another "drinking is the devil" article, my bar tab at Jack's this past Tuesday was \$63. Drinking is one of the most fun things to do both in college and elsewhere. It makes everyone around you funnier, gives you dance moves you never knew you had and even makes the current N.Y. Jets record of 2-9 that much easier to deal with. The HERO Campaign's goal is not to end drinking it is to end drinking and driving. We all make mistakes, whether its not studying for finals, waking up and saying where the heck am I? or doing that that one last Jagerbomb before going home to make love to your toilet. Don't let your mistake be driving or having someone else drive after either of you have been drinking.

Several bars in the area, including Jack's, have adopted the HERO Campaign, if you are the DD for the night soda and water are on the house the whole night. It's simple, if your DD for the night was dancing on the bar or using the toilet as a pillow less than 5 minutes ago, chances are they are in no shape to drive. Call a friend, a relative, or even a cab, Paramount's Number is 732-222-5300, and Shore's is 732-222-6688 put those numbers in your cell right now, you won't! The \$10 you spend on that cab split 4 ways (\$2.50 for us non math majors) is more than worth putting your life at risk.

If you are interested in joining the HERO Campaign Committee to promote the use of designated drivers, contact the Office of Substance Awareness at (732) 263-5804 or sschaad@monmouth.edu

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Top 5 Reasons to Take a Cab After Drinking

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2. \$5 bucks is cheaper than a \$19,000 D.W.I.!
3. A .08 Blood Alcohol Level is easier to reach than a 1.0 GPA!
4. It's better to pick up your car where you left it last night than at the impound!
5. So you don't have to sit with Britney Spears in drunk driving class!



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Until Next Semester

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The end of the semester is marked as various things among students. For freshman, it means successfully surviving their first semester at college. For others, it is a time to rejoice as the semester draws to a close and the work load is finally off their backs. For some seniors, it's a time to say good-bye to Monmouth University.
I'm not sure about everyone else in the senior class, but I'm starting to get sadder as the semester begins to draw to a close. Some may wonder why because I have only a semester left, but I can't help it. I had a good experience here and I don't want to see it end. As my sister starts looking at schools, I can't help but be jealous because she is starting to look at colleges. But, as the saying goes or as Nelly Furtado's latest song goes "All good things come to an end."
I do want to mention in this editorial that at the end of the semester we will be losing an editor

due to graduation. I can't go without saying anything at all. Lisa has been a member of the newspaper for as long as I have been. She has always been known to the newspaper as supplying the music for the Monday and Tuesday nights. We may be stressed out about finishing up sections and she usually finds a random song on her playlist that just makes us laugh. It could be listening to songs from TV shows that we watched as kids like Saved by the Bell or Chip and Dale Rescue Rangers or blasting the Backstreet Boys. I have to say I can credit her for expanding my musical taste. If it wasn't for her, I would never have known who The Benjamins were.
Lisa and I are most likely the only two New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles fans that actually are friends. You may wonder the secret as to how that could even work, but it's quite simple. We don't talk about our teams when they play on Sundays. For example, this past Sunday's game, which I will just leave at that. She has added to our entertainment

pages a great deal and she will be greatly missed come next semester when we are wondering where all the music went. We wish her the best of luck in all she does and with her magazine.
Another editor that will be leaving us for only a semester is Paige, our News Editor. She will be studying abroad in London in the spring. We all wish her the best of luck and hope she has an amazing time there. We can't wait to read all of her articles that she will be submitting to the Study Abroad section next semester.
In closing, I found a quote from the website www.quoteagarden.com that I thought would be fitting to include. "I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known," says an unknown author. Until next time, I wish everyone the best on finals and to have a good break. And for those graduating, best of luck. See everyone next semester!

The staff of The Outlook wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday break.

The Outlook will resume publication on January 30, 2008. If you are interested in joining, the next general meeting will be on Monday, January 23, 2008 at 6:30 pm in Room 260 of The Plangere Center.



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American Airlines Honors Service Members

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A few months ago a friend and I went on a trip to see a buddy of ours who is serving in the US Army and stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. I was pretty excited to go, but I am not crazy about flying commercial. Not because I am scared to fly, but ever since I took flying lessons and flew many small single engine aircraft in high school, I have hated not being in control of any airplane I am not flying and I really don't like that I can't see out the front windscreen.

Anyway, while on the second leg of our journey to El Paso International Airport the captain got on the speaker to make what I thought was just another routine announcement. What he said though was something that not only thoroughly surprised me but ensured that I will be happy to fly with American Airlines, even if I am not the pilot.

He said, "Right before take off I noticed there were a few service members on board the aircraft, we here at American Airlines want to take the time to thank these brave men and women for their service to our

country. I encourage our passengers to thank them personally if they like, for defending our rights and freedom. Just look around the cabin, you can usually tell them from their duffel bags or hair cuts."

It might not seem like a big deal to many, but in this day and age, and for me, to have someone take out the time to thank men and women who serve our country was an amazing, almost surreal experience. Most of us will pay lip service and say things like "sure I support the troops" or take a second on Veteran's or Memorial Day to give thanks but those who serve, whether in war or peace, deserve more thanks than we often give them.

Whenever I see someone in uniform I try to at least give a friendly smile or a nod of the head and a kind "thank you" if I can, but I and we can do more. We should all take a moment to thank a service member if we see them, thank them for their sacrifice, thank them for being away from family and thank them for putting their lives on the line. We should thank the *few* who do the job so that the *many* can live in peace, freedom and democracy.

The Catholic Center at Monmouth

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON
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I am a member of the Catholic Center, here at Monmouth University, and the Center's closeness is very helpful in my own personal existence.

The Center has many actions, meetings and parties every week.

The group's familiarity bond helps me out with my life on campus and brings me closer with MU students who attend the Catholic Center and are of my same religion; we share the same beliefs which make it easier to connect. Some of my closest friends, at University, I have met through the Center.

The Catholic Center is a family! MR. and Mrs. J, the head leaders, are a resemblance of the students', members of the Center's, parents.

They help us out with all of our problematic issues and give us support for our class challenges. I feel as if I can approach either of them with any and all of my problems to ask for advice, comfort and prayers to make it through the harms.

The Catholic Center sponsors many proceedings and fun events that bring us, the members of the Center, closer together with our faith and importantly nearer with one another, as friends, as a family.

The events which bring us together as one faith, as a single whole family are the following. Our Mass, which we celebrate every Sunday night at 7pm, at the Center, is a great bonding, prayerful celebration.

Almost every Wednesday night, we come together to study the Bible, our book of worship; this gets our minds in touch with God.

Some weeks we meet in Java City and ask the Priest questions that we have about our religion, because we are still learning; there is so much to know about the Catholic religion.

We have many parties that are a blast; we are about to have a Christmas party, for the Holiday's season.

All of our events are a great time!

Last year, we were joined by now a Graduate, Danielle Ellement who was a member of the Center.

Danielle is a deaf student, and she is very close with her Catholic religion.

Weekly, we would meet in the Center and Danielle would teach us how to sign language. This indeed made us closer; we were able to communicate with Danielle, even though she has a hearing problem.

This also taught us how to communicate with the entire population of those with hearing problems. This was a great gift to us all; we need to know how to communicate with all.

Come to the Catholic Center, weather you are of Catholic Religion or not, or come out if you would just like to get in touch with your spiritual side and make some great friends who are very well rounded, good, fun and honest people.

We, at the Catholic Center, are open to experiencing the company and ideas of many different religious groups; all are welcome!

Even if you do not have a strong religious background, come join us, and maybe we can influence and get you in touch with our beliefs.

At the Catholic Center, we are a family, and our hearts are open to all!

Folk Art of the American Press

BRIAN BLACKMON
STAFF WRITER

American folklore expresses one of the richest palettes in history, reflecting a melding of the antique lore and folk customs inherited from the whole of the old world, told anew within the framework of our nation's own boundless imagination and humor. Throughout the development of this unique canon of folk expression, the American press has remained a vital medium chosen to develop our national traditions. From Benjamin Franklin's pious and proverb-versed Richard Saunders of the *Poor Richard's Almanacks* which appeared from 1732 to 1758 (an important contribution to the genesis of American individuality), to the Post-Civil War landscape into which Joel Chandler Harris introduced the African American folktales of Brer Rabbit and Brer Fox (beginning with the July 20, 1879 issue of the *Atlanta Constitution*), the United States continued to shape its own cultural heritage.

