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University makes plans for the mansion on Norwood Avenue



PHOTO BY Paul Sisolak

President Gaffney doesn't live in this mansion on Norwood Ave due to the condition it is currently in.

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School officials are considering what the fate will be for one of the oldest buildings on campus.

The President's Mansion, located on Norwood Avenue adjacent to the Great Lawn, has sat empty and in disrepair for nearly three years, unlivable due to a faulty foundation.

The Monmouth University Board of Trustees, according to Vice President for Administrative Services

Patricia Swannack, are debating if an engineer's recent estimate of \$2 million is worth fixing the house's severe foundation and structural problems, which exist from the basement to the third floor.

A recent tour of the house with Swannack and Robert Cornero, associate vice president for Campus Planning and Construction, revealed a number of serious age-related problems. On the house's exterior, roof shingles are missing; columns are riddled with holes; and wood

bordering windows and corners is dry-rotted.

Nearly every wall on the mansion's inside is cracked, some on the upper floor so badly that rusted piping can be seen through them. Hardwood floors in the house slope from being warped, along with buckled wooden window and door frames that sit on bent angles.

What strikes both Swannack and Cornero as not only unsound, but dangerous, are the crumbling brick columns located in the basement that hold up the mansion's support beams.

When the house was built in the early 20th Century, sand from the local Long Branch beach was used to hold together the bricks. But almost a century later, salt content from the sand is slowly corroding the bricks.

That was the method of building back then, said Swannack.

Without the columns intact, noted Cornero, the entire house could potentially fall. There

is no structural integrity, he said. AYou've got bigger problems than just cosmetic ones.

Even renovations made decades ago have shown signs of damage. Water has leaked into aluminum siding on the outside of the house, coupled with front steps weakened from years of use. Dead wires protrude from modern lighting fixtures in several rooms.

Swannack said that the house was badly in need of repairs years ago when it was the University's School of Education. Past presidents McGill and Stafford later lived in the house during their respective tenures.

AYou could see where there were attempts to stabilize, she said. It wasn't a stellar facility even then.

The University Board of Trustees recently contracted the architectural firm of George Cooper Randolph with Cathy Daniels Zuckerman to perform feasibility studies on the house. When they presented an estimate of \$2 million to fix the house's foundation alone - not including other repairs - school officials balked.

It would be a foolish way to spend the university's resources, notes Cornero.

Still, while the mansion has not been officially condemned by Ocean Township, the university could not obtain the proper liability insurance or licensing to house more than 30 people in the building at a time, according to Swannack, leaving two choices: undergo a complete renovation, or leave the house alone.

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NCNW hosts Kwanzaa

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The National Council of Negro Women (Umoja-Nia chapter) presented the Annual Kwanzaa Celebration in Anacon Hall on Thursday, December 9, at 7 p.m. For first-time attendees and veterans alike, the celebration was both beautiful and informative.

"Kwanzaa is a celebration that unites family and the community," said Zena Bull, the president of the Umoja Nia (Unity and Purpose) chapter. "That is also the purpose of our organization. We hosted this event to bring everyone together." The ceremony started with opening remarks from Bull. She gave a brief overview of the holiday and what it celebrates. People from all races and ethnicities were present and welcomed with open arms by everyone. Then everyone was led in singing the Black National Anthem. After, Bull told everyone in attendance a brief history of the National Council of Negro Women and what they have accomplished for African Americans across the country.

The National Council of Negro Women was established on December 5, 1935, in New York City by Mary McLeod Bethune. Its original mission was to advance opportunities and the quality of life for African American women, their families and communities. Since its creation the National Council of Negro Women has grown to include more than 35 national and 250 community affiliations. Presently the council, whose headquarters is stationed Washington D.C., has more than four million women across the nation.

Kwanzaa is a non-religious African American holiday which celebrates family, community, and culture for seven days from December 26 to January 1. It was first instituted to pay homage to the ancestors of the African American community and their contributions to a society created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in December of 1966. "Kwanzaa," as said in the information pamphlet given at the ceremony, "was born out of the whirlwind of social and political changes of the sixties decade. The sixties represent one of many eras during which the African and African-American struggle for freedom and self-identity reached its historical peak. By creating Kwanzaa, Karenga sought to create a holiday specific to

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D Phi E raises cash for charity

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Delta Phi Epsilon's annual Lip Sync Contest was held Wednesday, December 8, in Pollak Theater at 10 p.m. Over \$1,800 was raised, and all profits went to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

From the shows opening act of *My Prerogative* by Britney Spears, performed by sisters of D Phi E, to its ending acts of two love birds and a Christmas medley, this year's annual lip syncing contest was a huge success. The show was co-hosted by D Phi E sisters Tara Weston and Maria Vacchiano.

When asked what her expectations for the night were, D Phi E sister April Chichelo stated that, "We just want to raise a lot of money for our philanthropy and we want everyone to have a good time."

The audience consisted of a

mixed crowd of athletes, fraternities, sororities, parents, friends, and students just looking to have some fun. Every act was greeted with screams, cheering, and immense support from the crowd.

Among the performers were the Monmouth Dance team, sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha, Lambda

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APRIL CHICHELO
Sister of D Phi E

Theta Phi, Monmouth cheerleaders, DPE, and a group called The Lovebirds. Each act lip synced songs from various artists such as Christina Milian, Britney Spears, and Mariah Carey as they danced to a variety of self-choreographed routines.

Act after act, the crowd was brought to their feet while singing and dancing along to the music. All of the work put in by the performers was easily shown as one of the performers, Dino Flammia stated, "We spent hours and hours practicing our routine."

He also stated that, "We are different because we are not a



PHOTO BY Alyson Goode

Sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha performed a Christmas Medley at Delta Phi Epsilon's annual Lip Sync Contest.

fraternity or cheerleaders, but just five guys having fun." Apparently the judges felt the same because they awarded Dino along with the rest of his team with the 1st place award of \$100. The talented quintuplet performed their routine to songs by boy bands, oldies, and Motown as the crowd was brought to their feet for a standing ovation.

Roberta Carlin, a Monmouth student attending the show felt that, "The performance by The Lovebirds was wholesome and

pure and it showed that they truly worked hard on it and deserved to win."

Second place was given to the Monmouth University dance team, and third place went to the sisters of ZTA with their Christmas medley.

In all, the night was a success with entertaining and talented acts, raffles and prizes given away to the audience. Not only was it a fun night for all to enjoy, but a meaningful and charitable one as well.

Top Five College Bowl winners will compete in Regionals

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The top five scorers of the Monmouth University College Bowl tournament will be competing in the Regional College Bowl tournament on February 18 and 19 at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

They will be competing against the top five scorers from 20 other schools in the region who participated in the nationwide program.

Freshman Amiee Babbin, Junior Joe Bucher, Senior Ryan Campbell, Freshman Matthew Zorner, and Junior Alex Biese were the top five contestants in the campus' tournament. There were eleven teams of four and the winning team was Sigma Tau Gamma. However, the final five are all joining together from different teams.

Mike Patterson, Associate Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations, who also runs the College Bowl program on campus, said, "We take the best performers from all of the teams. There is a formula that exists to identify the best performers by how many questions they heard, how many rounds they played, and their strength. Basically, it's a power rating of the strength of each player. We take the top five performing students from all the eleven teams."

Bucher is the only contestant in the top five from the winning team. He received the second highest score out of all of participants of the tournament. Babbin was the power scorer, receiving the highest number of points in each round and overall. Her team, JAMS, placed second in the campus tournament. Campbell was the third highest scorer, Zorner was the fourth, and Biese was the fifth.

College Bowl is a nationwide academic trivia tournament. Three-Hundred schools participate and there are 15 regional areas. In order for a school to participate in the regional tournament,



PHOTO BY Ryan Scally

Top five scorers will compete in the Regional Tournament.

they have to host a campus tournament. The school then sends their top five scorers or winning team to the regional tournament. Each region has their own tournament and the top two teams from the regional tournament will compete in nationals which will be held in Seattle, Washington. The final winners of the national tournament will be named the national

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RYAN CAMPBELL
Monmouth Senior

champions.

Patterson said, "[The tournament] is a lot like Jeopardy except it has a lot of different types of categories but you don't know what category is coming up. It's already in a predetermined order in its random order in the type of question that is coming up.

There are questions from your

standard academic types of things like history and philosophy, but also throws in pop culture and sports."

Preparation for the tournament is decided by the contestants. There is no set practice for them to study or learn the most effective strategies. Patterson said he suggests they figure out each others strengths and weaknesses in terms of who will be delegated to answer questions in a particular subject area. He said it is also important to learn strategies, for example how to handle the situation of being either behind or ahead of the game.

Monmouth will pay for the contestants to participate at the regional competition. They do not have the money in their budget to send students to nationals, however there are some scholarships for the College Bowl program the students can apply for. If they win, Patterson said he will inquire about the school assisting in funding their trip to nationals or may ask a few departments at the school to contribute.

Campbell is excited about the opportunity. He said, "I feel lucky to be in the top 5, as well as proud that we will be able to represent Monmouth at the regional tournament. The college bowl tournament has been fun, and I am looking forward to continued success at regionals."

Formation of the Jewish Advisory Council Informs Peers

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The university recently announced the formation of a Jewish Advisory Council aimed at running programs based on Jewish Culture for the 2004-2005 year.

Dr. Eugene Simko of Business Management and Dr. Robert Youdin of the Social Work Department now serve as co-chairs on this committee, along with an advisory board comprised of students and faculty members.

"A program in Jewish Culture is crucial. It will enhance our cultural awareness and our global understanding," said Associate Vice President for Academic Program Initiatives Dr. Saliba Sarsar.

The programs seek to reach out to the surrounding community that has encircled the University for over 30 years. "It will make us more distinguished in the communities and build better bridges..." Sarsar said.

Under Sarsar's initiative, and in accordance with Congregation Magen David of West Deal, Monmouth ran a one-week program last summer of Jewish culture that sparked the formation of a council that could bring future programs to fruition. The exhibit included Sephardic Music, a showing of *The Last Morranos*, and facsimiles of the Aleppo Bible Codex, the oldest Hebrew Bible text that was partially burned in a synagogue in Aleppo, Syria. "It was truly impressive," recalls Sarsar.

"I am honored to be a part of this council, and in a way, feel as a humble ambassador to a culture long overdue to become yet another part of our University's rich portfolio of intellectual inquiry," explained Simko.

Dr. Simko has been affiliated with Hillel Yeshiva High School of Ocean Township for four years as a teacher of Business Management. "The Hillel faculty is very supportive of nurturing an educational relationship with the University, and I am in a position to make that hap-

pen as our council begins its work," he said.

Co-chair Dr. Youdin, who joined the Monmouth Faculty this year after teaching at Fordham University explained, "Monmouth University is in the center of a huge Jewish population...and we are part of the community also." Now in a secular school, he says that this committee wants to reach out to all students whether Jewish or Non-Jewish.

The first part of this year's program was a screening on Tuesday, December 7 of *Secret Lives*, a documentary highlighting the bravery of Christian families that housed Jewish children when Nazis occupied Europe in World War II.

Junior Brian Weinberg said that programs reflecting his heritage would help him connect better with the University. "This is definitely necessary because it will allow the bureaucracy of the school to have insight on Jewish Culture," said Weinberg.

Dr. Sarsar also explained the motivation for this committee is to promote Jewish culture and not religiosity. "This is not a religious council...the focus here is on culture which encompasses religion, arts, language and so on," asserts Sarsar.

The committee also said that they hope to be able to hold a public forum where students could discuss the Israeli and Palestinian peace process. "We're looking to initiate a dialogue group between Arabs, Jewish people, and anybody else who would like to be included in that dialogue to explore new dialogue of understanding each other's culture," explained Youdin. Youdin added that they would like to have Christian representatives who could contribute to "peaceful dialogue and conflict resolution."

Upcoming programs include a Klezmer concert of Eastern European influenced music on February 17, and a summer exhibit of artifacts from surrounding congregations.

"I'm excited about this effort," said Sarsar, and he applauded the support given from President Paul G. Gaffney II and Academic Provost Thomas S. Pearson.

MEET MU: Kristine Simoes

Specialist Professor of Communication

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
STAFF WRITER

Professor Kristine Simoes is a specialist professor of communication at Monmouth University.

"I bring a skill set from my field to the academic curriculum here, so aside from the theoretical course work in communication I come from a public relations corporate background," said Professor Simoes. "I bring this skill set from the field to the classroom."

Professor Simoes teaches such courses as public relations writing, public relations campaign, and introduction to public relations at Monmouth University. This semester, she teaches trends in public relations, and next semester she will teach a layout design class.

"Primarily everything I teach, more than half of it comes from field applicable experience," she said.

This is Professor Simoes's sixth year at Monmouth University, as well.

Originally from Kenilworth, New Jersey, Professor Simoes received both her undergraduate and graduate education at Rowan University where her major was corporate public relations.

"One of my hobbies each summer is to teach myself new software so I can keep current in my field," said Professor Simoes. One of her past software learning endeavors was Dream weaver, and at the moment she is learning Adobe In-Design. In addition to this, she also spends her spare time working on projects for small businesses.

Before working at Monmouth University, Professor Simoes was a director of Public Relations for a computer school.

"I oversaw all their marketing and promotions," said Professor Simoes. "I also did some student training there for career preparation."

At the computer school, she taught students such skills as how to assemble their resumes and cover letters.

"I did do career seminars in the computer school," added Profes-

sor Simoes. She helped people do such things as put an interview together.

In addition to teaching her classes, Professor Simoes is involved in other ways at Monmouth University.

"I am a department advising coordinator working under Lorna Schmidt. I teach several special topics classes in addition to the regular course load here and I am also the department's web maven," she said.

"I also produce a lot of the collaterals for the department like brochures, newsletters, and faculty web pages," Professor Simoes added.

She also serves on the special events committee with a number of her colleagues.

Professor Simoes is currently studying to earn Accreditation to Public Relations (APR) certification.

"This is the best job I ever had. I love it here. I love everything about it here. I love the students, I love my colleagues, and I love the Communication program."

KRISTINE SIMOES
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

"I am studying for Accreditation in Public Relations through the Public Relations Society of America (P.R.S.S.A.)," she explained. She is hoping to take this exam in the spring.

She also keeps busy with her husband Tom and her two children Grace Ann and Tom, Jr. She has a lot of love for her family and often jokes about the funny things her son will learn to say or how impressed she is with her daughter having a strong vocabulary and enjoying educational programming on television.

Professor Simoes enjoys everything about her position at Monmouth University and looks forward to the new semester.

