Cultures on Display at Wilson

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The Department of Language Studies presented Festival of Languages on Thursday, November 9 in the Munch Auditorium. The event, open to all University students, boasted a variety of food and entertainment. Both professors and students came together to celebrate the many cultures, as well as the cultural courses offered at Monmouth.

Maria Simonelli, professor of Italian, Greek and Latin said, “It is important to learn about other cultures because we will all need to learn from each other.”

Pleased with the turnout at the event, Dr. Priscilla Gac-Artigas, Chair of the Foreign Language Department, said, “We had much more students than last year.”

The festival opened with a performance by students Oscar Diaz, Justin Karpinski, Michael Lubischer and Teresa Mancini, titled “Ode to Don Quijote.”

Lubischer and Teresa Mancini by singing, dancing, reciting poetry and speaking about their presentations they had made. Eighty students contributed food from foreign countries. Twenty-nine students made posters depicting different cultural aspects of either their native country or the country they are currently studying.

This was my first festival in MU and I thought it was great,” Diaz, a Spanish Education major and native of Chile.

Adds political science major Catherine Heredia, “There was a lot of talent in the festival, and it was organized very well.”

Her idea for the event came from a Spanish adjunct professor said, “The enthusiasm of the staff was great. They motivated the students and worked one-on-one to make this event a success.”

Although there seemed to be a consensus about the success of this year’s festival, suggestions were made for future improvements.

“For next year, I would add more comedians, videos, [and] dancing,” said Javier Sanchez, lecturer and professor of Spanish. “I [would] also advertise the event more, by using posters. [M]ore languages should also be represented, because only a couple were partaken.

During the hour and a half event, students were exposed to the cultural traits of many countries, including Mexico, Italy, Spain, and Greece. Some say, however, time restrictions didn’t do those countries justice.

Professor Simonelli and Dr. Gac-Artigas both agree the event should be longer next year to allow for more presentation and performance time.

A controversial issue that occurred during the event was the representation of foreign cultures at Monmouth.

“No, I don’t think we are well represented in MU,” said Dr. Gac-Artigas. “We need to bring more diversity in MU. We need more scholarships and more financial help. We have the resources; we just have to make them available.”

“Some cultures are represented but not in all MU,” adds Professor Sanchez.

Popular Web Sites Pose A Danger

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Online profiles such as MySpace and Facebook became available only a few years ago. But, since then, they have made it possible for thousands of people in the world to find and reach out to friends.

On November 9, members of the Information Technology department as well as the Department of Psychological and Counseling Services, held a seminar about the dangers of the Internet, specifically MySpace and Facebook. The purpose of the seminar was to warn students of the dangers of publishing personal information on the Web for anyone to see.

“This purpose of the event was to raise awareness on what kind of dangers and risks are associated with the Internet,” says Dr. Kyle Barr, a psychological counselor at Monmouth University. Many of the students in the audience were also shocked to find out certain information about their most used social Web sites. “I learned that people can get access much more much more than we would think, and the information is definitely something that could haunt you in the future,” commented freshman Melina Rondinna.

Many people seemed to find the presentation by students and very informative. People were shocked to find out how much information someone can find out about you just from your profile.

“The main message is that there are risks students should be aware of. If students understand the risks and the changing legal environment associated with them, many will act more responsibly,” Barr said.

Students gain information in how to fulfill E-Ed requirement at “How E-Ed Changed My Life”.

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Another point that shocked most students was that the owners of these Web sites can change the terms and conditions of using the site at any time. Most agree to the terms and conditions without even reading them, not realizing that they are allowing their pictures to possibly be sold to companies, or even changes on them without their permission.

“The presentation was informative and I know I’m going to read the terms and conditions of these Web sites now,” continued Rodriguez. Not only are these sites allowed to throw all of your information out there, but they are holding the user responsible for any complaints or lawsuits against them.

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Jeff Daniels Showcases Musical Talent at Pollak

DANIEL ROTH
EDITOR AT LARGE

Sitting alone in the middle of the stage with only blue jeans, a t-shirt, top hat, and acoustic guitar, Jeff Daniels entertained patrons last Saturday in Pollak Theatre.

Daniels is best known as an actor, playing major roles in movies such as Dumb and Dumber, Arachnophobia, and Terms of Endearment. Currently, Daniels is touring college campuses and other venues performing songs from his CD Live & Unplugged: To Benefit the Purple Rose Theatre. The theatre is a nonprofit playwrights house in Chelsea, Michigan that prides itself on supporting Midwestern playwrights.

According to Vincent DiCarlo, director of Monmouth’s Performing Arts Series, “(Daniels’) agent called me immediately because he felt this was a perfect show for our series. It was flattering that he would think that, since Jeff Daniels is such an accomplished person.”

Peck said having Daniels come to Monmouth was deeper than just the attraction of a big name movie star on campus.”(The Philosophy behind him coming was) to point out the fact that people can excel at more than one thing,” Peck said. “We shouldn’t put them in boxes; keep them there… not allowing them to pursue their dreams. Also to attract students because I knew they would recognize him from Dumb and Dumber. I saw this as an opportunity to open their minds up to this idea and to make a statement about not limiting themselves.”

The concert, which began at 8 p.m., was free for students with their student ID’s and cost $35 for other guests.

The concert had two sets with a 15-minute intermission. After Daniels welcomed the crowd, he joked about the challenge of being on stage. “This is the best job I’ve ever had,” Daniels said. “It’s a little different than a regular job.”

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1. Opening act: Before Daniels takes the stage, a local band performs. This band acts as a warm-up for the audience, building anticipation for the main event. Expect the opening act to entertain with a mix of contemporary and traditional music.

2. Introduction: Daniels enters the stage with his acoustic guitar. He starts by introducing himself and thanking the audience for coming. Expect Daniels to engage the audience right away, creating a connection between himself and the crowd.

3. Performance: Daniels performs a variety of songs from his career, including both solo and collaborative work. Expect a mix of acoustic and electric guitar playing. Daniels’s unique voice and storytelling style will captivate the audience, making them feel as if they’re part of the performance.

4. Audience Interaction: Daniels frequently interacts with the audience, asking them to sing along or participate in light-hearted games. Expect Daniels to make the audience feel welcome and involved in the performance.

5. Request Time: Daniels takes requests from the audience, allowing them to choose the songs they want to hear. Expect this time to be a fun, interactive moment for both Daniels and the audience.

6. Closing: Daniels finishes the set with a powerful, emotional song. Expect this to be a high point of the concert. Daniels says goodbye to the audience and leaves the stage, leaving them eager for more.

7. Encore: Daniels returns to the stage, often with a special guest. Expect this to be a highlight of the concert, featuring a unique and exciting performance.

8. Wrap-Up: Daniels thanks the audience once again, and the concert ends. Expect this to be a bittersweet moment, as the audience is both sad and excited for Daniels’s next performance.

9. Exit: Daniels and his band exit the stage, leaving the audience in awe of their performance. Expect this to be a moment of reflection, as the audience contemplates the impact of the concert on them.

