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**New Parking Reforms for Students**

**WESLEY CHIN**

**NEWS EDITOR**

Changes to parking prices for on-campus residents and commuter students falls under varying critique, as the new Monmouth University reform attempts to find an accommodated-common ground to remedy one of the college’s longest debated issue.

The 2006-07 year parking reform offers commuter students free parking, along with the option of registering two different cars with the university. Additionally, Monmouth University administrators have created two pricing groups for parking, based on the student’s year. Though pricing figures have not significantly changed, the reform decreases prices for underclassmen, while senior numbers have increased.

Currently, underclassmen will be paying $330, a $70 difference from last year’s sophomore and new resident, and a $20 difference from juniors. Parking increases for seniors will have them paying $55 more than last year’s $250 rate.

This new initiative is an attempt to rectify students’ ongoing parking problems. Amongst these claims, limited parking spaces, unregistered cars, and lot locations topped the list of priorities held by university officials. Currently, there are 2,092 total spaces available, and 41 unregistered cars, which cost the university $55 more per month than registered cars.

Parking registration was extended from August 1 to September 1, which Volpe states is an additional addition to help students.

According to Volpe, the University assists students in other ways, which go unnoticed or unknown. He and other officers are constantly on patrol through numerous lots, inspecting proper identification tags and filling out surveys to accurately document and record parking situations for future records and reforms.

“We are out in the lots all the time,” Volpe said. “We know that parking does exist. Parking valets assist students to open spots, and, as a last case scenario, will valet cars. Spaces in Lot 25/25a are always monitored, and students are alerted when it.”

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**MU Ranks High**

**JACQUELINE KOLOSKI**

**COLUMNIST/IN-CHIEF**

Many believe that Monmouth is one of the best colleges in the nation and now there is proof. In the latest edition of U.S. News and World Report, Monmouth University climbed from number 74 to 62 in the Best Universities Master’s North category.

According to Dr. Robert McCaig, Vice President for Enrollment Management, this category focuses on colleges that offer master level programs. Therefore, the ranking that Monmouth was recognized for is for the undergraduate program.

Dr. McCaig described the process that went into the actual ranking of the school.

“For U.S. News and World Report, in the academic year before the rankings come out, the president, provost, and I all get surveys of what we think of peer institutions—we think of other schools in the area. We all have to fill them out and send them back in,” he said.

In this particular ranking, Dr. McCaig added that this peer percentage is a quarter of the grade you receive that reflects the final ranking of the college.

“Ironically, of the seven criteria that represent the U.S. News and World Report ranking, what we fill out represents the 25 percent of our final grade,” explained Dr. McCaig. “It’s what your colleagues think. Some may find fault with that because it is a lot of your percentage.”

There are seven characteristics that comprise the ranking. According to the article in U.S. News and World Report, those categories include peer assessment, graduation rate, retention rate, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni donations.

“These seven characteristics comprise the ranking. They do a best national. We are in the category with best master’s level. We are at 62. Aside from the peer assessment score, we actually provide News and World Report with information for each of these categories. They are the two major pieces of communication with the publication before the ranking comes out,” explained Dr. McCaig.

According to Dr. McCaig, Monmouth University “scored fairly well amongst our peers.”

In the survey they received, Dr. McCaig said they answered questions in such specific areas as faculty to student ratio and the graduation rate.

“We have to answer a survey for U.S. News and World Report Rank continued on pg. 7

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**Look Inside**

Clockwise: Performer playing guitar; male student in boxing match; female student enjoys Bungee Run at Monmouthpalooza.

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New Policy Encourages Students Helping Each Other

SEAN KENNY
CLUB AND OPINION EDITOR

The new school year is under-
way, and each year brings new
students, new classes, scheduled
meetings with advisors, and, un-
fortunately, the occasional overin-
dulgence by students in the form
of alcoholic beverages and/or
drugs.

In the United States, the words
“college” and “student” go hand-
in-hand with parties and alcohol.
According to a PIB report, nearly
1,400 deaths occur each year due
to binge drinking and extreme in-
toxication. The report also states
that freshmen are especially prone
to partying and drinking far be-
beyond their tolerance. In some
cases, the freshmen put themselves
in positions where their lives are
at serious risk. Alcohol-related
deaths have occurred often on col-
lege campuses, according to this
study, and in many cases, help was
just a phone call away.

When undergraduate students go
to parties and participate in the
consumption of alcohol, the big-
gest fear they have is of the auth-
orities. As a result, when a situation
occurs when a drinking partner
becomes overly intoxicated and
needs assistance, they hesitate to
help, or do nothing at all. Often, this
is the result of the possible pun-
ishment from underderving drank
volvement of authorities.

To combat this problem, Monmouth
University has put into place a
new policy known as the Good
Samaritan Practice. The idea was
formulated after the Sigma Pi
Fraternity held a presentation on
Saturday night, September 9th,
about telling the other teach-
ers and faculty members about
their concerns, and, if necessary,
requesting additional help. The
premise of the new policy is the idea
of helping students that are in
need without worrying about pun-
ishment from the school authori-
ties. The Good Samaritan Practice
is meant for people who become
dangerously intoxicated and in
need of medical attention, or for
people whose friends are subject
to charges by the University, or
who need of medical attention, and
then for help to get it.

The overall feeling within the
administration, the judicial board,
Residential Life, and even students
about the Good Samaritan Prac-
tice is that the new policy will be
positive and MU seems to be accept-
ing the changes the program will
bring. The program has been a hit
at the university community and
the student population,” said Tyler
Hogan, Vice President of Student
Services. “It’s a great feature for
those who experience diffi culty
accessing it or just have a hard
time looking out for one another.”

The department of Residential
Life will also benefit from the new
policy because their main separate
from the possible punishments
local municipalities may give them.
However, regardless of whether
or not it is a fi rst offense, there will
be consequences. These include
alcohol/and or drug assessment
and counseling for both the victim
and others involved in the situation.
This may result in counseling and
may result in counseling and
sanctions.

At the end of the semester, they are non-

MU pays tribute on 9/11

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Students could be seen enjoying themselves with friends and getting together. Abragamov said it took a year of hard work to put the event together. “The idea [for Monmouthpalooza] came around the end of the last school year,” Abragamov said. “Contracts were done over the summer. It took about four months to get the event to the point of time to get everything together.” Abragamov said the timing of the event was ideal. “It’s the first weekend of school. Everyone can hang out with friends and get excited about the new semester,” Abragamov said. There certainly appeared to be a lot of excitement. Students could be seen enjoying snow cones, cotton candy, and hot dogs. A couple of Monmouth students said the event was a great idea. “(Monmouthpalooza had) lots to do and was fun,” said freshman Jennifer Swan. “I thought it was really great, especially after a long time of being stuck inside,” agreed senior Amandah O’Hern. Monmouth’s musical selection added to the festive atmosphere. In addition to Chapter 11, Woodfish and Status Green performed on a stage set up in the quad. Each band played for approximately 45 minutes, mixing their own original songs with an occasional cover of famous artists such as U2, Sublime, and Ben Jovi. Status Green drew the largest crowd, as they were the last to perform. Dressed in dark suits with colorful ties, they used a combination of classic singing and strong instrumental tools to win over the audience. “Bands were picked with the help of WMCX,” Abragamov said. “Each were guests on our (radio) show during the summer.” After numerous months of planning, Abragamov said the campus can expect more events starting this week and continuing regularly throughout the semester. Next on tap for the SAB is a musical performance by Ludo at the pit on Wednesday, followed by the Improv Comedy Jam on Saturday, which features comedians from the Stress Factory in New Brunswick. As for Monmouthpalooza, Abragamov said the event was everything SAB hoped it would be. “The turnout was really great,” Abragamov said. “A lot of people came out. It sets the tone for the rest of the year. The SAB is coming back strong in ‘06.”
**Sigma Pi Receives Awards at Biennial Convocation**

