Involvement Fair Encourages Campus Participation

VICTORIA LUCIDO
STAFF WRITER

Monmouth University held its annual Involvement Fair at Ana
ccon Hall on Wednesday, January 24. The purpose of the fair is to allow Monmouth students to learn more about the clubs and organizations on cam
pus.

Many of the University’s clubs had tables set up with a few repre
sentatives ready to answer ques
tions and take down the names of those who were interested in that particular club.

Monmouth has 65 recognized clubs and organizations, and 14 fraternities and sororities. Some of the organizations that had ta
bles at the fair included the Spanish
ish Club, the Community Service Club, The Outlook, Hawk TV, The X 88.9 FM and various so
rorities and fraternities.

Nick Sgroi and Pamela Kneipher were at the fair representing the Spanish Club. They said that the fair is good advertisement for the television station because it brings in two people to look at Hawk TV. The fair also had Hawk TV, The X 88.9 FM and various so
rorities and fraternities.

Although the involvement fair includes a table for every single organization available to students, it did give insight on what activities students can get involved with at Monmouth Uni
versity.

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The United Nations plans to release a lengthy new report on the issues of climate change and global warming, which has the potential to completely change world opinion on the decade-long debate. The U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will be releasing this report in the near future to put the finishing touches on the report. The group of 30 researchers from around the globe have put together this preliminary report on climate change and have come to a conclusion which will, in effect, end the debate on whether human beings have had an impact on world climate and global warming.

In recent years, this ongoing debate between the scientific community, world leaders, oil executives and politicians has been in a stalemate; but the U.N. hopes this report, once fully completed, will transform the issue from a debate, into an international understanding of the importance of this increasingly dangerous problem.

According to the IPCC, human beings have been a major factor in changing the climate in the second half of the 20th century due to the high amounts of carbon dioxide pumped into the air. The United States, for example, is responsible for about a quarter of all the carbon dioxide output on the planet, and during those years, heavy industry and automobiles with no emission restrictions were a major contributor to those high levels.

During the last half of the 20th century, the world has seen the hottest ten years in recorded history and a major fluctuation in weather patterns around the globe. According to a Star-Ledger article, "A chilling conclusion on global warming," the U.N. report states that its scientists are 99 percent sure human beings are responsible for the change in climate and natural causes have been ruled out as the sole culprit.

Scientists around the world hope that this report will change the minds of international governments and put into gear a focus on loosening the United States' dependence on oil and other natural resources.

The United States Congress is expected to push for a new plan to reduce national greenhouse gas emissions output. Monmouth University students, like the rest of the world, will be affected by the climate change and the changes the government plans to make to reduce our carbon dioxide emissions output. Students have seen temperature fluctuations in January rise into the low 70s and then suddenly dip below freezing in less than a week. Just as the rest of the world, MU students have taken notice of the issue and have formed their own opinions on what has been going on around the globe.

One student in particular has seen the effects on the ocean due to pollution and climate change. Freshman Breckenridge spends a lot of his free time riding the waves on the Long Branch and Deal coastline and has experienced the ways humans have affected the ocean. "I'm disappointed in the new U.N. report did not sur- prise him, and their findings were nothing less than obvious." He continues by explaining, "Fortunately, though, I think the price of fossil fuels is going to increase as supplies dwindle to the point that they are going to become an economically unrealistic power source before the environment is irreversibly affected." Although the Monmouth community and the world community alike have their opinions on this issue, the United Nations hope that their new, monumental report will change the world and reverse the changes that have already been made. As of right now, the world will continue as usual. The IPCC is expected to release its official report to gain full knowledge of its findings. However, the preliminary report makes it clear that the issue of climate change and global warming is a problem that must be resolved before it is too late.
Environmental Club New to Campus

CECILIA SYKES STAFF WRITER

This semester, Monmouth Uni-
versity welcomed The Outdoors
Club, an environment-friendly ad-
venture club, to its activity roster.

Dedicated to improving the en-
vironment and enjoying all things
outdoors, the club was contrived last season by three first-
year students enlightened by their
freshmen seminar class with Pro-
fessor Mandala.

“I was looking at the list of clubs from the University and noticed that there was nothing miss-
ing,” explained founding president
Paul Mandala.

As an outdoor activity lover, Mandala and a group of friends
discussed the idea of creating their
own club and sharing it with the
Monmouth University communi-
ty. They then approached the three
students to bring their ideas to the
attention of Amy Bellina, the Direc-
tor of Student Activities.

From there, the group did re-
search about such things as oppor-
tunities to help the envi-
ronment, insurance coverage for
potential trips, and how they could
best tie their love for the outdoors
to the Monmouth community.

“It’s amazing, and we wanted to provide other students the
opportunity to experience it,”
commented Mandala.

Soon after conducting the re-
search, they were on their way to
presenting the concept of the club
to the Student Government As-
sociation. The group approved
the club and it was officially recog-
nized by the University on Janu-
ary 18.

“Going in front of SGA was
little intimidating. Thankfully I
wasn’t alone, with our executive board, Professor Reynolds, and two
general members behind me,”
said Mandala.

The Outdoors Club began with
an interest group of about 20 stu-
dents, and throughout the school
year, membership has grown to
promise a group of about 40. The
first official meetings were
scheduled for January 29 at 3 p.m.
and January 30 at 4:30 p.m. in
room 202C of the Rebecca Staf-
ford Student Center. Assisting
Mandala are Vice President Mi-
chelle Didio, Treasurer Jessica
Dawn Pyrsda, and Secretary Me-
gan McCune.

They are new, the Out-
dools Club already has high aspir-
tions for its future. Their main
goal is to “have fun while promot-
ing the outdoors.” They have many
outdoor excursions planned, like
hikes, cleans-ups, weekend camp-
img trips, and a visit to the Lake
Sussex. By the end of the year, a
trip to New York City, featuring a
tour of Central Park, is planned.

Any interested in joining or
finding out more about the Out-
dools Club can refer to its Face-
book group online: “MU Outdoors
Club” and contact an executive board member.

Hold ‘Em Held at Student Center

CHRISTIAN TRAUM CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Intramural Sports Program
hosted the most recent game of the
Texas Hold ‘Em Poker Tournament
last Wednesday, January 24. Jon
Cascone, director of the Intramu-
ral program, was there overseeing
as well playing a few hands him-
self.

Cascone said they organize poker
games twice a month, and try to
let students know in ad-

vance through e-mails, as well as
other advertisements. The biggest
problem is the lack of facilities,
due to other events that are con-
stantly going on around campus.

Cascone said it is sometimes diffi-
cult to locate a good venue for the
tournaments every month. In fact,
the poker game last Wednesday
was originally set to take place in
Oakwood Lounge, but the Intramu-
ral decided to move the event
to the Rebecca Stafford Student
Center cafeteria. The next game
would also be held in the student
center, said Cascone, instead of the
Oakwood Lounge as adver-
tised.