In conclusion, a Jeff Daniels concert is a unique and unforgettable experience. Expect a night filled with music, laughter, and connection with both Daniels and the audience. Daniels consistently delivers a performance that leaves the audience feeling inspired and entertained.
Longtime Actor Performs Original Works

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students, some of which brought large posters and DVDs from the hit comedy film. Daniels started the first annual production of “West Long Branch on a Saturday Night,” which had a line that said, “We’re going to do it up right, in West Long Branch on a Saturday night.”

During the rest of the first set Daniels sang about his humorous diaries, which was a surprise that it was more serious, but it was really good,” commented Jay Letchko. With songs like “Have a Good Life then Die” and “Grandfather’s Hat,” Daniels gave viewers an intimate look at his life off camera. He continued this trend by also keeping the comedic vibe with lighter songs including “When Your Filly,” “Detroit Train,” and “Dirty Harry.”

The greatest applause and laughter in the second set came from a performance concerning his travels in an RV to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. Daniels says about driving away from a rest stop without his wife. As he went through the entire debacle the crowd roared in laughter.

Dom Isolda, a junior criminal justice major remarked, “It was a very fun performance, I got a great insight into his life before he became famous. He told a story about driving in an RV to Cooperstown. It’s cool because it shows he still does things normal people do.

Although Daniels was scheduled to sign autographs after the show, he performed an encore which included signing copies of his CD were available for $20 at a table set up as you walked into Pollak Theatre.

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Gray has been performing as a slam poet for seven years and is the first time at Monmouth University, completing a one hour set on a coat and tie and have an option for one of my classes. How- ever, her current and only job is touring the country performing at different Universities and open- ing for concerts.

She recently came off a three- month tour opening for The Black Eyed Peas, which she claimed was the greatest job of her life. Gray has also opened for John Legend and Joss Stone.

When sitting down before the show, Gray described her style as “conscious hip-hop combined with slam poetry, with a sprinkle of sto- rytelling.” The rainy Wednesday night and quiet campus made for a small turnout, which Gray called “hella intimate.”

Throughout the show, Gray interacted with the small audience by asking questions, talking directly to them, and even passing the middle of a poem to give. The close and personal setting was very different from Gray as she made eye contact with each and everyone in the room.

Gray opened with a poem about herself, called “Half and Half.” Interestingly, Gray is half white and half black and considers herself gray, which is also her last name. She explains that Gray is simply a name that she inherited from her mother’s second husband.

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On the Record

Jeff Daniels (above) performed 13 songs for the Pollak Theatre audience.

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Were you involved in any clubs or organizations while at Central Michigan?

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Armenian Alphabet Anniversary Celebrated

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On November 8, students and members of the Monmouth University community were invited to a special presentation of the Armenian alphabet. In celebration of the 1,600th anniversary of the alphabet, Ara Arakun was present to discuss its development.

Arakun is a specialist in Armenian history, as well as the Coordinator of the Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern); the editor of Armenian and English adaptation of the Salasavag Bible; and Hepto Arakian, who helped organize the event. Provost Pearson introduced Arakun, outlining his prestigious career and welcoming him to the Monmouth campus.

“We have the special privilege of recognizing this great civilization,” the Provost said later. “This is a chance to recognize the significance of this alphabet. All great cultures have a language, and it is interesting to see the impact the language has on the culture. Monmouth is lucky to foster a warm relationship with the Armenian community and able to bring this presentation to our campus.”

Among those in attendance were His Excellency Mr. Arsen Martirosyan, the Armenian Ambassador to the United Nations; His Eminence Archbishop Hrarsam Barjcaffe of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern); the Very Reverend Father Mamigon Kiledjian from St. Stephens Church in Elberon, NJ; Dr. Samuel Mikaelian—Executive Director of the Diocese; and Gilda Kupelian, the inspiration for the exhibit as well as the Coordinator of Armenian Language Education.

Arakun’s presentation served as an impressive highlight of the alphabet exhibit, which ran from November 6 through 9 in Wilson Hall, and featured an impressive display of the Armenian Alphabet, as well as influential contributors to its growth.

New University Web site to be Launched

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Monmouth University is currently undergoing steps to update its Web site’s appearance and level of interactivity. According to Sarah Savarese, Director of Enrollment Communications, the decision was made to change the Web site in order to remain competitive with other collegiate Web sites, to better suit the needs of students, and better utilize Monmouth’s Web space.

“With the technology that we have now and it’s good to know that MU is trying to keep up with the latest technology,” Assistant Directors of Undergraduate Admission, Steven Paskill, Stapleton, and Lord is also the firm that is designing mockups for the new site. Students’ opinions about the proposed updates are varied.

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In preparation for the changes, Savarese, along with provost, began conducting focus groups and involving the students and faculty in the decision-making process. The students’ opinions have been submitted and will be used to help create the new site.

“The site will be more appealing on a lot of levels. It will be easier to use and friendlier to visit,” Savarese said. “We are hopeful that by spring the students will return to see a newly improved site,” said Savarese.

Monmouth’s athletics page is also going through an overhaul according to Kornegay. He says that the new site will be more interactive and have an appearance similar to that of a professional news-sports Web site, similar to the look of ESPN.com. The new home for Monmouth sports will be www.muhawks.com.

Savarese stated that choices about how the site would be changed came from data collected in focus groups. She said that the University hired Paskill, Stapleton, and Lord is also the firm that is designing mockups for the new site. Students’ opinions about the proposed updates are varied.

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Savarese expressed a different opinion about the change.

“I think it’s an improvement on what we have now and it’s good to know that MU is trying to keep up with the latest technology,” Abra- mo said.

Much of the content on the new site will come from the old site, according to Savarese. She explained that the creation and maintenance of new content on the site will be handled by different departments around campus, as it has always been. The Webmaster will be Bob Smith, Monmouth University’s Communications Coordinator for Web Initiatives.

Once the new Web site becomes active it will be accessed through the same domain, www.mon-mouth.edu.

The school’s new Web site (above) is geared toward creating a “new image” as well as updating to a more visually appealing look.
Experiential Education Fair Informs Campus

Students share personal accounts of experiences outside of class

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On Wednesday, November 8, “How Ed Changed My Life” was presented from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Anacon Hall. The event was open to all students seeking information on how to fulfill their experiential education credits. An experiential education experience is required by all majors and to gain “real world” learning in order for students to graduate.

Liz Glynn, campus organizer of the fair, said that the fair was presented from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Anacon Hall. The event was open to all students seeking information on how to fulfill their experiential education credits. Among the presentations were representatives from psychology, criminal justice, math, education, special education, and communication. Students had the opportunity to visit tables set up according to majors including psychology, criminal justice, history/anthropology, political science, English, accounting, management, marketing, economics & finance, software engineering, social work, music & theatre arts, foreign language, math, education, special education, and communication.

Students visit various tables set up in Anacon Hall, which were organized based on major.

Rachel Kurzawa, a business administration and accounting major, fulfilled her educational requirements by studying abroad in Australia during the fall 2005 semester. She volunteered to speak to students about her experiences and how and why they can learn more about studying abroad. Kurzawa said, “I enjoy speaking to students at events like this. It gives you good public speaking skills.”