Poetry was also an important form which populated the press of the 19th Century. Poe's masterpiece "The Raven," was first published in the January 29th, 1845 issue of the *New York Mirror*, while Ernest Thayer's love letter to baseball

"Casey at the bat" greeted readers in the pages of the June 3rd, 1888 issue of William Randolph Hearst's *San Francisco Examiner*.

Complimenting the growing body of literary works, the popularity of political cartoons broadened the possibilities of folk communication. While political cartoons have been present within American culture since Franklin drew the first one for the May 9th, 1754 issue of his *Pennsylvania Gazette* (now the *Saturday Evening Post*), the art form had its most capable practitioner in the person of Thomas Nast. Introducing the Democratic Donkey in the January 15th 1870 issue of *Harper's Weekly* (though a donkey was previously used by Andrew Jackson in his 1828 Presidential campaign, it was Nast who successfully associated the animal with the Democratic Party in the minds of the public), followed by the creation of the Republican Elephant in the November 7th, 1874 issue of the same publication, Nast is also credited with being instrumental in developing the modern visual interpretation of Uncle Sam.

America's fascination with the political cartoon would soon evolve into a new medium when Richard Outcault drew the first comic strip "The Origin of a New

Species, or the Evolution of the Crocodile Explained" for Joseph Pulitzer's November 18th 1894 *New York World*. In response to Outcault's successful "Yellow Kid" character introduced the following year, rival newspaper editor William Randolph Hearst would introduced Rudolph Dirks' *Katzenjammer Kids* in his December 12th, 1897 edition of the *New York Journal* (*The Katzenjammer Kids* remains the longest running comic strip in the world). Newspaper comic strips continue to exist as an important avenue of modern folklore, introducing characters such as Billy de Beck's *Barney Google* (first appearing in the sports section of the June 17th, 1919 *Chicago Herald & Examiner*), and E.C. Segar's *Popeye* (introduced in Segar's *Thimble Theater* on January 17, 1929), to the popular dialogue.

The United States of America remains a land of legal, political, and spiritual freedom, built upon a heritage that has continually sought to overcome the limitations of each age. This sense of innovation is demonstrated in the history of our country's press, and the way these memorable manifestations of American cultural history continue to linger as part of the American essence.

Remebering the Tucked Away and Forgotten

ERIN O. STATTEL
STAFF WRITER

During this time of year, we tend to remember things that we forget the rest of the year.

The importance of family and being together dominate messages in our society during the holiday season, but what about the people who are forgotten year after year?

According to the United States Department of Justice Bureau of Statistics, there are 2 million people incarcerated in this country alone.

That means approximately 4 million children will be without one or both of their parents this holiday season.

Over this past semester, I have written to the Monmouth University audience on issues that may not always be so close to home or even issues that are popular, but issues that we should give some amount of thought to.

The fact that we have managed to incarcerate 2 million people and include 7 million people in the criminal justice system either imprisoned or under surveillance, has jumped from 250,000 incarcerated people in the 1970's to today, makes me think.

This skyrocketing number hasn't raised any eyebrows? After taking a few courses here, I am definitely curious.

There are a number of reasons why the United States' incarceration rate has risen so rapidly, and most of them revolve around the image of poverty and how the people with power and money in this country stand to benefit off the backs of millions of imprisoned Americans.

Before I go any further, let me say this, there are plenty of people in prison for a very plausible and valid reason.

People who commit crimes most certainly deserve to serve time in atonement for the lives

that they have infringed upon.

However, a rise in mandatory-minimum sentencing, laws similar to the controversial Rockefeller Drug laws and a severe center city dilemma due to de-industrialization have led to a prison-industrial complex in this country.

Not only are prison facilities sanctioned by legislature, but they are privatized by corporations who stand to make a buck off of crime.

These 2 million people filling beds of facilities that are built by corporations, like Corporate

on the other side of the jail cell, it has created a whole new industry for our nation to prosper from.

But at who's cost?

I pose these questions to you all, not to make you feel overburdened or guilty or even overly incited, but to just give you a push to think about something you might never otherwise.

At this time of year, no one likes to be forgotten or alone.

So, this week I am leaving you with some suggestions that I hope you will take with a grain of salt and a light heart.

If you really want to be chari-

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Corrections of America, will then guarantee private investors a return on their stock options within the company as long as prison populations are kept at capacity.

In New Jersey, about 1,600 people will be released from prison this year.

The State of New Jersey has waived the allowance of convicted persons from being eligible for welfare, public affordable housing, and at least 22 different jobs.

My question is if we have nothing to return them to, how can we not expect them to return to prison, driving up the nation's 68% recidivism rate?

With de-institutionalization on the rise, people who need psychiatric care are also tracked into incarceration, forgoing the medical and rehabilitation attention they need. And while the booming corrections industry has provided more jobs and lifestyles for millions of Americans

table this year, start with sending a box of holiday cards to a prison or a non-profit like Redeem Her.

One of your donated cards might make it to someone who can send them to their children.

Who knows what your kindness might do for a parent's relationship with his or her child?

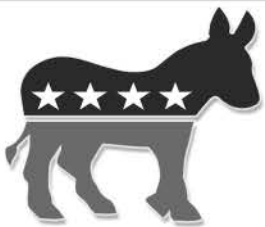
Take a trip to your local food bank and see what they are in need of this season.

Chances are the Thanksgiving overload is starting to dwindle.

People who are released from prison and need a leg up at this time of year might be able to feed their family for a few days because of your thoughtfulness.

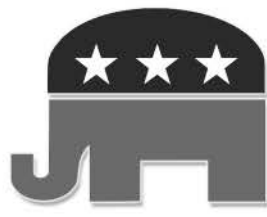
And perhaps most important of all, while you are in the company of friends and family, happily opening presents or ringing in the New Year, remember that your open-mindedness can truly give peace a chance.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year.



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Political Debate: In 40 years, how will Iraq look as history? (Week 2)

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

Side 1: Iraq will look good in 40 years

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Last week my opponent mentioned a few reasons as to why she opposes the war in Iraq. First she mentioned that Iraq posed no clear threat. Iraq no longer poses a threat, but they did harbor terrorist training camps and it is a central front for fighting Osama Bin Laden and Al Qaeda. In addition Hussein's regime hated Israel, our close ally. Also, WMD's were found in cargo shipments during the 1990's that U.S. intelligence believed Saddam would use to "take out" Israel. Obviously they were not a friendly country and did not like us or our close ally.

For my opponent to say that no other countries support the U.S. is rather extreme. As of August 3, 2006 thirty-four countries from all around the world have contributed to the coalition forces in Iraq. These countries have realized that they do not want terrorists in their backyards because as my opponent has stated global security is important.

As I said last week hindsight is 20/20 for a reason. Yes, this is a NEW kind of war for us. The Middle East is desert, mountainous, and the temperature can be as high as 130 degrees Fahrenheit during the day to in the teens at night. The terrorists get to play defense, we have to search for them. Terrorists are very dangerous as we've seen on September 11th, and it's very hard to find them as they don't fight conventionally.

As for WMD's, we gave fair prior warning to Iraq. They refused to allow inspections and even could have hid them. Even if Iraq really did not have WMD's, then why did they refuse access to UN weapons inspectors?

As for Hussein, we offered him multiple times the opportunity to leave the country live with his family and enjoy life. We offered him more than he deserved but he refused it. We are talking about a man that killed at least 80,000 citizens of Iraq. That is genocide! Where was the United Nations for that one? Everyone is so concerned about the lost of civilian lives during the current insurgency. Yet, no one seemed to care when Hussein was brutally killing his own people.

Oil seems to be everyone's easy answer for why we are in Iraq. If we were in Iraq just for the oil I think we would control the supply by now. We would only put our forces in oil rich areas, secure the pipelines only, and forget Baghdad. We would not even waste our time. When Sadam was trying to invade Kuwait he offered George Bush Sr. oil for fifty cents a gallon if we did not intervene! Yet, we refused his offer. Secondly, Iraq is not our primary oil provider. In December 2003 we imported 56.2 million barrels from Saudi Arabia, 20.2 million barrels from Venezuela, 46.2 million from Canada, 53.8million barrels from Mexico we only imported 11.3million from Iraq. So how much do we really depend on their oil?