Once all the students were
signed up and had picked a table
to sit at, Cascone handed out the
cards, and explained the big and
small blinds. The small blind
chips, and explained the big and
small blinds. The small blind

The blinds then doubled every 16
minutes when an alarm went off
to alert the players. The

Players begin with $1,675 in
chips, which are distributed in
five different denominations. In

Throughout the night, students
were able to hang out with each
other, watch the basketball game
on television, and just enjoy a
good game of poker. While it is
ever relaxing for students and a
prettty laid back environment, it is
not all fun and games. At the end of
each tournament the scores of
every player is recorded and then
posted on the intramural Web
site. At the end of the year they
have one big blowout tournament
where the winner receives a tro-
phy. This adds a competitive
element to the games and since the
players can track their progress.

Freshman Brandon Wong, the
player ranked second of all the
Monmouth University students,
said, “I started watching Celeb-

opathy on Bravo, and I liked

that because they don’t really

as a painter, object maker, conceptual artist, filmmaker and photog-

phographer. During the late 1970s and 80s, Boshier designed graphic
work for David Bowie and the Clash while teaching and painting in Texas.
After a brief stint back in the U.K., Boshier has been working in Los

Angeles, finding inspiration in the local phenomena -- freeways, arch-

itecture, collectors and transsexuals. He has exhibited continuously
for 40 years and was the subject of a film called "Pop Goes the Easel."

Boshier’s work is in museums around the world, including The Tate
Modern, London, England; The Victoria and Albert Museum, Lon-

don, England; The High Museum, Atlanta, Georgia; The Museum of
Modern Art, New York, New York; The Menil Collection, Houston,
Texas and the National Gallery of Poland, Warsaw, Poland to mention
just a few. Most recently, Boshier’s paintings from the early 60s were
featured prominently in “British Pop,” a comprehensive survey of the
period at Bilbao Fine Arts Museum in 2006.

Derek Boshier, born 1937, first came to prominence in the early 1960s as
part of the British Pop Art movement along with David Hockney,
Allan Jones, R.B. Kitaj and others. Throughout the course of his career,
those who have heard of it,

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DEREK BOSHIER

University News

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“Enchantment Under the Sea”
Dance Party Showcases Bands

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On Saturday, January 27, Anacon Hall held a 7:30 p.m. concert and dance party titled, “Enchantment Under the Sea.” Organized by Student Activities Board (SAB), member Dave Ruda, the party featured two out-of-state bands: Bensin of Buffalo, New York and The Swellers of Flint, Michigan.

Dave Ruda, concert Chairman of the Student Activities Board, discussed his inspiration for the event. “I’m a huge Back to the Future fan and wanted to have this concert to pay homage to the movie,” he said. That certainly explained the iconic decorations, complete with scenes of the deep blue sea, mermaids, and colorful fish.

Ruda also provided short biographies of the two bands. Both were debuting at Monmouth University and, it was The Swellers’ first time performing in the state of New Jersey. However, Bensin was familiar with the area, having first time performing in the state of New Jersey. However, Bensin was familiar with the area, having played at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park. Bensin, Ruda explained, sounds somewhere along the lines of Panic at the Disco and Motion City Soundtrack, and The Swellers are of Panic

dance moves—right in front of the stage! Lilly, a sophomore at Monmouth, commented from the dance floor, “I love these bands!” The crowd seemed to agree as more people joined in the fun. Halfway into the concert, the entire audience was out of their seats and jamming to the music. Livening up the show even more was the interaction between the bands and the crowd. They entertained the audience with jokes in between each song, keeping everyone laughing the whole night through.

Each band played for about 45 minutes, and both put on spectacular performances. Although the concert only received about half of the expected turnout, those who came had nothing but positive feedback. Freshman Anthony Chiapetta stated, “I wish more people would have come to the show because these bands were great.” Other viewers agreed, describing both bands as awesome and hoping for their return to campus in the future.

After the concert, Alex Abramagov, Vice President of Marketing for the Student Activities Board, reflected on “Enchantment Under the Sea.” “This was pretty much sure to be a great time!” he said, referring to the SAB’s trial approach to the concert.

It was the first time Bensin and The Swellers performed at Monmouth and, the SAB was uncertain of Saturday’s outcome. Overall, Abramagov and Ruda were pleased with the event’s success.

“In the future, we hope to make this kind of an event more formal, possibly a 50s dance party.”

ALEX ABRAGAMOV
Vice President of Marketing for SAB

Smoking Research to Be Presented in June

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After concluding the fourth week she interviewed the students about how they cope with not smoking. “I talked to them about what state of mind they were in and I talked to them about when they lapsed what kind of state of mind they were in then,” she said.

Jannone said that the results were “not great” but she was able to gather pertinent information in reference to how teens deal with quitting smoking.

Jannone was drawn to researching this topic when she was a school nurse at Brick Memorial High School. “I noticed that kids were always starting to smoke so when I got my master’s degree I did my thesis on helping kids kick butts,” she said.

She added that addictions have always been of interest to her. She even teaches a course at Monmouth called Substance Use and Abuse.

This past November, Jannone was honored with the Distinguished School Nurse Alumni Award from New Jersey City University. Jannone said that she was both shocked and surprised upon receiving the award. “I have had a long connection with Jersey City State. It was really an honor because the president with me was the same [person] who handed me my master’s degree. He seemed very proud,” she said.

Jannone boasts an extensive nursing background. She graduated from Christ Hospital and became an intensive care nurse and then moved to occupational health at Lucent. She received her school nursing certificate when her children were young. “My first job in school nursing was in a school for emotionally disturbed children. I got my first job in public schools at Brick Memorial. I finished my SAC’s certificate when I was there,” she said.

From there, she became a school nurse at Wayside Elementary School and completed her master’s degree in Health Education during that time. “In 2000, our dean of nursing asked me to open the school nursing certificate program. The following year we opened a master’s program. I coordinated the Health Studies Minor,” she added.

Jannone also has a doctorate in nursing education. In addition to that, she is president of the Monmouth County School Nurses Association and of the New Jersey School Nurse Educators.

Jannone is currently preparing to open the new Health Studies Major for fall of 2007. Students who are interested may contact her at janneone@monmouth.edu or (732) 263-5457.

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LAURA JANNONE
Assistant Professor of Nursing

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- Wednesday, February 7 - 2024, 5:30 PM
- Applications due Monday, February 12 @ 4:30 PM
- All applicants will go through an interview process

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**Weekend Movie Series**

**The Departed**
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**This Week's Campus Events**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007**
- The Truth About College & Depression
  Yeager Auditorium, 2:30 PM
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute
  Aronson Hall, 7:00 PM

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007**
- Black History Month Flag Raising
  Great Lawn, 12:00 PM

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2007**
- IFC Recruitment Begins
  RSC, 4:30 PM
- Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament
  RSC, Fireplace, 5:00 PM
- SHOCKED to Save
  Boylan Gym, 8:00 PM
- Movie: The Departed
  The Underground, 8:00 PM
  (Replays Saturday @ 8:00 PM)
- MU Ice Hawks vs. Lehigh Valley
  Wall Sports Arena, 9:00 PM

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2007**
- Pancake Pancake Recruit Begin Begins
  Big Hall, 11:00 AM
- Women’s Basketball vs. St. Francis
  Boylan Gym, 3:00 PM

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2007**
- Superbowl Party
  Catholic Center, 6:00 PM

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007**
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  Java City Cafe, 7:30 PM
- Movie: Fast Food Nation
  The Underground, 7:00 PM

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**Meet the Lambda’s Night:**
- Wednesday, February 7 @ 9:00 PM
- The Underground, Elmwood Hall

**Other Relevant Information:**
- Must have Council minimum GPA and completed 12 credits
- Bid Day - Friday, February 9
The editorial this week is going to deviate in form from issue past. It is going to take the shape of an informal explanation of a situation the confines of which the University is currently stuck. I’m here to present the facts as they have been presented to me, followed by a short commentary and then finally a closing. Let’s begin, shall we?