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World According to MU: The Election

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Students Honored for Freshman Achievement

Phi Eta Sigma Inducts 93 Into Honor Society

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To be eligible for induction, students must, in their academic institution maintain a 3.5 GPA. Once inducted, students are members for life. The Monmouth University chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, part of Region XIII, has been a chapter since October 18, 1987. For the past 19 years, Monmouth students who excelled academically their freshman year have been honored with an induction into Phi Eta Sigma.

This year’s induction took place in Wilson Auditorium, which was filled to the brim with inductees and proud family members. The elected officers of Phi Eta Sigma, President Kacie Hubbs, Vice President Christopher Meyer, Secretary Dana Capozzalo, Treasurer Patrick O’Rourke, and Historian Nikki Pavalonnis, along with the adviser, Dr. Golam Mathbor, Associate Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, presided over the ceremony, in conjunction with the Honors School.

The induction began with addresses by Hubbs and Dr. Mathbor congratulating both the inductees and their families for the achievement, as only about 10 percent of last year’s freshmen received membership into Phi Eta Sigma. Paravolinos then detailed the history of Phi Eta Sigma and Monmouth’s chapter, explaining how Phi Eta Sigma recognized the “academic nature of society,” which is the reason it is an academic fraternity. Hubbs, O’Rourke, Capozzalo, and Meyer then detailed the member responsibilities, which are to maintain an unimpeachable character through truth, courage, charity, and generosity, to care for and honor the body (considered sacred by Phi Eta Sigma), and to have a vigorous and disciplined mind.

Additionally, the symbols on the crest were explained. The torch atop a book represents scholarship, whereas the pyramid and the star represent character and a strong body. The chain links all three together, thus symbolizing the necessity for all three (scholarship, character, and body) to be combined.

The candidates then swore an oath to meet these responsibilities and receive an official certificate of membership to Phi Eta Sigma. Once all inductees received their certificate and signed the register, Dr. Judith Nye, Associate Vice President for The First Year Experience, gave the keynote address. Dr. Nye detailed the importance of leadership and the characteristics necessary to be a good leader. She stated, “It is our choices that present character and a strong body.”

To end the ceremony, Dr. Mathbor seconded Dr. Nye’s statements on leadership. He stated, “A leader influences another person.” The 93 new members of Phi Eta Sigma are those types of leaders. For more information on Phi Eta Sigma, contact Reenie Menditto at 732-263-5308 or go to www.phietasigma.org.

Technology Seminar Informs Students About Internet Concerns

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legal dispute arising from your use, you have agreed to pay for all losses incurred by MySpace and Facebook. You have also agreed to travel to the State of California to bring action against these companies,” said Professor Maureen Paparella, head of the Information Technology Department.

Students are not the only ones who can log into MySpace and Facebook. Many employers and Universi ty administrators can access these accounts to look up profiles of employees or students. Any inappropriate behavior shown on these websites is immediately shown to bosses or administrators.

Overall, the seminar was deemed a great success. “Yes, I believe it was a success. A lot of students asked questions at the end which demonstrated that it was a topic of interest and concern,” comments Dr. Barr.

There were about 100 people in the audience, which is a pretty good turn out considering this type of seminar had never been held at Monmouth University before. Many are looking forward to this seminar continuing as well as addressing new Internet precautions.

“If the future, we would like to address the psychological aspects regarding Internet addiction and why people are so attracted to gaming, chat rooms, and blogging. We also would address why people portray themselves as someone different than who they are in reality while online,” says Dr. Barr.

The presentation made many think twice about the kind of information they give out online, and it also made them wonder why people put themselves before the dangers of these social Web sites.

“It was really interesting to see the lack of information or awareness students have about these social websites. They really just do not seem to understand the threats of MySpace and Facebook,” said freshman Karen Kezmich.
First and foremost, let me just say “Hola!” As you may have guessed, through my not-so-subtle hint, I decided to talk about the importance of foreign languages. Las lenguas, if you will, and their importance in today’s society. Let me stop you right now. This is not an editorial about “diversity” per se. We have enough of that on the next two pages. But, I am going to express my particular feelings on the situation. If you care to join me, I’m glad to have you.

I have this friend - well, I have more than one, but for the purposes of this I only feel the need to focus on her - and whenever we’re around people of a different culture, she becomes very agitated. In one particular instance, I was unfortunate enough to hear her shout a rude comment to a woman speaking in her native tongue to her children. This upset me greatly, and therefore, is why I feel it necessary to address it in a public forum in case anyone else feels the same way.

Depending on who you ask, the official language of our country is a fluid concept. Some say it’s English, while others rebut that one doesn’t exist. After researching it on the Internet, I still don’t know. But that doesn’t hurt the issue I’m attempting to highlight.

My message to those like my ignorant friend is simply this: “Get over it.”

There is a reason why we have to take two semesters of a language and why public grammar schools are now having kids as young as kindergarten age speaking Spanish. It is the way in which our country is morphing itself. We have always known as “the melting pot” of the world. However, I sense a lot of hostility from those I observe and those I interact with on a daily basis.

Some, like my friend, are of the contention that if you don’t speak English, you shouldn’t be allowed in our country. Well then, I am of the belief that if you don’t speak the language of any country, don’t go there. So, kiss goodbye your trips to Europe or Canada during spring break unless you can converse fluently in every tongue indigenous to that area.

Sounds a little ridiculous, right? No one should be able to tell us where and where not to go. Exactly my point. If people are willing, even though they don’t speak our language, to attempt to adapt to the “American” way of living, I say let them. It will be a struggle and, yes, they might very well be ostracized, but that is the choice given to them as such as they step foot onto our soil.

At this juncture, I feel it necessary to specify that I am not talking about those who come to this country illegally with ill desire. The people I am referring to are immigrants who are not fluent in English. Language is part of culture. By telling these people who want nothing more than to get here that the moment they arrive, they are supposed to forget such a large part of who they are is not only ludicrous but reminiscent of a dictatorship, which America is not. A portion of the people who emigrate here, most likely the majority, so do to make a better life for themselves and/or their children. As such, they are probably striving to learn the way in which the people here speak and function on a daily basis, just like if an American were to move to Japan or Italy or any other country.

As we a country have become spoiled because everyone else has, for the most part, struggled to accommodate the form we deem correct. Well, there will come a time when the number of people from foreign lands will outnumber the native Americans, and then what will you do? How will you handle it?

Before you call someone a “stupid foreigner,” as I had the displeasure of hearing one day, think about what would happen if the “ideal” situation were reached and no one spoke another language. There would be no international relations, no imports of other products, no world news.

A characteristic of living is to continually react to stimuli and adapt. If no one speaks another language or has knowledge of other cultures, we become an isolationist society, doomed to collapse as a result of our pride.

So you have to take a language? It’s just a class. You can choose to get something out of it or not. But the next time you’re in a place where you’re the minority, be it Europe, Asia, or even Spanish Harlem, think about how you feel. This is a hard look at the way you have treated others in the past. Most importantly, next time you’re in a situation like that, think about the frustration trying to voice a thought or complaint that no one understands. Last, but not least, think about the relief you would feel if a person, a “native,” came up to you, the “foreigner,” and said hello.

Just think about it. Our ancestors came here all those years ago. We are the true foreigners.