"This is the best job I ever had," said Simoes. "I love it here. I love everything about it here. I love the students, I love my colleagues, and I love the communication program."



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Professor Kristine Simoes in her office which is located in the Communication Department.

The first semester for two new languages is coming to an end

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Students at Monmouth are taking two new language courses this semester and the reasons for their participation in the studies are as different as the languages are from each other.

Two of the newest classes offered by the Department of Foreign Language Studies are Arabic and Portuguese. These classes were added while no classes were removed. Monmouth still offers Spanish, Italian, French, German, Latin, and Hebrew was also implemented.

The additions were necessary according to the Chair of the Department, Priscilla Gac-Artigas, who said, “Arabic and Portuguese are languages that are nowadays highly in demand.”

The reason for the demand of the languages is very different, however. Arabic is a course that is growing popular amongst those who are in the Criminal Justice major. Gac-Artigas said, “Most students taking the course are interested in working for the Government agencies.”

Joe Franchi is a senior at Monmouth and a Criminal Justice major who decided to take Arabic as one of his cross-cultural classes. “It’s good to have a specialty,” he

said. Portuguese is a language that is growing increasingly important in the business community. Professor for the Portuguese class, Julia Riordan-Goncalves, said, “Brazil is one of the fastest-growing economies in the world, and there are

“Arabic and Portuguese are languages that are nowadays highly in demand.”

PRISCILLA GAC-ARTIGAS
Chair of the Department

many opportunities for American businesses to invest and develop there.”

The languages are very different from each other. Riordan-Goncalves said, “Portuguese is a Romance language, and so is very similar to French, Spanish, and Italian. Learning Portuguese is not more difficult than learning another Romance language.”

Learning Arabic, however, is not as easy. Gac-Artigas said, “You have to learn a new alphabet

and how to write with it, how to connect the letters to create words. It requires much more work and dedication than that of learning a Romance language.”

Franchi, who took three years of Spanish in high school, also points out, that among other differences, the Arabic language has 28 letters as compared to the 26 that he was used to.

The motive behind the students taking the classes is not limited to just the criminal justice and business fields, though. There are students in each class who are interested in their classes because their families are historically from the areas that speak the language.

There are 18 people taking Arabic this semester while 12 are enrolled for next semester. Only the elementary level of Arabic is available. “We are planning to offer 101, 102, and 201, 202, that is elementary and intermediate levels next year,” said. Gac-Artigas.

There are currently 6 students enrolled in the Portuguese class.

Portuguese is also of interest to those interested in the practice of Capoeira, and there is already a club at Monmouth. The Clubs and Organizations page on Monmouth University’s website says, “Capoeira is an eclectic martial art that simulates dance-like movements.”

Pamela Alexis Markowitz Award given to Nevin Navarro

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The Pamela Alexis Markowitz Award was awarded to its first recipient on December 9, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. in McAllan Hall.

Gail Markowitz, mother of Pamela, said the award was created in the memory of her daughter’s spirit and enthusiasm in the senior class. Pamela passed away over the summer in a car accident.

“[The award was created] in memory of my daughter because of her spirit and enthusiasm that she has had in the class and not so much for grade point and academics but just because how much she wanted to learn and her enthusiasm towards that and making the professors themselves enthusiastic,” said Gail Markowitz.

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Professor Brion Sever, said that the Pamela Alexis Markowitz Award was an award that was based upon being positive as well as who the students viewed as being the best co-worker.

“It is an award not just about GPA or service. It’s an award actually based on who the students see will be the best co-worker,” said Professor Sever. “Somebody who is going to be positive and will make the day go better for you...,” he added.

The Pamela Alexis Markowitz Award was created between both the Criminal Justice Department as well as Pamela’s parents, John and Gail Markowitz.

John Markowitz, father of Pamela, said, “We would like to thank the college, the president, the board and Mary Anne Nagy for allowing us to go forth with this. As they were aware it would be beneficial and influential for the school.”

“This is the first process in a long process in doing things to try to impact people and policy just through Pamela. This is the first stage starting with just impacting students and having an award named after her,” said Professor Sever.

John Markowitz also added that

scholarship money would be coming from her job and also he noted, “There will [also] be a formal state recognized foundation formed in about the next six months...It would be a scholarship fund.”

The winner for this award was selected by the Senior Seminar CJ490 class.

Professor Sever explained the criteria upon how the winner was selected.

“The real requirement is that the person they select has the most positive energy that they [students] would want to work with while they are out. The person who goes out

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MIKE URBANSKI
Monmouth Senior

of their way to talk to other people [and] to get to know everybody regardless of who they are,” said Professor Sever. “It is about character and personality.”

“It’s going to recognize who had the biggest impact on other students,” added Professor Sever.

Gail Markowitz described her feelings towards this award.

“I am just really proud. This is to me a legacy in a way of carrying on her memory,” she said. “This is something that is going to carry on into the future.”

“She was a very unselfish person. She put other people ahead of herself all the time,” said John Markowitz.

“The main thing that she did was her teamwork because she was always a team worker. She would always want everything to be right. If somebody was negative about it she would try to influence them to try

get along and try to make anything work,” Gail Markowitz added.

“It was more a positive energy she had that influenced people to also want to learn,” said Gail Markowitz of why this award is special.

“It’s not based on GPA, it is based on personality,” explained Professor Sever of why he considered the award to be honorable.

Mike Urbanski, a senior at Monmouth University as well as a friend of Pamela Markowitz, described his thoughts about the award.

“I think it is great. When you care you go somewhere in life. And that was the foundation Pam built her life on. I think it’s great that it is being done,” said Urbanski.

In reaction to the presentation of the award he said, “For me being there, it was an honor seeing them live on her presence.”

The Pamela Alexis Markowitz Award will be awarded in the fall and spring semester.

The first recipient of the Pamela Markowitz Award was Nevin Navarro.

MU gives back to the community this holiday season

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Throughout the months of November and December, Monmouth University has been involved in numerous fundraisers to help the needy during the holiday season.

Toys for Tots, the Giving Tree, adopting families, and collection drives are the most prominent programs around campus.

Toys for Tots is a program which asks for new, unwrapped toys to be donated. The

police department is in charge of running this program. There have been boxes set up there in which toys have been donated. The toys are then given to needy children in the area. Freshmen seminar classes, National Council of Negro Women and African American Student Union

Head Start in Asbury Park, NJ, to hand out gifts they collected to 70 children at the Betty J. Griffin Center.

Members of the Student Government Association (SGA) organized the Giving Tree. SGA has been doing this for many years. The process of the Giving Tree consists of tags on Christmas tree that contain an age of a child. Anyone who wanted to could have participated and bought the gift for their specific age assigned to their tag.

The gifts are then brought to Student Services and then distributed amongst homeless and needy families from Long Branch through the public schools, St. Vincent dePaul Society, Manna House (a homeless center for women and children), Aslan Youth ministries, and other organizations.

Many departments of Monmouth and student groups actually adopted entire families also. They provide them with food and gifts for the holiday season. Some of the student organizations that participated in this were the Inter-Greek Council, RHA, the Catholic Centre, SAB, the Student Alumni Association and athletic teams.

Collection drives have also been put together to collect books and food for the less fortunate. Monmouth University’s International

Reading Association will be visiting Head Start in Long Branch to read and give out books to preschoolers.

There have been a number of food drives through out campus organized by groups such as the Psychology club, SAA, Lambda Theta Alpha, EOF, and the Catholic Centre. The food and other items such as gift certificates and diapers that they collected will be donated to Long Branch families and also to the public schools.

The Bookstore also has sponsored for six years “Give a Little” food drive. Anyone who donates five cans of food will receive 25% off imprinted merchandise through the holiday season. These donations also go to the disadvantaged families of Long Branch. Marilyn Ward coordinator of Service Learning and Community Programs

plied, “Kathy Booth and everyone in the bookstore are extremely supportive of outreach programs.”

The Catholic Centre is having a party held by the Missionaries of Charity. They are looking for people to help out during the party on Saturday, December 18. Contact the Catholic Centre for more information.

Marilyn Ward said, “There has been a tremendous response this year from student groups who have taken community needs seriously. Holiday giving brings our students face to face with poverty and can lead to a greater understanding of the issues that surround it.”



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SGA Giving Tree located in Student Center.



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The deadline to submit completed Budget Requests is February 3rd, 2005.

For more information, call the SGA finance chair at 732-923-4701

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Kwanzaa celebration in Anacon Hall

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the growth and development of African Americans." After Dr. Karenga founded the cultural community in the U.S., he began to research African "first fruit" celebrations. To form the basis for Kwanzaa, "Karenga combined aspects of several different harvest celebrations, such as those of the Ashanti and the Zulu."

The seven principles of Kwanzaa, called Nguzo Saba, were a set of ideals created by Dr. Karenga.

Umoja, or unity, is to strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race. Kujichagulia, or self-determination, is to define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.

Ujima, or collective work and responsibility, is to build and maintain our community together and make our brothers' and sisters' problems our problems and to solve them together. Ujamaa, or cooperative economics, is to build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together. Nia, or purpose, is to make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness. Kuumba, or creativity, is to do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

Finally, there is Imani, or faith, which is to believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

TaNisha Burnett, vice president of

the NCNW, introduced a guest speaker. Michelle Washington-Wilson was there to tell the audience of her own experiences and how the ideals of Kwanzaa relate to our society today. A former alumnus of Monmouth University, she connected well with the audience and was a very passionate and knowledgeable woman. She read poetry, told stories of her own celebrations of Kwanzaa, gave gift ideas, and explained the symbols used in Kwanzaa.

The symbols used in the Kwanzaa celebration are derived from Swahili. The Mkeka is the straw mat on which the other symbols are placed. The mat represents the earth and is in the shape of a fish, symbolizing life. The Muhindi are ears of corn placed on the mat. They represent the children in the household. The amount of children there are in the family is equal to the number of corn ears used. The Kikombe Cha Umoja is the community unity cup used in the libation ceremony. The Kinara is a candleholder which houses a collection of seven candles called Mishumaa Saba. Three of the candles are red, symbolizing blood. Three of the candles are green, representing the land and the last is black, symbolizing the people. These three colors are the same colors present on the African American flag brought about by Marcus Garvey in the Universal Negro Movement. The youngest child in the family is always the one to light the candles every night. This is to incorporate them into celebration. The last symbol is Zawadi, meaning gifts. The gifts given to one another during Kwanzaa have to be handmade by a person of color and come from the heart. Mrs. Wilson said that some ex-

amples of Zawadi are greeting cards, books, food, or services. Children should traditionally receive African based books or music to help them better understand their heritage.

Following the speaker, the NCNW presented a short skit entitled, "A Kwanzaa Carol." Taken from the play "A Christmas Carol," the skit centered around a college girl who was conflicted about the celebration of Kwanzaa. She didn't understand the point of it or why it was important to celebrate. During the night she was visited by seven ghosts, symbolizing of the seven ideals of Kwanzaa. The ghosts, who were represented by modern day African American icons, such as Maya Angelou, Oprah Winfrey, and Thurgood Marshall, came to the student's room throughout the night to tell her about Kwanzaa and her African American culture. By the end of the skit the student understood the meaning of Kwanzaa and wants to introduce it to her family.

The last event of the night was the libation ceremony. This was the point in the evening where Washington-Wilson shared with everyone the importance of this particular ceremony. The Kikombe Cha Umoja, or community unity cup, is filled with water, rum, coconut juice, or any other drink. It is then poured into either a saucer or the ground a little bit at a time, each time saying the name of an ancestor or someone who has passed away.

As the night ended, Hara Lavan, advisor of the NCNW gave closing remarks. Everyone received a door hanger adorned with the seven principles of Kwanzaa on them to remind us all of the holiday and its importance.

Secret Lives documentary presented

NATALIE ANZAROUTH
STAFF WRITER

"It's a wonderful start to our film series," Associate Vice President for Academic Initiatives Dr. Saliba Sarsar said of the *Secret Lives* documentary screening Tuesday, December 7, at 1:00 p.m. in Wilson Auditorium.

The film was shown as part of the Jewish Culture initiative that the University has taken on this year by the Jewish Advisory Council, and highlighted the bravery of Christian families who housed Jewish children during Nazi occupied Europe in World War II.

"This somehow exemplifies what Monmouth is and wants to become, in the sense of everyone being involved in this program," Dr. Sarsar said.

The choice of this film was suggested by Dr. Robert Youdin, who serves as co-chair, along with Sarsar, on the Jewish Council. Youdin explained that the final decision to show this film was based on the "compassion of Christian families."

Secret Lives was directed and produced by Aviva Slesis, a hidden child of the Holocaust herself. The docu-

mentary stated that there were approximately 1.5 million Jewish children living in Eastern Europe prior to the war, where only one out of ten survived. One woman, named Julia Melcer, described a conversation she had with the woman who agreed to shelter her daughter Alice. "I said to the lady who took her in, you can punish her, you can christen her, you can do whatever you want--only keep her alive."

One rescuer, Marlon Pritchard said, "I saw the Nazis loading children into a truck; One little girl they picked up by her pigtails and threw in. It was then I decided to do something."

The film explained that children who were hidden during the Holocaust were warned not to reveal their true identities, as they and the families who were sheltering them would have been killed by Nazi law. Flora Hogman, a hidden child, said, "One day the teacher asked who was Jewish. I didn't raise my hand. My friend did, and three days later her whole family was taken away."

After the war, children were taken to Jewish orphanages or reunited with a surviving family member, if there were any. The film explained

that families who saved Jewish children were not reunited until years after the war. Emotional scenes showed the survivors revisiting the rooms where they lived in silence. One scene showed a survivor opening up an armoire he hid in that was no deeper than a couple of feet wide.

Graduate student Shannon McCullough said, "I liked the parts when they reunited."

Fifty-five people attended, according to Sarsar, including members from the surrounding communities and President Paul G. Gaffney II.

"I enjoyed it very much," he said and added that he was happy with the member of attendants. "I noticed people were emotionally taken by it," he noted, as many students walked out of the auditorium in tears. He also said that he thought the film was a "good teaching tool" for fields of psychology and social work, in the sense that it showed human compassion. "I think we should continue running programs like this," Gaffney said.

An upcoming movie is *Cup Final*, to be shown in April, which Dr. Youdin says will be "introductory" for next year's theme of "new dialogue for peace."

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Check-in for the December 16th exam will begin at 8:45 a.m.
Check-in for the December 17th exam will begin at 4:15 p.m.