The current state of affairs to which I am referring is the approval and subsequent construction of the Multipurpose Athletic Center, or the MAC as it is colloquially known. Last year, the University proposed the addition of the MAC to the campus in addition to the sports venue we currently have, Boylan Gymnasium. The problem, as the surrounding residents see it, is the drop in property value, influx of students on the campus and noise pollution invading their quaint, family-oriented neighborhood.

The same complaints and arguments were also brought forth last year as a result of the University’s petition to build another residence hall on Kilkare Farm. The need to expand is a valid one. Most notably, a siting of the West Long Branch Zoning Board Adjustment on December 14, 2006, yielded a 4 to 3 vote in favor of the expansion. Under zoning law, any decision requires a supermajority to be passed. The next stage of this epic battle was taken place on January 25. This means that the original declination of the plan is no longer valid. Furthermore, the zoning board decided in a 6 to 1 vote to limit the scope and alter the conditions of the University’s plan. As a result of all this, I think it is reasonable to reconsider, capacity for events defined as more than 4,000 have been erased from 16 to 17,700 seats will be removed from the plan, making the final count 4,122. The third contingency upon which the reconsideration rests is the University’s promise to not hold events in the MAC and Boylan at the same time.

A special meeting is set for February 8 at 7:30 p.m. to finish the application and vote. And, after all this legal jargon and the rigmarole that has occurred over the past months, we are left with the University’s motion, an appeal it always an option. At this time I would like to thank Grey Dimenna for his help in this matter. Without him explaining to me what happened, I would not be able to pass that information on to you.

Now, what do I think of the situation? Being that this is an editorial I feel it is my duty to create an open forum, starting with my opinion. Let’s begin by writing about your thoughts on the matter.

Being completely honest and keeping all the facts I have gathered in mind, I believe that an expansion of the University to include a MAC in addition to Boylan Gymnasium is excessive. Maybe I would be able to get onboard this particular project if one were to replace the other. But me, and I know I’m “still young and have a lot to learn,” it seems the University is doing this more as a way to attract more students. Guess what? We’re not Villanova. We’re not even Rutgers. Do you baseball team is getting better and yes, it would be nice to host bigger events, but at what cost? What good does adding a MAC, which is well into the millions, could, if allocated properly, produce better departments within the school and provide scholarships to countless students.

For years, we have been trying to shake the “party school” stigma. Putting sports before academics, what message does that send? Let’s make what we have now great, then talk about it.

Did you know... your cartoon or picture can be here next week?

It can be about anything but should be related to the Monmouth community, student life, or something going on in the news that week. E-mail submissions to outlook@monmouth.edu and it will be printed here. How cool is that? Very.

Photo of the Week

courtesy of Benjamin Ross

Should-Have-Been Snow Day

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The The Death of Saddam

SEAN K. QUINN STAFF WRITER

First, let me apologize to my loyal readers who have been with us for a long time. I think it's wrong that it was on YouTube because anyone can view it including me. I do not agree with the way they did it. I was interested in Iraq and he thinks what they did was right. I would challenge you to read this panelist on my radio show (The Political Watchdog, Wednesdays 1-2) once and say I now know everything about Saddam and the way he was put to death. Why are we allowing drivers to pay off points when summons are given to avoid having their license revoked? This is not setting an example of personal responsibility. What we need is a no-nonsense mindset that does not endanger themselves and others. It is up to the lawmakers to enforce order and everyone’s responsibility to obey the law. Let us remember 2007 as the year we made changes in the loving memory of those we have lost.

Tough Love

BERNADETTE BERTERO CONTRIBUTORS WRITER

Hello and welcome back! More specifically, welcome to the Op/Ed section of The Outlook. I am oppy Bern, your Opinion Editor. Take advantage of this section of the paper because it's yours! That means that you can contribute your own feelings and opinions to make this section interesting.

What's on your mind? What's bothering you? What are your views on controversial issues? What are your views on events in the news? In what ways do you think Monmouth should change?

Sorrow and loss is evidenced by the recent widespread automobile accident in Freehold where three young men and a school bus driver lost their lives far too prematurely. The sad truth is there is not enough being done to prevent this from happening. Laws need to be made and strictly enforced to deter drivers of all ages from speeding and driving recklessly.

Driving is a privilege and if violations are made, all need to suffer the consequences. Bad, young drivers grow up to be rude, aggressive, irresponsible, older drivers. Adults are the role models. It is the responsibility of mature adults to set the ground rules for our teenagers, so we do not lose them in tragic accidents.

Why are we allowing drivers to pay off points when summonses are given to avoid having their license revoked? This is not setting an example of personal responsibility. What we need is a non-nonsense mindset that does not accept behavior that is dangerous not only to the driver but to other innocent, law abiding drivers on the road.

Let us remember 2007 as the year we made changes in the loving memory of those we have lost.

Howard Hall Room Numbering Reform

ROBERT CARSEY FACULTY

There is always confusion on where Howard Hall L510 and L512 are located. I’ve outlined the problem below. I would challenge you to find a new freshman who came in this Spring and ask them to find L512 on their own! They’ll get there, but how long will it take? That might be a good study - like putting mice in the maze!

Problem: The “500 Building” has a room numbering system that is misleading. It uses two different numbering systems and is only somewhat systematic at best. As you may know, Howard Hall is a 3-level building consisting of the Ground/BaseMENT level, 1st Floor and 2nd Floor. Depending on which door you enter from, you may enter on the Ground/BaseMENT or the 1st Floor. Sometimes people call the Ground/BaseMENT floor the 1st Floor which only re-inforces the confusion.

Solution: Re-number the “L” rooms: There are 11 rooms on the 1st Floor and 10 on the 2nd. This makes a lot of sense because they are located just outside the actual room (proper) and still inside the Pollak Theater building. Re-numbering these to PT makes as much sense as calling all of the Howard Hall Edward rooms. Yes, Edison is connected to Howard and Howard is connected to Pollak. But just because they are connected, doesn’t mean they’re all one building. And, of course, it would be nice to re-number those 310-532 rooms, but there are 11 rooms on the floor. What can you do?

Happy New Year and Happy Op/Eds!