Joe Keating, Sean Quinn, Jason Allentoff, Cheile Gray, and Khalil Thomas in the on-air studio during WMCX’s election night special, Election Factor.

Photo of the Week
courtesy of Sean Quinn

Did you know… your cartoon or picture can be here next week? It can be about anything but should reflect the views of The Outlook’s editors (unless otherwise noted) or any and all advertisers. Opinion articles are run unedited and the content is solely the responsibility of their authors. All students and faculty are welcome to respond to any opinion piece that appears on these pages, and everyone is encouraged to submit an article for consideration. The Outlook reserves the right to withhold any articles deemed inappropriate or otherwise unfit to print in the Op/Ed section. Due to legalities, The Outlook will no longer print anonymous articles.
Opinion
Within the student body and show because people have night classes regarding to the recent articles in this school needs and concerns and try to help us. We're not asking for much. We can't get the administration to placate us. The Student Speakout section, this school needs to stop thing regarding minority programs always the same year after year. I can relax and enjoy myself on I think the tuition is a little too big and it's hard to get programs for is not an accomplishment, just a s i t y . S h o u l d w e b e s a t i s f i e d w i t h this university. They are as active as the rest of the minority campus do too. It is not fair to those students, including me, to bring it to the attention of the University. It is hard to get involved at the same time it should have been done anyway, so its inclusion self to be a valuable element of the student body so, I do, so do to have the University cater to or just chose not to make compromises, why should we have to settle for it as truth. So as Kevin said about Rashaun’s comments, I find it to be true for myself and offensive and I hope others on campus do too.
I feel that, as minorities, we are often forced to make compromises, not choices, at Monmouth. My role in these organizations can be considered active at the least. Rashaun is also a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity. His fraternity, although not recognized by the administration, has a lot for the diversification of this university. They are as active as they are permitted to be on this campus. What truly sparked me to write this article was something Kevin said in his closing statement. "Dr. King visit was recently added to the tour script, all I have to say is that it took a while before 8 p.m. and if we eat early, before 40 years in the right direction. Rashaun also mentioned that he was exposed to the neighboring communities such as Asbury Park, Long Branch, and Neptune. In my opinion, he is correct. May Monmouth is beginning to reach its own limit, there is a lot to be done as a University I feel that there is a moral obliga- tion to help those students of color, and to further their education. That is why there aren't more students from the surrounding neighborhoods attending Mon- mouth? Shouldn't they be encour- aged to consider Monmouth as the institution at which they can pursue their education? Is it also true that, in the African American Student Union. He is also still with us, he is an African American Student Union and National Council of Negro Women.
If someone does not come forth to expose a problem or speak on it, then no solution can even begin to be discussed... Maybe things need to get a little stirred up so there can be some change. You cannot make cake until you stir the batter, right?
I feel that Kevin’s response to Rashaun's article was a condescending tone and was very disrespectful not only to Rashaun, but to myself and other minorities on this campus. One would have thought that being a staff writer would somehow leave you inclined to think before you speak or in that case, write. Kevin is very unaware of the experience that the many members of the minority population have on this campus. The sad part is the person who made the statement do not know exactly what it is on. That statement is far from real. Once again, Rashaun is not the only one that has had to suffer racial and color, it is wrong regardless of what level it is on. The state- ment made was highly disrespectful. Are you to say that Dr. King not able to speak on what he saw and thought wrong until he saw and thought wrong until he King was subjected to more rac- ism than Rashaun probably ever will, yet he never lowered himself to the level of making baseless claims about secret slave conspir- acies the way Rashaun has. "Are you kidding me? First and fore- most, I find that statement to be highly inflammatory, it is what suggest that there need be a cer- tain level of racism reached before the University would be willing to voice their opinions and feelings? Was Rashaun supposed to have the water hose turned on him be- fore he is allowed to speak? Was Dr. King not able to speak on what he saw? Was he not allowed to reach out to anyone remotely interested in a more change-worthy cause than the racist experienced by minori- ties? Is there still a need to experience racism and it is wrong regardless of what level it is on. That state- ment is far from real. Once again, Rashaun is not the only one that has had to suffer. It was not an accomplisment, just a state- ment to be?
I have been enlightened to is the enlightening one. The only thing Kevin expressed was meant to be an uncomfortable atmosphere for those who are part of the disen-franchised minority and it would be a foolish as- sumption to the person that made the statement. Perhaps he should have taken the time to inquire with them before rebuffing the comments of one its students. How could be possible know what it is to be the only African Ameri- can on campus? Being the only one is not the same as being said, how could he comment on Dr. King not be able to speak on what he saw and thought wrong until he
I hope Rashaun’s suggestion of having a forum with students, it is an unexpected and un- expected depicition of the lack of diversity on this campus and how it creates an uncomfortable atmosphere. Those who are part of the disen- franchised minority and it would be a foolish as- sumption to the person that made the statement. Perhaps he should have taken the time to inquire with them before rebuffing the comments of one its students. How could be possible know what it is to be the only African Ameri- can on campus? Being the only one is not the same as being
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JASON MORLEY

In a time that a bleeding heart has become so cliché that it well be a fashion accessory for many youths and people register- ing as republicans run the risk of being lumped in with an overly self-righteous right, students are becoming more alienated by pun- dit politics than ever before.

How anyone is able to agree to align with any party in today's so- ciety is mind-boggling. Every is- sues is made into partisan politics because it could swing votes. No one with a moderate viewpoint can gain enough of support from either of the two major parties to actually win in a presidential primary. In any- one else tired of feeling politically moderate by default and just afraid to go it alone? Is anyone else tired of having to pick between the lesser of two evils, vote for someone who is not even going to win one nod from the Electoral Col- lege (I know it is never considered throwing away your vote, but let’s be honest about the chances)?

As long as politics is the only way to go, we are helping the flag or burning the Constitution? Why are these the only two options? We’re not that stupid. Just so people and agree with some issues, could go either way on others, and can’t see eye-to-eye on why in the heck my tax dollars are paying for a bunch of stuffed shirts to bicker over whether two people of the same sex can be likely to end up in a divorce as every other hetero- sexual marriage? Politicians are hard to like. There are the ones that are too fake or too boring who don’t even bother to try to belong in politics, but it would be nice to meet some regular guys (or gals) that aren’t self-righteous. The guys aren’t spotless enough to get into office, officials are supposed to be honest and they must be. The back- ground checks should be devoid of any aspect of your youth, ju- balice, drugs and alcohol, fun, controversy, logical thought, hu- mor, red meat, mismatched socks, etc...but I digress.

There are an infinite number of reasons why the public is dejected and mentally exhausted by politics and mainstream media. So, who’s re- sponsible? Is it the government’s fault for pushing us away with scandal and clouding issues so badly? Or is it our fault for giv- ing in to double-talking double- breathed suits and slick of hand? The answer: it doesn’t matter. Being alienated from both sides is easy. Being ambitious and making conscious decisions about both is not. Do it anyway! Get in- volved, and get aware.

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"Thanksgiving, a 'harvest' word, is a word of action."
-W.J. Cameron

"We can always find something to be thank- ful for, and there may be reasons why we ought to be thankful for even those dispensa- tions which are not to our liking.