MU chapter recognized as the best

The Delta Beta Chapter of the International Fraternity Sigma Pi attended their 48th Biennial Convocation from August 2 to August 6, which was held in New Orleans, Louisiana. Five brothers attended the event, and they spent most of their time in meetings or out on the town, according to Brett Stevens, the fraternity’s ACE Project and Recruitment Chairman.

Several awards were given out to all chapters at the conference. However, out of the 118 chapters, Monmouth University’s Sigma Pi Fraternity received several of the most coveted and distinguished honors.

Eleven out of the 30 “All-Sigma Pi Collegiate Honors” awards were given to brothers of the Delta Beta Chapter. Scoring perfectly in their self-assessment analysis, they earned the Beyen-Fryburg Award for their chapter.

The most exciting award the chapter went home with was the Grand Sage’s Cup. According to President of the Delta Beta Chapter, Warren Rotella, “The Grand Sage’s Cup is a coveted award among Sigma Pi. It simply means ‘your chapter is the best.’ In order for a chapter to win a Grand Sage’s Cup, the chapter has to complete a number of philanthropy projects, hold brotherhood events, complete monthly reports on time, have a dedicated scholarship program, perform excellent recruitment, have dues paid on time, and have an overall dedication to the fraternity.”

“This award truly meant a lot to the chapter because it took many years to build the chapter to where it is today,” he continued. Furthermore, the chapter’s “Sam Spady Alcohol Awareness Week” ACE Project, which was held in April, was recognized as the top ACE Project in the nation. Joe Palazzo received his second consecutive award for the No. 1 Chapter Director at the conference.

The Delta Beta Chapter was also given a mark of distinction with their Grand Chapter and Grand Council Awards, as well as having two members serve on the prestigious International Philanthropy and International Nominating Committees. Finally, the chapter was awarded with certificates of excellence for exceeding pledge goals and exceeding initiate goals; Delta Beta increased their membership by more than 100 percent in the last year alone and has maintained 100 percent retention of pledges over the last two years.

“Receiving these awards was a huge honor for us,” described Stevens. “We have worked so hard during the past few years to make sure that we would be recognized among the best in the nation, and our hard work clearly paid off. It feels good to know that the effort we put in does not go unrecognized.”

“With so many negative stereotypes floating around about fraternity and fraternity guys, we feel like our accomplishments show that we are not a drinking club. The sooner people recognize that, the sooner Greek Life will prosper all around the nation with a good name,” he continued.

Tyler Havens, Assistant Director of Student Activities for Greek Life, said, “I think it’s a great accomplishment for themselves and the university to be recognized. It shows that our chapters are doing something right. And it works to demolish some of the stereotypes about Greek Life.”

**SigPi ACE Project and Recruitment Chairman.

**KATELYN MIRABELLI ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR**

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**Federal Work Study Job Fair**

Anacon Hall played host to the Federal Work Study Job Fair on Thursday, September 7. According to Aimee Parks, Assistant Director of Student Placement and Employment, about “60 departments and off-campus agencies” were represented at the fair.

Those agencies included Monmouth Housing Alliance, Arc of Monmouth, School for Children, Mental Health Association, Long Branch Concordance, Easter Seals, Borough of Eatontown, and Monmouth Cares.

“The purpose of the event was for Federal Work Study recipients to find a job so that they may earn their award money through a biweekly pay check,” said Parks. “Per MU policy, FWS [Federal Work Study] students are eligible to look for employment on campus before any other students. That is why we hold an event before any other students. That is why we hold an event.”

Parks added that many of the on-campus departments as well as the off-campus agencies are still seeking workers. For more information, call Parks at 732-263-5766.

**KATELYN MIRABELLI ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR**

**Federal Work Study recipients look for on-campus employment at Anacon Hall**

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**The Outlook**
If you hate writing assignments in school...facing that empty page or screen is almost as frightening as being a combined root canal and IRS audit.

A few years ago, one of her students got riled up over a letter to the editor of this newspaper. The letter disparaged teenagers, and the student decided she wanted to write a reply. With Porter’s encouragement and help, she crafted a two-paragraph letter to the editor that was published within a week.

“She was like a local rock star,” the teacher says. “I made a copy for all the seniors. I said, ‘All right, this is going to be part of all my classes.’”

About 20 percent of the students who hate the weekly assignments, says Porter. But all have discovered that they, too, can write, and make their opinions known. “I guess about 20 get published per semester, which means 40 a year,” she says, “One Thanksgiving we had five in one day.”

You don’t have to be writing for publication to write well. Diana Booher, a communications consultant, was teaching a course on writing novels when she discovered that many University of Houston students didn’t want to write novels; they just wanted to be able to write clearly.

“A lot were engineers and lawyers, and they said they just needed help on their job, whether it was writing a legal brief or an engineering report.”

Now she teaches executives and professionals at Fortune 500 companies how to write, sell, and communicate. There’s no mystery, she says. Clear writing is just clear thinking. Here are some tricks, techniques, and strategies Booher, Castilla, Porter and other writers and teachers use to get the ideas and sentences flowing:

**BEFORE YOU WRITE**

Get rid of distractions. Find a quiet place, turn off your cellphone. Get your tools in order.

“I always have 5 or 6 sharpened No. 2 pencils,” says Liz Spears, who left a career in corporate communications to write resumes for clients.

“To get creative juices flowing, I start a document on a notepad, then revist it as my thoughts develop. I write in longhand. That’s very visual. I want to see those words.”

**THINKING ON PAPER**

Former journalist Tom Geddie teaches creative writing at Richland College and at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas. “Sit down with pencil and paper or at the computer screen,” he says, “and start outlining what you want to say, why it’s important, why it matters, what its impact is on the reader.”

Booher leads her clients through a thinking process: “What’s your point? What do you want your reader to do? What are the essential details? Just get the ideas down.

“The next step is to go back and put them in order.”

**THE OUTLINE**

“My writing’s better when I do an outline,” says Regina Montoya, whose job as CEO of the New America Alliance, a nonprofit organization of Latino business leaders, requires her to write lots of letters, speeches and the occasional article on Latino issues. An outline, she says, “forces you to put down which points are the more important ones. The more thorough the outline, the clearer and more to the point your writing will be.”

“Then, I really hone that outline.”