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Catherine grad student

“I know that Saddam was a terrible man and I’m kind of happy he’s gone. I have a friend in Iraq and he thinks it’s wrong. He thinks there were enough changes in the loving memory of those we have lost."

Dante freshman

“I don’t agree with the way they killed Saddam because it was on an Arab holiday and that is just going to bring more discontent to America. They should not broadcast the hanging all over the internet because I wouldn’t want my death be broadcast. Plus, Saddam wasn’t the one that attacked America.”

Melissa freshman

“If they keep him alive there is always a chance that he can get away. Also, I think it’s wrong that it was on YouTube because anyone can view it including me. I do not agree with the way they did it. How long will it take? It would be nice to re-number those 310-532 rooms, but there are 11 rooms on the floor. What can you do?”

Chris server

“It would have been more valuable to keep him around and study him psychologically. He was just another form of hatred. As I see it, an eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.” Our society is obsessed with negativity; now my students are showing me someone dying on television all to see.

Brenda Bono, ‘03

I think my students are showing me someone dying on television for revenge. Hussein made history over here.”
“It’s All Cliché ‘Til Someone Gets Hurt”

DAVE RUDA  STAFF WRITER

I think I’ve turned almost every column I have submitted to this column into something of a relationship rant, perhaps because I’m bitter, or perhaps I want to share my own opinion on the matter, but I’ve come to justify my singular-ity in this world with one common characteristic. Call it cliché; call it a Green Day lyric, call it what you want. Call it cliché; call it a real ASS.”

Call it cliché; call it a Green Day lyric, call it what you will but “nice guys finish last.”

Definition #2: “Having a pleasant or attractive appearance: a nice dress; a nice face. Well we all don’t want to date a twig and berries) But wouldn’t any girl out there want someone who was pleasing and agreeable? I can’t imagine some girl going out and saying, “Hey! Tonight! I want a real ASS!”

Definition #4: “Of good character and reputation; respectable.”

Personally I think we should all go around cursing and flipping each other off, but only as a preventative measure from keeping us at the back of the pack.

Definition #3: “Exhibiting courtesy and politeness: a nice gesture.”

I need Quasi-Moto. (tear), you are way too nice for me.

Door, I should say sorry Samaire Armstrong (my crush, a real ASS!)

Samaire Armstrong (my crush, who was pleasing and agreeable. I mean if I were a female I would always be a plus. I mean if I were a female I would be alive, but to be well.”

“Quotes” of the week

“In order to change we must be sick and tired of being sick and tired.”

—Author Unknown

“The best way to predict the future is to invent it.”

—Alan Kay

“Life is not merely to be alive, but to be well.”

—Marcus Valerius Marcellus

“Run to meet the future or it’s going to run you down.”

—Anthony J. D’Angelo

“Telling the future by looking at the past assumes that conditions remain constant. This is like driving a car by looking in the rearview mirror.”

—Herb Brudy

“The future is not something we enter. The future is something we create.”

—Leonard I. Sweed

“If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life. With confidence, you have won before you have started.”

—Marcus Garvey

“If I am only one, but I am still one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something: and because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.”

—Edward Everett Hale

“Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of chang- ing himself.”

—Anatole France

“All changes, even the most longed for, have their root in self-rectification: for we leave behind us a part of ourselves; we must die to one life before we can enter another.”

—Tolstoy

“Begin growing from where you are - not from where others think you ought to be.”

—Steven Douglas Lawrence

“W hen one must, one can.”

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Muslim Student Organization Regains Recognition

The Muslim Student Association (MSA) regained official recognition last November by Monmouth University after losing active status on campus in 2005. The re-constitution of the organization caused the MSA to lose registration, forcing the organization to formulate a new constitution for re-appraisal.

"There was an interest in reconstructing the organization since I came to Monmouth University this semester," said Interim President Nazim Uddin. "Dean Golam Mathbor had been in contact with a number of students interested in the organization. As such, I began the necessary process of reconstituting the club."

According to Mathbor, the organization's founding and current adviser, MSA was first recognized by the Student Government Association in 2003 shortly after its submission and presentation to the SGA board. He stated that their first year showed much activity from the support of the greater campus community.

"The first step in establishing MSA was to inform all students, irrespective of their religious faith, about interest in forming the organization," he said. "In fact, many students and faculty of non-Islamic faith supported us to establish the association."

The events hosted by the MSA include the first Iftar dinner, a breaking-of-fast meal, during the Islamic month of Ramadan, an event co-sponsored by the Internationals Club. Uddin stated that the organization currently does not have a University approved budget, but plans on making significant contributions to the campus once approved. An organization or club can request an annual budget after receiving recognition by the university for one year.

MSA plans to participate in this years Global Understanding Project Convention, with its theme of "Global Solutions: Sharing Resources, Shaping Peace." The organization intends to present a panel discussion on the concept of Zakat, or charity, as Islam's answer to social and economic unfairness. Zakat is a central obligatory tenant of Islam for Muslims who are in financial standing.

The organization's initial goals aimed to dispel negative perceptions of Muslims in light of the events of September 11, 2001, and increase awareness and understanding of Islam in the University community. Creating a sense of community and a more inclusive experience at the University are also undertakings MSA aims to accomplish.

Uddin stressed the necessity to become exposed to a variety of world cultures and religions in order to be prepared for realities of the post-graduation world.

"MSA provides an excellent opportunity to learn about Islam as a different group all together. MSA is primarily a social club for Muslim students, faculty, staff, and administrators on campus," Mathbor commented. "But also increasingly as an organization that interacts with members outside the club to promote a positive image of Muslims on campus."

Uddin feels that increased discriminatory backlash against Muslims in America has only been worsened by media's portrayal of Islam to violence and terror. To him, these sentiments distort the perception of being American, separating Muslims as a different group altogether. Part of his organizations goals aim to reestablish the meaning behind American.

"This negative environment has created a spiral of silence in the community, where by even some Americans who are Muslims find it difficult to practice the religion, instead preferring invisibility in society," Uddin stated. "It is important to celebrate, and not just tolerate or accept, that one can be a Muslim, as well as an American. MSA's importance on campus, if anything, is the reevaluation or reconstitution of this very concept."

Weekly meetings are held at the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Wednesdays at 2:30 in Room 202.

For information or questions about MSA, email interim-president Nazim Adin at nazim@monmouth.edu or Dean Golam Mathbor at gmathbor@monmouth.edu.

Underground Renovations

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The Truth About College and Depression

Schools are very helpful on the phone but don't follow through. I was happy to see the radio and newspaper staff members here."

Blane and Olenn kept the night entertaining by singing both original songs and some popular artists' songs, as well as relating personal stories and experiences to the audience. The comical and musically-enriched atmosphere made The Underground a great place to unwind. "Other schools some-what have a lot of distractions," Blane has been performing since age 4 or 5 and has been writing his own songs for about three years. His musical influences include Ryan Adams, Dave Matthews and Tom Waits.

"As far as other influences, I ‘write from a very personal place,' said Blane.

One of his most memorable performances was at the Whitehouse. He started playing the piano after attending a dinner, and soon an audience gathered and he was performing for a crowd in the Whitehouse. More information on Blane and his band can be found at www.myspace.com/timblane.