-Dr. Horatio G..spencer

"I celebrated Thanksgiving in an old-fashioned way. I invited everyone in my neighborhood to my house for an enormous feast, and then I killed them and took their land."
-Jon Stewart

"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, 'thank you,' that would suffice." -Maister Eckhart

"Do not get tired of doing what is good. Don’t ever desert the work you began and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time." -Galatians 6:9

"The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No A turkeys have been more impov- erished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving."
-H. U. Westernmayer

"Thanksgiving, man! Not a good day to be my partner." -Kevin James

"I have learnt silence from the talkative, tolerance from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrate- ful to these teachers."-Khalil Gibran

"I love Thanksgiving turkeys. I’m going to Las Angeles that you see natural breasts."
-Arnold Schwarzenegger

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The festival is free with the exception of “Dinner with the Poets” at $35 per person.
What is the SAB’s latest hit? Many students would say the Boston weekend trip. The Student Activities Board sponsored the weekend trip from Friday, November 10 to Sunday, November 12. For $80 each, about fifty Monmouth students and friends received round trip busing, hotel accommodations, and weekend train passes. Stephen Ficalora, the Travel and Tour Chair for the SAB, has been planning the Boston trip for a while.

“We started making plans for this trip at the end of last year and during the summer,” said Ficalora. The weekend was to be enjoyed at everyone’s leisure. There were no schedules or itineraries to follow, just freedom and adventure. Boston is known for its amazing museums, wonderful seafood, exciting nightlife, and historic charm. On Saturday, a Veteran’s Day Parade filled the streets with participants and onlookers who were there to commemorate the day. The weather was beautiful, and many took advantage of the day, including SAB President Christine Schumann.

“On Saturday, we went to the Old North Church, walked around Quincy Market, and Faneuil Hall, walked around the Boston Commons, went to the Prudential Center, and then went back to Faneuil Hall at night,” said Schumann. Quincy Market is a great spot to shop and eat, with well over 50 places to eat. Foods in the Market range from Indian to American and everything in between. The market even has a replica Cheers Bar, called Sam’s Café, where everyone knows your name. The city of Boston has many opportunities for just about everyone. The Marketplace has stores like Coach, Urban Outfitters, and the Discovery Channel Store. Inside, there are kiosks lined up that offer tourists everything from Red Sox memorabilia to handmade jewelry. On Newberry Street, they offer shopping to the elite, with stores including Valentino, Chanel, and Juicy Couture. Jill Banholzer, SAB Vice President of Major Events, took part in her own touring.

“On the trip, the group of people I hung out with met up with some friends from Boston and got our own private tour of the city. We did some things, such as go to a very cool restaurant Fire and Ice, do part of the Freedom Trail, and visit places like Quincy Market, Boston Commons, and Harvard Square,” said Banholzer.

Unfortunately, rain greeted Boston on Sunday, but that did not stop the touring. The New England Aquarium was packed with tourists on the rainy day. The bus left Boston at 3 p.m. for Monmouth, and many stayed out right up until then.

Overall, the weekend was a great way to get away from work and the campus, and see a city some had not seen before. The SAB offers trips like Boston because of its advantages to Monmouth students. “I think it’s great the SAB does so much. With travel and tour, we can plan great trips off campus and bring the students to such a wide variety of places,” said Ficalora.

“The trip went great and everyone cooperated very well. I hope that everyone who went enjoyed themselves and will participate in other SAB trips and events,” said Schumann.

Industry experts, vendors, clean energy leaders and advocates will be onsite at Monmouth University - recently recognized as New Jersey’s Clean Energy School of the Year - on Monday, November 13th to participate in a Solar Roundtable Discussion to consider transition of the state’s solar market from a rebate-based system to a REC (Renewable Energy Certificate)-based financing system. Long recognized as the fastest growing solar market in the country, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) and its Office of Clean Energy are facilitating a “Solar Roundtable Discussion” to share updates and insights about the future of New Jersey’s solar market.
Kazakhstan to America

Borat challenges every moral and ethical philosophy we have been taught.

During season two of the show, we saw Hulk and his wife Linda prepare their daughter for the world of music, riding the coat-tails of the show’s success. In David Hasselhoff’s song, “Is Us,” he sings “Let’s do a new hit film that is not for you. Because Hogan lacks any distinct financial obligation to Kevin isn’t over yet.” Jayden James have been sold yet, it is rumored that Spears is in the process of giving them away for free so Federline will get nothing. Speaking of babies, K-Fed and Britney Spears have of late been married, and any gift worth more than $10,000 has to be given back to the original purchaser. The album clearly reads, “Has anyone ever told you that you are a very talented singer, and you have a pretty good idea of what you have been able to take this all in, you have a pretty good idea of what you have been taught.”

For the moment, visualize having just finished a triple dose of happy hour at your favorite pub. If you have been able to take this all in, you have a pretty good idea of what you have been taught. I n s t e a d  o f  c o m i n g  t o  Q u e e n s  t o  p r e t e n d i n g  t o  b e  M i d d l e  E a s t e r n. di e  M u r p h y  i s  a c t u a l l y  a n  I s r a e l i

As the whole world knows by now, a miracle has happened, and Britney Spears has finally filed for divorce from Kevin Federline. According to their prenuptial agreement, K-Fed will receive $30,000 a month for a period of time that is half the time they have been married, and any gift worth more than $10,000 has to be given back to the original purchaser. An interesting clause in their agreement is any money off of their wedding photos and baby photos will be divided equally. Since no photos of new baby, K-Fed and Britney Spears have officially called it quits, but Britney’s financial obligation to Kevin isn’t over yet.

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Fierce Feud

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Olivia Wenscombe (played by Scarlett Johannson) keeps the battle between the feuding magicians by play- ing both sides.

Borat suggests to take extra joy in making fun of his own reli- gion, Judaism. With scenes like “Running of the Jews,” go- ing to get guns to protect against them, or being tricked at roaches he believes are Jews; it would seem like Cohen went overboard to the point of fun of everything else.

Going into the film, I suspected the theater would fill with the strictly high school and college students. However, as I watched people pile into the theater, it was evident that the hype gener- ated by the picture was universal. The majority of the theater was filled with patrons best de- scribed as 20 years of age and older. For many, the movie has what it takes. The potential for success is there, but Borat requires either more vo- cal talent or can conceal her inconsistencies.
Music and politics are constantly crossing paths. Whether pro-
testing something, attempting to make the mainstream music audi-
ence aware of events or ideas otherwise unknown, or pushing the
limits of censorship (sex, drugs, violence, language), many songs
have been made with social and political motives.

Still, others are made without such motives, but become politi-
cally relevant in ways that were not intended. Here’s a few that
definitely made ‘noise’ (pun intended) as more than just music.

Politically Charged Hits
• Billy Joel – “We Didn’t Start the Fire”
• Tupac – “Changes”
• Prince – “Darling Nikki”
• U2 – “Sunday Bloody Sunday”
• Public Enemy – “Fight the Power”
• Dead Kennedys – “Holiday in Cambodia”
• Sonny Youth – “Youth Against Fascism”
• Grand Master Flash & The Furious Five – “The Message”
• Bob Dylan – “The Times They Are a-Changin’”

Next Week: “Club music, it’s more than just techno…”

Concert Alert:
On Wednesday, November 22, the Baronet Theater in Asbury
Park will host the Thanksgiving Eve Concert for Kids to raise money
for the Boys and Girls Club of Monmouth County. The event is set to kick off at 7:00 p.m. with performances by the 17-
year-old pop/rock signing sensation Amanda Cashman as well as
Monmouth University’s own Jack Lawless. He will be performing
with progressive rock group Dixie Lynn.