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

Eligibility Requirements for the Exam

In general, you are eligible to take the December 2004 WPE if and only if you meet all three of the following conditions:

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Eligibility Announcement for Incoming Transfer Students

The faculty recently approved changes to the Writing Proficiency requirement that are effective May 1, 2004. One of these changes affects incoming transfer students and the WPE.

Qualified incoming transfer students who start at Monmouth on September 7, 2004 (Fall 2004), may take the December 16/17, 2004, WPE or any WPE thereafter.

Qualified incoming transfer students who start at Monmouth on January 18, 2005 (Spring 2005), may NOT take the December 16/17, 2004, WPE; however, they are eligible to take the May 5/6, 2005, WPE or any WPE thereafter.

Requirements for Attempting the Exam

The mandatory **reading set** for the WPE will be available at the University Bookstore for a minimal fee, beginning Monday, November 29, 2004. Before the exam, students must purchase and read the reading set, and must bring it to the examination.

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

Resources for Preparing for the Exam

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

The Writing Office will offer three **information workshops** about the WPE at which the format and expectations of the exam are explained and at which you can ask questions in person. The sessions will be held on Thursday, December 2, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, December 8, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.; and Monday, December 13, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. All sessions will be held in the Student Center, room 202B.

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*graduating senior with
a concrete life plan*

Russell Van Sweden
Stevens Institute of Technology
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“I started with Langan Engineering as a summer intern through a career fair. Langan called me for an interview and I was impressed with the company and took the job as an intern. For the first part of the summer, I worked out in the field, performing nuclear compaction tests, which was required in order to pour foundations for a school Langan was building. The second half of the summer, I worked on site plans in AutoCad computer program, which was part of a demolition package. I would also perform site inspections from time to time. Well I begin my full-time position at Langan on June 6, which is a week after graduation. I will start off living at home to save up for a house in the future. It’s going to be different with more of a constant schedule, unlike college with class times varying from semester to semester. The plus side of that is a constant income which I will be saving, hopefully.”



*budding freshman with
new found knowledge*

Bianca Ceralvo
Stanford University
Human Biology

“My freshman year has been very exciting! There are a lot of interesting professors whom I’ve been inspired by, but classes are what you make out of them. We get homework before the material is even discussed, but I’ve been lucky to have a T.A. live in the same building as me. I have a locked-in group of friends... but you meet so many new people in school. There are many amazing talents here you won’t believe. Everyone has some incredible story behind their personas, which you wouldn’t know until you Google their name. Stanford has many traditions like the Full Moon on the Quad: seniors kissing freshmen on the first full moon of the year.. which ends up being sketchy but ridiculously fun. Another one is our rivalry against U.C. Berkley who has such deeprooted hatred for us, but someone forgot to tell Stanford about it. If given the chance to redo the college application process again, I wouldn’t want to apply anywhere else. I don’t know how I did it... writing those applications in English after being in Japan for seven months. I’m glad I’m here.”



*ambitious woman with
bigger fish to fry*

Hanalei Ramos
Temple University
Secondary Education, ESL, American Literature

“I plan on moving back to Jersey City to save money and pay off my debts until I’m 26 by working in J.C. Public Schools. Perhaps poetize in New York City for side money and maybe attend graduate school in the area. I really want to move to Atlanta, the Bay, Hawaii, or Cuba. So after 26 is when everything starts for me. I did co-op in Philadelphia. The tricky thing about education is that you’re either a teacher or you’re not. It’s not something that can be learned. Sure, you can study theory all day, but because it’s a very different, personal situation with every teacher, the books you read don’t mean anything! So, luckily, the program I attended includes a practicum... so that will help. I’m considering a teacher fellows program or “Teach for America” afterwards to gain that skill set.”



*hardworking junior with
a promising future*

Emmanuel Colon
Stevens Institute of Technology
Junior
Mechanical Engineering

“The main reason why I applied to Stevens was because of its Co-op Program. It not only teaches you the basics of how to apply for a job, it shows you how to interview and handle yourself in a working environment, Something you can’t get from reading a textbook. What I do in my current job at Stryker Corporation is help out my team with designs of instruments ranging from the knee, hip, upper extremities, prototypes, and trauma. I also help manage and maintain our rapid prototypes machines which creates plastic parts for other engineers at work. Finally, I am working on design controls for my team’s products so that we are able to ship out the products internationally without having to file for paper work every time. I was able to get my hands dirty. And with this technical experience, versus the dry textbook reads, comes a great impression on real world education and work ethics.”



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Time to graduate, already?

DANIELLE D'ANDREA
ASST. FEATURES EDITOR

For many seniors this semester, the holiday season marks a bittersweet time. It will be a time for family, friends, celebration, and saying goodbye to our Monmouth University. Monmouth has become a second home for many of us. Many have met husbands, bridesmaids, and friends that will last a lifetime. We have been through the good, the bad, and the ugly, yet we were able to see and experience so much while we were here.

We saw Monmouth sports take off, both the basketball and football teams' were amazing year last year. We saw Greek unity finally happen. We saw the development and completion of both the tunnel connecting the dorms to the main campus and the Jules L. Plangere Jr. Center for Communication and Instructional Technology. We survived a blackout and a spring semester that seemed like the snow would never end. We saw President Gaffney begin his presidency and the 2004 Presidential election. We saw the pub close and we became able to register for classes online. We survived tragedy and the wake of September 11 together as a tight-knit community.

And now we are more prepared to go and make our mark in the "real world." But do we, the graduates, think that we are ready? Well if we aren't, we only have another week to prepare ourselves.

Some seniors will be finishing their undergraduate career in just seven short days. Then what? Well, some will get a job, some will go to graduate school, while others will take some time to relax and travel. A good portion of graduates this December, myself included, will be hightailing it into the real world. Time to get a job. It's a scary thought. No longer are we children. No longer can we rely on our parents to pay for things or to support us financially. We now must pay our own health insurance. We now must transfer everything into our own names. We are responsible for us. I am responsible for me. What a scary thought. Now, there's no one to blame but ourselves.

At the same time, we did it. Some of us will march off in seven days to a job. Others may not be so lucky, but most aren't worried. Right now it's the holiday season. Very few employers hire during the holiday season, unless they are filling a much needed opening. Many people go on vacation, relax with their families, and just aren't thinking about work. It happens. So for those, like me, who don't have a job, don't worry. Keep trying. Keep your head up. We were prepared well. We'll do fine. (Just keep telling yourself that - it works for me!) We do have an added bonus: we get a head start over those who aren't graduating by May. Just something to keep in mind when job hunting gets you down.

Also, there have been reports that the economy might slowly begin to start looking up. It's begun very slowly and will hopefully continue. With the economy hopefully doing better, the onset of jobs will also come. Will the economy's sudden boost last? Only time will tell. Keep your fingers crossed.

There are some that are holding off on going into the real world and are going to graduate school right away. "Better to get [graduate school] done and over with while I'm still in the school mindset," one business student said. Many though, in fact, are waiting until the fall to go back to school and gaining "life experience." Tracy Sullivan, sister of Phi Sigma Sigma and Communication major said, "I plan on going to the University of South Florida in the fall, but I'm traveling in the meantime."

Graduate school is a good idea, especially when we are already in the school mindset. Graduate programs, depending on what you're going for, can last from one to three years and longer if you're going part-time. No matter what you seniors decide on doing, our newfound sense of independence, although scary, can be self-rewarding. We worked VERY HARD to get to where we are now. We studied, we wrote papers, and we did presentations. We sat through lectures. We worked our tails off to graduate. Some a semester early, others a semester or more late, and still some on time.

So cherish these next seven days, and make the most of them. This is college - the best years of your life. We will take the past four (more or less) with us forever: the friends we made, the experiences we had, the parties we went to and even the professors we learned from. Thank you Monmouth for trying to prepare us for the real world. Thank you for giving us experiences we will never forget. Thank you for being understanding and realizing we are college kids. Thank you for teaching us what we need to know. After all, we've tried. But bottom line, we're graduating.

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A reflection on 2004

Global news and campus events highlights!

As the year comes to a close, it’s hard not to reflect over all of the people and events that made 2004. It’s amazing to look back and see how much can happen in the world and on our campus in 52 weeks. Let’s look back at some of the events that made this year one to remember.

Perhaps the greatest event of 2004 was the presidential election. While politicians, the media, and professors alike pushed for a larger youth turnout, our age group still only comprised 17% of the voting pool. Here at MU, President Gaffney made a significant effort to register the student body with his successful “Stand Up and Be Counted” campaign. In the end, Bush emerged victorious and the Republicans gained control of congress.

The war in Iraq continued to rage on in the last twelve months. This year boasted several of the deadliest months for U.S. soldiers. In an effort to win, the president

implemented a stop loss, forcing many soldiers to remain in uniform long after their discharge date. There was a lot of talk about the draft, but at the time of publication nothing had come of it.

Several notable people passed away in 2004. Ronald Reagan, the nation’s former president died last summer at the age of 91. He

“It’s amazing to look back and see how much can happen in 52 weeks...2004 marked many firsts for (MU).”

was mourned by the nation as his coffin was open for viewing in DC for several days.

Later in the year Yasser Arafat, the leader of Palestine died in Paris at the age of 75. Christopher Reeve, Rodney Dangerfield, Ray Charles, and

Marlon Brando also died in 2004.

On campus, 2004 marked many firsts for the university. Last spring was the first time the university allowed students to register for classes via the internet. Hundreds of students logged onto web advisor to try their hand at scheduling. While there were a few problems here and there, the new method was considered suc-

cessful.

This year’s Homecoming celebration marked the first time an openly gay student (Joe Corcione) rode in the Homecoming Parade as a top 3 candidate for Homecoming King, and it was also the first time a non-Greek organization (WMCX) won the float building contest.

There was a bit of sadness on the MU campus this year as the Blue Hawk Pub closed its doors last spring. Java City moved into that space and was open to welcome students in September. Since then it has played host to dozens of SAB events and served hundreds of cups of coffee.

It was a great year for MU sports. The men’s basketball team made it to the NCAA Tournament, while the football team lost very few games. The success of our sports team has helped put Monmouth on the map and has led to the proposal of the M.A.C. building.

Soon enough 2004 will be a memory. We’ll welcome 2005 with open arms and open bottles of champagne. So when you raise your glass at midnight on the thirty first, remember to be thankful for the past, hopeful for the future, and happy in the present.

“Happy Holidays” clash

Why let the minority rule the majority?

SEAN K. QUINN
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Winston Churchill once said that “If you are 20 and aren’t a liberal you don’t have a heart but if you are 40 and not a conservative you don’t have a brain.” I have always loved that quote and I find that in most cases it is true, even for me. The young, idealistic college student with a touch of a bleeding heart is not uncommon today and to a certain extent it’s not a bad thing. Caring about the plight of others who are less fortunate than you is a noble cause but there is a downside. I don’t like to generalize but I often find that Liberalism is Idealism without Realism.

I find on this campus as well as others that those who have the loudest voices are often those who may not do as much research as they should. As the saying goes, “A little bit of knowledge is a dangerous thing”. I say this not only of my liberal classmates but also to my conservative ones as well.

As a conservative I often find I am outnumbered, surely by the faculty and perhaps in some aspects the students as well. However, as the recent election showed (51% of the vote for Bush) and even a poll conducted by The Outlook and appearing in an article by Greg Swindasz on 9/22/04 of Monmouth Students who showed that conservatives and conservative ideas are making a comeback on campus.

I feel that America is a progressive nation in some aspects but also one with some very strong values. The majority of Americans hold

these values in high accord yet we are letting others dictate our actions.

Why are we letting a very small majority tell us we can’t say “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Chanukah?” I am not offended when I hear someone say “Happy Chanukah” during the holiday and I would wager that a greeting of “Merry Christmas” would not make your average American truly offended.

Is there something wrong with being accurate? If I wish you a

“Merry Christmas,” even if you don’t celebrate the holiday, I am

saying in a sort of short hand “have a happy December the 25th and the days around that date”. I am not saying, “I want you to worship Jesus and become a Christian” nor am I saying “If you don’t celebrate this holiday you are some how a bad person and I hope I offend

you”. It’s sheer nonsense that we have had to change our entire vocabulary due to a few overzealous lawyers in the ACLU.

“Why are we letting a very small majority tell us we can’t say ‘Merry Christmas’ or ‘Happy Chanukah?’”

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Re: Greek Life at MU

Why Greeks get flack and how to solve it.

JOE CORCIONE
OPINION EDITOR

Talking about Greek Life at Monmouth University is like opening a can of soda and not knowing if you're going to get a smooth, refreshing sip or watch an exploding mess unveil before your eyes.

For all the beneficial contributions made by Greek organizations (the occasional fundraiser for charity, the benefits of brethrenhood, a national network, late night heart-to-hearts with friends), there are any number of observable actions that can be called into further consideration.

For the record, this is not an attack on Greeks- not at all. In fact, many of my close friends and newspaper colleagues are Greek, and I speak regularly with the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Advisor to Greek Life at MU. The intention of this article is to reply to a question posed in the past regarding why Greeks have a bad reputation. The opinions expressed in this article are the sum of much student feedback and conversations from students both inside and outside Greek organizations.

Greeks have been sensitized to criticism due to past run-ins with administration, the law, and fellow students. As a result, they have become hyper-defensive to just about any mention of their name that is not blind praise. They also cling to their accomplishments with all their might, even if to others it seems just a simple fundraiser or social. Only when one takes a step outside the lettered realms can things be better put into perspective. Many of us hope to see only the best for these organizations that have many passionate young men and women in their ranks. Greeks are humans like anyone else and are prone to the same missteps and errors as anybody. It is unfortunate that when a few members make a poor decision or two, it can be a detrimentally negative reflection upon the entire organization. However, that circumstance comes with any organized group setting and is just a part of the deal.

It is legitimate to say that a number of Greek organizations give off the impression that they can only be arsed with the general student body when they are doing a fundraising event. It may be human nature to make a public appeal for support when you are hosting an event, but it's also a bit slighting to only do said appearances when seeking money. Past fundraisers and recruitment, rarely are Greeks seen extending themselves as role models on campus. In fact, any number of the foul language and discriminatory slurs (particularly homophobic and antigay banter) flying out of any number of fraternity brothers' mouths like candy would (or should) make their nationals, or even parents, shudder in embarrassment. So much for wearing those letters proudly.

During the five weeks that I pledged Sigma Tau Gamma and the months leading up to the pledge period when I attended a national convention and assisted with other start-up activities, I was seldom made to feel welcome by fraternity brothers from other organizations. In fact, I was often given dirty looks as though I was out of place- looks that suggested "what are you doing here?" or "what are you trying to prove here?" When I questioned this, I was often told that standoffishness is "natural" during a pledge period because you have not proven yourself to these peers just yet. I was also told

that my pledging was a walk in the park compared to what some guys endure.