The other main attraction of The Underground re-opening was a food vendor that offered a warm, friendly environment to grab a bite to eat while staying close to the dormitories. The Underground offered free cookies and soda, while also selling sandwiches and other foods.

Many students came and went throughout the evening, staying to defrost and have refreshments. There were chairs and small tables available to sit and enjoy the night or just relax. The students seemed to take well to the new Underground. "It was definitely an improvement from last year," said student Veronique Blostein.

With the new furniture, technology, and new look, The Underground has the opportunity to be very popular with students.

"It was absolutely a success," said Kelly of the re-opening. "It’s nice to have a building that’s open to any club or organization that needs to use it, instead of having it belong to one group."

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MAUI FEVER
MAUI FEVER's
Far From Hot

New year, new reality show for MTV. This time the locale is Maui, Hawaii, and the reality TV cameras are following young Maui locals and getting the scoop on what its like to live on the exotic island that many flock to for vacation. Maui Fever premiered on January 17 and it did anything but resemble a lesser version of Laguna Beach, where pretty much anything and everything is said. Two self similarities of the show are that like Laguna Beach everyone is dating each other, and the show takes place right by the beach.

Maui Fever features the lives of Cheyne, Corbin, Sean, Chaunte, Anna, Anthony, and Jesse. At one point in time, Cheyne and Anna dated, and Anthony and Chaunte dated. Although neither of these couples are together anymore when the show first begins, and everyone is out doing their own thing, there still seems to be a hint of jealousy lurking when the guys are partying with other girls. Who knows what that being said, where there is jealousy, drama is definitely not too far behind.

In the first episode, entitled "The Game," from what I gathered in the 30 minutes of watching it the main goal of everyone was to be "hook up" with as many people as possible. So the local guys spend their time talking to as many tourist girls as they can.

In the first episode, Chaunte and Anthony attempt to talk about their relationship, and Anthony seems a little more willing to make their relationship work again. Chaunte, however, just wants to have fun. To get Anthony out of the mood he is in over Chaunte, Corbin and Jesse decide to throw him a party to get him to meet other girls. Chaunte finds out about this party and is less than thrilled to hear that a party is being planned for Anthony to meet other girls. Could it be jealousy maybe? Or, as the episode title lets on, maybe Chaunte could just be playing games with Anthony.

Meanwhile, Corbin meets a tourist girl named Katie. She seems to be interested in getting to know him on a long term basis, but Corbin is more interested in making money. Eventually Katie had his at house for Anthony, Katie was nowhere to be seen. And, the next day, Corbin was seen hanging out with a new girl possibly falling for one of them.

In the end of the first episode, Anthony and Chaunte seemed to be getting the hang of it when Anthony was telling her that the looks of it, are back together again, at least for a while. Possibly let out a groan when they realized that show does not have much, if any, plotline. If you feel so inclined to watch Maui Fever, the show airs on Wednesdays at 10:30 p.m.

MAUI FEVER

Top 5 Box Office Hits

1. Epic Movie - Bringing in $92 million, this comedy is just like Scary Movie and Date Movie, except it parodies all "epic" box office movies. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Snakes on a Plane, Pirates of the Caribbean, Shrek the Third, and Peter Pan are just some of the movies this film spoofs.

2. Smokin' Aces - Earning $14.3 million in its opening weekend, this film stars hotties Ben Affleck and Jeremy Piven. Piven is a magician who threatens to turn evidence against the mob in Las Vegas.

3. Night at the Museum - With $9.4 million this weekend, Ben Stiller is a night guard at a museum who discovers that the objects in the museum come to life at night.

4. Catch and Release - Making $8 million this weekend, this romantic dramedy stars Jennifer Garner, Timothy Olyphant, and Jessica's own Kevin Smith. After Garner's fiancé dies, she seeks comfort from her best gay friends. Could she possibly fall for one of them?

5. Stomp the Yard - Making $8 million, this film stars Shawn Hatosy as Jonny Truelove, reigns supreme of the underground world. Timberlake, along with Shawn Hatosy and Fernando Vargas, play the members of his posse.

While most, including myself, would love to scoff at Timberlake's attempt - in fact most would probably let out a groan when they realized the movie was directed by Nick Cassavettes (don't know who he is? He directed The Notebook) - he delivers. Begrudgingly, audiences are forced to acquiesce and give Timberlake his due credit. He is witty when need be, tries his best to be serious, and always leaves us with a smile, you know "in reality" it won't be like that for too long. After all, what would an MTV reality show be without a little drama and some action? Boring, that's for sure.

After watching the show, a made me long for my DVRs of Laguna Beach, because at least that show has some sort of plot. This show does not have much, if any, plotline. So the feeling so inclined to watch Maui Fever, the show airs on Wednesdays at 10:30 p.m.
Being that many of you are American Idol fans, I thought having a look at the CD review of someone who has come out of American Idol might be of interest to you.

If you’ve been to a music store lately, you’ve noticed all the new CD releases of former Idols who have come out of the high pressure, high drama of the show. I would do this week’s review on last year’s fourth runner-up Chris Daughtry’s debut album “Country” after he was voted off earlier than expected.

Not long after being booted off, Chris Daughtry had turned down a contract with the Band FueL, so could form his own band, Daughtry. The band Daughtry includes Joey Barnes on drums, Jeremy Brady on rhythm guitar, Josh Paul on bass, John Sykes on lead guitar, and, most importantly, Chris Daughtry singing lead vocals. The first single from the album, “It’s Not Over” has been all over the radio airwaves for the last two months, and is currently in the number two spot on the Billboard Chart.

What is happening first to listen to “It’s Not Over,” the song sounds like a typical rock tune about a relationship gone wrong, but when you listen to the entire song through, it reminds you why Daughtry is such an impressive performer.

While belting out lyrics like “I’ll look right in your face and I will NOT let you out of my sight” and “This voice is killin’ me,” Daughtry displays just how his voice is so different from anyone one else’s. With twelve songs on the album, there seems to be a frequent theme of having love troubles, but each song delivers something unique. The four songs “Home,” “Feels Like Tonight,” “It’s Not Over,” and “Crashed” are the best on the album. These songs display Daughtry’s powerful vocals and the band’s exceptional guitar skills.

The track “What I Want,” featuring guitar work from former Guns N’ Roses’ guitarist Slash, gives Daughtry the opportunity to add some bluesy metal and differ- entiate it from the other songs on the album.

On another track, “Break- down,” Chris Daughtry really gets a chance to show off his range: singing notes from very soft to loud and dominant. Daughtry already sold over a million copies of their self-titled debut album, which was released November 21st of last year. The album even outsold winner Taylor Hicks’ debut album. If you are looking for an album with a solid rock-and-roll feel and powerful lead vocals, this album is definitely one to consider listening to.