**BEATING WRITER’S BLOCK**

When they’re blocked, Castilla tells her students, “Just write something. Don’t let your pencil stop, don’t worry about punctuation. Just keep writing.”

“Free writing” is what we call it. For most of them, it overcomes inertia.

Change rhythms, says Terri Rimmer, who writes features for Associated Content, an online content provider. “When I’m stuck I try praying. I take a break, take a walk, take a nap. I’ll read to get ideas, write down random thoughts.”

**REMEMBER THE READER**

Short, simple words are better than long words. Short sentences are better than long sentences, short paragraphs are better than long ones.

Castilla: “Try to make my students understand their goal is to communicate, not to express themselves. They move for some years now has been to clear, simple, direct prose.”

Spears: “Most people are so focused on what they want to say that they forget somebody else has to be able to read it and understand it and act on it. Too much information and you lose readers before they get to the meat of what you want to say. It’s important to start with the facts, maybe to bullet them or number them to help the reader understand.”

**LEAD SENTENCE**

“I always teach my students to make their first sentence catch the reader’s eye,” says Porter. “Because if it doesn’t, the reader isn’t going to act on it.”

Geddie says, “Get a good, clear lead sentence that summarizes your points, that answers the reader’s question ‘What’s in it for me?’ If you can’t do it in one sentence, then do it in two or three,” says. “But keep them short.”

**BE SPECIFIC**

Porter: “Refer to exactly what you’re talking about, whether it’s an article in the paper, or a television show. Make it detailed and specific so people know what you’re talking about.”

**READ AND REWRITING**

Spears also reads what she’s written out loud, listening for any awkward sentences. Montoya gives her work to her husband to read over.

All good writers read, then rewrite, says Booher. “People think that it has to be perfect the first time. They forget that people who’ve done it well do it well because they’ve rewritten and rewritten.”

Geddie: “Back off a little bit from what you’re writing. It’s an old standard, but if you can, write something and come back a day later. Also, try to be objective about it.”

**Useful Writing Strategies**

- **Get rid of distractions.** Find a quiet place, turn off your cellphone.
- **Make a difference.** What’s your point? What do you want your reader to do? What are the essential details? Just get the ideas down.
- **Clear thinking.** That’s very visual. I want to see those words.
- **Outline.** Sit down with pencil and paper or at the computer screen; start outlining what you want to say, why it’s important, why it matters, what its impact is on the reader.
- **Keep writing.** Write freely, free writing.
- **Get a clear lead sentence.** Answers the reader’s question: ‘What’s in it for me?’
- **Be specific.** Refer to exactly what you’re talking about.
- **Read and rewrite.** Read what you’ve written. Then rewrite.

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2 HEAVENS Patent Pending/Epitaph
3 STRIKE ANYWHERE Dead FM/Fat Wreck Chords
4 SONIC YOUTH Rather Ripped/Geffen
5 RISE AGAINST The Sufferer And The Witness/Geffen
6 DASHBOARD CONFESSIONAL Dusk And Summer/Vagrant
7 EARLY NOVEMBER The Mother, The Mechanic, and The Path/Drive-Thru
8 PETE YORN Nightcrawler/Columbia
9 SPITALFIELD Better Than Knowing Where You Are/Victory
10 BUGS MULTIPLY Bugs Multiply/Coma Gun
11 MEW And The Glass Handed Kites/Columbia
12 MUSE Black Holes And Revelations/Warner Bros.
13 THE RAPTURE Pieces of The People We Love/Universal
14 SPARTA Threes Sampler/Hollywood
15 RADIO BIRDMAN Zeno Beach/Yep Roc
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17 BOYS LIKE GIRLS Boys Like Girls/Red Ink
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Drive-Thru
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22 BLACK KEYS “Your Touch” [Single]/Nonesuch
23 TOWERS OF LONDON Blood, Sweat And Towers/TVT
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which talks about very specific things, the percentage of students in classes under 20, faculty to student ratio, what is your alumni giving, what is your first year retention rate, what is your graduation rate, very specific things.

He also added that our performances are evaluated through the binned score of each of these categories. We are evaluated from that score of 0 to 62. A change of 2 or 3 means that you have improved, but in a year, a change in 12 in the rank of all is almost unheard of," described McCaig.

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Well, the first week of school is behind us. Now, it is time to dive back into the wonderful world of papers, projects, and homework. Sounds fun, right? It’s hard to believe that it is that time of the year again. As for all of you incoming freshmen, congratulations on completing your first week at college. Hopefully, it was all that you hoped and dreamt it would be. If not, get use to being disappointed, as that is life.

Even though it is the beginning of the school year, our great Monmouth University has made headlines and is creating a buzz to boost the reputation of our school. In reference to the article written on the topic, Monmouth was recognized in two prestigious, national rankings in the nation, but let’s face it. We are a small university in New Jersey, so we are not, get use to being disappointed, as that is life.

As mentioned in the first editorial of this week, I am going to take some time to reflect on a couple of the top stories of the week. In case you did not check your hawk mail, or the student activities calendar, or may have taken a peek at the huge ad featuring it in The Outlook last week, the All-American Rejects are coming to Monmouth University next month. Probably one of the most exciting events to have taken over the campus in awhile, it is hard to believe that such a widely known band is coming to our school. It is a little surreal to think that a band that is shown on MTV is actually coming to our school. However, it is exciting all the same.

Now, if we could only get Dane Cook here, Monmouth’s stock would skyrocket! The next topic I will reflect on is something that is on the minds of everybody on campus. A topic that is constantly up for debate and that everyone has an opinion on. Have you guessed it? That’s right, it’s parking. No matter what seems to be done to solve the ongoing parking issue there are still complaints.

As a student who has a car on campus, I took advantage of the online registration that was mentioned in this week’s article about the parking reforms. I found this to be very fast and efficient in obtaining parking on campus. It was certainly much easier than filling out a form and mailing it in. I received the e-mail about this towards the conclusion of the spring semester. I know I have to take action of getting a permit, but I may have waited a little longer than some to get parking considering I got a good price. I think it was fortunate thanks to this new option.

As the years pass, more and more students will walk the Monmouth University campus however, with a school on the rise, parking will always be an issue we will contend with. So, in conclusion there is no dodging this issue.

On a final note, I wanted to write a quick blurb about student activities on campus. Last Thursday, my friends and I attended a Thursday Night Alternative on campus. TNA, as it is called, featured performances from students.

It was a lot of fun and offered something different to kick off the weekend here at school. To get it out of the way, everyone realizes the students should take advantage of the events that are offered on campus. It may not be the “cool thing to do” as some may say. But what is the cool thing anyway? Everyone complains how there is nothing to do around campus during the week, when in fact there is. So next time there is something on campus that may spark an interest, why not check it out? You never know, you may have fun.

So, this week, as a way of turning over your too-cool-for-school leaf, try going to some events. There is an improv jam, salsa dancing, and movies on the week ends. And if you are so picky, none of these tickle your fancy, go to the beach (it’s still warm), have a picnic. Just do something.

School is important, yes. It helps you get a job, a salary and conveniently enough, comes with a piece of paper saying you are in fact, able to write papers and give speeches (this would be called a diploma). However, and I knew at least some of you saw this coming, the grades are not the most important thing, not even close.