Also my opponent mentioned North Korea and our dealings with them. She forgot to mention that as deterrents in March 2007 we sent our brand new F-22's top of the line fighter jets to Okinawa. She also forgot to mention the 1 million landmines that we have that separate North Korea and South Korea. So yes, there may be negotiating going on, but it may be due to the many deterrents we have put in place.

Lastly and most importantly the loss of life in Iraq, we have to remember that this is a war and that freedom is far from free. We have lost many heroic lives. Yet, when it comes to war compared to others the number pales in comparison. As a Marine Corps girlfriend there is nothing more that I want for all of our service men and women to come home safely. I have a count-down of when my boyfriend's deployment will be over (45days left). I want him to be home and safe more than anything else in the world. Yet, he knows that he volunteered to protect and support the United States of America. Forty years from now he will be able to brag to his grandkids about how he protected our freedoms. Just like our grandfathers told us about their WWII stories. Forty years from now we will be thankful that our freedoms were defended and we did not consistently appease terrorist. Forty years from now we will be proud that we are a strong and brave enough country to confront our enemies and defend our country!

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

2006 Pulitzer Prize Winning Reporters Visit Campus

DR. JOSEPH N. PATTEN
ADVISOR, POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB

The Public Policy Graduate Program recently hosted the 2006 Pulitzer Prize winning investigative reporters credited with uncovering the Duke Cunningham scandal, the largest congressional corruption case in the history of our nation. Mr. Marcus Stern and Mr. Jerry Kammer, both from Copley News Service in Washington D.C., and Mr. Dean Calbraeth, from the San Diego Union Tribune, were the featured speakers at the Public Policy Graduate Colloquium on November 15, 2007 in Wilson Auditorium.

Randall "Duke" Cunningham was sentenced to eight years and four months in prison after pleading guilty to one count of bribery and one count of tax evasion in November of 2005. The scope of legislative malfeasance in the Cunningham case is unparalleled in the sordid

history of congressional corruption. Cunningham accepted \$2.4 million in bribes in exchange for securing \$240 million worth of government contracts.

Cunningham had a distinguished career as a naval fighter pilot and openly boasted in campaigns that many of his flying maneuvers were depicted by Tom Cruise in the 1986 film *Top Gun*. He flew an F-4 Phantom II from air craft carriers and recorded five air to air kills, a feat that earned him the distinction as Vietnam's first Ace fighter pilot.

His proficiencies in military affairs landed him a prestigious committee assignment on the Defense Appropriation Subcommittee, which provides oversight on military funding allotments. Cunningham accepted bribes from two defense contractors, Brent Wilkes and his protégé Mitchell Wade.

In one example, Cunningham

secured a \$9.7 million contract for Brent Wilkes to scan "engineering drawing from the 1870s and images of boats from the 1910s" in the Panama Canal Zone, even though Pentagon procurement officers requested that the funds be used for more pressing needs at the Army's Missile Command. Cunningham's influence also played a crucial role in Mitchell Wade securing from the Pentagon a Blanket Purchase Agreement, which authorized the Pentagon to purchase up to \$225 million worth of as-needed services from Wade's company without having to enter into an open bidding process. Wade expressed his appreciation by purchasing for Cunningham and his wife expensive household items, including a sleigh style bed and other antique furnishings. The transactions grew bolder and more reckless with each illegal exchange, evolving into pricier pos-

Side 2:Forty years from now: Still opposing the war in Iraq

LINDSAY PLESNIARSKI
JUNIOR, SGA SENATOR

There are many reasons for why the United States is at war with Iraq. I believe there are more reasons for why this war should be put to an end. I strongly support our troops that are risking their lives everyday fighting for the safety of this great country! However, I believe that it is time for them to be returned to their homes and loved ones and continue on with life.

Yes, the United States still has to protect itself from future attacks, and that is why security has increased 200% in airports and other places. I do not see a reason why the lives of our young soldiers have to be risked/lost fighting in Iraq when there is no clear reason to be there! Iraq does not present a threat to us and after numerous investigations no weapons of mass destruction have been found!

It is a relief that there have not been any major terrorist attacks since 9/11, and the fact that the United States engaged itself into war immediately after may be considered as the reason why. However, 9/11 took place during 2001. It is now almost 2008; nearly seven years later. I think the United States has successfully proved its point about how countries can not just go ahead, attack our ground, kill our citizens, and expect to get away with it without punishment. I am glad that we did not allow the terrorists to walk over our country without taking action, but I believe that we have come to a standpoint where we do not know how to end the war.

I do not believe, in any way, that this war was pointless in any manner. For example, Saddam Hussein has already been successfully captured, punished, and killed. Yet, we still continue to attack Iraq and

force its government to be shaped as a reflection of ours. I believe that they should run their country however they wish to; the United States should not be considered a 'Big Brother' to countries who have attacked us in the past!

For the exception of the small percentage of Iraqi people who want us in their country to fix their problems, the majority of them want us to get out! They continue to kill our soldiers day to day and this is not necessary! It is time for the brave soldiers to return back to their home country! They did their job in defending this country and did it extremely well, but this war has come to a point where there is unnecessary killing in high numbers. It is time to start pulling our soldiers out of Iraq and sending them home!

The war was originally called a "war against terrorists!" Now, this has changed into a war with Iraq. In my opinion, the war against terrorists is going to be never-ending. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that there ever will be world peace. But the United States being engaged in a war with a specific country (in this case Iraq) is a different story.

Forty years from now, I believe that Americans will look at this war as being partly successful, but mainly too stretched-out. In other words, having it almost be seven years after the attacks on the World Trade Center, the war with Iraq should have been over with by now. I believe that they have learned their lesson; I do not think we have to keep our soldiers there and continue to structure their government. Let's start sending our troops home and continue living our lives looking at this war as a reflection of how strong we are as a country! There is no need for us to drag-on this war anymore!



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The November 15 Public Policy Graduate Colloquium welcomed Pulitzer Prize winning investigative reporters.

sessions such as a "Rolls Royce", and a \$140,000 yacht officially named "The Duke-Stir". Mitchell Wade also purchased Congressman Cunningham's home for \$1.7 million, and then put the house back on the market the very next day where it later sold for \$975,000.

Is this level of corruption a symptom of a larger problem in our democracy? The three panelists reminded the audience of over 100 faculty, staff, and students in Wilson auditorium that we all need to work together in order to ensure that

our government pursues the public good, rather than private self-interest. Public Policy Graduate student Tracy Olski introduced the featured speakers and served on a graduate panel that included graduate students Adam Neary, Jean-Marie Donahue, and Susan Kane. Faculty in the Political Science Department would also like to thank everyone who attended and participated in the discussion, especially students in the Political Science Club, and the Stand Up and Be Counted program for co-sponsoring the event.

THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

LESLIE WEINBERG
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

My final show for my West End musical week was *Billy Elliot*. Now every time I saw the advertisement or passed this theatre, I would snicker to myself and wonder how they could possibly make this into a decent musical. Well, I was wrong to disbelieve the powers of the West End (the West End is the equivalent of Broadway) because it was one of the best shows I have seen all semester.

So in case you haven't heard

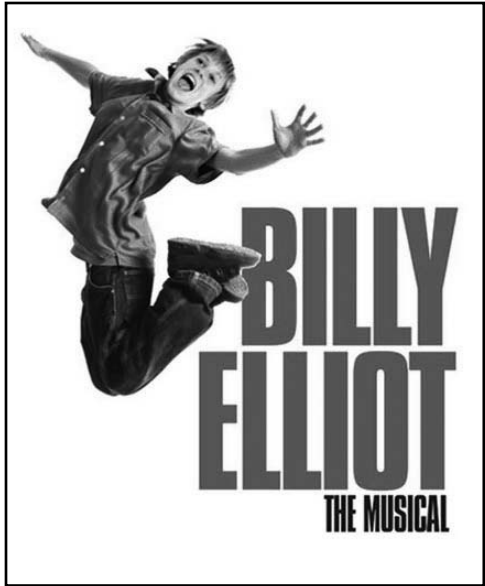


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The movie *Billy Elliot* has been adapted into a musical now playing in London and Sydney.