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WHERE EVEN A CELEBRITY GETS A DREAM COME TRUE

Kristen Ronda
Entertainment Editor

As many people know, this year in Walt Disney Theme Parks around the world is the “Year of a Million Dreams” celebration. In honor of this celebration, Disney released last week, three new portraits featuring different celebrities posing as different Disney characters as a way of promoting it. The portraits promoting the film were taken by photographer Annie Leibovitz. The photographs portray Scarlett Johansson as Cinderella running down the palace steps, Beyoncé, Lyle Lovett, and Olivier Platt as Alice, the March Hare, and the Mad Hatter spinning in a teacup, and David Beckham becomes Prince Philip slaying a dragon.

One line of the poetry of “Where every Cinderella story comes true”, Scissor looks gorgeous guided down in a beautiful courtyard, yeas, or rather, quite a scene as Santoro gown, the perfect fitting glass slipper, and topped off with one of a kind Harry Winston tiara worth over a quarter of a million dollars. Scarlett Johansson has must truly felt like Cinderella! Even the Alice in Wonderland portrait looks great with the effect of the spinning teacups, Beyoncé seems to be an odd choice of an actress to be cast in the role of the young blonde English girl, Alice. The other celebrities all resemble their characters in some way, but it doesn’t seem to be “Where Wonderland is your destiny” for Beyoncé. Platt and Lovett however, fit the rolls of the Mad Hatter and the March Hare quite well.

“We imagine the day,” Beckham says, “when the boy sits upon a white steed along a river in Spain. Beckham is holding both the shield of virtue and the sword of truth as he con- quers the evil Malficent. Beckham said about getting an opportunity to become a Disney character, “There were many Disney charac-
ters I liked as a kid, now my sons love the Disney characters and it’s a big part of their lives, a big part of their dreams and love the Disney characters and it’s an honor to be a part of their dreams.”

It seems like it’s everyone’s dream to become a Disney char- acter, and these celebrities had so much fun pretending for the day. Beckham also said, “I love going to Disney, I’m like a kid.”

Disney seems to bring out the child in all of us, and this fifteen-month celebration, guests will be presented with over a mil- lion dreams of all sizes while they are on vacation in any of the four major theme parks around the world. Guests can win anything as little as a “Dream Ball Pass” or a dream pin lanyard, to something as big as a one night stay in Cinderella’s castle.

Some other dreams being given out include trips to other Disney theme parks or a trip to a Disney cruise. If you want to see these dreams being given out, you can see in the March is- sue of GQ’s Vanity Fair, Vogue, W and The New Yorker. For more information on the “Year of a Million Dreams”, visit www.dis- ney.com/parks.

The drama begins with Heidi and Audrina. They are no longer friends due to the fact that Heidi’s new boyfriend Spencer has been hanging around Audrina. While Audrina is trying to salvage their time with Brody, Heidi wants no part of it and makes that quite clear at her birthday party in episode 3. She completely brushes off Audrina, who was attending a party in the same club that night. To make amends to speak Audrina set up a lunch outing with Lauren. Whit- ney tagged along so the alliance among the group would be kept to a minimum.

On the subject of Heidi and Spencer’s relationship is tested when Heidi experiences a preg- nancy scare. For Lauren in episode 2 she works at an Ashley Paige fashion show. Before she goes to work that day, Heidi has set her up with Spencer’s friend Brody. At first she is hesitant about the situation but decides to go after a date on her relationship with Jason ended. But she ends up taking him up on the date and en- joys herself.

The drama sets for the stage set, I think The Hills have it made to be another successful service for MTV. I’m sure she will want to tune in to see if Lauren is truly over Ja- son and will spend some quality time with her. The relation- ship of Heidi and Spencer is not too far behind. Well, I sure have to watch to find out. The Hills airs Mondays at 10 pm on MTV.
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Today’s Birthday (January 31)
Follow through this year on projects you’ve already started. There are big bucks to be made if you’re perseverant. Also keep your costs down so you end up with a profit.

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 6
Allow events to transpire naturally, while watching. You’re in for a pleasant surprise. Believe in miracles..

♉ Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) • Today is a 7
The more you study, the more you see the great value in having good friends. Now is a good time to have them help you carry a heavy burden.

♊ Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) • Today is a 9
Gather up as much as you can, graciously of course. More money and status for doing less manual labor is your objective.

♋ Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) • Today is a 8
Move quickly, and use your imagination. You can solve an old problem simply by trying something you’ve never done before.

♌ Leo • (July 23 - Aug. 22) • Today is a 7
Follow through on the project instigated yesterday. Once that’s done, it’ll be easy to see what needs to be done next.

♍ Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) • Today is a 7
Continue to encourage your teammates to advance toward the goal. They can accomplish amazing things with your direction and support.

♎ Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) • Today is a 8
Concentrate on understanding exactly what’s required. Then, provide something the client will like even better.

♏ Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) • Today is a 6
Follow through with confidence and intense concentration. Land your catch carefully, don’t let it get away.

♐ Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 7
A private family celebration is in order. Do something nice for the others, even if you don’t like it yourself. They’ll think you’re wonderful, and you’ll gain points.

♑ Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) • Today is a 7
If you get nothing else done today, let people know how much you appreciate what they’ve done for you and are doing for you now. Without them, you’re nowhere near as effective.

♒ Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 8
Nobody’s going to tell you what to do in this situation. You get to figure it out and hold yourself to your own schedule. You get to take all the risks, and you get all the credit.

♓ Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is a 7
The people who know you best believe you can do just about anything. Don’t argue, that would be disrespectful. Give it your best shot.

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If your school uses your social security number as an identifier, such as a student I.D. or for posting grades, lobby to change the policy to avoid potential identity theft.

Merry Christmas to all!

Suduko Solution

January 31, 2007
Hey Monmouth, how’s everything going? We’re glad to see everyone back from winter break, even if that means classes are starting up again. Well it’s recruitment time already, and that means that every organization will be hosting different things all at the same time. You might ask yourself “why should I go to the Sig Tau recruitment events?” The answer to that is simple. There’s none other than a Sig Tau, and that’s the damn truth. I’m Prouder than ever to say Sigma Tau Gamma is simply the only choice. If you are looking to come out of our events then check out this schedule:

Friday the 2nd: IPC Round Robin in Bey Hall at 4:30
Sunday the 4th: Super Bowl Party at 6:15
Monday the 5th: Free dinner at Chinese Buffet at 7pm
Tuesday the 6th: Elmwood Pizza Party
Wednesday the 7th: Bowling at Shore Lanes at 9pm
Friday the 9th: Bid Day

If anyone has questions about these events feel free to e-mail Chris Traum at christian.f.traum@monmouth.edu. Have a great week everyone!

**Alpha Sigma Tau**

Pearl, Twinkle and Paradise roc out 80’s style at the breakfest club. Twinkle thanks she’s a dog on a fire hydrant & does not know why her calf hurts. Twinkle was a ballerina. DUH! OhhMiGod I love the 80’s & Paradise & Pearl. Love, My lil Radiance & Moto & secret © Yai for pasties 1 -3 my roommate vase! © serenity. Alpha Sigma rock the mansion! Scarlett and Arielle definitely enjoy the benefits of working a Victoria Secret. Serenity we need an “us” night. 1-3 u’ Mad love to the Rho’s when is our night out call <3 spryte. Vogue I love the randomness of our shopping <3 Tink. Happy 2007 world <3 spice. Summer I love you to the extreme! You are the best little ever! This “us” night. I <3 u! Mad love to the Rho’s when is our night out call <3 spryte. Vogue: I love the randomness of our shopping.