When you do get a job, believe me, no one will ask you want you got in Western Civilization class. They may ask you for some memories. If you’ve spent your entire college career in the library studying in your dorm room, what will you tell them?

Until next week - find something to do (even if it’s joining the paper).
"Does September 11th still evoke the same emotional response or have the same impact on you that it did five years ago or do you see it fading as the years pass?"

September 13, 2006

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STAFF WRITER

Anyone who has read my work in The Outlook knows that I tend to write about political and social issues exclusively. Considering that I am a History, Education, and Political Science major, not to mention the host of my own political talk show on WMCX (Wednesdays I-10), this makes sense. Yet, I feel that I must break from my typical rhetoric and write about a certain phenomenon that has always plagued our campus.

This phenomenon goes on everyday and has doubtlessly happened to all of us who have to drive and park on campus. It is one of the most aggravating, infuriating, and just plain rude occurrences that a commuter can undergo when trying to park right before class.

I am, of course, talking about when you are circling the parking lot desperately looking for a space and then you see a student walking back to their car. You begin to stalk them like a lioness stalking a gazelle, you speed up to follow just behind them and flip your blinker on to mark your territory. Your prey gets into the car and maybe even starts it... But after a dozen seconds or so you notice that the car is not moving from your space... But after a dozen seconds or so you notice that the car is not moving from your space... the person getting into another car nearby? Or are you merely so desperate for a parking space that you would move another car for your own good fortune. But after a dozen seconds or so you notice that the car is not moving from your space... But after a dozen seconds or so you notice that the car is not moving from your space... the person getting into another car nearby? Or are you merely so desperate for a parking space that you would move another car for your own good fortune. But after a dozen seconds or so you notice that the car is not moving from your space... But after a dozen seconds or so you notice that the car is not moving from your space... the person getting into another car nearby? Or are you merely so desperate for a parking space that you would move another car for your own good fortune. But after a dozen seconds or so you notice that the car is not moving from your space... But after a dozen seconds or so you notice that the car is not moving from your space... the person getting into another car nearby? Or are you merely so desperate for a parking space that you would move another car for your own good fortune. But after a dozen seconds or so you notice that the car is not moving from your space... But after a dozen seconds or so you notice that the car is not moving from your space... the person getting into another car nearby? Or are you merely so desperate for a parking space that you would move another car for your own good fortune. But after a dozen seconds or so you notice that the car is not moving from your space... But after a dozen seconds or so you notice that...
If Mario is god, then who is Obèrt?

DAVE RUDA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I think everything we do as servants in our own little bubble that we live in can be traced back to some sort of original Nintendo game. If you could break it down piece by piece, our lives, and the things we enjoy doing really do correlate to some sort of original Nin-jutsu. If you could break down the warm and inviting glow of a 32” TV split into multiplayer mode for hours on end (in the bunker, golden gun rules applying), I feel that it’s from this need for competition that we Americans are drawn into the multiplayer reality that is our society today. I mean, honestly, where do you think kids are learning cooperative skills nowadays? Toys are becoming more and more virtual, where we LEGOS and Slinky’s are an anachronistic piece of a generation forgotten. We’d much rather blow the head off of some Azuka ninja (who I personally never had a beef with, never met, never had a problem with) because that’s how you get 2.5 billion points and a triple word score. And the funny thing is, we actually learn from this. It may not be the infinite wisdom of the Tao Te Ching, or the way of Machiavelli, but more along the lines of a need to finish what we start. It is because the powers that be (the creators of the game) say so. So, for the success we crave in games, and in the tasks we undertake, can not be stopped with talk, but with action. Peace can only be truly achieved after a decisive victory.

I applaud the President and the members of his cabinet who are finally starting to call the enemy what they are: evil men who are the ideological descendants of the fascists of the World War era. Five years after the cowardly attacks on 9/11, it is sad to me that many people still don’t get it. They complain that enemy combatants captured on the battlefield are not issued access to lawyers a “right” that not only doesn’t exist in the Constitution, the Geneva Convention, or common sense and has never been done in our past wars.

They complain that the NSA is listening to all of our phone calls, when in fact they are only listening to foreign calls from between those who are on a terrorist watch list or numbers that are found in Al-Qaeda communications. They also use other intelligence programs work in conjunction with our allies to pre-vent threats (like the Brit-ish airliner plot) they still refuse to acknowledge that the programs and the admissions behind this are a good job.

Lastly they read and learn about history of all their academic lives, yet don’t remember some of histories truths and best lessons. Read a book folks, do some critical thinking and, most importantly, debate an issue with your head, not your heart.

The Past is Prologue

STAFF WRITER

William Shakespeare once wrote “What is past is prologue.” What Old Bill meant was that what has happened before will happen again and that history works in cycles. If we fail to recognize these patterns and fail to learn from our own history, we are doomed to repeat it and make the same mistakes. Several hundred years later, another Brit, and Prime Minister of England named Neville Chamberlain, declared that he had achieved a lasting “peace in our time”. Adolph Hitler had promised Chamberlain that he would not invade any more nations if the world would let him keep the land he had conquered and leave him alone.

Of course history re-calls that Hitler did not in fact keep his word and invaded Poland mere months later which set off the Second World War and the most costly conflict in history. Appeasement did not work in 1939 and it will not work today, and would not do anything with remem-bers the words of Shakespeare and the lessons of Chamberlain in dealing with current conflicts.

Today, there are those in our govern-ment and in the remiss of the world who think that by burying our collective heads in the sand that our issues will go away. Worse, there are those who think that if we have soft-ball negotia-tions, make threats without back- ing them up by or “asking nicely” that our enemies somehow will be deterred.

The sad, sorry truth of the matter is that the enemies of freedom and civilized people everywhere will not be swayed by talk or empty threats with no consequences. Those that wish to decimate anyone who doesn’t agree with their radical and selec-tive interpretation of their faith can not be stopped with talk, but with action.

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To “do live is to suffer, to survive is to find some meaning in the suffering.” -Roberta Flack

“I know for certain that we will lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision.” -Leo Bauscaglia

“Adversity often activates a strength we did not know we had.” -Joan Walsh Anglund

“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet.” -Henry David Thoreau

“Without emotion, man would not have a biological computer. Love, joy, sorrow, fear, apprehension, anger, sadness and discontent provide the meaning of human experience.” -Arnold M. Ludwig

“I laugh, I love, I hope, I try, I have no fear, I cry. And I know you do the same things too. So we’re really not that different, me and you.” -Colin Raye

“No one can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.” -Maria Robinson

“You haven’t lost your smile at all, it’s right under your nose. You just forgot it was there.” -unknown

“Perhaps our eyes need to be washed by our tears once in a while, so that we can see with a clearer view again.” -Alex Tan

“We when long for life without difficulties, remind us that oak grows strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under great pressure.” -Peter Marshall

“We have no right to ask when a sorrow comes, ‘Why me?’ We are asking ‘How do I do me?’ unless we ask the same question about every joy that comes our way.” -unknown

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Blair says he will resign within a year, but remains vague on details

When Labor last ground in the last general election and Blair’s approval ratings continued to sag, the question of succession gained more urgency. Blair tried to put the issue to rest Sunday in a lengthy interview with the Times newspaper in which he said it would be a mistake to set a specific timetable and urged his opponents in the party to “stop obsessing” on the matter.