London is pretty expensive (to say the least) and has a lot of ridiculous stores, including Hamleys and Harrods. Hamleys is a seven floor toy store which was first built in 1760 and was once the largest toy store in the world. It receives 5 million visitors per year and has every toy imaginable there. We spent quite a lot of time reminiscing about all the great toys and testing out new ones. Harrods is an insanely overpriced very posh department store with personnel shoppers for hire. That would be a very interesting job for about a week.

I did something completely foreign this weekend, I had a relaxing weekend. I just got to hang out, watch movies, catch up on sleep and it was glorious. London has many free incredible museums, so that is what I dedicated Sunday to. The Victoria and Albert Museum has a grand collection of artifacts and art from all over the world. It has everything from ancient Indian daggers and swords to NY and Italian fashion and Iranian tapestries.

The Science Museum was absolutely beautiful and had exhibits on everything from aviation to history of medicine to climate change. Go socialized healthcare!

I am starting to feel like it is the end of the sleep away camp and my parents are coming to pick me up soon. Everyone is beginning to take things down, pack up their stuff and even a few kids have already left. It is pretty hard to believe that this incredible experience is going to be over soon.

It is even harder to believe that we have been here for almost four months. I love everything about this city and am going to miss it a lot. I will probably go into NYC just to ride around the subway and pretend it is the same thing.

Good luck with finals and I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and break. I just want to thank Robyn, Rose, The Outlook and everyone else who helped me get here. Thank you so much!

For anyone who has the time and funds and is thinking about studying abroad anywhere, do it. It will be the most amazing thing in your life and you won't regret it. A year ago I would have never imagined doing or seeing half the things I have done this semester. It is still hard to believe I jumped



Westminster Abbey, the Coliseum, and the Eiffel Tower are just some of the historic landmarks and major tourist attractions that can be visited while studying abroad.



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out of a helicopter over the Swiss Alps, saw the Sistine Chapel, met kids from all over the world, saw the house where my grandmother worked and lived during WWII, climbed the steps of the Acropolis, pretended to fight lions in the Coliseum, saw the Eiffel Tower, went inside Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey, had real Belgian waffles, chocolate and beer, touched the Berlin Wall, almost got blown off the windy Cliffs of Moher, walked across Abbey Road and so many other fantastic memories.

If you can't study abroad, there are plenty of places to explore and adventures to go on. So get on that!

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Opening Up the Book on The Next Chapter

MEGAN LABRUNA
STUDY ABROAD EDITOR

The Next Chapter is a New Jersey based band from Rockaway. The group formed in September of 2005 with members Kyle Wiseman on Bass, Ben Kuzma playing drums, and guitarists Chris Goral, Bill Carrol, and Brian Skuropacki who also plays the synthesizer along with former member Ian on vocals. Soon after, Dave Bravo replaced Ian in 2006, completing the band.

Together all six members create the rhythm, melody, and lyrics for their original music. "We all just test it out and then bring it all together" stated Bravo. Their songs feature many influences from several different genres of music which combine together to create a unique style. The Next Chapter can call their own. Guitarist Chris Goral said "A lot of the band's musical influences come from each one of us growing up listening to our own favorite bands." Because of this musical diversity, each member is able to add

a piece of themselves into their songs and performances.

In early 2007 the band found themselves a manager and released their EP *The Next Chapter Taking You Back to School*, which features the songs "Truth or Dare," "50 Bucks and A Ride to Harlem," and the crowd favorite "Chet Stedman" along with a few others.

So far, TNC has played with several bands such as Red Light Green Light, Day at The Fair, and Permanent Me. They have also competed in two battle of

the band they originally came in second to the first time around.

Currently the band plays locally around New Jersey at colleges, and other venues, with their biggest show being at Starland ballroom this past September with headlining band Wicker Hollow, who performed at Monmouth University earlier this semester. The show at Starland has been the band's favorite so far. Bravo comments, "the show at Starland Ballroom was amazing, it was my favorite so far." Having seen several of their performances, I agree; the performance at Starland had something special about it that made it stand out from their other shows.

The band had so much energy which infected the crowd and had everyone cheering for more, along with some surprise removal and tossing of clothing into the crowd in true rock star form by guitarist Chris Goral, who explained "I was hot on stage, and I figured I'd turn it into something."

When performing, the band can usually be seen wearing matching outfits consisting of white shirts and black ties, with lead singer Bravo in opposite colors. The Next



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The Next Chapter performs at Starland Ballroom.

Chapter in Japan. Along with that, the band is focusing on finding the right label to sign with and the direction they want to continue with their music. As of December 7, the band started recording new songs with Rob Freeman, that are set to be released in January. Where is the band's dream place to perform one day? Bravo said "Obviously Giants Stadium, if we can play there that would

complete my life." Goral has other plans, "The completion of my life would be to go on a world tour and have kids that speak another language sing our songs back to us in English; that's something that blows my mind."

Hopefully their aspirations will one day come true for The Next Chapter. Until then, you can catch the band playing at the East Stroudsburg University Music Festival on March 2. Be sure to pick up TNC's EP *Taking You Back To School*, available online at tncrock.com and check them out on Myspace.



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The Next Chapter has an unusual photo shoot at a school.

the bands shows at Montclair University and managed to rock their way into second place at both shows. The second time around TNC managed to beat

What the Outlook Staff loves to do over Winter Break...

Jackie- "Sleep."

Lisa- "Spend time with my family, and watch the football playoffs."

Kristen- "Go to Walt Disney World to visit all of my friends."

Paige- "Spending time with friends, family, eating lots of home cooked food, and watching Christmas movies."

Danielle- "Sleep in."

Megan- "Making homemade Gingerbread Houses with my neighbors."

Eric- "Spending time with family, watching college football bowl games, and going to Miami."

The Strike Continues

KRISTEN RENDA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

About a month ago I wrote about the Writers' Guild of America strike that had just begun. As many have noticed by the constant re-runs of their favorite television shows, the strike is still on.

NBC's hit show *The Office* had its last new episode on November 15th, and fans are getting restless. Jenna Fischer who plays Pam on the show said, "I'm sad to say the [episode] we were getting ready to shoot was going to be the funniest of the year. I'm sure of it. They've been pitching this particular story idea for over 2 years." Hearing something like that, and knowing that it is uncertain when this episode will air frustrates many fans.

Last Sunday, *Desperate Housewives* had its biggest show of the year. A tornado blew through Wisteria Lane, and it ended with the audience unsure of who survived the vicious storm. After the credits, fans waited for scenes for the next week's episode so they could find out what happened, unfortunately there was no preview be-

cause there isn't another episode due to the strike.

All late night television talk shows have been repeats since the strike began last month, and the only things that are still airing new episodes are the morning talk shows and reality television.



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Stars of The Office support their writers by protesting on the picket line.

Jenna Fischer stated that the studios and the writers had agreed to sit down and negotiate on November 26th. While that was a great start, unfortunately the strike still stands.

For those of you that are still wondering why the strike is happening, basically it's because of the Internet. Every time you watch an episode of a show on television, the writers get a small percentage of the profit the studio makes by airing that episode. Every time you buy an episode on iTunes, or watch an episode for free on the networks' websites, the writers get nothing. Viacom makes half a billion dollars a year on digital downloads, and they don't want to share any of that profit with the writers who created the content and rightfully deserve money for it.

These writers live from paycheck to paycheck and this holiday season many of them will be struggling because for the past month they haven't been getting a thing.

Now entering the sixth week of the strike, there is no news on whether things are looking up, but hopefully more negotiations will occur in the near future, and these ones will be successful.

We’ve Come to the End of the Road

Still I Can’t Let Go

LISA PIKAARD
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

It’s a Monday (or Tuesday) afternoon. What does that mean for me? That means I’m sitting at the Outlook office working on my pages, writing stories, copy editing, and having fun. Today is no different with the exception of the content of what I am writing. This is my goodbye to *The Outlook*.