I hope everyone had a great winter break. We are enthusiastic to kick off the spring semester. Come to Meet the Greeks January 31st in Anacon Hall upstairs in the Student Center. Round Robin is February 3rd for recruitment for spring 2007.

**Delphi Delta Epsilon**

I was so excited to see such a great turn out at Meet the Greeks last night, good luck to all the Greeks during recruitment. We’re looking forward to a great semester and wish you all one too!

**Phi Sigma Sigma**

Welcome back everyone, hope you all had a fantastic break! Phi Sigma Sigma hosted our interest party last Monday; we had so much fun with all the girls! It was so exciting to see such a great turn out at Meet the Greeks last night. Good luck to all the Greeks during recruitment. We’re looking forward to a great semester and wish you all one too!

**Phi Sigma Kappa**

Brothers! Welcome back from another winter break. Thanks to everyone who came to Meet the Greeks last night and good luck to everyone else with their recruitment. PKB has been planning for a very busy Spring semester. We have scheduled a number of different community service events for the upcoming weeks and months and we are still raising money for various causes, especially the Special Olympics. We will also be sending a number of our brothers to the Marshall Islands during spring break to do various volunteer work with locals on the island.

We will also be participating in the Round-Robin recruitment meetings this semester which will be held on Friday the 9th at 4:30 in Bey Hall. We encourage everyone interested in fraternities and Greek life to participate in this event and we hope to see as many people as possible there.

We are expecting to have a major fundraising event in the next few months, but details on what exactly we will be doing are still being discussed. We hope everyone has a great semester and good luck during rush. This is Launchpad signing off saying, DAMN PROUD!
What's your new year's resolution for 2007?

BY: SUZANNE GUARINO

Bryan freshman
"To quit smoking and be healthy. I think I can do it. And, to do better in school than last semester."

Sean freshman
"Getting out of my dorm room and getting involved more."

Tatiana junior
"To get in shape and to stop procrastinating... but I haven't started yet."

Josh freshman
"Not to write my papers at the last minute, even though I know it's going to happen anyway."

Melanie freshman
"I want to be a nicer person. Less fiesty and aggressive and get rid of my N.Y. accent."

Allyson sophomore
"I don't make them because I know I never keep them."

Jeff freshman
"I need to wake up in the day time and attend all my classes. I have been known to oversleep 6 a.m. classes. Probably because I stay up 'til 9 a.m. watching infomercials."

Christina & Seth junior & senior
"I plan on getting mad big and proving haters wrong."

Katie sophomore
"To focus on my music and actually do something with it."

Lauren junior
"I'm hoping to do better in school and raise my GPA."

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Life Across the Pond

Welcome to London, England

DANIELLE DECARLO
Contributing writer

Greetings from London to everyone at Monmouth University! My name is Danielle DeCarlo and I am studying abroad for a semester here at Regent’s College in London, UK! I am a Communications major and this is my second year at Monmouth. I actually did not plan on studying abroad whatsoever during college, but I ended up checking out a first-step meeting with one of my friends and fell in love with the idea of exploring Europe, so here I am!

I have been at Regent’s College for a little over a week now, and it is a really great school in a very nice, safe area right inside the beautiful Royal Park. I have done so much just in a week that it will be hard for me to wrap it all up into a semi-short article for you all, but I will try my best!

We arrived at Regent’s at about 9 a.m. on the 17th and got settled all, but I will try my best! It will be hard for me to wrap it all done so much just in a week that very nice, safe area right inside the school, and then went to sleep into our rooms, took some tours of Ripper, which was very spooky we went to a tour about Jack the Ripper, which was very spooky. At night, we were not plan on studying abroad what- ever I am studying abroad for a semester in love with the idea of exploring Europe, so here I am!

My name is Danielle DeCarlo and everyone at Monmouth University!

We started classes the Monday after we arrived and they are very interesting! I have people in my classes from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Nigeria, Brazil, Germany, Italy, and many more different countries. It is really eye-opening to see how different these cultures are from our own even while dis- cussing simple topics such as me- diea and biology!

Over the next few days, we felt brave enough to venture around London on our own using The Tube (the subway, which is by the way MUCH easier to navigate than the subway in NYC!) and we did a little bit of shopping and simple wandering around to try and become familiar with some of the city. We went to a few clubs around Picadilly and Oxford Circu ces which were very fun since we got to meet new people from all different areas of the world.

We met people from Australia, Mo- rocco, Egypt, and a few others that I can’t remember off the top of my head right now. It is very strange to me when I tell people I am from America and they are amazed and want to know all about it… it is very intense reality to know that I am a foreigner now!

Over the weekend, Regent’s planned a trip to go to Leed’s Castle and Canterbury, which are located in Kent. The castle was absolutely incredible, and Canterbury was a very cute little town. We didn’t get too much time to explore Canter- bury, unfortunately, since we were pressed for time. But it was still a fun place to walk around a little bit and get some lunch.

A few other people from Monmouth and myself have planned a trip to go to Prague next weekend which I am very excited about! The American dollars goes a long way there, so we were able to get a nice apartment for the weekend in a very safe area of the city. We have also started planning my spring break, which will be spending in Italy. I got a flight to Milan for two pennies through Ryanair.com! It is very cool how easy it is to travel from country to country from here! Most of us here are spending the weekend planning all of our trips for the semester since we now have the schedule of trips that Regent’s is hosting.

I’m sure you are all wondering how much money I have spent so far. I cannot give you an exact amount, but between going out, paying for day trips, picking up a few necessities, buying an Oys- ter card for the Tube and the bus, shopping, and planning a trip to Prague and Milan, I would say I have spent about 300 pounds, which is about 600 American dol- lars. Honestly, I thought it would be a lot more than that by now! The most money I have spent was on my trip to Prague. We could find flights cheaper than 90 pounds that didn’t fly us straight into the city, so that is the most money I have spent on one event. I am glad that our American dollar is worth a lot more in Prague so we can really live it up there!

I could go on forever about this city and how beautiful and excit- ing it is, so look out for my weekly articles and pictures, and go to a first-step meeting about studying abroad! Even if you don’t want to go to London, you can spend a semester in Australia or even spend a month during the summer in Spain or Italy. Robyn Azaro, the study abroad advisor, is very help- ful, and I guarantee it will be the time of your life! Until next week, cheers!

Leed’s Castle, Kent

LINDSAY PLESNARSKI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Hey Monmouth! Hope every- thing is going great, including classes! All is well here at Re- gent’s! This past weekend, we enjoyed a school-planned trip to Leed’s Castle, as well as Canter- bury (for those who read Canter- bury Tales…this should sound familiar)! Despite the trip, in- cluding probably one of the most humbling bus rides of my life (for two hours), it was a lot of fun, and we got to see some amazing sights!