If this mental warfare sort of thing is deemed healthy and functional behaviour, the insurance companies representing these Greek organizations each need a detailed letter defining guidelines for proper mental health. Walking on eggshells as people try and break you down to build you up is not a practical way of making friends because you lose your identity behind a few letters that the majority of Americans cannot even understand. I wouldn't even let my personal trainer at the gym bully me as much as some Greeks do to their pledges, and I've paid him a lot more than I had ever shelled out on Greek membership dues.

Pledging was easily the most emotionally grueling period of my life and, as a result, my grades suffered and I became a hot-tempered person who was always quick to fly off the handle. Friends and family noted some frightening changes in me and constantly questioned why I was damn near killing myself for the sake of joining an organization. The Sig Tau guys were a

“Don’t lash out on someone when they criticize you- it only makes your organization look bad... unable to take constructive criticism.”

great bunch of men and I am still friends with most all of them, and I am confident in their potential to be a powerful force on campus. Still, the burn I received from other freaternities stung too deep, and since I was too exhausted to hold up my social obligations for the brothers, I chose to step down before my situation could have any negative effect on them.

I will say that sororities seem much less plagued by the problems facing the men. Sisterhoods seem to be more cohesive, better organized, more inclusive, and less judgmental than the brotherhoods. It's not that they are problem-free or avoid being a bit cliquey, but they are generally more upbeat and pleasant to be around.

There are sisterhoods that support sisters of various races and sexual orientations. Try being an openly gay male who wants to pledge a fraternity and see how far you get. After the storms of laughter and under-breath derogatory comments and slurs cease, you will be quickly dismissed by one of the more eloquently spoken members. Try being a man of colour pursuing a predominantly Caucasian brotherhood and see how long you can last, then wonder why your choice fraternity did not give you a bid. Or have a blank stare when a Caucasian brother questions why you don't just consider one of the Latino fraternities next time around.

Again, this is not an attack on the Greeks- I am just calling it like I see it (from the perspective of someone who was in the community for a period of time) whilst including the thoughts that others have expressed regarding this subject. If a member

of a Greek organization remains confused as to why people seem to always bash their people, they need to settle any defense mechanisms, step away from themselves, and take a closer look. Once you see the forest for the trees, the branches speak for themselves- good, bad, ugly, and whatever else is there.

My advice to the Greek community is the same that would be given to any organization in a situation of crisis- examine your problems and solve them. Adopt a no-nonsense, zero tolerance approach instead of the tough love with eventual acceptance. Find any cracks, inconsistencies, or dead weights in your system and call them out on their shortcomings, then tell them to shape up or peace out. When you have an IGC meeting, encourage the groups to seek new and different members that can contribute a unique dynamic to each organization and let these differences unify and define you instead of just taking rough boys and girls and molding them into your idea of a Greek diamond which in the scheme of things doesn't even pass for cubic zirconium.

If students want to wear those letters, they need to accept that challenges accompany every accomplishment in life. Also, numerous people do many great things every single day but never receive a word of praise, so they are not alone in feeling that they only get attention when they do something negative. MU as a whole is not necessarily out to get the Greeks, but I'll admit it would be foolish to suggest that some people don't get a thrill out of seeing something bad happen to them. The best way to fix them is to avoid letting them see you down.

Each organization has some code of conduct or set of standards or values to abide by each day. Let these elevate you to a high status as humans. Live them to the letter and let that discipline, living by example, and positive image set you above the batches of students still trying to find their way. Whatever you do, don't lash out on someone when they criticize you- it only makes your organization look bad, bitter, immature, and unable to take constructive criticism. Even if someone blatantly bashes you, take it in stride and dissect any lesson you can from it as valuable feedback to beneficially shape your future efforts.

Let's all be friends. Clearly the general student body does not share the same bonds as you amongst yourselves, but don't allow those bonds to put you on offense against the general campus population. That only makes people think that you are all deeply insecure and reliant upon your brothers or sisters to feel good about yourself. Instead, let the strength you gain from those sacred bonds shine through you in the way you interact with new people and handle bad situations. Make those bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood appear like an irresistible privilege for all the boys and girls to envy but only a special and qualified few to enjoy.

Be selective in the right way. Instead of looking for people who fit a certain mold or ideal, find people who may similar to you but also offer some variety that can further enrich you as people and strengthen your character. Find the ones who have that certain glimmer in their eye or something about them which make them a treasure that will do your letters proud.

Work hard at it, and the dream can be your reality. A number of Greeks are already there. Peace.

Quote of the Week

SWV

“Give Love On Christmas Day”

People making list
Buying special gifts
Taking time
to be kind
to one and all

It’s that time of year
When good friends are dear
And you wish you could give more
than just a present from a store

Why don’t you
Give love on christmas day
Even the man who has everything
Would be so happy if you could bring
Him love on Christmas day
No greater gift is there than love

People you don’t know
Smile and nod hello
Everywhere
there’s an air
of Christmas joy

It’s that once a year
When the world’s sincere
And you like to find a way
to show the things that words can say

Why don’t you
Give love on Christmas day
The man on the street and the couple upstairs
All need to know that there’s someone who cares
Give love on christmas day
No greater gift is there than love

What the world needs is love
Yes the world needs your love

Why don’t you
Give love on christmas day
Every little child on Santas knee
Has room for your love underneath his tree
Give love on christmas day
No greater gift is there than love


What the world need is love
Yes the world needs your love


Why don’t you
Give love on Christmas day
Jazz, Margaret, and Khiry too
Need love everyday as much as you
Give love on Christmas day
No greater gift is there than love

What the world needs is love
Yes the world needs your love

Why don’t you
Give love on Christmas day
Even the man who has everything
Would be so happy if you would bring
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Abortion: A family matter?

Should abortion require parental consent for minors?

LISA ROBISON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Imagine this: You're 16-years-old, scared, and pregnant. You have always used condoms, but there was that one time when it broke. You realized it would be very hard for you to obtain a prescription for the morning after pill, so you just prayed everything would be all right. Prayer has the power to make miracles happen, or at least that's what your very religious parents always say. But prayer failed you the moment that strip on the pregnancy test turned blue.

You can't fathom the idea of having a baby at 16. You feel that not only will your life be ruined, but also the life of the unborn child. Though you were never a supporter of abortion, suddenly you can see why women choose this option. Despite your upbringing and religious background, you decide that abortion would be the best option for you.

However, there is one problem; you happen to live in a state where parental consent is required for a minor to have an abortion.

You are terrified to tell your parents that you are pregnant. You feel that they would either throw you out on the street or force you to keep the baby because they strongly feel that abortion is a sin. Even if they consented, you know their view of you would forever be changed and that nothing you could do in the future would remedy it.

How would you feel if you were in this position?

In the November 2004 election, people were not only voting for the president, but also for legislation that would be passed in their individual state. In Florida, an amendment to the state constitution was passed which made parental notification necessary for a minor to obtain an abortion. The passing of this recent legislation adds Florida to the current total of 36 states which require parental notification and/or consent for females under 18 to legally have an abortion.

There are ways to get around this legislation, but many of them are

time-consuming, costly, and relatively unfeasible for a minor. Most states allow the minor to petition the courts to have an abortion without notification or consent. This loop-hole measure is largely ineffective because most minors do not have knowledge of the legal system and what they would have to do to obtain a judicial waiver. In addition, the ultimate decision is left up to the judge who could

“We can find sex everywhere we turn...yet we deny that pre-martial sex, and especially teenage sex, is a common occurrence.”

be pro-life. Finally, it delays the procedure, which puts the minor's health at a greater risk. The American Medical Association (AMA) noted in a study that these measures “increase the gestational age at which the induced pregnancy termination occurs, thereby also increasing the risk associated with the procedure.”

Minors have the other option of traveling to a state in which parental consent or notification is not required, but this is also difficult for someone who may not have a driver's license or the money to pay for other forms of transportation.

The last option for a female minor with a desperate need for privacy in one of these states is to have an illegal abortion performed, which “has been one of the leading reasons for abortion deaths... since 1973,” according to the AMA.

It has been shown that most minors involve their parents in the decision on whether or not they should have an abortion. It is mostly only those teen-

agers living in a hostile or dysfunctional environment who need and seek privacy. The Alan Guttmacher Institute, which was involved in overturning the parental consent laws in California, noted that teens do not tell their parents that they are pregnant “because the family is unsupportive, in crisis, dysfunctional or abusive. For these young women, the statute tests the already difficult relationship between parent and child, undermining the very goals it purports to promote.”

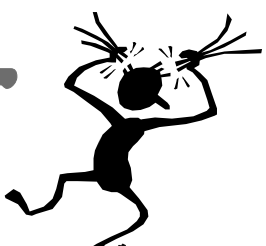
It is interesting to note that the majority of people who support parental notification or consent for minors are members of a religious or conservative organization. Republicans overwhelmingly backed this legislation, as do virtually all Evangelist, Fundamentalist, or Catholic religious groups.

It is clear after the results of the presidential election that religion is playing a large role in politics, and therefore also in our government's legislation. But is it right to legislate morality? In a nation where there is supposed to be separation of church and state, when did it become ok to allow religious beliefs to limit the rights of all people through government?

Parental consent and notification is just another way in which female reproductive rights are being limited. We are living in a society where we can find sex everywhere we turn. And yet we deny that pre-martial sex, and especially teenage sex, is a common occurrence. We stress abstinence, keep our children largely uninformed about other forms of contraception and ways to have responsible and safe sex, and also make such contraceptives costly and hard to obtain. Then when pregnancy occurs, we blame the woman and limit her options on what she can do with her body because these may go against someone else's religion.

Our forefathers may have adopted the notion of “In God we trust,” but they never specified whose God, nor did they say through God we legislate.

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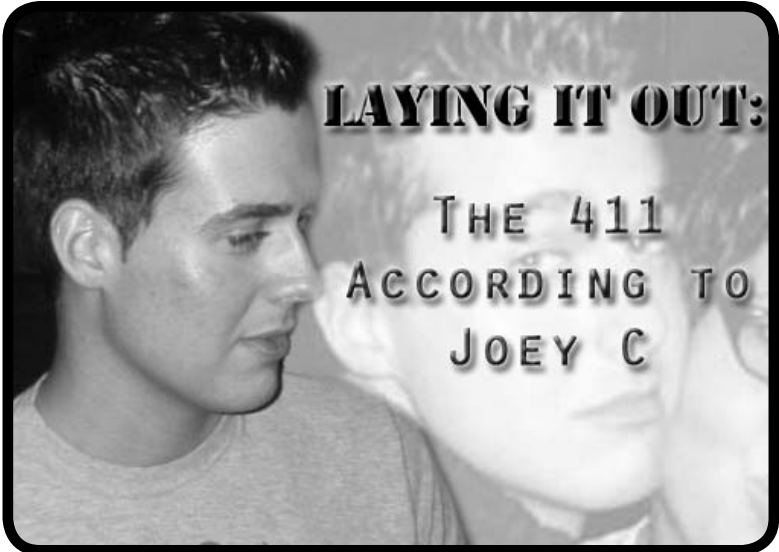


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So many plans, so little break time

I don't know about the rest of the campus, but I cannot pull out of the parking lot any faster to begin winter break, even though the weeks will disappear before I've had my fill.

I have been bargaining with my darling maternal unit H.Co about when I will give my bedroom a proper cleaning. I mean, nothing's growing in there or anything (besides piles of clean clothes) and the only odors present are those of designer cologne and Lysol, but it's always nice to take a bit of pride in your dwelling and make it tidy so visitors can stop by and chill.

So between long visits to Work Out World where I will flatten, lift, firm, and drink lots of protein-packed Extreme Smoothies, I am going to blast my trashy Europop laden with intense beats and surgically-enhanced, limited range vocalists of sorts and clean my bedroom once and for all. I'll let everyone know when they're invited to come over and watch the KylieFever2002 Live in Manchester DVD on my new larger TV (a holiday present that wasn't kept secret too well).

Everyone is actively encouraged to do something useful with their break time. Yes, it is vacation, but that does not mean to sleep, drink, and kertang the days away. If you are not going to be working extra hours during your school break, do a charity day or two someplace wonderful- volunteer opportunities are available at a range of places from soup kitchens to community outreach hotlines and centers for disease control. Find where your passions lie and choose something you can devote yourself to for a short while. You will find the rewards so worthwhile and the

experience something that will last you into the new semester.

Or do what a number of students do and start planning activities for the Spring 2005 semester with any number of clubs and organizations on campus. I am going to be spending at least a little bit of time preparing things for ALI, the Student HRAC, and perhaps even work on an article or two for the Outlook. I am also joining a handful of students to serve as Orientation Leaders for the Spring 2005 transfer students. Call me a workaholic if you must, but I strongly believe that there is nothing wrong with working ahead when you have free time. It is definitely beneficial for anyone who tends to procrastinate because it puts you ahead of the game before you start to panic about everything you put off for too long.

I was given another dose of sheer delight this week when a student question found its way to my OpEd inbox. I am always happy to share my experiences with fellow students and offer some helping words to my fellow Hawks. It seems that the problems for which people seek advice are sexually themed, which is fine and actually provides a dual-fold service to students. If you're in a situation yourself, you can apply my advice to your own life and problems- and if you're not getting your daily dose between the sheets, you can live that out through reading about the escapades of others!

Still, if you are having a dilemma which involves you fully clothed, don't hesitate to email your question to outlook@monmouth.edu Attn: Joey C, and I will see you through to bluer skies.

Dear Joey C,

Lately I have suspected that my boyfriend could be cheating on me.

He has been working much longer hours than usual, and takes a really long time to pick up his phone- if he answers it at all. He assures me everything is fine, but I can't help feeling that he's distant. Please assist!

Sincerely,
Jaded, Shaded, and Suspicious

Dear Jaded,

The one place where men always fall short is in having the ability to be men. Instead of speaking up when something is amiss, they refuse to stop at the gas station for directions when lost in East Jabib, and cannot tell their partners when things are no longer sunny days. They think if they just pull away that the other person will take the hint and back off, when in reality it turns into a cycle where he keeps acting shady and builds a pile of missteps that eventually turns into a landfill, leaving the other party to wonder if the man whom he or she loves is still there somewhere underneath.

You should not have to be checking up on your man- I'm sure you already have too much on your plate, so goose chases should not add to your burdens. If you suspect his working late is an unusual change, chances are he's not at work those extra late hours.