I may have written dozens upon dozens of articles for this paper but this one is the hardest to compose. This is the most personal story I will ever have published. Although it is the end of an era at *The Outlook*, no more music from every decade imaginable, no more loud keys making noise all the way through the halls, no more of my stories Monday mornings, it doesn’t mean you’re getting rid of me entirely. I may no longer be a member of this staff but that does not mean I am leaving the people of this office. I am wrapping up my final semester here at Monmouth; I have been at MU three and a half years. Most of that time I spent in this office joking around and enjoying every minute of it (unless I was having a breakdown, then I was in Jackie’s office venting about whatever the issue was). Just because I will not be in the office next semester does not mean I am not there for any of you.

I started here at *The Outlook* writing Lyric Lounge, three album reviews each and every week, two and a half years ago. I even wrote them during my stay in Australia. For some reason Sam decided it was a good idea to make me the entertainment editor last year based on that. I had no idea what I was doing (and I’m not sure Sam had any idea what she was doing making me a section editor) but I thank Sam for giving me that opportunity. Jackie decided this semester I was to be the managing editor as well and I owe her even more. I have had a blast in this office, but the memories do not stop there. I have gotten to know this staff so well that I hope we will be friends for a long time after I take my leave once this issue is published.

On to the sappy stuff that I know the editors cannot wait to read. I have not had to write anything like this since high school but there is a lot I want to say to those of you that shaped my time here at *The Outlook*. I am not letting any of the editors read this before it prints either so it’s a surprise to each of them.

First, to my partner in crime, Jackie, I owe you so much. Between spending hundreds of hours together in the office and even more conversing online at 3 a.m. we have so many memories. There is no limit to the amount of crazy things that will always remind me of you like the Laundromat. We’ve had some great times involving Cinnabuns, biceps and lpuddles, cheers, bowling my best game ever (4 strikes in a row, yeah that’s right!) seeing The Benjamins, Dane Cook, and Lifehouse, late night videos made in Florida, the

suits, random CD mixes made in the office, shouting about printer abuse, football, peer pressure, the list we never made, the poems we wrote and did not yet write, and so many more things. As mean as this is, I need to say it, Go Giants! We swept you this year.

I know full well that I will be talking to you for a long time coming, even after the Giants comment, but there are a few things I want to say to you in print. I have already said thank you and listed multiple memories but here are just a few more random comments from me. First, I’m surprised you didn’t cut off my music on day one. The office will certainly be a lot quieter next semester. There will be no loud discussions of football, kicking trashcans, playing games, going on trips to places where the weather is just awful, passing notes, or discussing 12 (19). I am going to miss you terribly but I thank you so much for the opportunities you gave me. Without you, I wouldn’t be here in this office, major, or frame of mind. I owe you so much.

Kristen, my co-entertainment editor, we have been doing this section together for a year and a half and there is no better combination for the section than you and I. You know the celebrities and I know the music. We made a great duo for the section. Eat a cookie for me! I promise that although I’m graduating we can still meet celebrities (I’m sure between the two of us we’ve met a large number of the A, B, and C list celebrities out there), and more importantly, we will continue to stalk our boys. The new album means a new tour and if we combine our celebrity luck, there is no limit as to what can happen. Just for you Kristen, “That’s what she said!”

Paige, first I must apologize now for throwing a ball into your salad. It was unintentional and will never happen again. Matt’s class is always an adventure and who would have thought because of news editing you would have a stalker? I know you’re leaving to

study abroad and have the trip of your life. Have a blast. I wish we were on e-board together longer but at least we had this semester.

Megan, my dear, I never thought I’d see the day where you finally would come into the Outlook office and take an entire section to yourself. It’s appropriate that the section is study abroad. Australia was ten times better because I got to become friends with you. I’ll miss you! Be sure to work on those ambidextrous guitar hero skills and keep on interviewing bands. Someone needs to be the music person on the staff and I think it’s the perfect job for you. You couldn’t get rid of me after Australia; do not think you’re getting rid of me now just because I’m graduating. You’re stuck with me!

Danielle, your section always looks amazing, even when my story isn’t quite as lengthy as anticipated. I wish we spent more time together outside of this office; I’m also sorry you had to learn about Milt the hard way. I wish I could have warned you but you came to

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“You’ve got to live in front of your eyes. In a typical way we stray, checking back with the past. In a typical day we’ll stay to see what’s gonna last, but I didn’t mind at all.” -O.A.R.

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- Playing catch and football
- Conferences
- Making Bets, losing bets, winning bets.
- The Benjamins
- We’re on the same team... Right?
- What??

Happy Holidays!

DANIELLE DECARLO
FEATURES EDITOR

It’s that time again; time for studying, finals, papers, stress, and packing to go home for the holidays. I know everyone is excited for this semester to end so we can finally have a few weeks of relaxation! Here are a few tips, recipes and decorating ideas to get you out of the stressful fall semester spirit, and into the holiday spirit!

If you celebrate Christmas, a fun new decorating idea to really put you in the Christmas spirit can be to decorate using mostly white. Almost everyone dreams of a “white Christmas,” so why not make it come true? You can do this in your dorm room, your house, apartment, room at home, or wherever you live! Start out by using spray snow on your Christmas tree. After that, put some fake red berries throughout the tree to give it a more natural feel. Use white lights, alternating with some twinkling lights if you wish. You can also drape the tree with clear beads and crystal, clear or white ornaments that look like icicles, angels, etc. You can also use garlands with white and silver ribbon and tinsel to put throughout your house or room.

Also, if you are on a budget, as most of us college students are, you can use Christmas cards to decorate. Many people spend a lot of time picking out the most beautiful, pretty, nice or fun Christmas



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These Stars of David cookie cutters make a great decoration without actually baking with them! You can use them year after year, and of course if you celebrate other holidays you can get different cookie-cutter shapes, like a Christmas tree!

tar or salt, a half cup of sugar and some edible glitter to make them sparkle. Start beating the eggs until frothy and add the tartar or salt and increase speed, then slowly add sugar. When the mixture firms up and becomes glossy, put it into a large pastry

If you celebrate Kwanzaa, you can make a beautiful yet simple centerpiece for your table. You can make a Woodland Kinara with the seven candles that represent the seven principles of Kwanzaa. Just by making it, you can celebrate one of the principles, kuumba (creativity). Use an 18 inch log of soft wood, and cut it in half lengthwise. This is the base of the Kinara. Mark the placement of the 7 holes where the candles will go, and drill about ¾ to ½ inches deep. Spray the kinara wood with wood finish and let it dry. Then, you can add your candles. The black candle goes in the center hole, and three red candles go to the left and three green candles go to the right. Place it as a centerpiece or wherever you see fit in your house or room!

You can use any of these ideas in your house or even to decorate your dorm room, suite common room or apartment before you leave for the holidays.

As you can see, there are many different ways to decorate your house, room, dorm, etc. that are affordable and easy! You can go online for lots of great recipes and ideas, or simply be creative and make something up out of household items! Also, it’s a great way to forget about all of the fall semester stress and get you in the holiday spirit, especially if you include your friends and family! Have a great, restful and stress-free holiday!

Information courtesy of amazing-christmas-ideas.com, Hgtv.com, and Bhg.com.



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These icicles make a great addition to your tree if you are going for the “white christmas” look. You can also hang these around the house or your room.

cards, so why not utilize them to your benefit as well? You can put them along doorways, fireplace mantles, or get creative and put them around your room as you desire. This can add a much more personal feel to your decorating!

If you celebrate Hanukkah, a fun (and affordable) decorating tip is to get cookie cutters shaped like the Star of David. However, you don’t need to make cookies with them to make it fun! Put the cookie cutters on a baking sheet lined with aluminum foil and sprinkle crushed up hard sugar candy into the cutters. Bake them in a 375 degree oven for about eight minutes or until the candies melt, and let them cool completely. Peel the aluminum foil off of the cutters and arrange the cutters as desired and place a tea-light candle behind them; this will give the cutters an illuminated look!

If you are looking for something edible for Hanukkah, try making meringue Stars of David. Take 2 egg whites, a pinch of tar-

bag and shape the Stars of David onto a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake in a 200 degree oven for two hours, then leave overnight in the oven.