The interview backfired spectacularly. Instead of mollifying the critics, it galvanized them. Labor backbenchers, many of them worried about their own electoral prospects in the face of polls that show Labor trailing the Conservatives by 9 or 10 points, began circulating letters demanding that Blair set a specific date for his departure.

Things quickly spiraled out of control. By Wednesday one junior minister and seven parliamentary aides had quit in protest and more were threatening to follow. Blair and Brown had had at least one face-to-face meeting that featured a “ferocious shouting match between the two men,” according to The Guardian newspaper.

Fighting to prolong his political life and preserve his legacy in the face of an escalating Labor Party revolt, Prime Minister Tony Blair announced Thursday that he would resign within a year. But Blair, whose standing with voters has suffered because of his close alliance with President Bush, refused to set a specific timetable for his departure. And his assurance that this month’s annual Labor Party conference would be his last as the party’s leader might not be enough to quell the mutiny.

Blair, who just 16 months ago led Labor to an unprecedented third consecutive term in power, somehow slightly looked uncomfortable when he made his announcement in a northwest London schoolyard.

He said he would have preferred to orchestrate his departure “in my own way” and insisted repeatedly that the “precise timetable has to be left up to me.”

The end has not quite arrived for Blair, but Thursday’s announcement signals the beginning of the final chapter and most likely a period of uncertainty in which Blair will struggle against the paralysis that comes with being a lame duck.

Few political analysts here believe Blair will last the full 12 months. Most expect he will resign within a year, but remains vague on details, Blair and Brown are the co-architects of the New Labor strategy that led the party back to power after 18 years in the wilderness, but beneath a facade of party unity and bonhomie, the two are fierce political rivals.

From the first day that Blair took up residence at No. 10 Downing Street, it was understood that someday he would step aside for Brown, who occupies No. 11. The “when” and “how” of this handover has been one of the enduring subplots of Blair’s nine-year premiership.

Politics would undoubtedly go down as one of Britain’s most successful political booms, but his approval rating plummeted when he aligned Britain with the U.S. against Iraq and sent British troops to fight in a deeply unpopular war. His unwavering loyalty to President Bush has been viewed with distaste by many Britons.

He was reminded of this Thursday when some students at the school he visited greeted him with anti-war chants and placards that showed Labor trailing the Conservatives by 9 or 10 points, began circulating letters demanding that Blair set a specific date for his departure.

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Not Abroad... Just In Florida

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When most people at Monmouth University think of studying abroad, they think of London, Australia, and some even think of Spain. However, this semester I am studying abroad in a happy place on Earth—Walt Disney World.

I moved into an apartment with seven other girls in an apartment complex right off of Disney property at the beginning of September. The first two days that I was here was back to school orientation, and they had to go through where in Walt Disney World I would be working, and where and when I would be taking classes. The third day consisted of a very long class called Traditions. Traditions is a class that tells you all about the history of the Disney Company. After that was the 50th anniversary of the Disneyland theme park.

I found out that I am working in the Magic Kingdom theme park in Walt Disney World, so the next day I had to take a tour of it. They even forced me to go on a couple rides! My trainer told me a story about the haunted mansion and then took me on the ride, and I seriously looked at the ride in a whole new way. After that, I had to take an in-depth tour of Fantasyland, since that is where I will be working, and had to go on some more rides.

An interesting fact for all of you is that Magic Kingdom is actually built on the second floor. Walt Disney didn’t want a cowboy from Frontierland walking into Tomorrowland, where everything is future-oriented, to leave work, because he would look out of place. So he decided to build a tunnel system so that the “cast members” could get right from the park to get out of your house. One day, I was in my roommate’s email, phone, and care packages from home. Also, getting involved with activities and clubs will keep you busy, and if you’re busy, you won’t have time to be homesick.

Tip 5: Get involved on Campus. Think about what really interests you. Whether it’s the basketball team, school paper, a Greek organization, or the art club, when you apply for college, the clubs on campus are here for you to advance in joining will instantly connect you to a whole network of other students. You’ll get to know exactly who you can talk to in ways you can’t even imagine.

Tip 5: Be prepared to feel homesick. Feeling homesick might occur right away or towards the end of your second semester. You might have to get out of your house. One thing that I would use is to keep a planner. Write down your assignments during the day, register for night classes. Planning your days in advance is also a good way to manage your time more effectively.

Tip 10: Stay on campus as much as possible. Try your best not to go home on the weekends. The more time you spend with friends at school, the more it will feel like home.

Tip 11: Meet with your professors. Don’t understand that
A note from the Assistant Director of Study Abroad, Robyn Asaro

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The City of Madrid
Within two weeks, we were
able to find an apartment in the working class neighborhood that was near the city center. Unfortunately, the apartment was very small and we couldn’t really see anything except the walls. However, the location was great because it was in the middle of the city and close to all of the main attractions.

Our apartment was located on the second floor of a building, which was perfect for us because we could have our own little space to hang out in. The only problem was that we had to climb up a lot of stairs every day, which was very tiring.

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Our apartment had a lot of character. It was very cozy and had a lot of charm. The walls were all white and the furniture was old and beaten up, but it was perfect for us because it was cheap and functional.

Everything about the neighborhood was very different. We lived in a very busy area, which was perfect for us because we were always on the go. We had a lot of restaurants and bars to choose from and we were able to explore the city easily.

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Students experience the various aspects of English, Spanish and Australian cultures.
Trouble Doll.

Matthew Ryan is a singer/songwriter, musician, and record producer. He is best known for his emo rock band, Plain White T’s.

Three Albums Everyone Should Know About

MEAGHAN DOYLE
STAFF WRITER

Plain White T’s is a band you have probably heard of. One of those “I think I know them” bands. Could the average person name a song? Probably not. But one of their friends probably knows their discography by heart. To my friends, I am that person. Plain White T’s are a good band. No, they do not write like Dylan, but they are better than most of their competition. “Hey There Delilah,” one of my favorites, is a song about long, almost reminiscent lyrics of something Springsteenian. One of those, “hey, little girl, I’ll take you away” type songs that the Boss is known for. Musical- ly, the comparison stops there. Plain White T’s is emo by most of us, but I know them. They are not whiny, but they have probably all taken a shot of their profile for MySpace. Give them a listen. They might just win you over. With lyrics, “Delilah/I can promise you/That by the time we’re through with this song/We will never ever be the same/And you’ll be crying,” they melt our heart’s as pure strings into them all at the same time. Plain White T’s may not change the word, but they might just change your mind about emo.

