Barack Obama Advisor Speaks to Students

Noel Koch, a representative from Veterans of Obama, spoke to students on campus on Friday, February 1.

MICHAEL HERBERT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Noel Koch is an expert on terrorism and security-related issues. Mr. Koch has over forty years of experience in developing intelligence and advanced analytical procedures for identifying and assessing potential threats to people and businesses alike, and is a chief executive officer of International Security Management, Inc.

Mr. Koch has been affiliated with the Republican Party since the late 1960’s, but Mr. Koch came to Monmouth University on Friday to speak on behalf of the Freshman Democratic Senator from Illinois, Barack Obama.

Noel Koch came to Monmouth as a volunteer, and a representative of the group Veterans for Obama. He spoke about the endorsement of Sen. Obama by Sen. Ted Kennedy, and how he too saw the correlation between President Kennedy and Barack Obama. Mr. Koch thought that Sen. Obama could bring forth a new wave of politics much like President Kennedy did. Mr. Koch also supports Sen. Obama’s views on veterans, specifically healthcare, which he claims would lower premiums and allowed equal access to all. Currently, Mr. Koch is on the standing Committee for Veteran’s Affairs. Mr. Koch, as a veteran, has seen the benefits the freshman senator has brought to the constituency with over seventy acts or bills benefiting veterans.

Mr. Koch served in the Department of Defense for more than five years as a Director for Special Planning under Ronald Reagan, with responsibility for oversight and management of the Pentagon’s role in dealing with international terrorism. He conceived and directed the first political-level crisis management exercise with cabinet officers responsible for dealing with terrorist incidents.

Mr. Koch served in the Army during the Vietnam War and would later prove President Richard Nixon with the legislative message proposing an end to the military draft.

Mr. Koch is considered an example of Barack Obama’s wide-ranging appeal. Sen. Obama has appealed to not only Democrats but also to independents and disenchanted Republicans. Sen. Obama has appealed to those who think that the politics in Washington need an overhaul.

Noel Koch is one of many supporters of the voice of Barack Obama.

“Focus the Nation” Discusses Global Warming

Dr. William Schreiber of the Chemistry, Medical Technology and Physics Department spoke about climate change during the panel discussion on January 31.

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI EDITOR IN CHIEF

Monmouth University was one of 1700 campuses across the country to participate in “Focus the Nation” on January 31, a teach-in geared towards the issue of global climate change.

“I was sick with the flu for a good week,” senior communications major Colleen Hayes said. “Three of those days I had a fever varying from 98 to 102 degrees.”

Since we are finding that the students are presenting with high fevers and the rest of the viral syndrome, we are advising that they do not attend class while acutely symptomatic, which can be up to three days,” Maloney said.

Students who did get the flu shot were noticed to have lesser symptoms. Here are some of the symptoms to look out for; Three to four days ranging from low grade to high temperature of 103.8 to 104 degrees Fahrenheit, accompanied by headache, body ache, chills, nausea, nasal congestion, sore throat and cough.

Eight days after initial feeling ill, the symptoms moved into my chest so I am constantly coughing, out of breath, and with little voice,” Hayes reported.

“If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, some over the counter medications to try are Acetaminophen to reduce fever and pain, a decongestant, saline nasal spray, expectorant (such as Mucinex), gargling with warm salt water, and stay hydrated, according to suggestions e-mailed to the campus community from the Health Center.

Monmouth student Corinne Buscemi, who was also affected by the flu, said that the Health Center was “creative” with the start-of-semester stress!

“Focus the Nation” was an event that fit well into an outreach project for the Urban Coast Institute [UCI] could take place on campus, bring awareness to environmental issues, and involve the Monmouth community,” said Jessica Lisa, a research associate for UCI.

Tony MacDonald, director of the Urban Coast Institute, assisted Lisa in the project as well as a steering committee comprised of Monmouth students and faculty including Eleanor Swanson, Run Gaskell, Nicole Starinsky, Marygrace Murphy, Jillian Stokley, and Katelynne Wolf.

The day began with a panel discussion featuring presentations by President Paul Gaffney II, Dr. William Schreiber, Assistant Director of the Urban Coast Institute and Professor John Tiedemann, and Tony MacDonald. Each panelist focused on a different perspective dealing with global climate change. President Gaffney offered a world view on the topic; Dr. Schreiber focused on the scientific aspect as far as what is contributing to global climate change as well as explaining alternatives people can use instead of oil; Professor Tiedemann gave a local perspective on how global climate change could affect the surrounding coastal community. MacDonald offered insight on policies regarding climate change such as issues with the Kyoto Protocol.