All proceeds will go directly to support the Boys and Girls
Club in Asbury.

There’s one trend that’s ever-
present in the music spectrum of
pop-punk: you can never grow up. Such is the dilemma facing pio-
ners New Found Glory, who have
been fighting an uphill battle to break from those two words that
have pigeonholed them to an as-
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adolescence, and something we can dance to. Soon, we will be hearing this blar-
bout out from behind the girl’s suite
doors instead of “Beating Hearts
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It’s evident that the band has
taken supreme command of the
taxonomy of pop-punk bands of the last decade.

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In comparison to their recent
releases, the band has developed
a better sense of recording mod-
esty. More importantly, this album
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Know Your Roots: Guitar Hero

“Prepare yourself for The Discovery.” Watch how fashion tells the story of a young girl who grows up and attends college and meets diverse groups of people and their different styles. Join her on her discovery to find herself and love through fashion.

African American Student Union (AASU)

The first game introduced the guitar controller to the world, a toy-like guitar of actual size with five fret buttons, a strum bar, a strap, and even a wammy bar. The game plays like Dance Dance Revolution, except with rocking out instead of dancing.

As soon as I turn on the game, a different colored buttons appear on the screen in alignment with the buttons on the controller. Corresponding colored buttons flow down from the top of the screen in alignment with the buttons on the bottom, and when you line them up you must hold down that button and hit the strum bar.

Guitar Hero 2 gives me a chance to redeem myself. The sequel features a whopping 40 different colored buttons on you guitar controller. Corresponding colored buttons flow down from the top of the screen in alignment with the buttons on the bottom, and when you line them up you must hold down that button and hit the strum bar. Sometimes two buttons line up at the same time, and you must hold the two of them down accordingly and strum the bar. It isn’t as hard to play as it is to explain. Anyone who has played DDR will know what I’m talking about. Sometimes there are notes that you have to hold down, and you can wiggle the wammy bar up and down for extra points and make a wave-like sound. It takes a little while to get used to, but once you get the hang of it it’s addicting.

The songs you play are real songs covered by the extremely talented band Red Octane, who created the game. Almost every song sounds exactly like the original, right down to the voice. There is a very wide variety of songs to play. The first game featured hits by The Ramones, Black Sabbath, Queen, Megadeth, Sufi, Hendrix, Stevie Ray Vaughn, and Pantera, among many, many others. My favorite song from that game was “Unskin” by Helmet, as it is the only one that I’m really good at on an expert mode. On top of the 30 songs you start out with are an additional 17 bonus tracks that you can unlock by purchasing them at the game’s Store. You get money by performing shows throughout the game. After a couple of months I had mastered every song in the game and was thirty for more. Guitar Hero 2 quashed that thirst.

The sequel features a whopping 40 songs and 24 bonus tracks. The great success of the first game allowed them to sign bigger names that they probably weren’t able to acquire the first time around, and the outcome in ridiculous. In a good way. Megadeth makes a return with Hangar 18, which I am very excited about. Besides that, the game features all new bands and enough variety of great music to get any man with a soul excited over. Bands range from classics like Metallica, Kiss, Korn, Rolling Stones, Guns N’ Roses, Aerosmith, and Rush to more recent treasures like Rage Against The Machine, Lamb of God, Avenue Sevenfold, Foo Fighters, and Wolfmother. The final song you must pass to beat the game is “Freed” by Lynard Skynyrd.

And even more greatness awaits in the unlockables.

Adding to the excitement, there are two new multiplayer modes to delve into. The first game featured a face-off mode in which the two players took turns playing different parts of a selected song. The sequel has this mode as well, but also a “pro face-off” mode in which both players play the entire song in unison, and a cooperative mode where one player plays lead guitar and the second plays either rhythm guitar or bass. Both modes are great extensions to the multiplayer aspect of the game.

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teered to showcase the apparel. The models, who were found through weekly meetings and flyers, strutted down the runway to the musical selections of DJ Reem.

The show was deemed an overall success by those in attendance.

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New Jersey Community Water Watch travel to Mississippi

Katrina] happened over a year ago, and Nicole Santos coordinated the Organizer, and freshman members of the community.

The New Jersey Community Water Watch (NJCWW) held drives within the university and locally to collect for Hurricane Katrina victims. Liz Glynn, NJ Community Watch organizer, is referring the opportunity for Monmouth students to travel down Mississippi to help those in need. As a result, your Jersey Coast Chapter was able to provide $60,000 to hurricane victims.

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Whether the disaster is a single-family fire or a highly-publicized hurricane, flood or act of terrorism, we thank our volunteers and donors who stand ready to provide vital relief services to our community. It is your continuous commitment to helping us and supporting the Monmouth County chapter of the Red Cross for which we at the Jersey Coast Chapter are so thankful.

We hope you have a safe and happy Thanksgiving, and know that you have truly made a positive difference this year.

Sincerely,

Bill Murray, CEO

On the Hill

DANA PANZONE

Too many good things are happening right now...I don’t even know where to begin! The Democrats won even bigger than I thought they would in the midterm elections. I have high hopes that they will change the direction this country is going now that they’ve gained control over both chambers of Congress. By the way, Election Day is like the Super Bowl here! I never knew Capital Hill could be so much fun!

We’ve also had good news at GalleryWatch recently. The company has been acquired by Roli Call, which is the leading newspaper of Capitol Hill. Roli Call is a subsidiary of The Economist. I would hope that everyone has heard of their publication. They’re kind of a big deal.

I’m really looking forward to the Christmas party now. It’s sort of like our welcoming into the Economist Group. Even though I’m just an intern here, I’ll definitely have a chance to read some of the benefits of this merger. It’ll be a great opportunity to network and make contacts for when I finish school.

Now, for the big news. The one thing that I thought I would never happen—the one thing I visor asking what I wished would happen more than anything while I interned here—actually happened. I met Bill Clinton! I was at a rally for Jim Webb in Alexandria, Virginia. He ran for Senate in Virginia last week and ultimately became the winning senator who will be the Democrats to gain control of the Senate in January. I found out that President Clinton would be giving a speech there on very short notice.

My roommate Kirat and I headed over there straight from our internships with every intention of getting to the front of the crowd. As we got closer to the rally and realized how big the crowd was, our hope of seeing the President even referred to him that day, grew shorter.

He was a rockstar. When he finally arrived, the screams that came even from across the street and half way down the block were outrageous. You could feel his energy, his excellence radiating as soon as he arrived. When giving his speech, he was witty, yet highly motivational. Some people left right after he spoke, which left spaces for Kirat and I to continue pushing our way to the front of the crowd.