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This Kwanzaa kinara is actually really easy to hand-make. By making it yourself, you can celebrate kuumba (creativity) which is one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa!

Some Great Recipes for the Holidays to Share With Friends and Family!

Peppermint Patties

- Ingredients:
- Chocolate cookie wafers
 - Ice cream
 - Crushed Peppermint

Sandwich the ice cream between two thin chocolate cookie wafers, then roll it in the crushed peppermint. Put in the freezer to set!

Recipe courtesy of myrecipe.com

Candy Cane Cookies

- Ingredients:
- 1/2 cup butter
 - 1/2 cup shortening
 - 1 cup sifted confectioner’s sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1 1/2 teaspoon almond flavoring
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 2 1/2 cups sufted all-purpose flower
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon red food coloring

Prehead oven to 350 degrees. Cream the shortening and butter, mix in sugar, egg and vanilla. In a separate bowl mix flour and salt and add shortening to the mixture. Blend red food coloring into one half. Roll 1 teaspoon of red dough and 1 teaspoon of white dough and stretch out into 4 inch strips and twist together. Curve the top to shape a candy cane. Bake for 9 minutes or until brown and sprinkle crushed candy canes on top.

Recipe courtesy of homeparents.about.com

Latkes (Potato Pancakes)

- Ingredients:
- 4 large potatoes
 - 1 medium onion
 - 1 large egg
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 1/2 tsp. white pepper
 - 1 tablespoon all-purpose flower
 - 1/2 tsp. baking powder

Grate the potatoes and onion. Using a strainer, squeeze the juice out of the potatoes and onion. In a bowl, put egg, salt, pepper, flour and baking powder in it and mix, adding potatoes and onions. Heat oil in a deep pan and pour two tablespoons of potatoe mix into it. Level with the back of a spoon, making each pancake about 3 inches in diameter. Fry pancakes on medium heat until brown. Serve hot with applesauce, sour cream or sugar.

Recipe courtesy of festivals.iloveindia.com

Benne Cakes

- Ingredients:
- 1 cup finely packed brown sugar
 - 1/4 cup butter or margerine softened
 - 1 egg, beaten
 - 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
 - 1 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
 - 1/2 cup all-purpose flower
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1 cup toasted sesame seeds

Preheat oven to 325. Oil a cookie sheet. Mix together brown sugar and butter then stir in everything else. Drop by rounded teaspoons about 2 inches apart and bake for 15 minutes.

Recipe courtesy of www.theholidayspot.com

Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE)

The Writing Proficiency Examination will be offered next on
Friday, December 14, from 5:15 to 7:30 p.m.
Monday, December 17, from 9:45 a.m. to 12 noon

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

All other students should report to Pollak Theatre’s lobby during the hour before the exam starting time for check in for the handwritten or typed exam.

Eligibility Requirements for the Exam

In general, you are eligible to take the December 2007 WPE if and only if you meet all three of the following conditions:

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

Requirements for Attempting the Exam

The required reading set for the WPE will be available at the University Bookstore for a minimal fee beginning Wednesday, November 28, 2007. Students must purchase and read the reading set before the exam, and must bring the reading set to the exam.

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

Resources for Preparing for the Exam

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

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

The information sessions will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday, November 29, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 5, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.
- Monday, December 10, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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Breaking up is good to do, study finds

CANDYCE COOK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Everyone dreads a break-up. But new research from a Monmouth University psychology professor suggests the negative reputation may be unfounded. Gary W. Lewandowski, Jr. surveyed people who had recently experienced a break-up to examine how the break-ups affected those involved. His results were surprising. “If the relationship that ended was a source of self-expansion – i.e., helped you grow as a person – then a person tends to experience self loss,” Lewandowski explained. “More interestingly, when a person ends a non-expanding relationship, they experience more positive emotions and growth.” The research found that, overall, most people experienced positive benefits from breaking-up. “Most likely, this is due to the previous relationship holding them back in some way,” said Lewandowski, whose research has received notice in publications such as the British Psychological Society Research Digest and Self magazine.

Lewandowski began his research on break-ups several years ago, while in graduate school. “Based on personal experience, I knew there were times when breaking-up was a good thing, but it was something the [academic] literature had not addressed,” he said. There’s more to come. “I have another paper coming out shortly that shows the influence of learning about a person’s personality on how you perceive their physical attraction,” he said. “Basically, if you learn that an attractive person has a bad personality, you come to see them as less physically attractive. Similarly, if you learn that a less physically attractive person is really fantastic, you come to see them as more physically attractive.” Lewandowski’s work has also been published in The Psychology of Survivor, a new book in which experts in the field looked at psychological issues in the popular reality television show. “I try to take any chance I can get to show people how psychology fits into everyday life and this seemed like a good way to do it,” he said.

Don’t stress over final exams, expert advises

TIFFANY MONCALIERI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER


“I can’t take the stress anymore!” It’s a common sentiment among Monmouth University students nowadays, with final exams starting next week. Many students are already under much stress to begin with. Some have have to work to pay for tuition and personal items. Others spend several hours a day on activities, like playing a varsity sport or editing the school newspaper. And school obligations are just half the story. Many students also have busy personal lives that may include a significant other or even children. Excessive stress can eventually lead to serious health problems, warns nursing professor Dianne Van Arsdale, who’s a registered nurse. But there are a number of things students can do to beat stress. “Meditation, getting enough sleep and not taking any stimulants,” she recommends, adding that “having a positive attitude can really make a difference and help you at the end.” “Yoga is my answer,” says psychology major Jillian Ferri. “I do yoga two-to-three times a week, and it helps with my stress and headaches I get from daily stress. And it’s a great way for me to relax and open my mind to new ideas.” If meditation or yoga isn’t your cup of tea, Monmouth University Fitness Center offers a number of other activities. In addition, Counseling and Psychological Services on Wed., Dec. 12, will offer its annual “De-Stress Fest.” The event runs from 1 to 4 p.m. in Anacon Hall and offers students health food, movies, prizes and the always popular free massages.

Whatever you do, don’t freak out, Arsdale says. Even if you find yourself with a tough final exam and a 15-page paper both due the next day. “You can always ask for help or even pray for strength and guidance,” Arsdale advises.



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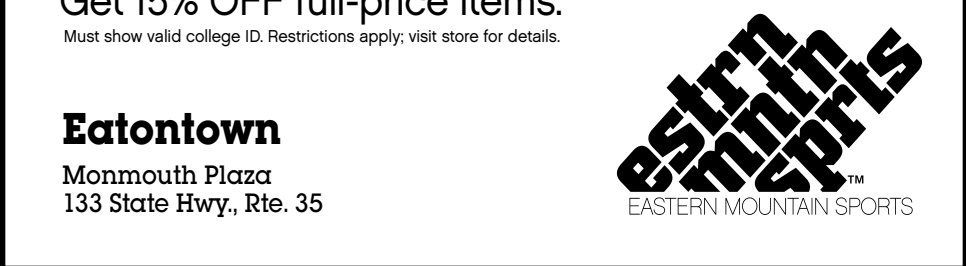
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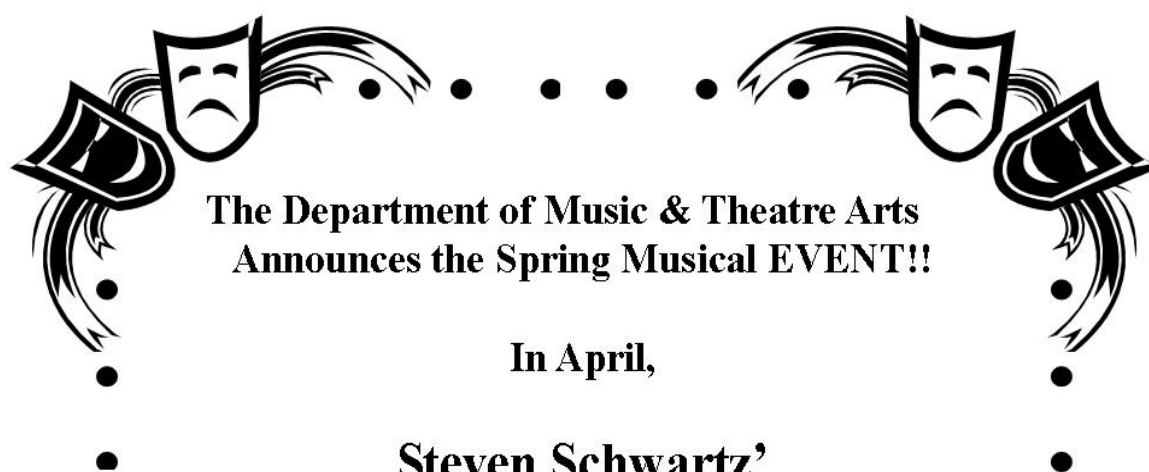
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Habitat for Humanity