President Gaffney believed the panel was informative in that they looked at one issue at different angles. He added that it was “comprehensive” as well as in a “good format.”

Lisa said, “I think that each speaker provided us with enough information on climate change to make a decision on whether or not we wanted to take action and start restoring the damage that we have done.”

Various activities that promoted global warming solutions followed the panel discussion. Those activities included an Outdoors Club recycling drive, a CFL bulb switch, and a reusable Climate change continued on pg. 21

Flu Outbreak Grips Campus

DANIELLE DECARLO FEATURES EDITOR

A number of Monmouth University students had been visiting the Health Center with flu-like symptoms over the past few weeks. It has become a concern since about 100 students had visited the Health Center in a period of 48 hours, according to Kathy Maloney, Director of Health Services.

“The causes are viral,” said Maloney. “It can be influenza, RSV, or Adenovirus. We won’t know for certain unless viral cultures are done.”

Students were showing symptoms of a fever lasting for 3 to 4 days and congestion and cough lasting for a week or two. This is the usual course of a virus.

Wednesday 61°/41°
Shower/Wind
Thursday 42°/32°
Partly Cloudy
Friday 45°/35°
Partly Cloudy
Saturday 47°/37°
Rain/Snow Showers
Sunday 37°/17°
Snow Showers/Wind
Monday 27°/22°
Partly Cloudy
Tuesday 47°/28°
Rain/Snow Showers
The “I don’t know” Election: Survey shows student apathy

Special to The Outlook

MU hosts Latin America program

By Paul Gaffney II

20 percent of the votes. Clinton was followed by Barack Obama, who garnered 20 percent of the votes. John McCain, who was featured in the Ice House and 800 Gallery, was the runner-up with 16 percent. Mitt Romney, who recently ended his campaign—saw his support drop to 9 percent.

With the New Jersey state primary election this week, Monmouth University surveys its students to see what they know about the presidential candidates and their stands on various issues. Of the students who were asked to vote, 18 percent did not know for whom they would cast their ballot or much of anything on the subject, for that matter.

For those who did have an opinion, Democrat Hillary Clinton was the second most popular response, with these examples seemed to be backed by many of the students, who said they would vote for Clinton because “she’s a strong woman.”

They must influence national and local issues, they must stand up for what they believe in, and they must be knowledgeable about all the coming election,” sophomore Perry Dewitt said last fall. “I’ll be voting for her. When it comes time to vote, I probably won’t participate.

“We need students to discover their fingers and opportunities to get involved right in their own backyard and get the experience that comes down to a lack of interest. The majority of Monmouth students, like many college students, are just not interested in politics right now. They tend to stay away from the issues because they have other priorities such as sports, jobs, and other obligations, not politics when my top priorities right now are schoolwork and intramural sports,” Romweber said.

“Creative Couture” is going to be an overwhelming response at Monmouth University’s annual fashion show on Saturday, February 19, at 7 p.m. in the Ice House. The event starts at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 6:30.

MU President

Robert J. Gaylor

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SGA Introduces Party Smart Program

KATHLEEN NORTH
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"After hearing about alcohol-related tragedies at other universities, it’s good to know that Monmouth is taking a stand by encouraging alcohol awareness," said senior Stefanie Faviello.

Monmouth’s Student Government Association [SGA] has created a Party Smart Program, which will be introduced on Thursday, February 7 in order to help students enjoy a fun, safe, and hopefully police-free party. The Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services, SGA, and the Office of Substance Awareness will be tabling the program at the Student Center from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. The table will be located on the first floor by the Information Booth.

During this time students who live in apartments or off-campus student rentals will have the chance to pick up a Party Smart kit. After Thursday, kits will be available to students at the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services, located in the Division of Student Services on the 2nd floor of the Student Center or the Office of Substance Awareness, located in the Health Center.

The kit includes ways to spot alcohol poisoning; local laws on alcohol, noise and trash; recipes for food; taxi cab vouchers from Paramount Taxi; Keymaster bucket for students to put keys in; Party Smart T-Shirt; Blood alcohol concentration information; Coaster with taxi numbers and HERO Campaign information for designated drivers; coupons for free soda from Aramark; coupons for local stores and eateries; and brochures on STD’s, sexual assault, and club drugs.