Sure enough, we made it just in time to meet him. When he came up to me, he shook my hand, looked at me and said, “Hi, thanks for coming.” With my knees locked together so that I didn’t go into shock and collapse, I told him what an honor it was to meet him and he congratulated me for meeting him.

Since then, Kirat and I haven’t stopped talking about it. It was just so surreal. I can remember when at the Washington Center orientation, my advisor asked us all to share one thing we would like to happen for when I’ve finished school. My roommate Kirat and I...
Idea to throw around if the campus at large thinks it's good enough to pursue. Also, we are working actively to expand our off-campus, school-sponsored housing at complexes like Pier Village and students who wish to have their car, but didn't get a spot on campus, would settle for their car being in a secure, school-sponsored lot off-campus so they at least have the car in the vicinity? It's an idea to throw around if the campus at large thinks it's good enough to pursue. We're working actively to expand our off-campus, school-sponsored housing at complexes like Pier Village and the Diplomat and with that extension we were thinking of having a shuttle program during the busiest class hours (let's say between 11:30am-4:30pm) to keep the commuter parking lot more manageable. There's always a way to improve and we need your help to identify the problems and solve them. Let me know as usual what you think by sending an email to sgaj@monmouth.edu. Have a fun and safe week.

Delta Phi Epsilon

I want to start by saying congratulations for making $2,000 at Lip Sync! Sisters, you all did amaz-ing, as well as Cara for pulling it all off! Second, Monday night's PSK Dance off we pulled through again! Buttons, Buttons, Buttons! Deputies always pulling through! SC- amazing dinner in NY. Danie Cook, Amazing! Happy early birthday sc- cici! Buttons Buttons Buttons Buttons Buttons like ya! girls. Much love, Xoxo, DuZzle DuZzle + HOLLYWOOD —> who drinks wine at Stingers? We do! neeAch Family I'm gonna fit in, I'm going blonde. Love you all! ExtrMe TaT loves grey poupon. Touch it seem! HONEY Happy B-day Leah. Love you! -Sparkles. Aurora + XTaXv pigeoun love. Penis. Awesome job with the lip sync— you rock! Love yah vagina. ABB1231k PerfeCT— MarTuN Hey Big (in man voice). I love our not so memorable Thursday nights! Love- your little MargArita

Alpha Sigma Tau

AST is gearing up for our 2nd annual Variety Show on December 6th!!! Acts are needed see any AST for the info. The ladies would love to welcome the Alpha Xi Delta to campus. Euphoria, Summer, Summertime, Tatt, Radiance, Tink, and Spyrite. Welcome to Alpha Sigma Tau! Congrats Alpha Rho, I'm so proud of you! <3 VOGUE! BIG I love you so much! Thank you for everything you've done for me! Love you Little Raccoon. Congrats Euphoria! Congrats Alpha Rho, sorry I couldn't be there for you girls, but I love you anyway! Love you all for worrying about me so this weekend! <3 Fiona. YAY Alpha Rho! So Proud to officially call you sisters! Electra and Muse make a trip to the olive garden and eat all they can! Secret Euphoria - I love you - you don't know who I am yet! Rho's I love you! Big you are the best ever!—Kaprice, Thanks for being someone I can lean on, Fiona - Thanks! You are such a sweetie! Love you * Tink* I heart the Alpha Rho! Congrats! Gia-love the note, thank - Thank you Glamour - Keep your head up. I love your PizZA - Lovely job on your presentation! Rho's I love you! Thanks awesome everyone on Thursday! Love Cyrus. Congrats Rho's! Gia smells. Fin, Love, Spice. Congrats Alpha Rho! Sec'y hearts music like whoo! Little Atlantic Face Euphoria I love you so much and you make me so proud! <3 Big Head Rat Glamour Mad love to Gia, Pearl, Kaprice, Honey, Matey, & Stitch from Glamour. Congratulation Spryty! I <3 you! —Your Big, Serenity, Our family tree just keeps getting better and better. Love you secyrty Spyrite! Welcome to AST! — Love ??</p>
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Today's Birthday (Nov. 15th)
You're so amazing this year, you'll even surprise yourself. Take on a huge challenge; you'd be bored with anything less.

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
Focus on doing a very good job, and gather enormous rewards. This is not only a lot of work; it's also a lot of fun.

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 9
Be cheerful but conscientious. Don't let others talk you into spending money foolishly. They don't need whatever that much.

Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 5
You may have to hire something done you could do yourself. This is not a terrible humiliation. Successful people do it all the time.

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 9
Don't think about this moment, although it's the one you're in. Think about how what you're doing will change your life, for the better.

Leo • (July 23 - Aug. 22) - Today is a 5
Hide low, and let the storm rage, without your intervention. You've earned a little time for yourself, in your own safe place.

Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 9
Don't settle for second best. Be the champion. All it takes is a little more work, at something you really enjoy.

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 5
Hold onto what you've acquired, and get it all organized. File it where you can find it again. You'll soon be on to other things.

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is a 9
You and your friends can do just about whatever you decide. You're the leader and the planner; don't doubt that for a minute.

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 5
Maintain your course, even if there are temptations to left and right. Just do what you said you would.

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is a 9
You have a good team at your disposal, which makes your life easier. Tell them what you want done, and let them come up with the plan.

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 5
You have an objective in mind, and don't forget it for a minute. Don't waste your money impressing your friends, use it to benefit others. Get them to join you. That's a good party.

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is a 9
It's up to you to believe the goal can be achieved, without evidence. It's up to somebody else on your team to provide the data. If you don't have somebody like that, get one.

By Linda C. Black, Tribune Media Services

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2. No digit can appear more than once in any row, column, or 3x3 box.
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AIDS Awareness Comes to Campus

The AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display during the last week this month in commemoration of World AIDS Day, December 1 at Anacon Hall. A panel quilt will be displayed openly beginning November 28. According to Raymond Gonzales, Assistant Director of Residential Life, this will be a return presentation of the quilt. Sponsored by the Human Relations Advisory Council, the display will feature panels that memorialize people by name that has lost their lives to AIDS. The opening presentation of the quilt is the first of three events that support in the spreading of AIDS awareness, and will be displayed until December 1, World AIDS Day.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt Web site states over 83,000 names are represented, with the actual size of the entire quilt is 1,270,350 square feet, the equivalent of 174 NCAA basketball courts. Many famous names can be found on the quilt, including musician Freddie Mercury, philosopher Michel Foucault, and fashion designer Perry Ellis. Quilt panel materials are limited only to the contributor’s imagination, some of which include Legos, uniforms, and even Barbie dolls.

“These quilts are made by loved ones who have lost someone who has died from the disease,” commented Gonzales. “Seeing the quilt on display also symbolizes the number of lives which have been taken by the diseases.”

Opening ceremonies will be held on the first day of the quilt’s presentation in Anacon Hall A. The proceeding days will allow students, faculty, and the general public open viewing of the quilt between 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Anacon Hall B will be used as a location for an interactive portion of the presentation, where people can reflect and share their thoughts about the experience and AIDS awareness. Gonzales added that the split location is to act in support of a somber and emotional experience for people.

“I believe the quilt helps increase awareness of the effects of the disease not only on those who have contracted it,” said Gonzales, “but also the family and friends who have left behind.”