First of all, Leed’s Castle is enormous. Even though there is construction going on, it really doesn’t take away the beauty of this masterpiece! During the tour, we got to see the Queen’s bedroom, her shoe closet, and even the wine cellar!

One of the coolest parts of this trip was going through an actual hedge maze (you know… like the one from Harry Potter- There are no signs to give you hints at any- thing…but I doubt you can actually get lost in it. We even started to play a game of Marco-Polo after the group split up to see who would finish first. After check- ing out the castle and the maze, we went back to the bus to take a trip to Canter-bury. Thankfully, this was only 35 minutes or so. The main attrac- tion there is the Cathedral. It is breath-taking and humongous! However, we only had a very lim- ited time to spend there, so most of it was actually spent in a res- taurant/pub because we were all starving! This trip began at 8:30 a.m. for us, and most did not have time to get breakfast!

As you can tell from the pic- tures, we had wonderful weather! It was just so nice to take a stroll around a castle and over some bridges! The only thing I could’ve asked for was more time there. And maybe a less humaid bus ride!
Men's Basketball

Hawks Split Games Against NEC Foes

Extend Winning Streak at the “Boylor Room” to Six

CRAIG D'AMICO
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Four minutes into the second half last Saturday, Hawks se- nior Dejan Delic swished home a three-pointer that pointed in Monmouth, he considered a slim 35-34 lead.

Monmouth jumped out to an early 6-0 advantage, as Whitney Coleman and Marques Alston drained back to back threes, forc- ing Central to call an early timeout to gather themselves together. In a matchup between two of the top three scoring defenses in the Northeast Conference, Monmouth outscored the Blue Devils one point at halftime, 25-24. The

Christopher Taiwo

Having come back only once before trailing at halftime time against NEC competition, traded the ball back and forth with the Blue Devils in the opening minutes of the second half, before Delic’s historic basket gave

In the current season, Taiwo will be competing in the 55/60m dash, the 200m and 300m dash, the 60m high hurdles, and the triple jump. While his sub-23 second 200m dash will get him the most noto- riety, Taiwo hopes to find success in his other events as well. As for his future track and field goals at Monmouth, Taiwo says, “I expect to be NEC Champions and person- ally make it to the NCAA National Championship consistently.”

Head Coach Joe Campagni hopes to see Taiwo reach his goal as well, which are reachable when you take into account his work ethic and natural ability.

The sprinter from Bud Lake, New Jersey is an Accounting and Finance major major. He plans to finish his under- graduate education at Monmouth in four years, but knowing his major may require him to take five years. In ten years, the student athlete says he could see himself working in a field relative to his major, married, and maybe with children.

“Expect to... make it to the NCAA National Championship consistently.”

Christopher Taiwo
Track and Field Sprinter

Taiwo, a 6’1”, 180 pound sprinter, was highly recruited out of his Mount Olive High School. Other than Monmouth, he considered such laudable schools as Syrac- use, Rutgers, and Bucknell. He decided on Monmouth because of

In outdoor track, I compete in the 55/60 meter hurdles, and the triple jump. In outdoor track, I

Monmouth the one point edge. The Blue and White then went on a 10-0 run, extending their lead another 15 points before remaining in regulation. Central answered back with a 9-0 run of their own, led by Armen Taheri getting a putback to fall dead- lock the game at 45 with 4:39 left in the game.

Monmouth had a chance to tie the game in the final seconds, however Delic’s three point attempt fell short and the Blue Devils came away with a 49-46 win over the team that has ended their season in each of the last three years. All five Hawks starters played over 35 minutes in the game. Del- ic paced the Hawks with 14 points on the team’s top scorer and Coleman finishing in double figures with 11 points respectively. Monmouth only managed one point off of their bench, on a John Bunch free throw.

Joe Seymore led four Blue Devils in double figures with 11 points. Teammate Javier Mojica finished a rebound shy of a dou- ble-double. Entering play last Thursday night, the Monmouth- Hawk men’s basketball team was sport- ing a four game losing streak, hav- ing slumped all the way to tenth place in the Northeast Conference standings.

With the last place St. Francis, PA Red Flash coming to town, an- other loss would send the Hawks to the NEC basement, a rather unimaginable position for a team picked to finish as one of the NEC’s top teams.

Both teams traded blows in the early minutes of the first half, how- ever, the Red Flash soon sprouted out to a 25-20 lead as freshman Da- niel Calloway, who became just the seventh coach in conference his- tory to reach that mark. The turning point of the game was the dagger.

Pre- season between pre-season #1 Monmouth and pre-season #2 Robert Morris. The Colonials had swept both meetings from the Hawks last year, and return a dominating foursome of Jeremy Chappell, A.J. Jackson, Tony Lee, and Derek Coleman, who averages 70% of their Ha- lend team offense. With 1:18 left in the first half, Monmouth faced their largest defi- cit, 11 points, after Calloway was

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Women’s Basketball

After Victory Over CCSU, Hawks Split Games Against NJIT, RMU

Jennifer Bender

The Outlook

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

SPORTS

Brianna Edwards

NJIT won the opening game in overtime with a 91-87 win over the Hawks.

The Hawks were out of rhythm for much of the game and were never able to control the game. They were able to trim the lead to 58-52, Robert Morris hit two free throws resulting in 61 free throw attempts. The Hawks shot 56.8 percent from the field and hit 24 of 24 free throws while CCSU was held to 38 percent. Edwards was in control for most of the game, after six straight three-pointers, she was held without Edwards, who missed the game with an injured finger. Monmouth was in control for most of the game, after six straight points from Jimenez and five straight from Chassidy Johnson. But, by halftime, the Hawks’ lead was cut to just two. Monmouth had the lead back as Brooke McElroy knocked down a three and LaKia Barber poured in a layup, giving the Hawks a 43-38 advantage. They took the lead in the second half, 38-37, on a pair of free throws from Jimenez. After RMU regained the lead, Edwards cut it to one, 48-47 on a layup with 1:14 remaining in the game.

“Stisifenee Taylor is nationally ranked in the hurdles after her performance in the Great Dane Classic.

Some of the best results came at the Fordham Collegiate Opener. Bringing only a partial team, the Hawks were impressive.

For the women, junior Nikki Zwartjes broke what was then her own school record and won the pole vault with a mark of 3.35 meters. Also getting a win was Malia Lyles in the 5,000m with a time of 16:30.11.

For the men, Jude Rene was able to finish second in the high jump while the men’s 4x400 team also finished second.

From there, the Hawks were able to participate in the NYC Gotham Cup and at the Penn State Relays. Just like they did at Fordham, the Hawks were once again impressive.

At the Gotham Cup on January 12, the Hawks had three ECAC qualifiers which included the women’s 4x400m team, Michelle Losey (400m), Lutasha Dickson (400m). Along with the ECAC qualifiers, Chris Vuono was an Eastern Qualifier in the 400m as well.

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The Hawks were victorious twice this week with wins over St. Francis (Pa) and Robert Morris. That story, plus the return of the HawkFile on page 18.