If he's being distant, play into his game. Refuse sex and abruptly cease any favours you may do for him on a regular basis. If he is choosing not to answer your calls there is nothing you can do to make him pick up and talk. Continuing to call only makes you look pathetic. Don't leave messages. Get his mind wandering the same way yours has been doing. He's going to note changes in your behaviour and likely approach you, opening the doors for some communication! If not, then your man is unashamedly creeping.

From that point, it is up to you whether you stick around as a doormat or if you muster up the strength to walk away. You won't spring back to form overnight, but in time it will be the best decision you can make for your own long-term best interests. I wish you the best outcome with this situation.

Till next time kids- don't forget to keep an open eye, an open mind, and an open heart. And if in doubt, Holler at your Hawk!

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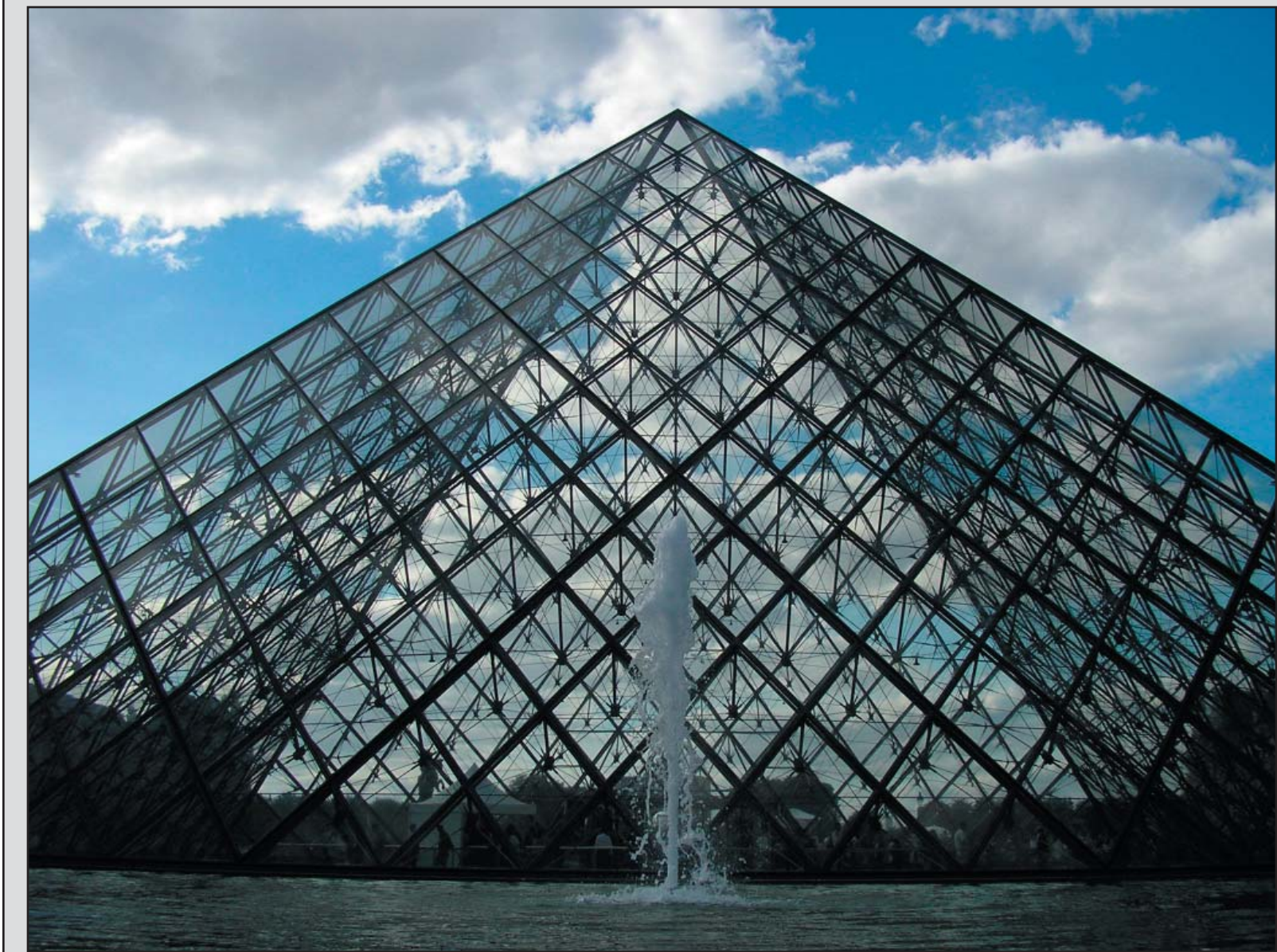


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PARIS, FRANCE

FRIENDS,

IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS I HAVE HAD THE MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES OF MY LIFE. I FELT TRUE HAPPINESS WHILE I WAS IN LONDON. PART OF THE REASON WAS BECAUSE I WAS FINDING OUT WHO I WAS AND WHAT I WANTED TO BE. BUT A BIGGER PART OF IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE I SPENT MY TIME WITH, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WERE FROM MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY. THROUGH MY EYES AND MANY OTHERS IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE MU STUDENTS WHO STUDIED AT REGENT'S COLLEGE WERE MORE THEN FRIENDS THEY WERE FAMILY. WHEN I WENT TO EUROPE I KNEW I WOULD TAKE AWAY MANY EXPERIENCES AND LEARN FROM THEM, BUT WHAT I DIDN'T EXPECT TO TAKE AWAY WITH ME WAS 16 NEW FRIENDS. OLD FRIENDS WILL ALWAYS BE WITH US BUT THE FRIENDSHIPS WE MADE ABROAD ARE DIFFERENT, WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT OUR FRIENDS FROM HOME DON'T HAVE, WE HAVE EUROPE. WE GREW UP WHILE WE WERE IN LONDON, WE DISCOVERED OURSELVES, WE DISCOVERED A DIFFERENT WAY OF LIFE. NOW WE HAVE EACH OTHER TO REMEMBER THE TIME WE SPENT THERE. DON'T LET GO.

LOVE ALWAYS,
LAUREN BENEDETTI

STUDYING ABROAD WAS NO QUESTION THE BEST DECISION I HAVE EVER MADE AND THE PEOPLE I'VE MET ALONG WITH SO MANY MEMORABLE MOMENTS HAVE MADE THIS THE MOST EXCITING SEMESTER OF COLLEGE!

-JOE DICRECCHIO

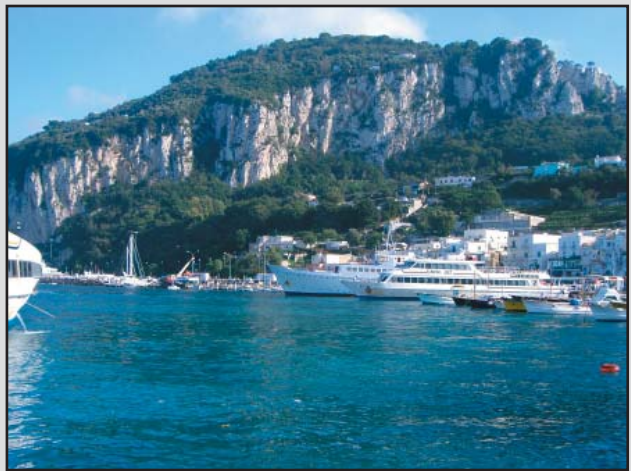


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STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS RETURNED TO NEW JERSEY ON DECEMBER 11. PRIOR TO LEAVING THEY GAVE THE OUTLOOK A ONE-ON-ONE ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES ABROAD.



RYAN PISCITELLI

QUESTION: WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST?

ANSWER: THE GREAT CITY ATMOSPHERE, WITH PEOPLE ALWAYS AROUND, PLACES TO GO, AND SOMETHING TO DO. ALL OF THE DIFFERENT FRIENDS I'VE MADE ARE GOING TO BE HARD TO LEAVE.

QUESTION: MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT IN EUROPE?

ANSWER: IT WAS ALL SO MEMORABLE. STANDING IN FRONT OF THE AMAZING ALPS, SEEING THE EIFFEL TOUR, EATING DINNER ON THE GRAND CANAL IN VENICE. I WILL NEVER FORGET ANY OF IT.



LAREN QUARTARACO



JOSEPH DICRECCHIO

QUESTION: FROM 1-10 WHAT WOULD YOU RANK YOUR STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE AND WHY?

ANSWER: 9 - NOTHING CAN BE A PERFECT 10, ESPECIALLY WHEN ALL OF MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY COULD NOT ACCOMPANY FOR THIS EXPERIENCE, BUT THE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM IS AMAZING. I HAVE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT MYSELF AND OTHERS.

QUESTION: FIRST THING YOU'LL BE DOING WHEN YOU WALK IN THE FRONT DOOR OF YOUR HOUSE.

ANSWER: SAYING HI TO MY DOG. THEN CALLING ALL MY FRIENDS WHILE EATING NACHOS AND SALSA. ONE THING THEY DO NOT HAVE IN LONDON THAT IS THE SAME.



BRITTANY HALTER



ALEXIS MASSA

QUESTION: FINAL WORDS...

ANSWER: STUDYING ABROAD WAS AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE. I WILL REMEMBER IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

Guitarist's death will have lasting impact on metal scene

MALCOLM MAYHEW
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

For David Draiman, his erstwhile safe place has now become a hazardous zone.

Draiman is one of several heavy metal artists who say their lives and careers will be dramatically altered by the circumstances of the death of Texas guitarist "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott, who was fatally shot onstage at a Columbus, Ohio, nightclub Wednesday night.

"The stage is an environment where you tend to feel safe," said Draiman, lead singer for Chicago-based metal band Disturbed, whose last album, "Believe,"

sold 1.5 million copies.

"There are always guys jumping on and off of it, stage-diving, and prior to this incident, I welcomed it. But I don't know who might be running up there with a gun now. I'm sure there are people who hate me, too. Everyone's at risk now."

Until Wednesday, rock bands had not been affected by this type of violence. Even Pantera's fans rioted at a 1995 show at Dallas' Fair Park Coliseum, ripping up parts of the floor, setting the boards on fire and then tossing them at the stage. Abbott was a founding member of Pantera.

But Abbott's death proves what a sitting duck a band mem-

ber can be.

"To be honest, we're completely scared to go on stage now," says Mercedes Lander, a member of Canadian metal band Kittie.

"That's all that people we know have been talking about - just how frightening it is that something like this can happen, especially in the metal community, which is so tight-knit.

"How do you get back onstage knowing in the back of your mind that something like this happened - and can happen again?"

Lander's sister, Morgan, a guitarist in Kittie, said the band played about a month ago at Alrosa Villa, the Columbus club where Abbott's latest group, Damageplan, was on stage Wednesday night.

"We've been playing that place for years," she said. "And, even though it didn't cross our minds at the time, it's scary because a lot of places are like that, where people can just jump on stage. It's not that uncommon for someone to just jump up there - but they've always jumped off."

Scott Strong, program director for Dallas/Fort Worth rock station 93.3 The Bone, said venues of every size should learn from Wednesday's violence.

"This should be a wake-up call, not just for small clubs but for any venue that doesn't take security seriously," Strong said.

"This is a tragedy, but he lived life to the fullest. Every day was a party for him. And he was a hell of a guitar player."

MARK NELSON

Former Employee of Abbott's

"I mean, here's this guy who can just walk on stage with a gun and shoot people. If that doesn't wake them up, I don't know what will."

Fort Worth's Ridglea Theater, which often hosts metal shows, was the last local venue Damageplan performed. The management there is already planning to beef up security for metal shows that are going to draw crowds.

"When we have a big national show, we have barricades and security and both wings of the stage protected," says Wesley Hathaway, one of the club's managers.

"In a bigger place like ours, or Nokia Theatre, something like this couldn't happen as easily. But it has made us more aware that it could. So I think from now on, we're going to have extra security guards."

Other metal clubs will probably consider adding security, too, said Dave Chaos, station manager for community radio station KNON/89.3.

"When I'm at hip-hop and dance clubs, everyone's patted down because there have been problems," Chaos said. "I would suspect a lot of metal clubs are going to start doing that."

"It's cumbersome because it takes longer to get the audience in. But that threat wasn't as real as it is now. It's kind of like a post-9-11 for the rock world."

"But really, if you think about it, you have Mark David Chapman stepping up and shooting (John) Lennon. You still got to walk down the street."

Unfortunately, Abbott's death will only magnify metal's negative reputation, which is not deserved, Hathaway said.

"We never have problems with metal shows. The bands are nice, the audience behaves," she said. "Because the aggression of the music has a tendency to make people think the bands are preaching violence, metal just has this bad reputation."

"But there's this local band, Guns of August, and it's got some of the nicest people in it. If you had a daughter, you'd be happy for any of these guys to marry her."

Friends of Abbott say he was the same way - warm, approachable, always ready to hoist a beer or do a favor for a friend.

"Dime took me to get a pedicure once," says Mark Nelson, a former employee of Abbott's. "I was doing some yard work for him one day and after I was done, I started rubbing all the cracks in my feet. He said, 'Man, there's people who can take care of that for you.' Next time I saw him, he said, 'Let's take care of them feet' and he took me to get a pedicure."

"They painted my toenails. I wore flip-flops for two weeks, I was so proud. That's just the way he was. This is a tragedy, but he lived life to the fullest. Every day was a party for him. And he was a hell of a guitar player."



Jessica Simpson's compilation of holiday songs, entitled *ReJOYCE: The Christmas Album*.

ReJOYCE in the Holiday Spirit

DANIELLE PAPPALARDO
STAFF WRITER

ReJOYCE: The Christmas Album by Jessica Simpson is a truly joyful CD. For those avid Jessica Simpson fans out there this CD is an enjoyable addition to any musical collection. Don't mistake the misspelled title for a Jessica Simpson blonde moment. This album is spelt in such a way to be dedicated in loving memory to her "Nanny" Joyce Adams Simpson. The 11 Christmas songs are a delightful group of tracks to listen to and get into the Christmas spirit. The rendition of "Baby, it's Cold Outside" adds warmth to the song with a lovable duet with Jessica's better half, Nick Lachey. This duet really makes you want to cozy up with that someone special and enjoy the company of one another away from the brisk, cold weather.