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Also, this past weekend on December 8, a few members of the club helped out with a build which is going on in Wall. The students helped out with shoveling stones to cover the base of the house, before cement covers it. The house will take 9 months to build, so the members of Habitat plan to help whenever they can in the months to come. President Marina Wagner and Vice President Paige Sodano will be studying abroad for the spring semester, so Secretary Lisa Esposito and Treasurer Kathleen Fitzpatrick will be taking over until they get back. If you are interested in joining, it's still not too late, so please e-mail habitat@monmouth.edu, contact any of the students mentioned above, or the advisor of the club, Dr. Natalie Ciarocco. There is also a Facebook group called, Habitat for Humanity at Monmouth that any student is welcome to join. Thanks to those of you who have showed an interest in the club, and we hope to keep helping out as much as we can around the area!



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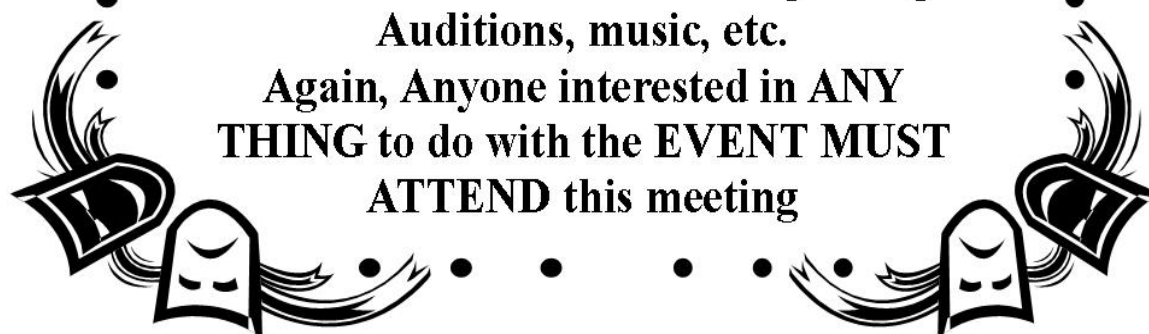
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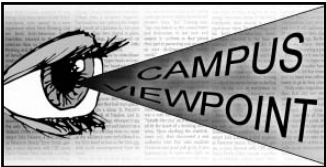
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Anna junior

"Going to Texas with Focus and getting gifts from Santa Claus."



Sarah freshman

"Hanging out with family and friends back home in South Jersey."



Katie junior

"Sleeping."



Cody sophomore

"Spending time with the family and enjoying the Christmas Spirit."



Harrison senior

"Going on a road trip of the East Coast and taking over the homes of my friends who span that glorious coast. Spring Break Wool!"



Linda senior

"Spending time with my family and traveling to NYC."



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Resident Assistant Information Session • 2:00 PM • The Underground
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Basketball

Women Fall Short at Buzzer

Tying shot for MU is no good as time expires, lose 61-58 to Sacred Heart

PRESS RELEASE

In a rematch of last season's NEC semifinal, the Monmouth women's basketball team fell to visiting Sacred Heart 61-58 in Boylan Gym, on Saturday afternoon. The Hawks fall to 1-7 and 0-1 in the NEC, while Sacred Heart improves to 4-4 overall and 1-0 in conference play.

Monmouth, which trailed by as many as nine points in the second half, had a three-point attempt by Jennifer Bender fall short at the buzzer, while Sacred Heart, which was in the bonus for the final 13 minutes of the second half, ended up 22-38 from the foul line in the game.

After Sacred Heart started with the opening basket, Monmouth registered the next five points to claim a 5-2 edge at 18:15, when Bender dropped in a layup. SHU's Maggie Cosgrove drilled a three-pointer at the top of the key to knot the score at 5-5, before Nyiamah Ware's trifecta put the Hawks back on top 10-7 with 16:03 remaining.

The Pioneers rattled off a 6-2 run over the next 3:30 to reclaim the lead, as Kaitlin Sowinski's three-point play gave SHU a 13-12 edge at 12:42. After Veronica Randolph's jumper gave Monmouth a 14-13 lead, Sowinski registered two straight hoops to give the Pioneers a 17-14 cushion with 9:19 left.

The Hawks knotted the score at 17-17 when Marisa Jimenez drained a wing three, but the Pioneers, powered by two Stephanie Ryan baskets, a Cosgrove trey and a Khalia Cain layup, corralled a 26-17 advantage with 5:55 showing.

Monmouth's 4:30 scoring draught ended when Randolph connected on a reverse layup at 4:30, while Bender's layuo pulled the Hawks within 26-23 with 3:06

remaining until the break. Rachel Ferdinand, who sat most of the first half with two early fouls, connected on a free throw with 2:23 remaining to make the score 28-26, but Alisa Apo's three-point play at 2:07, inflated Sacred Heart's cushion to 31-26.

Apo connected on two free throws with five ticks remaining to give the Pioneers a 34-26 edge, before Randolph's wing three-pointer at the buzzer trimmed the edge to 34-29 at the break.

The Pioneers increased their lead to seven points out of the



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Veronica Randolph had 12 points in 35 minutes in the losing effort against Sacred Heart.

break, 38-31, when Cain connected on a free throw at 19:04, but the Hawks scored six of the next seven points to pull within 39-37 at 16:37 on Bender's layup.

Apo's back-to-back baskets with 11:59 remaining tied the Pioneers' largest lead of the game, as SHU led 47-38, before Randolph connected on her second three of the contest to make the score 47-41 with 11:33 left, snapping a 3:10 scoreless draught for the Hawks.

Bender's consecutive layups made the tally 47-45 with 10:32

showing, and Ferdinand capped a 12-3 run with 6:26 left with a layup to knot the score at 50-50. Sacred Heart answered with the next seven points, four coming from the free throw line, to reclaim a 57-50 edge with 3:02 left.

Bender's layup and Randolph's bank with 2:12 left pulled the Hawks within 57-54. After forcing a shot clock violation, Ware's corner jumper made the score 57-56 with 1:17 showing, and after a SHU missed jump shot, Monmouth called timeout with 36.6 ticks left.

The Hawks then turned the ball over with 17.7 seconds left and were whistled for an intentional foul, and Cain connected on one free throw, pushing the advantage to 58-56. Forced to foul again, Lisa Moray stepped to the line and hit both free throws, giving the Pioneers a four-point edge with 10.6 ticks left.

Brooke McElroy's jumper pulled Monmouth within 60-58 with 2.3 seconds left, but Cosgrove's free throw with 1.4 seconds sealed the 61-58 win for the Pioneers, as three of the last four meetings between the two schools have been decided by five points or less.

Monmouth, which was 6-of-9 from the free throw line, had three players in double-figures, led by Bender's season-high 15 points and eight rebounds. Randolph finished with 12 points, while Ferdinand registered her first career double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Pioneers had two players record double-doubles, as Sowinski netted a team-high 15 points, while grabbing 10 boards. Ryan posted 14 points and 14 rebounds, while Apo and Cain netted 12 and 10 points respectively.

Monmouth returns to action on Sunday, December 16, when the Hawks host Drexel in non-conference action in Boylan Gym. Tip is set for 2:00 p.m.

Blue and White Shot Down by Quakers

Penn shoots 50 % from the floor in their 69-61 victory over MU

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It is crucial to convert down the stretch in any sport. This past Saturday, the Monmouth men's basketball team hosted Pennsylvania University and had a 40-36 lead with 12:30 remaining, but could not match the Quakers during crunch time, losing 69-61.