Best Song: Hey There Delilah

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The band’s following may have dispersed with their lack of continuing success, but they are back and plan on reclaiming all that was lost as well as capturing an even larger audience. Three Days Grace has been and is still strong in Canada (where the band originated), and is trying to match that success in the US. The band has a lot of talent, but not a lot of publicity. The only attempt to capture the public was their performance in the Hilary Duff movie, Raise Your Voice. Though the effort was bold, it was not enough to capture the audience they wanted and expected. One-X represents the band well with lyrics faced with turmoil and pain. The feel of the album, however, is surprisingly upbeat. The music backing the vocals is incredibly sexy, but they might just change your mind about emo.

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People in Hollywood are usually looked at with the assumption that they live perfect glamorous lives, and nothing could ever go wrong. Unfortunately, just after celebrating what should have been one of the best days in her life, Anna Nicole Smith is going through one of the worst.

On Thursday, September 7, Smith gave birth to a baby girl in the Bahamas. Her son, Daniel flew down to the Bahamas to be with his mom, and to meet his new baby sister. He wanted to be a part of such a special time in the life of his family.

Details are still unclear, but what is known is that just days later, on September 10, Daniel, collapsed in the maternity ward of the hospital and died of a massive heart attack.

It was said that Smith tried unsuccessfully to revive her 20-year-old son, and when he was pronounced dead, a hearse came to the hospital through a side exit, and transported his body to a different location as to not cause a major distraction.

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Phi Sigma Kappa

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Community Service Club

Sigh Gamma

Hey Monmouth, we hope you all had a great summer and want to welcome you back. We’ll be sure to tell you guys about any recruit- ment events we have coming up as soon as they’re planned. It’s going to be a great year for Sig Tau, we’re psyched up for Homecoming, and looking forward to winning it three years in a row. If anyone is interested in joining Sigma Tau Gamma just search for us on Facebook; we have a group called “Interested in Joining Sigma Tau Gamma” pretty straight forward. That’ll keep you up to date on any events or activities we’re having. If you have any questions there’s info here, or if you see anyone wearing our letters around campus just talk to them, we’re always happy to meet new people and make new connections. Welcome back everyone. See you around.

Chemistry Club

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Delta Phi Epsilon

WELCOME BACK TO THE AMAZING MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY. AST LOVES seeing everyone back in action. SMALLS - I LOVE YOU to pieces. You better live with me always this semester. <3 Gia PEARL- JUST ME + YOU MAN <3 your pledge sister. <3 YOUR LADIES - GIA SECRET. I MISS YOU <3 DRAM CILLA- YOU COULD BE THE NEXT MONTAUK HOLLAND- your secret. CILLA IS THE BEST <3. GOD BLESS. Saffy & Twinkle... original duo back in action at our old stomping grounds. Don’t tell Spice Secrets. I ‘Twinkle’! <3 To Sarah... I love you. She has a hit put on her Spice will cover for her. Hi Honey! The house features Riff, Blaze, Cleo, Electra, Saffy and Gia. We are also planning on going on a scout trip for the first weekend. We are looking for new members so if you see anyone wearing our letters around campus just talk to them, we’re always happy to meet new people and make new connections. Welcome back everyone. See you around.

Student Activities Board

Hello everyone! The Alpha Xi Delta Monmouth Colony would love to welcome everyone back and we hope that all of you had an amazing summer. We are proud and honored to still be apart of the Monmouth University Student Activities Board. This year we’re excited to start the year off right. We’re excited to see everyone out of our Greek community, come out to Meet the Greeks on Tuesday, September 19th at 10pm in the Anacon Hall (Student Center). Also, look for us at the Involvement Fair on September 20th at 2:30pm on Erlanger Gardens. Beyond that, we hope to see everyone around campus. AXID love to all!

Andrea Johnson
Recording Secretary

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Today's Birthday (Sept. 13th)

Take on more responsibilities this year, but keep track of your earnings. The money's going out almost as fast as it's coming in.

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

Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is an 7
At first, it seems like you've got everything figured out. Keep looking around, and asking questions.

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 7
You'll have to go shopping, but be careful now. Only buy things that will help you make more money, to buy more things for your family. You're good at this.

Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 7
The more chores you get checked off your list, the better you'll feel, as you know. So, cheerfully keep chugging away. This game never ends, so enjoy it.

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 6
You're in a pretty good mood, but everybody isn't. Be gracious to a person who's lost objectivity. Postpone an outing to provide support.

Leo • (July 23 - Aug. 22) - Today is a 7
You love to have the finest things that your money will buy. You don't have to pay more than others do for it, however. That's not good business.

Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 7
Others might get giddy with success. Don't fall for that trick. Don't let your teammates forget the objective, either. You can still fail, if you get sloppy.

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) - Today is a 8
Accept the applause, but don't let it go to your head, that would be a mistake. It could also get in the way of expressing your talent, and that can be tragic.

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is a 6
You're not one to hold a grudge for long, you have other things to do. So, pay back a debt you owe, and then you can get on with your life.

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 7
Don't get stuck in repeating a procedure that doesn't work. Ask for input from others and listen to your own imagination.

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is a 8
Pay more attention to business now, things are starting to move quickly. It would be easy to make a mistake, so guard carefully against that.

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 8
Some people may think you're radical, but you're actually quite cautious. You like to play exciting games, but you sure don't like to lose. Make careful plans now.

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is a 7
It's always good to have enough on hand for emergencies. Don't expect somebody else to do it for you, but you can look out for the others.

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SO WHO AM I? I FIRED THIS TIMES WHAT'D I DO?

WELL... YOU'RE JUST NOT VERY GOOD AT YOUR JOB

BY BILLY O'KEEFE

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I'M NOT GOOD AT A LOT OF THINGS... STILL DO THEM

OKAY, ARE YOU PAID TO DO ALL OF THEM

WOW... LOOK BEHIND YOU. THAT GUY'S GOT CANDY

I'M SERIOUS THIS TIME!!!

We Can Go Back To That Or Stay In New York And Develop Some Self-Respect

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LIKE, WHY WASN'T ANYONE WARNING? A T.V. THAT MAKES NACHOS?

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SO WHAT IS THIS?
Missourians have had it tough, too, according to the Missouri Citizen Education Fund, which used the EPI data for a state analysis. Its “State of Working Missouri” report noted that from 2001 to 2005, Missouri median family income fell 10 percent, or $5,088, adjusted for inflation. (www.missouriprovote.org) What’s happening in Missouri is typical of what’s happening nationally.

“As the wealthiest continue to thrive, many households are left behind with little or nothing in the way of assets and often have significant debt,” the Economic Policy Institute (www.epi.org) reported. One in six households had no real savings.

That’s why more payday loan outlets are migrating from the inner cities to suburbs. Needy middle-income families are more willing than before to go into debt to maintain their standard of living. The EPI depoliticizes its analyses, unlike the Missouri group that uses the data to mobilize voters and pressure politicians whose policies don’t help working families. At a protest outside a summer fundraiser for Jim Talent, one picket sign read, “It would take 97 weeks at minimum pay to equal 1 plate at your dinner tonight, Mr. Talent.”