“I think it’s a powerfully visual symbol of awareness,” said Colleen Johnson, Educational Opportunity Fund director and member of the Human Relations Advisory Council. “I would hope that people will understand the importance and significance of being aware in the world we live in.”

Two preceding events will also take place in support of AIDS awareness. On November 29 at Anacon Hall, the Counseling and Psychological Services is sponsoring the screening of “And the Band Played On”, depicting the early discovery of AIDS in San Francisco.

The Student Activities Board will be presenting a lecture on November 30 called “Living and Loving in a World with AIDS”, given by guest speaker Elaine Pasqua, nationally recognized speaker and advocate of AIDS awareness.

More information about the AIDS Memorial Quilt can be found at their website: http://www.aidsquilt.org/index.htm.
What are you most thankful for?

BY: SUZANNE GUARINO

Brian
"That the Mets are better than the Yankees."

Cassandra
"My family, friends, Theta Phi Alpha, and these chicken cheese quesadillas."

Christine
"I'm most thankful for my Jessie."

Kaitlyn
"My family and friends, in particular my mom, dad, best friends, and the fact that I have 2 really great roommates. I'm lucky."

Theta XI
"The four Bs."

Nunz
"My mom because she takes care of me."

Mat
"I'm thankful for my new girlfriend Joy."

Jessie
"I'm most thankful for my Christine."

Jaime & Ashley
"That we're finally 21 and we're cool now 'cause we're in the big kids club."

John
"I'm thankful that we only have 3 weeks left of the semester."
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Great Win Against the Great Danes

Hawks blank Albany, claim fifth NEC Championship

CRAIG D’AMICO ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Monmouth Hawks came into the final week of the season in a three-way tie for first place in the NEC. Monmouth and Stony Brook each sit-ting at 5-1 in conference play.

One thing was certain: whoever came out on top of the match-up in Central Connecticut State, while the other was on the mound, would be alone atop the NEC.

If Stony Brook won, they would go into the Gridiron Classic on December 2nd with a head-to-head tiebreaker. If Monmouth had won, they would go into the NEC title game with a three possession lead.

The Monmouth defense, led the Hawks this season to being one of the top-rated defenses in the country.

Mike Castellano led the Hawks with 11 tackles in a game that was decided by the defense.

With the Northeast Conference title under their belt, the Hawks could look forward to playing in one more game this season. Monmouth will host the first ever Gridiron Classic bowl game at Kessler Field on December 2nd against Pioneer League champion San Diego (10-0). Monmouth will be looking to claim its first bowl victory and first 11-win season in school history.

The game would also likely decide the 2006 1-AA Mid-Major National Champions -- a title Monmouth won in 2004 -- as San Diego and Monmouth currently occupy the first and second spots in the poll, respectively.

For the Hawks’ seniors, this will be their last game at Kessler field. Some notables include Boland, Jiles, Castellano, and Lenny Brice, all who will be graduating.

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Mike Castellano

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Men’s Soccer

Hawks Fall to St. John’s in NCAA Tournament

Conclude Successful 2006 campaign with 1-0 loss to Red Storm

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a season to remember for head coach Robert McCourt and the Monmouth University men’s soccer team. After taking the Northeast Conference Tournament championship, Monmouth, ranked 16th in the nation, traveled to Queens, New York on Friday night to take on the St. John’s Red Storm in MU’s first ever appearance in the NCAA tournament.

It has been said that all good things must come to an end, and Monmouth’s magic carpet ride season was no different. The Hawks dropped a 1-0 decision to St. John’s, who came into the season with a 24-6-3 record, which was 10 games better than Monmouth’s record of 14-16-1. The Monmouth’s magic carpet ride things must come to an end, and

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Hawks Work Overtime to Take Finale of Cox Classic 69-67 Over Arkansas State

The Monmouth Hawks men’s basketball team, coming off their fourth Northeast Conference championship in team history and NCAA Tournament appearance, opened up their 2006-2007 campaign last weekend in Norfolk, VA in the 2006 Cox Communications Classic round-robin tournament.

Monmouth, showing signs of rust early on, couldn’t overcome a 29-14 halftime deficit against host school Old Dominion. The Monarchs built a 14-point lead at 20-4 with just 15 minutes gone by in the first half, but turned the game over to the Hawks heading into the locker room with an in- spiring 21-13 second half.

The Hawks started the second half on a 15-6 run, and eventually were able to get within six points with just eight minutes to play. However, turnovers were the Hawks’ undoing, as they turned the ball over 19 times in the contest, and dropped the opener to the Old Dominion Monarchs 54-40.

Looking to build upon their second half from the night before, where they outscored the Monarchs 25-26, the Hawks came right back on Saturday at the time taking on the Clemson Tigers from the ACC.

Monmouth came out firing, as Dejan Delic led the way with eight points in the first six minutes. Monmouth raced out to a 17-5 lead with five minutes gone by in the first half, causing Clemson to call a timeout.

In that timeout, Clemson made adjustments, and came out implement- ing a full court pressure defense that the Hawks struggled with at first. Monmouth committed several turnovers, allowing the Ti-gers to get back in the game with a 23-9 run. At halftime, Monmouth led by one point, 37-36.

Turning around again proved to be Monmouth’s undoing, as they connected 17 in the second half and 25 total, as the Tigers took a game that was much closer than the final score suggests, 77-65, to drop the Blue and White to 0-2.

Delic bounced back from a 2 for 10 shooting performance in the first half to drop 18 points against the Tigers. Whitney Coleman and pre-season All-NEC first teamer Marques Alston also reached double-figures with 17 and 10 points, respectively. Corey Hallett tied a career-high with nine rebounds.

Looking to salvage the trip, the Hawks took on an equally talented Arkansas State squad in an early season Sun Belt, in their third game in three days.

It was a back-and-forth contest that saw four ties and 16 lead changes, as the largest lead for each team was six.

Trailing by two in the final seconds of regulation, guard Mike Shipman was fouled with just 1.6 seconds left, sending him to the charity stripe for two free throw at- tempts.

After Shipman made the first, Indiana coach Dickey Nutt called a timeout. It didn’t faze Shipman. He came back and drained the second free throw to tie the game at 60. Adrian Banks, who was 6 for 8 from downtown, got off a great look at the buzzer from 35 feet out, but the ball bounded off back iron and the game went into overtime.

Despite playing three games in three days, both teams had enough gas left in the tank for bonus bas- ketball, as each was desperate to leave the Ted Constant Convoca- tion Center with their first win of the new season.

With the Hawks trailing by three, Alston drained a three Texas for games on Saturday at- gainst host Arkansas in overtime for their first win of the young season.

“This was a big win for us,” said Hawks head coach Dave Cal- loway. “I think, early on, that we’ll struggle, but when we get a lead such as the one we had, we’ve been strong. “  However, Alston says the Hawks will give a little bit because we have to do before the opening game of the season. The Hawks open up their season on November 10 by dropping their home opener to Conference USA preseason favorite Rice by a 67-64 count. They will look to re- bound from the setback when they host non-conference foe Rider at Boylan Gymnasium on November 17.

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“Last few years the top half of the conference, at least the top five have been strong.” However, she feels the conference should be more competitive, at least open, for at least the top five teams.

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