***ReJOYCE: The Christmas Album* by Jessica Simpson is a festive collection of the lovable Christmas songs that make us want to ReJOYCE in the holiday season.**

Nick's not the only one singing along with Jessica on this CD. Ashlee Simpson also appears on the album in a duet with Jessica singing "The Little Drummer Boy." The Simpson sisters' duet adds a lively nature to this old Christmas song. Monmouth University Student and Staten Island native, Lauren Lenza is an enthusiastic Jessica Simpson fan. She comments "I neva' heard a betta' Christmas album" on her reaction to Jessica Simpson's Christmas CD.

This upbeat Christmas album adds a new twist to all the original Christmas songs heard over and over throughout the years. The cheerful 11 tracks spark the Christmas spirit in its listeners enjoying the fact that "It's Christmas Time Again," another song with all the blissful aspects of this time of year. This Christmas CD is a great additional entity to anyone's musical library. For those crazed Simpson fans, this album makes a nice stocking stuffer with the extra added bonus of Christmas spirit. *ReJOYCE: The Christmas Album* by Jessica Simpson is a festive collection of the lovable Christmas songs that make us want to *ReJOYCE* in the Christmas holiday season.



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The gifts that keep on giving

SAMANTHA YOUNG
STAFF WRITER

It's the most wonderful time of the year! And along with the food and family comes tons of holiday shopping. Between now and Christmas Day, tons of CDs and DVDs/videos will be hitting the shelves, perfect for gift giving. Check out this guide to new releases for gifts that keep on giving!

Available Now Music

Music From the O.C. Mix 3: *Have a Very Merry Chrismukkah*

Jessica Simpson: *Re-joyce The Christmas Album*

Gwen Stefani: *Love, Music, Angel, Baby*

U2: *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*

Clay Aiken: *Merry Christmas With Love*

Movies

Spiderman 2 (PG-13) starring Tobey McGuire and Kirsten Dunst

Hero (R) starring Jet Li and Maggie Cheung

The Terimal (PG-13) starring Tom Hanks and Catherine-Zeta Jones

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG) starring Daniel Radcliffe and Emma Watson

Just Released (December 6th)

Music

Lindsay Lohan: *Speak*

Diana DeGarmo: *Blue Skies*

Movies

Dodgeball (PG-13) starring Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn

Bourne Supremacy (PG-13) starring Matt Damon, Franka Potente, and Julia Stiles

Maria Full of Grace (R) starring Catalina Sandino Moreno

This Week (December 13th)

Music

Ashanti: *Concrete Rose*

2pac: *Loyal to the Game*

Life Aquatic with Steve Ziss soundtrack

Xzibit: *Weapons of Mass Destruction*

Movies

Collateral (R) starring Tom Cruise, Jaime Foxx, and Jada Pinkett Smith

I, Robot (PG-13) starring Will Smith and Bridget Moynahan

Princess Diaries II: Royal Engagement (G) starring Anne Hathaway and Julie Andrews

Week of December 20th

Movies

King Arthur (PG-13) starring Clive Owen and Keira Knightley



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One of the summer's top films is now on DVD, a great holiday pick for any movie buff.



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A compilation of music from *The OC's* beloved holiday, Chrismukkah.

Manchurian Candidate (R) starring Denzel Washington and Meryl Streep

Napolean Dynamite (PG) starring Jon Heder and Jon Gries

Shaun of the Dead (R) starring Simon Pegg and Kate Ashfield

Week of December 27th

Movies

Anchorman (PG-13) starring Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate, and Paul Rudd

Garden State (R) starring Zach Braff and Natalie Portman

Wicker Park (PG-13) starring Josh Harnett and Matthew Lillard

Wimbledon (PG-13) starring Paul Bettany and Kirsten Dunst

De La 'Grinding' out the Soul

Hip-hop legends still staying on their grind.

CHRISTOPHER YUSCAVAGE
STAFF WRITER

Hip-hop music is a drug, or at least that is what De La Soul will attest to. And as the trio of the long-running De La Soul group will also attest to – no one knows how to keep hustling and grinding out the music quite like they do.

Now with their seventh studio album, *The Grind Date*, De La Soul isn't surprising anyone because they are triplets of the old school sound still surviving amongst a bunch of youngsters. They are surprising everyone because those same youngsters could learn a thing or two from Posdnuos, Truguooy, and Maceo about consistency, longevity, and reclaiming the throne.

The Grind Date, released on Urban Sanctuary Records, represents De La's excursion back into the world of independent hip-hop music, a place where a sure-fire radio hit isn't a requirement for a solid album and good music overpowers light, poppy, softer-than-cotton-candy tracks. And, for once, a hip-hop group seems perfectly content, and as a result successful, because of that atmosphere.

"The Future," where the boys themselves proclaim, "We are the past...we are the present...we are the future," sets a high standard for the group that they thankfully do overcome. The hard-hitting and tenacious "Verbal Clap" and "Much More," where the trio questions how far other rappers go for a piece of fame and fortune, highlight a stand-out lineup of open-

ing tracks that hit with a hunger not always in place within other rappers that have run their course through hip-hop.

Ever wonder what hip-hop would be like without De La Soul? Apparently, sort of like New York without the Yanks, Slick Rick without the eye patch, and bedtime without PJs, the three imagine on "It's Like That," which features the slick crooning of Bad Boy's Carl Thomas (one of a number of guests, including Ghostface, Common, and Flava Flav).

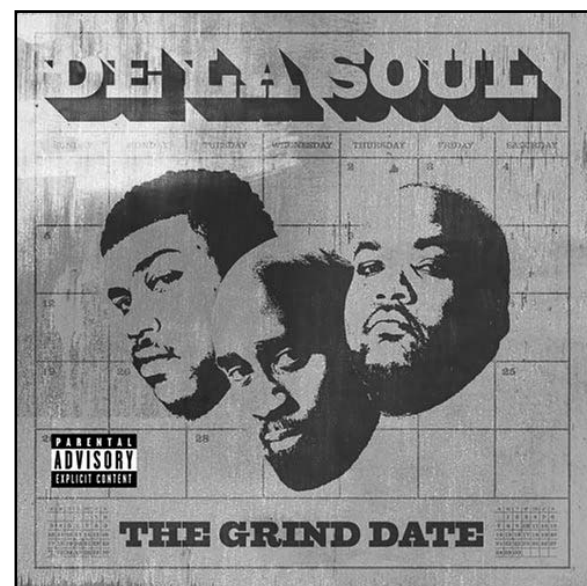
Whether grinding it out even further on the title track, "The Grind Date," or going hard at the Fendi, Prada, and Gucci gold-diggers of the world on "Shopping Bags," De La Soul have not just aged well within their career – they have damn near captured the coveted fountain of youth that so many old-timers long after and desire.

Probably the album's most addictive cut though (and rightfully so, just check out that title!) is the MF Doom-assisted "Rock Co.Kane Flow" with an absolutely pounding and raw (excuse the pun) beat

that rounds out an equally hard-hitting agenda from the Soul trio.

With so many old-timers bowing out gracefully from the hip-hop hustle and many of the rookies only focused on rapping about hustling, De La Soul is back again with more of that addictive street corner goodness – the stuff that only comes out on the first of the month.

So if you are looking to hustle the freshest drug out on the streets right now – the stuff that will sell to the whites, the blacks, the Hispanic, young, old, and everyone in between – De La Soul has got the solution: *The Grind Date*. The music is like a drug again.



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De La Soul's seventh studio album, *The Grind Date*.

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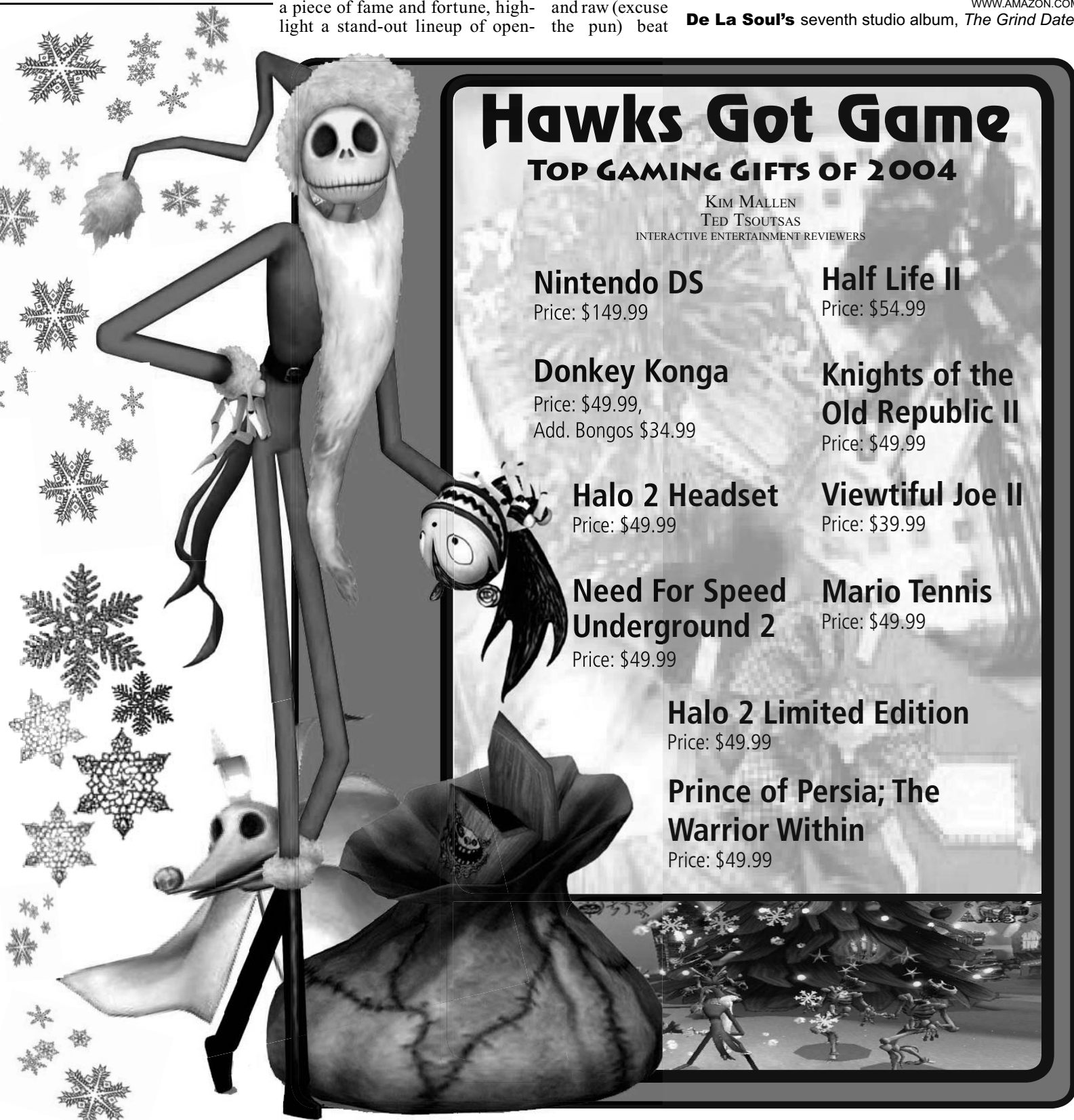
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The inevitable: Danielle says farewell to MU

DANIELLE D'ANDREA
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

And so the inevitable has come. Hard to believe that three and a half years ago, I was walking into Willow Hall as a freshman beginning an experience I'll never forget.

I've met some great people here and now it's time to say goodbye. I can't believe that my college experience is now over and it's time to go into the real world. College has been hard...ask any of my roommates.

It seemed like I was homesick more times than I can remember. Being from Connecticut, it seems everyone stays close, so why did I go semi-far? I don't know. I just did. But now that it's time to go home, I'm having a little trouble saying goodbye. Strange huh?

Over the years I've done a bunch of things. It all started over in the theater...but then came Phi Sig, and finally the Outlook. I will say this, the best thing I ever did my college career was to get involved. Stage managing was a great thing; if you have the opportunity to go Greek, do it; and all of you should come up to the Outlook. They're so much fun and a great bunch.

To everyone over at the Theater, especially my shows, Frangipane, Tripold, Doc, and Linda – thanks for helping me out the last 3 ½ years. You gave me a great foundation to build upon.

Phi Sigma Sigma – I don't know what I would've done without my Phi Sexi Sexis. You all are truly the best group of girls ever. Thanks for everything. My committees, you've been great...keep up the Alum! Diokete Hupsala!

To my Big, Steph: Shelly My fairy godmother, the kids are lucky to have you.

My Little Lady, Casey: the best

little ever! Enjoy your last year left. I'm sorry that this is happening, but I'll always be there for you no matter what!

My Alpha Betas: To the best pledge class I could ever ask for... you girls truly are my support system. You've helped me through a lot and have always been there for me. Thanks for helping with my Little! Each and every one of you mean so much to me. Melissa, Ker, Jess, Carla, Jod, Lariss, and Stac – FOREVER EIGHT.

My Magazine girls: Ali, Meliss, Jenna, and Chrissy – our schedules have been crazy but we've always managed to do what we needed. I'm just sorry that we found each other last semester. Ali and Jenna, you put up with me complaining. Chrissy, we'll get together soon. Meliss, I do expect a "Disney expert" title!

Cait: Always here no matter what. I know things are tough right now, but you'll get through it...you always do. Big E next year!

297: You guys made my last semester crazy. Ain't nothing but a G-Thang!

Lexi: First the theater, now you're my sister. I was so happy when you came out and now you're here! Thanks for the help with my Lil! Have fun with Curious!

The Outlook: Ali, Jenna, Kim, Eric, Steve, Lyns, Jen, Dev, Jeff, Bev, Joey, Lauren, Ryan, Melissa, Priti, and Jackie: You all are unforgettable. It's been a great year and a half. Good luck! Enjoy now because before you know it, you all will be doing your Senior Goodbyes!

Bevy: The best editor to work for in the world! I'll miss writing for you.

Jackie: Good luck with Bevy, she's great to write for! You'll be a great assistant!

To all my professors: Thanks for doing what you do.

Prof. Morano: Thanks for guiding me in the right direction. You're advice helped more than you know.

Rob: Food fights, movie nights, and future sights. Thank you for loving me and supporting me. I love you! The best is yet to come...

Cabby: What would I do without you! We've been through so much! To so much more...

My parents and brothers: Thanks for reading my stuff and saying it's great no matter what. Thanks for listening to me at 3am when I call you crying, and thanks for just being there. I love all four of you. I'm coming home!

To everyone else that is reading this: enjoy the time you have left at Monmouth or in college. It passes by fast and before you know it, you're saying goodbye. So have fun while you can, learn as much as you can, and do as much as you can while you have time. Before you know it, you'll be graduating! Go Greek, be in a play, write for the Outlook, and just get involved. It'll make your college experience so much better. I'm so glad I did.