According to “Working Missouri,” the percentage of children living below the poverty level rose from 12.9 percent to 17.7 percent from 2001 to 2005. Raising the minimum wage would help many Missouri families. State unemployment rose from 4.7 percent to 5.5 percent from 2001 to 2005. The next time a politician preaches about family values, remind him or her that it’s hard to value your family if you’re too busy working to spend time with them. Or, you value family so much that you have several generations under one roof and work multiple jobs to support them. Or you got laid off from a high-paying job with benefits but now make minimum wage. Explain that new employers won’t pay what you’re worth when they can outsource your white-collar jobs to India or hire or promote some upstart for less pay.

Since 2000, wages have fallen for entry-level workers, including college graduates, according to the economic institute. Furthermore, the percentage of temporary agency workers has held at or above the same job for a year or more rose from 24.4 percent in 1995 to 31.5 percent in 2005. Company loyalty has vanished as more people become perma-temps who work multiple jobs without benefits.

People who raised good kids who got good grades and got accepted at good colleges cannot pay for higher education. So they are taking out loans and going deeper into debt. This is their version of “A Child Left Behind.”

The institute reported that middle-income married couples with children added over 500 hours of work to total family work hours from 1979 to 2000 and that key to their survival has been “for women in general to work multiple jobs in particular to enter the labor market.” Fewer middle-income women work for entry-level wages and take home cash. In 2005, 29.4 percent of working women were at the poverty level. Women still earn less than men.

Middle-income families are the working poor at food pantries and soup kitchens. Employer-provided health benefits are a thing of the past. Forty-nine percent in 1979 to 57.9 percent in 2000.

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Economics

According to the latest “State of Working America” report, the rich got richer faster between 2001 and 2004. Average income for the top 1 percent grew 184 percent, the Washington-based policy institute reported. People representing 1 percent of the wealth scale held over one-third of all wealth in 2004.

Nationally, median family income fell each year from 2000 to 2004. State unemploy-ment rate to quantify our economic well-being. The widening gap between rich and poor and the booming “perma-temp” industry are but two examples.

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ART WORKS

Ben F. may have changed his relationship status to single, but really, does every one of his friends on Facebook need to be informed of it in a headline at 4:35 in the morning? Yes, this week, the hanging-all-laundry-out-there generation got a little too much face in its Facebook as the popular Web site added a feature that, like a personal news ticker, chronicles every online move they and their friends make.

“It brings Facebook stalking to a whole new level,” said Chris Delia, 21, as he sat on a leather couch outside the Pitt Delta Theta fraternity on Locust Walk on the University of Pennsylvania campus Thursday. Where the already-epic Facebook news-feed controversy was a hot topic.

Nine million students hang out online on Facebook, each with his or her own Facebook “wall” of pictures and posts. The new feature allows users leave them no choice, rather than find out what friends have been doing through “news feeds” and “mini feeds” that appear on their page automatically. All day, every day, every last little blip in their online lives who posted on whose wall, who made a new online friend, who woke up tired like a personal CNN for every one of their designated friends.

“It’s so extreme,” said Mike Carley, 22, a Penn senior from Los Angeles. “I don’t really need to know my friends at USC are going to a party. It’s really too much information. A bunch of people don’t care whose wall I posted on at 3:45 a.m. What if I reject a friend request, will it say that too? That’s ugly.”

So upset are users about the changes that as of yesterday more than a half-million of the site’s 9 million users had signed petitions against the change, or joined one of the designated groups against Facebook (actions which, of course, were instantly logged on all their friends’ walls).

A Web site called A Day Without Facebook (http://daywithou facebook.blogspot.com) is calling for a mass boycott of the network on Tuesday which, given the already-hot nature of the site, would be an impressively harsh protest strategy. The group SPOF, a Facebook user many of whom reject the more open-to-all MySpace feel betrayed (Facebook is like a social networking site after MySpace, owned by News Corp.) Facebook originally limited its membership to college students, but four months ago spread to the military, nonprofit organizations, and some corporations.

“What was so great about Facebook was that it was not as blantly invasion of your friends that everyone was doing,” said Mary Calderone, a freshman at Penn. “MySpace was so stalkish. People are joking and calling it MyFace now.”

All of this information was already available, but most of it was hidden deep within users’ walls, accessible really only to people who had the idea to check out, say, how many friends had posted on someone’s wall.

Now, the news feeds automatically let users know when their friends have added photographs, changed their lists of favorite movies, or taken someone off their friends list because of a breakup. And stuff like: “Five of your friends have posted on Meghan’s wall.” (Should you? Do you really need to know that?)

This made personal news travel faster and more awkwardly through their network of friends than a lot of Facebook fans were ready for.

“I absolutely hate it,” said Nawad Maalouf, 19, a junior at Penn. “I don’t want every detail out. It used to take some effort to stalk someone. Now the stalking just comes to you. You see if people have declined invitations or updated their relationship status, written on other people’s walls.”

But isn’t sharing information the whole point of Facebook.com? That you can know all about people when they’re online, who their friends are, what music they’re into before you’ve even gone out for coffee.

Amanda Lenhart, senior research specialist with the Pew Internet & American Life Project, said the controversy underscores “the imperfect ideas” that users have about how their material is being used.

“All the things they are making public are things that are already public. What is also important is that Facebook took away a measure of their control.”

The changes also brought up some serious privacy issues: “Facebook users may have accepted invitations to gay events who did not necessarily want their sexual orientation broadcast to a vast network of casual acquaintances.

“The fury of the backlash led Facebook’s founder, a former Harvard University student named Mark Zuckerberg, to post an e-mail assuring the angry crowd that the company was “listening to all your suggestions about how to improve the product.”

He headlined the post, “Calm down. Breathe. We hear you.” Yesterday, Facebook spokes-

woman Melanie Deitch said the company was “aggressively evalu-

ating” the change.

But she stressed that the new features “allow you to hang up your online wall” and be at the heart of the contro

versy. “On Facebook, you only have one kind of friend,” said Pew’s Lenhart. “It assumes this intense level of friendship for everyone on the network. People can’t do things that might not be noticed. Facebook has assumed that everyone cares. And they don’t.”

And she added that at least one of the signature Facebook interac-
tions was still and would always remain private that nonverbal "hehhehehe" known, affectionately, as “the poke.”
Michigan has a question for California: Was it a good idea to prohibit, as your voters did in 1996, the use of race- and gender-based affirmative action in public schools and government agencies for hiring, contracting and admissions decisions?

Ten years ago, the issue raged in California just as it does now in Michigan. In the up-to-Nov. 7 election and a vote on the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, or MCRI.

Like backers of the MCRI, proponents of the nearly identical California Civil Rights Initiative, known as Proposition 209, promised a pathway to a colorblind society. Its opponents forecast an end to opportunity for women and minorities.

A decade later, some results are tangible: fewer African Americans at elite state universities and an apparent reduction in cost for road contracts awarded without consideration of race and gender. But could California do it again?

“In a heartbeat,” said Ward Connerly, the former University of California regent who led the campaign to pass 209. Connerly is also a principal organizer of the MCRI campaign.

Even opponents agree that Californians aren’t ready to repeat the proposition.

But Eva Paterson, who heads a coalition dedicated to doing away with 209, said she thinks that California voters someday will realize their mistake.