Penn opened the game with a 10-2 run, hitting four of its first five shots. Monmouth came right back with a run of their own, scoring the next seven points to

of foul shots, one coming from Jhamar Youngblood and the second coming from R.J. Rutledge.

Monmouth extended their lead to 30-26 after a three-pointer from the wing by Rutledge went down and an Alex Nunner baseline jumper was on target.

Penn answered back with two lay-ups from Brian Grandieri to tie the score at 30-30 with one minute remaining. A Whitney Coleman lay-up and a Youngblood fast break bucket put the Hawks ahead at the half 34-30.



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Jhamar Youngblood scored 13 of his team-high 15 points in the first half in the loss to Penn.

make the score 10-9 with 12:32 left before the halftime intermission.

The Quakers once again opened the lead over the next two minutes going up 16-11 before the Blue and White responded with a 9-4 run that tied the score at 20-20 with 7:16 left in the first half. The Hawks grabbed their first lead of the game with a pair

The Blue and White held a four-point lead with George Barbour's strong move to the basket, making the score 38-34. Grandieri converted a lay-up for the Quakers to cut the Monmouth lead to just two with 15 minutes remaining.










































Penn took the lead 42-40 with back-to-back lay-ups from Tyler Bernadini at the 7:52 mark. Monmouth regained the lead with a basket from Barbour before Penn scored on three straight possessions to go up 51-47 with 5:46 left in the contest.

The Hawks came within one point of the Quakers 52-51 before Penn went on a 10-0 run. With just 51 seconds remaining MU could do nothing to come back, losing 69-61.

Monmouth hit just nine field goals in the second half while Penn was on fire for the entire game, shooting 50 % from the field. Youngblood, who is fifth in the NEC in scoring with 16.8 points per game, had 15 points to lead the Blue and White.

The Hawks have three games left before the Christmas break. They will travel to Hartford on Tuesday, December 11, before hosting Rider on Saturday, December 15 and Florida Atlantic on Sunday, December 23.

Outlook's Weekly NFL Picks - Week 15

	Away	Philadelphia Eagles	New York Jets	Jacksonville Jaguars	Washington Redskins	Detroit Lions	Buffalo Bills	Atlanta Falcons	Arizona Cardinals
	Home	Dallas Cowboys	New England Patriots	Pittsburgh Steelers	New York Giants	San Diego Chargers	Cleveland Browns	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	New Orleans Saints
Eric (8-0 Last Wk) (67-37 Overall)									
Alex (8-0 Last Wk) (73-31 Overall)									
Jacqueline (7-1 Last Wk) (70-34 Overall)									
Lisa (8-0 Last Wk) (70-34 Overall)									
Mike (6-2 Last Wk) (65-39 Overall)									

A Word on Sports

Bold Predictions for 2008

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“This is the end, my only friend, the end.”
-Jim Morrison, The Doors

“Our life is an apprenticeship to the truth that around every circle another can be drawn; that there is no end in nature, but every end is a beginning, and under every deep a lower deep opens.”
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Great is the art of beginning, but greater is the art of ending.”
-Lazarus Long

“God, this semester can’t be over fast enough.”
-Me

I thought starting off with some quotes from three American icons, and well, me, would set the tone for this column. Fact is, the semester is almost over, and as we put our academic pursuits on a temporary hiatus, it’s time for me to look into my crystal ball and make predictions for the sports world for 2008.

1. Ohio State will win the National Championship against LSU.
2. Georgia will rip Hawaii in the Sugar Bowl, thus ending Hawaii’s “We’re being disrespected” attitude.
3. Football head coaches everywhere will come to the realization that the spread offense is wildly overrated.
4. ESPN and others will stop using the terms “Football Bowl Subdivision” and “Football Championship Subdivision” and go back to the much more sim-

pler “Division 1-A” and “Division 1-AA”.

5. 2008 Heisman Finalists: Chris Wells, Ohio State; Tim Tebow, Florida; Pat White, West Virginia; Chris Brown, Oklahoma.

6. 2008 Heisman Winner: Tim Tebow, Florida

7. Michigan will be coached by a Law School student.

8. Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weiss will escape South Bend, Indiana by discovering how to turn all the trash in America’s landfills into clean-burning gasoline that doesn’t pollute the environment.

9. About a week or so before the 2008 NFL draft, Giants head coach Bill Cowher will make a blockbuster deal that will land Arkansas running back Darren Mcfadden...

10. and in 2009, after Eli Manning has been declared a bust, the Giants will take Armani Edwards, quarterback from Appalachian State. (Armani to Amani. Imagine that quarterback-wide receiver combination.) That reminds me of another quote, this one courtesy of Mike Francesa: “The idea of bankrupting your team for a quarterback at the top of the draft is dangerous.” You’re preaching to the choir here, man.

11. That other New York football team, the Jets (I think they’re called) will draft Chris Long from Virginia, who, like anyone the Jets draft, will be major underachiever.

12. Super Bowl XLII Winner: (Going way out on limb here) New England Patriots. To quote Pats head coach Bill Belichick, “Correct.”

13. Despite winning the Super Bowl, the Patriots, some how, will end up with the first 10 picks of the NFL Draft.

14. The Cincinnati Bengals will forfeit all of their games next season because the entire team will be in jail.

15. The Knicks will give contract extensions to both Isiah Thomas and Stephon Marbury, as it has become clear to me and other Knicks fans (if they still exist) that owner James Dolan has an allergic reaction to winning.

16. I will buy a pair of Stephon Marbury’s sneakers. (\$15! You can’t beat it!)

17. New Yorkers will storm Madison Square Garden and seize control of the Knicks in a Castro-style coup d’etat.

18. One night, under the cover darkness, Jason Kidd will pack up his car and drive to Cleveland so that he can play with Lebron James.

19. Some North Jersey mob boss, who also happens to be a Nets fan, will professionally waste Jason Collins.

20. The New York Islanders will overtake the Devils and Rangers in popularity, making them the 15th most popular professional sports team in the New York area.

21. Some goalie with a European name that you’ve never heard of will morph into a living brick wall and lead his team to the Stanley Cup championship. Only a handful of people will notice.

23. Every player on every Major League Baseball roster will be traded EXCEPT Johan Santana.

24. I will end my last column of 2007 with this quote from George Will: “The future has a way of arriving unannounced.” Hey, at least I got one prediction right.

Track and Field Strong at Princeton Invitational

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The Monmouth University men’s and women’s track teams, competing in their first full squad meet of the 2007 winter track season, took on some of the best teams in the Northeast at the Princeton Invitational this weekend.

The women’s team was led by sophomore Jen Tarsan, whose triple jump of 38’ 2” was a person best and good enough for third highest in Monmouth history. Brittany Gibbs, who finished eighth in the triple jump event, was the second leg of the Hawks

second in the event, with a time of 3:55.00.

Stein also finished second in the 500 meter while Gibbs came in fifth. Latasha Leake earned two top-three finishes, one in the long jump, where she took second, and one in the high jump. She was edged out in the long jump by teammate Marykate Walsh, who finished second with a leap of 17’ 7 ½”.

On the men’s side, the Hawks were led former Christian Brothers Academy standout Chris Vuono, whose first place finish in the 500 meter earned him a birth in the IC4A Championships. He also anchored the first place 4X400 relay team, who turned in a time of 3:22.00.

Vuono’s performance in 500 meter did not overshadow teammate Reginald McLeod, who finished third in the event with a time of 1:05.65.

Tom Ciccoli set a new freshman record in the shot put with a throw of 51’ 0”, while Ed Skowronski finished third in the weight throw and sophomore Chris Taiwo took sixth in the 60m dash.

The two squads will take some time off before returning to action on January 11th when they travel to the Bronx to compete in the Fordham Collegiate Opener.



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Jen Tarsan’s triple jump of 38’ 2” was a personal best and was the third best jump in Monmouth history.

4X400 relay team along with Michele Losey, Illiana Blackshear and Crystal Stein. The team took



Come out and cheer on your Monmouth University IceHawks Hockey Team

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

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

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

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

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



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Thrown Into a "HEAVYWEIGHT" Battle



Ed Skowronski finished third in the weight throw at the Princeton Invitational against top competitors from Princeton University, Temple University, and TCNJ.

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