College is a learning experience. I've learned so much about myself that I never knew possible. Things aren't always perfect. You've got to work at them. Take advantage of now. Live without regrets. Do what makes you happy. Sometimes, the strangest situation will prove to be your future. Believe in fate. From that, you will find yourself and what you're supposed to do.

As for me, I'm not really sure what's next. Hopefully I'll find a job and live happily ever after. We shall see. So this is it. The inevitable has come. See you all at Graduation in May. Thanks for all the good times. M-I-C, See you real soon, K-E-Y, Why because I love you, M-O-U-S-E.....

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By Linda C. Black,
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Dec. 15th)
Your assignment this year is to learn as much as you can. Study new technology and you'll be amazed. Some of it looks like magic before you understand what's going on. Become a magician, or at least an accomplished scholar.

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

♈ Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is a 9
Review your plans one more time and make sure you have the resources you'll need. Soon you'll be much more interested in actually doing rather than thinking.

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 5
An older person has a dream that you can help achieve. Do it, not for money, but simply because you can.

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 9
True, there's plenty of work to do, but you can make some time to spend privately with a person you love, investigating fantasies.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 5
You're good at saving money. You're a natural, it's true. But, the other secret to your success is: you take time to do the reading. That will make a big difference now.

♌ Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - Today is a 9
You're a good builder, but it's always smart to get help with drawing up the plans. Pay attention now to somebody who's better at that than you are.

♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 5
The workload's increasing today and tomorrow, but, unfortunately, you may not be certain what, exactly, it is you should do. Better start with the planning.

♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 8
A fascinating conversation could turn into so much more. It could lead to a project you and a loved one will have tons of fun completing. And that's definitely worth the effort.

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is a 5
You may discover that something you've been worrying about at home won't be that hard to fix. A little imagination and some glue, and everything will be secure.

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 8
Do a bit more research, and you'll figure out what the wall is made of that you've been coming up against. From a higher perspective, you can find a way over or around it.

♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is a 6
When you're doing well, you encounter friends you never knew you had. It's good to support a worthy cause, but check it out carefully first.

♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 8
If you're going to resist authority, which is a pretty good guess, do it in a charming way. Don't burn any bridges, OK?

♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is a 6
Postpone travel for a while, it's just too complicated. Besides, you could take a wrong turn and wind up in a totally different place. If that happens, call if you'll be late.

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ACROSS

1 Goalie's success

5 Supply food and service

10 Simpson boy

14 Lose heat

15 Sappho's last letter

16 To shelter

17 Irresistible charisma

20 Mars hue

21 Quahog

22 Flock members

23 Fiber source

24 Inventor's protections

26 Naysaying president

29 Challenged

30 Mineral supplement

31 Mournful lament

32 Quilters' gathering

35 Physical well-being enhancement

39 Slalom trail

40 Lazybones

41 Valhalla bigwig

42 Gents

43 I've got it!

45 Achieves

48 Encircle

49 Prickly plant

50 Harbor boats

51 Nurse a drink

54 Really rude conduct

58 Gumbo ingredient

59 Dough raiser

60 Enthralled by

61 Former Russian leader

62 Solid ground

63 By Jove!

DOWN

1 Flesh mark

2 Top-notch

3 Empty place

4 Shade provider

5 Nab

6 Capital of Jordan

7 Harnessed pair

8 Rotten __ (cad)

9 Flowed

10 Soaked oneself

11 Foreigner

12 Bowler's button

13 Short-term workers

18 Field measure

19 Admiration

23 __ fide (authentic)

24 Dry out

25 Jason's ship

26 Moral weakness

27 Messes up

28 Boot tips

29 Eating regimens

31 Sharp decreases

32 Foreshadow

33 Actor Estrada

34 Sicilian spouter

36 Casual top

37 __-Ude, Russia

38 Edsel, for one

42 Roman emperor

43 Half a quarter

44 Heavenly bear

45 Monastery head

46 Difficult journeys

47 Jeweled headband

48 Invitation holder

50 Slope apparatus

51 Be a stool pigeon

52 Whit

53 Spur on

55 Soap ingredient

56 Approval vote

57 Contend

PAUL

WE'VE BEEN ONLY ON TWO DATES... DO I HAVE TO GET YOU A CHRISTMAS PRESENT?

ACTUALLY, PAUL, I'M JEWISH.

OH GOD, I'VE OFFENDED YOU BY SAYING "CHRISTMAS!"

NO NO NO. I'M JUST SAYING YOU DON'T NEED TO GET ME A CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

NO... I HAVE TO GIVE YOU **EIGHT** PRESENTS!! WELL THIS IS INSANE! WHAT HAVE I STEPPED INTO!?! I'M JUST ONE MAN—

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET ME ANY PRESENTS, PAUL! GEEZ!

YOU KNOW HONEY, WE'VE ONLY BEEN MARRIED FOR TWO YEARS—

YES, YOU DO!!

BY BILLY O'KEEFE WWW.MRBILLY.COM

Babe Watch

HEY LADIES

OH, I GUESS I MISSED IT. DID YOU SEE THE GIRLS OVER THERE?

I GIVE IT A 7 ON FORM AND A 9 ON THE ENTRY

by Shawn Mobley

RECOIL THE BLUE by Andrew S. Williams

CHECK THIS OUT, DUDE!

WAIT, WAAIT...

FIFT!

APPROVED! YES, YES, ROCK ON!

OKAY...

EVER PLAY THIS?

NO, I BALANCE MY CHECKBOOK.

YOU MEAN THERE'S MORE TO THE GAME THAN SWIPING THE CARD?

OH, THERE'S PLENTY MORE.



CAMPUS
VIEWPOINT

If you could get one thing for
the holidays, what would it be?



ALEXANDRIA - SOPHOMORE
“To convince my parents to pay for spring break to Acapulco.”



BILL - SENIOR
“A partridge in a pear tree. I already have two turtledoves.”



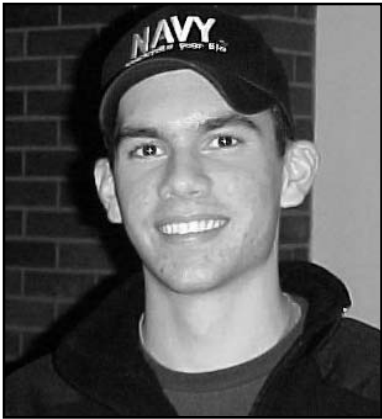
ED - JUNIOR
“A 4.0 GPA.”



JAMIE - JUNIOR
“For me and my big (Marisa) to have real Dior bags.”



JENNIFER - SENIOR
“A big flat screen plasma TV!!!”



JOE - JUNIOR
“I don’t need much cause I’m a nice guy.”



KATIE - SOPHOMORE
“A nice, long, relaxing break from school and work! Because after this semester, I NEED it!”



MEGHAN - SOPHOMORE
“The \$400 bag I want.”



SAMMI - JUNIOR
“A boyfriend, because the holidays are the best when spent with someone else.”



STEVE - JUNIOR
“It would be a bright orange jacket just like Dusty’s so I wouldn’t get shot while I was hunting.”



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A preview of Spring 2005 Events
Save the dates! Events subject to change.

Tuesday, January 25	Eddie Ifft Comedian (SAB)
Tuesday, January 25	Meet the Greeks
January 26-27	MLK Tribute Celebration
Friday, January 28	Fraternity Recruitment
Sunday, January 30	Sorority Recruitment
Wednesday, February 2	Spring Involvement Fair
Monday, February 7	Sons of Pitches (SAB)
Tuesday, February 8	SGA Auction
Wednesday, February 9	Black JEOPARDY! (AASU)
Saturday, February 12	Winterball (RHA)
Thursday, February 17	Jewish Culture Concert
February 19-20	NYC Overnight Trip (SAB)
Saturday, February 26	Fash. Show (WMCX/Hawk)
Monday, February 28	Alcohol Insanity Tour (SAB)
Tuesday, March 1	Vagina Monologues
Friday, March 18	Student Leadership Conf.
Wednesday, March 23	Surprise Major Event (SAB)
Wednesday, March 30	QuadFest (SAB)
Thursday, March 31	Big Man on Campus (ZTA)
Saturday, April 2	The Big Event (SGA)
Wednesday, April 13	Day of Silence (ALI)
Saturday, April 16	International Festival
Wednesday, April 20	Gong Show (LTA)
Saturday, April 23	SpringFest (SGA/SAB)
April 29 - May 1	Kickout Weekend
Sunday, May 1	Student Awards (SGA)

LATE NIGHT
BREAKFAST
STUDY BREAK

MAGILL COMMONS
DINING HALL
THURSDAY, DE C. 16
9:30-11:30 P.M.

Courtesy of ARAMARK
and Student Services

New Student
Orientation
2005

September 3- September 5, 2005

Orientation Leader Training begins Monday, August 29, 2005. OL's can not hold other jobs at the same time. For your time, OL's will get a \$200 MU Bookstore gift certificate and a great experience!

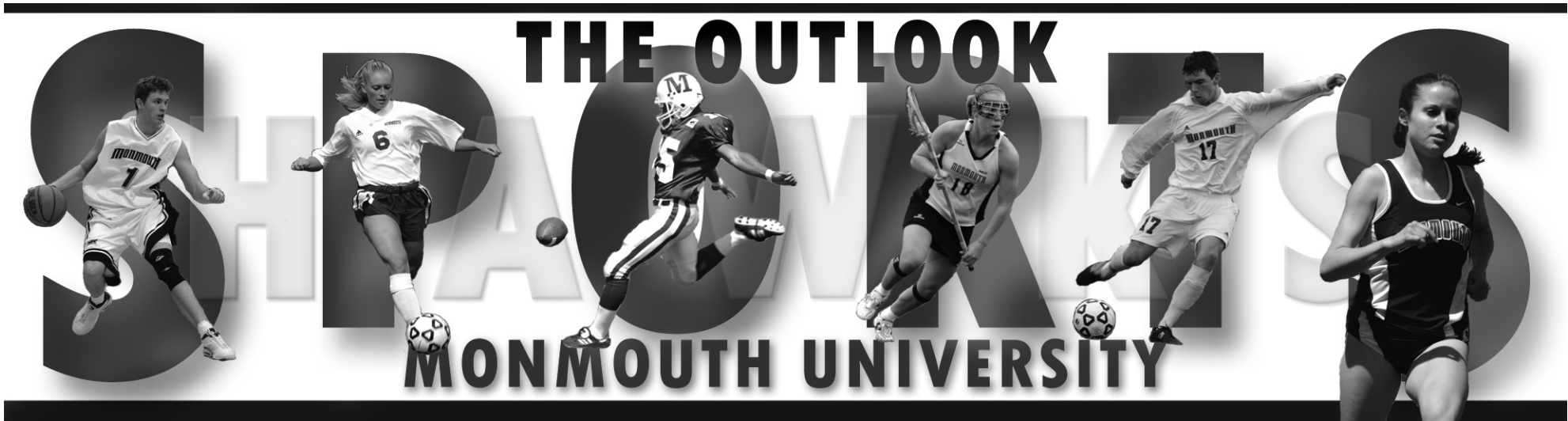
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Friday, February 18, 2005

RETURNING OL Applicants:
Applications Due:
Friday, January 28, 2005

12 completed credits and a minimum of a 2.3 GPA (end of Fall '04) required

Orientation Leaders Wanted!





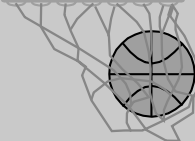


MONMOUTH BASKETBALL

SHOW YOUR
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ENTER TO WIN THE SPIRIT CONTEST
CAMPAIGN BEGINS ON DECEMBER 21ST AT THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
GAME

STUDENT GROUPS COULD WIN \$1,000.00



The Student categories are:

- 1. Athletics
- 2. Fraternities
- 3. Sororities
- 4. Clubs

An additional \$1,000.00 will be awarded to one of the groups who receives the highest amount of points for Women's Basketball exclusively.

A total of \$5,000.00 will be awarded on Saturday, February 26th at the Women's Basketball Game.

All groups must register with Tom Manzo in the Athletics Dept. no later than **Monday, December 20, 2004**. The office telephone ext. is 5833

Two team leaders must be selected to represent the group at both the Men's and Women's games. At least one of those team leaders with a valid Monmouth ID must check in at the registration table in the Boylan Gym lobby BEFORE and AFTER the game. No check in, No awarded points for that game.

A theme will be assigned for each game. Points will be awarded on a game-by-game basis. The criteria judged will be creativity, originality, school spirit and sportsmanship.

The group from each category with the most points at the end of the contest will receive the prize money.

Single points will be awarded at Men's games, double points will be awarded for Men's TV games, double points will be awarded at Women's games and triple points will be awarded at two (2) randomly selected Women's games.





SCHOOL SPIRIT



THE DATES AND THEMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Tuesday, December 21** Women's Game "Holiday Night"
(Student groups are required to wear clothing representing the Holiday)
- Saturday, January 22** Women's Game "Hawaiian Night"
(Student groups are required to dress in clothing with an Hawaiian Theme)
- Saturday, January 22** Men's Game "Hawaiian Night"
(Student groups are required to dress in clothing with an Hawaiian Theme)
- Monday, January 24** Men's Game "Paint Your Face Night"
(Student groups are required to paint their face using blue and white)
- Thursday, February 3** Men's Game "MU Shirt Night"
(Student groups are required to wear a shirt with a MU phrase, logo, etc.)
- Saturday, February 5** Women's Game
Help celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day
- Saturday, February 5** Men's Game "Poster Night"
(Student groups are required to make posters and hold them up during the game)
- Monday, February 7** Women's Game "Paint Your Face Night"
(Same requirement as Men's Game on January 24)
In addition to the theme, student groups are required to perform a community service by donating can goods. The drop-off is in the Lobby of Boylan Gym on game night. Points will be awarded.
- Tuesday, February 8** Men's Game "Player Night"
(Student groups are required to wear a shirt with their favorite MU player's number on it)
- Wednesday, February 16** Men's Game "Valentine's Night"
(Student groups are required to wear clothing representing Valentine's Day)
- Thursday, February 17** Women's Game "Valentine's Night"
(Same requirement as Men's Game on February 16)
- Friday, February 18** Men's Game "Great White Freak Out"
(Student groups are required to wear a plain white shirt)
- Saturday, February 19** Women's Game "Poster Night"
(Same requirement as Men's Game on February 5)
- Sunday, February 20** Men's Game "Crazy Hat Night"
(Student groups are required to wear a homemade hat with representations of MU)
- Monday, February 21** Women's Game "Crazy Hat Night"
(Same requirement as Men's Game on February 20)
In addition to the theme, student groups are required to perform a community service by participating in a clothing drive. The drop-off is in the Lobby of Boylan Gym on game night. Points will be awarded.
- Saturday, February 26** Women's Game "St. Patrick's Night"
(Student groups are required to wear clothing representing St. Patrick's Day)
Contest Ends Money Awarded

Women's Basketball drops two, now 4-4

Hawks fall to St. Peter's, University of Maryland

WILLIAM K. DEPOE
STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth University Women's Basketball Team started their week, falling to a team Head Coach Jackie DeVane knows they should have beaten, and then ended their week falling to a team they wanted to compete well against.