“There are fewer opportunities for minorities and women,” Paterson said. “California is worse off.”

Hard evidence of the effect of 209 is fragmentary and hard to interpret.

After its enactment, black and Hispanic enrollment declined sharply at the University of California system’s elite schools Berkeley and UCLA.

At UCLA, this fall’s freshman class includes just 96 African Americans (about 2 percent) — a 30-year low. Other reports have documented drops in minority and female faculty on some campuses and suggested a decline in the number of government contracts awarded to minority- and female-owned businesses.

But other research shows that overall minority enrollment at the elite schools has stabilized at lower levels, that overall minority enrollment is at or above pre-209 levels and that system-wide, Californians were among the national leaders in degrees awarded to nonwhite students.

Still, African Americans, 6 percent of California’s population, did not keep pace with the increases in the attainment of college degrees by whites, Asian or Hispanic Californians during the last 10 years.

On a broader scale, many of the traditional measures of progress in income, educational attainment, poverty rates show that progress for California’s minorities and women has outpaced that of whites and men during the last decade.

According to data from the California Demographic Research Unit:

The median income for women rose slightly more than that for men between 1995 and 2003. The growth in median household income for blacks, Hispanics and Asians between 1995 and 2000 was significantly higher than it was for whites.

Poverty rates fell sharply for blacks, Hispanics and Asians while rising for whites between 1996 and 2000.

Hans Johnson, an economist at the Public Policy Institute of California, urged caution in looking at the passage of 209 to those changes. The ban applied only to public schools and government agencies. Johnson said in the larger, private California economy, affirmative action remains crucial — it would in Michigan if the MCRI were adopted.

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Maron analyzed spending after 1996, when state and local road projects no longer required that a portion of all contracts be set aside for businesses owned by minorities and women. Since federal projects were still subject to set-asides, it was possible to test the effect on cost.

He found that removing race and gender preferences cut contract costs 3.7 percent to 6 percent.

Supporters of affirmative action argue that the premium for taxpayers is small and offset by greater opportunities for historically dis advantaged people. But measuring the effectiveness of affirmative-action programs and the impact of ending them has been tough.

The Discrimination Research Center, an affirmative-action advocacy organization founded in Berkeley in 1998, found fewer women in construction trades and attributed that to 209. But the authors cited shortcomings in data and acknowledged that even post-209 “women are better represented in the construction industry in California than nationally.”

On the other hand, the race and gender composition of the California state government workforce has changed little.

Whites and African Americans, both shrinking portions of the population, are also a declining portion of the state workforce; Hispanics and Asians, both increasing, occupy a larger share.

Connerly said the measure of 209’s success is in the way individuals are treated.

“The vision should be, ‘Did you have a fair and equal chance to compete?’”

More important, he said, is that 209’s biggest impact was cultural.

“The weight of the law was no longer in favor of using preferences. That is an attitudinal change that may take decades to be absorbed. But it’s in the fabric of everyday life now.”
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Monmouth victorious in its 2006 home opener at Kessler Field

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With a time of 20:28.5 for the 5K Lyles finished in 27th of 160 runners. This time helped Monmouth receive total points of 182, finishing in sixth place for the day. MU sophomore Jessica Jones finished in 19th place with a time of 20:49.

Following Jones were three freshmen - 46th place Cailyn Lynam with 20:59, in 47th Rachel Ruggiano with 21:00, and Cortine Lacace in 48th place with 21:18.

Freshman Jennifer Oprysko ran 21:46, beating her high school personal best by more than a minute. “This was an early-season look at what will be a very important course for us this fall,” said 12th year head coach Joe Compagni.

“The NEC Championships will be at Van Cortland Park on Oct 27, and the ECAC/IC4A Championship will be here on Nov. 18.”

For the Men Juniors Dustin Coleman and Matt Caporaso paced the Hawks, helping MU total 358 points, finishing 14th of 21 schools. Coleman ran 27:37 for 36th place and Caporaso came in 38th place running 27:41.

Senior Matt Murray improved his time by more than three minutes over his freshman year performance at MU.

“Our next meet will be the first time this season that the men’s team all races together,” said Coach Compagni.

On Friday, Sept. 15, the Hawks are hosting the Monmouth Invitational at Holmdel Park. Women’s 5K race begins at 4:15 p.m. and the men’s 5 mile begins at 5 p.m.
**Women’s Soccer**

**Hawks bounce back, beat St. Peter’s 6-0**

**Heller’s two goals propel blue & white**

By Eric M. Walsh

Sports Editor

Just five days after suffering their first loss of the season, the Monmouth University women’s soccer team rebounded in dramatic fashion. On Sunday, September 10, MU took on St. Peter’s College in what turned out to be a runaway victory for the Hawks. From the opening whistle, Monmouth dominated both sides of the ball, giving St. Peter’s only one legitimate look on offense in the first half. After several good looks early in the match, MU opened the scoring in the 26th minute, with Alessandra DeTata deflecting in a perfect cross from Andrea Lopez to make it 1-0. Three minutes later, the Hawks were at it again. This time it was Iliana Blackshear who beat the goalie on a breakaway to make it 2-0. If not for a questionable pushing foul called on Allison Pinadella that erased a well-timed header, Monmouth would have gone into the locker room up 3-0 at halftime. The Hawks picked up right where they left off for the final 45 minutes. In the 54th minute, Danielle Rosanova scored on an assist from Amy Hoyer, who added another assist 8 minutes later. Brittani Heller headed in a free kick from Hoyer, to make it 4-0 Hawks. Heller added her second goal of the match in the 86th minute off a free kick outside the 18 yard box. The laser-like shot flew past the outstretched arms of the Peahens’ goalie and in after slightly nicking the right post. To finish the great day of offense for the Hawks, Lisa Esposito knocked in a deflection in the 89th minute to make the final score, Monmouth 6-St. Peter’s 0. Monmouth out shot the Peahens of St. Peter’s 24-0 in the game, literally making their opponent’s offensive attack nonexistent.

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1. 25:03 MU DETATA, Alessandra (1) (LOPEZ, Andrea)
2. 27:54 MU BLACKSHEAR, Illiana (1) (unassisted)
3. 53:22 MU ROSANOVA, Danielle (1) (HOYER, Amy)
4. 61:11 MU HELLER, Brittani (1) (HOYER, Amy)
5. 83:00 MU HELLER, Brittani (2) (unassisted)
6. 88:15 MU ESPOSITO, Lisa (1) (unassisted)

**Shots:** St. Peter’s 0, Monmouth 24

**Saves:** St. Peter’s 9 (Kovalcik, Andrea 9), Monmouth 0

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1. 19:52 MU HOLLOWAY, Steven (GRAY, Tom)
2. 34:06 MU WILSON, Damon (unassisted)
3. 57:24 MU HOLLOWAY, Steven (CASTRO, John)
4. 80:45 MU HOLLOWAY, Steven (GRAY, Tom)

**Shots:** Monmouth 21, NJIT 6

**Saves:** Monmouth 3 (SCHENKEL, Daniel 3), NJIT 9 (CUNNING, Collin 4; OSIT, Josh 5)
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