On Wednesday, December 8, the Hawks suffered their first home loss of the season, losing to the Peahens of St. Peter's College 79-64. Tiffany Jones led St. Peter's with 20 points, and Khalisha Lewis pitched in with 15 points.

Monmouth struggled on defense, allowing the Peahens to shoot 58%

from the field, including a 60% second half performance.

St. Peter's also thrived at the free throw line, hitting 22-of-30 (73%), including a 19-of-24 showing in the second half.

"We are capable of playing better defense," said DeVane.

St. Peter's (3-3) led the contest from beginning to end, not allowing the Hawks to get close in the second half. The closest the Hawks would get was when it was 28-27 late in the first half.

"When we don't focus on our defense, make that a priority, our offense isn't there," said DeVane, as the Hawks were not able to get much working on offense or defense.

Monmouth had solid games from guards Niamh Dwyer (junior), who knocked down a game-high 21 points, including hitting five 3-pointers, and Courtney Lumpkin (senior), who tallied 15 points to go along with five rebounds.

It didn't get any easier for the Hawks, who traveled to Maryland to play the No. 19-ranked University of Maryland Terrapins.

Going into the contest, Coach DeVane wanted to see her team try and keep the game close, and just play a good game overall, win or lose.

"When we don't focus on our defense, make that a priority, our offense isn't there."

JACKIE DEVANE
Head Coach, Women's Basketball

The Terrapins showed why they are one of the nation's top teams, downing Monmouth 81-49. Maryland was led by Shay Doron, who poured in 20 points to go along with seven steals.

The Hawks, who are now 0-2 in their lifetime record against Maryland, kept pace with the Terrapins early on, trailing them by a slim 16-13 margin midway through the first half, but Maryland would out score the opposition 24-3 in the final 11:23 of the first half to put the game away.

The Terrapins, who shot 53% from the floor, forced Monmouth to turn the ball over 22 times, which led to 17 points, and also dominated in the paint, outscoring the Hawks 34-14. Monmouth's 16 first-half points were a season-low.

Dwyer had a team-high 17 points for the Hawks, including three 3-pointers, and added five rebounds and three steals. Lumpkin also had a good showing, scoring 12.

The Hawks are now 4-4 and will play their last game of 2004 on December 21, at home, against the Tigers of Auburn University. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

Indoor Track and Field already breaking records

DOMINICK RINELLI, JR.
STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth University Men and Women's Track and Field season has begun with two events taken place recently.

Both teams have excelled in several events and several school records have been broken.

"Our first two meets of the season, the

New Year's Invitational and the Seton Hall Open, were both not scored. They gave us the opportunity to measure and see where we are as a team before the semester is over," commented Head Coach Joe Compagni.

On Sunday December 5, the Hawks took part in the New Year's Invitational which was held at Princeton University.

The Blue and White took first place in five events on the afternoon.

Ashley Huffman, who was tabbed Northeast Conference Athlete of the Week after the event, took first place in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.00. Huffman continued her performance with a first place finish in the long jump with a distance of 19- 5 1/2 .

With that mark, Huffman has set a new school record and already qualified for the ECAC Championships.

In the women's 500-meter event, the Hawks took 1st, 2nd and 4th place as Toria Williams, Suraya Kornegay and Latasha Dickson placed respectively.

On the men's side, Charles Simmons broke the school's 300-meter record with a time of 34.97 which gave him a 1st place

finish in the event.

Casey Robert finished in sixth place with a time of 36.24. In the 500-meter event, David Wiley took 1st place and qualified for the IC4A with a time of 1:04.14. Teammate Chris Vuono finished in sixth respectively with a time of 1:06.72.

This past weekend, the Hawks sent a partial team to compete in the Seton Hall Games.

"As a sophomore he (Williams) has gained a lot of strength since his freshman campaign and should be among the top throwers this year in the NEC."

JOE COMPAGNI.
Head Coach, Track and Field

On the men's side, Guy Jackson took 1st place and qualified for the IC4A's in the high jump as he cleared the bar at 6-9.

In the shot put, Nick Williams claimed 1st place with a distance of 46-6 3/4. He also finished 3rd in the weight throw with a distance of 41-5 1/4.

"As a sophomore he has gained a lot of strength since his freshman campaign and should be among the top

throwers this year in the NEC," said Compagni.

On the women's side, Katie Pachuta took first place in the weight throw with a toss of 46 2 1/2 and second in the shot put (38 4 1/4).

"Katie is competing in her senior campaign and seems determined to compete on a higher level and to succeed, being her last year," said Compagni.

Taking second place in both the mile and 800-meters was Katina Alexander. She finished with a time of 5:26.59 in the mile and 2:23 in the 800-meters.

The Blue and White will be in action as a full team will be competing on Saturday January 8 at the Gulden Relays at Bucknell University.



PHOTO BY Jim Remo

Freshman Veronica Randolph has been a steady contributor for the Hawks, including 11 points against George Mason University and 9 versus Columbia.

Outlook's Weekly NFL Picks - Week 15

	Away		Pittsburgh Steelers	Carolina Panthers	Buffalo Bills	Seattle Seahawks	Jacksonville Jaguars	Baltimore Ravens	Dallas Cowboys	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
	Home		New York Giants	Atlanta Falcons	Cincinnati Bengals	New York Jets	Green Bay Packers	Indianapolis Colts	Philadelphia Eagles	New Orleans Saints
	Devon (8-6 Week 15) (34-14 Overall)									
	Eddy (10-4 Week 15) (33-15 Overall)									
	Dom (7-7 Week 15) (28-21 Overall)									
	Kelly (6-8 Week 15) (24-24 Overall)									

Hawks fall to Princeton in Boylan, drop to 1-6

Loss ends Hawks home win streak at 15 games

ED OCCHIPINTI
STAFF WRITER

The Monmouth University men's basketball team continues to struggle, but now the losing has spread back home to the friendly confines of Boylan Gymnasium.

The Hawks have now dropped four in a row, and five out of six to begin the 2004-2005 season. And now, their safehouse of the "Boyer Room" has been invaded as the Hawks fell to the Princeton Tigers 56-52 this past Sunday afternoon in front of a raucous home crowd of just under 2,500.

The loss snaps Monmouth's 15-game home winning streak. The Hawks last home defeat came on February 17, 2003, a 69-59 loss to Fairleigh Dickinson. Their streak of 15 straight home victories was good enough for the tenth-best consecutive home-winning mark in the nation.

Princeton was led by their senior center, and reigning All-Ivy league performer, Judson Wallace, who scored a game-high 23 points, including a perfect 13-of-13 shooting from the foul line.

Senior guard Will Venable added 13 points and nine rebounds for the Tigers, who are coming off a 2003-2004 season that saw them reach the NCAA Tournament. Blake Hamilton led Monmouth with 21 points, including 13-of-20 shooting at the free-throw line. Sopho-



PHOTO BY Jim Reme

Corey Hallett shoots from the outside in recent Hawks action.

more guard Dejan Delic chipped in 11 points for Monmouth, all coming in the second half.

The Tigers led by as many as 16 points, at 37-21, after junior guard Scott Greenman hit a leaning three-pointer to beat the shot clock with

16:53 remaining in the game.

However, Delic led Monmouth back, scoring all 11 of his points during a 12-3 run – three three-pointers and two free throws – to pull the Hawks to within 40-33 with at the 11:38 mark of the game. A Hamilton free throw accounted for the other Monmouth point during the run.

The unflappable Tigers held firm for the next six minutes, eventually pushing its lead to 50-40 after a Venable layup around the five minute mark.

The Hawks scored the game's next eight points, three free throws by Hamilton, a layup by point guard Tyler Azzarelli and a three-pointer by guard Chris Kenny to trim Princeton's advantage to two points, at 50-48, with 1:10 remaining.

However, Venable drove through the lane on the Tigers' next possession for a layup, and then Greenman and Wallace each hit 2-of-2 from the charity stripe in the final 20 seconds to preserve the victory.

The Tigers clinched the game at the foul line, where they went a combined 18-for-18, while the Hawks' finished 20-of-29. Princeton also outrebounded the Hawks by a 31-22 edge.

Dwayne Byfield had three points for Monmouth, and he is now the 14th player in Monmouth Division I-A history to score 1,000 career points.

He joins teammate Blake Hamilton, who joined the exclusive club in the Hawks last home game, their lone win of the young season over St. Peter's.

The previous game also saw the Hawks fall to a team that made the postseason last season, as they fell to host Villanova 70-50 last Tuesday night.

The Wildcats made the NIT last year, the same year they were hit hard by NCAA suspensions stemming from a phone number access scandal which sometimes left them with as few as 6 players for games.

Forward Curtis Sumpter and guard Allan Ray each scored 14 points to lead Villanova in the game. Randy Foye also contributed 12 for Villanova, which rebounded from a one-point loss to Temple last Saturday in the Big Five Classic. Mike Nardi added 10 points for the Wildcats, who shot 54 percent from the field and outrebounded the Hawks 36-22.

The Wildcats have won all four meetings in the series against Monmouth, which made its first visit to Villanova in almost 19 years.

The Hawks were actually the



PHOTO BY Jim Reme

Junior Chris Kenny goes up for a shot against Seton Hall.

first nonconference team to play in what is now known as The Pavilion back in 1986, the after Villanova won the national title Villanova blocked eight shots in the game, including three by Will Sheridan, to bring its season total to 27 in just three games.

Azzarelli scored 10 points to lead Monmouth, which fell to 0-24 all-time against Big East teams. The Hawks shot just 31 percent from the field, but cut the Wildcat lead to 29-22 on a Kenny baseline jumper as the first half expired.

However, the Wildcats' lead grew

to 56-36 after a jumper by Foye just before the shot clock expired with 8:33 left in the second half.

The Hawks record now sits at 1-6 as they head into finals and winter break.

They do not play again until December 28th, when they travel to Drexel to take on the Dragons.

The Hawks will then welcome in Sacred Heart for their first Northeast Conference game after that on December 30th, and they conclude the nonconference portion of the ledger when they take on the Siena Saints on January 2nd.



Player of the Week

Ashley Huffman



Sophomore Sprinter

NEC Track Athlete of the Week
1st place 60-meter hurdles and long jump.

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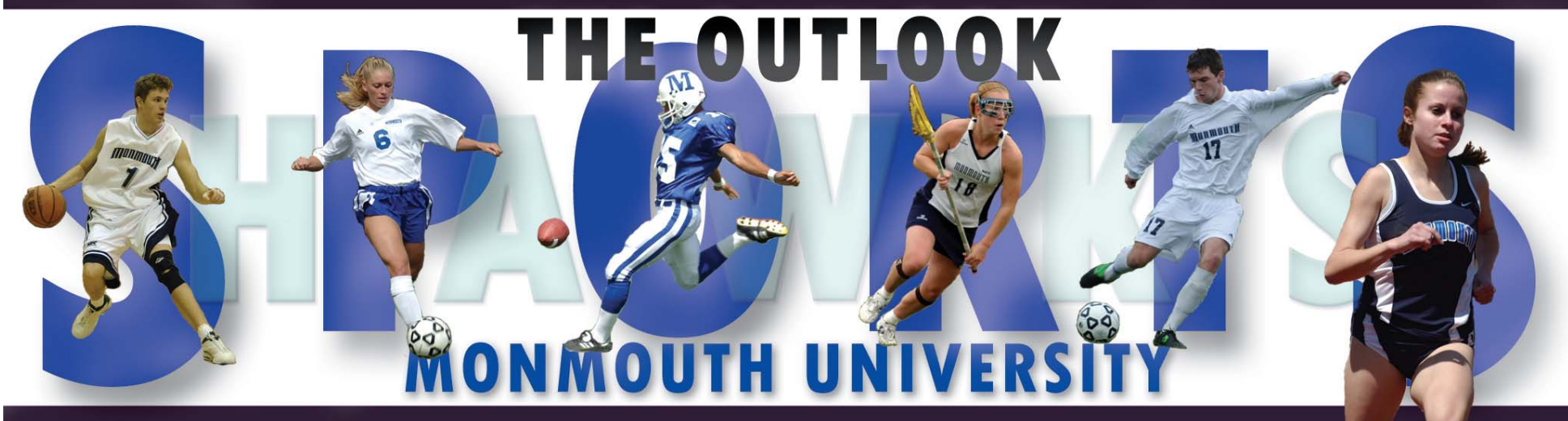
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MEN'S BASKETBALL GOES TO THE NCAA
TOURNAMENT IN ORLANDO

FOOTBALL NO. 1 IN SPORTS NETWORK I-AA
MID-MAJOR POLL OF 2004

CHRISTINE RAMPONE (PEARCE), '97, WINS GOLD
MEDAL IN USA WOMEN'S SOCCER

ASHLEY HUFFMAN AND GUY JACKSON RECEIVE TRACK
AND FIELD JUNIOR ALL-AMERICAN HONORS. ONLY
THE SECOND AND THIRD MONMOUTH ATHLETES TO
EARN THIS HONOR IN HISTORY.

MEN'S SOCCER TEAM EARNS FIRST EVER NATIONAL
RANKING IN NSCAA/ADIDAS MID-ATLANTIC
REGIONAL POLL

CHRIS DELLA ROCCO SELECTED BY THE ST. LOUIS
CARDINALS IN THE 28TH ROUND OF THE MAJOR
LEAGUE BASEBALL DRAFT

COREY HALLETT NAMED TO THE CANADIAN YOUNG
MEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM, NIAMH DWYER
COMPETES FOR THE IRISH NATIONAL WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL TEAM

KATE SANDS PLAYS IN UNITED SOCCER WOMEN'S
LEAGUE

FOOTBALL, MEN AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD,
AND MEN'S BASKETBALL WIN NEC CROWN

MONMOUTH WINS 2003-04 NORTHEAST
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