"I love the Party Smart kits. I am impressed SGA recognized a need for our students and came up with a creative idea to raise awareness. I believe any program is better received by students if it was designed by students," said Suann Schaad, Director of Substance Awareness.

Direction Vaughn Clay, Suann Schaad of Substance Awareness, and Nicole Stevens Humanity and Community Relations Chair and Parliamentarian of SGA are credited with this brand new program. "I’m really excited about the new Party Smart program. It sends the message that it’s okay for students to have parties, as long as they do so in a responsible and safe way. Too often, college students are looked at as immature and irresponsible kids only concerned with having a good time; the Party Smart program will hopefully dispel such an image, as it proves that Monmouth students do not fit such a stereotype and instead are mature enough to hold smart parties," said Stevens.

Each apartment or off-campus student rental will be allowed one kit. Students are also encouraged to join the “Party Smart” group on Facebook. For more information contact SGA at sga@monmouth.edu or to the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services at occts@monmouth.edu.

Wouldn’t it be nice to not have to worry about your guests, neighbors or the police the next time you host a party? Believe it or not, that can happen and it’s easy as 1,2,3.

1. Stop by the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services, located in the Division of Student Services on the 2nd floor of the Student Center or the Office of Substance Awareness, located in the Health Center.

2. Ask for a Party Smart Kit

3. Read the information in the Party Smart Kit.

4. Apply the suggestions in the Party Smart Kit when you begin planning your next party.

5. Host a fun, safe and responsible party.

Want to learn more about Party Smart?

Stop by our promotional table on Thursday, February 7 from 12 pm to 3 pm in front of the Information Booth and pick up a free Party Smart kit. Included in the kit is a FREE Party Smart t-shirt, a coupon for a FREE 6-pack of 20 Pepsi products, information that will show you how to plan a party that is fun, safe and responsible as well as coupons to local eateries and a FREE taxi voucher.
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
Involve•ment Fair • 2:30 - 4:00 PM • Anacon Hall
Make Your Own Snowglobes • 2:30 - 4:00 PM • Anacon Hall
University Sponsored Housing Info. Session • 2:30 PM • Young Auditorium
Resident Assistant Information Session • 4:00 PM • The underground
Film Screening: Agouti’s Peanut • 7:00 PM • Pollak Theatre

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7
Party Smart • 12:00 - 3:00 PM • Student Center
Leadership Workshop: Group Dynamics • 2:00 PM • RSSC, Carol Afflitti
How is our Brother? • 7:00 PM • Java City Cafe
Jewish Culture Films • 7:00 PM • Wilson Auditorium
Resident Assistant Information Session • 7:00 PM • The underground
Craft Night • 7:30 PM • Catholic Center
Ms. Monmouth • 10:00 PM • Pollak Theatre

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8
Orientation Leader Information Session • 12:00 PM • RSSC 202A
IFC (Fraternity) Recruitment • 4:30 PM • Bey Hall
Student Club Rosters Due • 4:30 PM • Office of Student Activities
Texas Hold ‘em • 5:00 PM • RSSC Fireplace Lounge
Peru Negro • 8:00 PM • Pollak Theatre
Dance Dance Revolution Challenge • 9:00 PM • The Underground

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Natural History Museum Trip - SOLD OUT • Departs at 11:00 AM
Women’s Basketball vs. Mount St. Mary’s • 3:00 PM • Boylan Gymnasium
Meet the . . . Student Activities Board • 5:00 PM • RSSC Fireplace Lounge
Men’s Basketball vs. Mount St. Mary’s • 6:00 PM • Boylan Gymnasium
Creative Couture Fashion Show • 7:00 PM • Wilson Great Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
PHC (Sorority) Recruitment • 10:30 AM • Bey Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Housing Deposits • 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM • Magill (THRU WEDNESDAY)
Orientation Leader Information Session • 4:00 PM • RSSC 202A
Film Screening: Quilombo Country • 7:00 PM • Pollak Theatre

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Shakespeare with . . . • 5:00 PM • Woods Theatre
Relay for Life Kickoff Event • 6:00 PM • Anacon Hall
Java City Theology • 7:30 PM • Java City Cafe
Film: Everything’s Illuminated • 8:00 PM • The Underground

MEET THE . . .
Student Activities Board • Saturday, February 9
Psi Chi • Saturday, February 16
Hawk TV • Saturday, February 23
Commworks • Saturday, March 1
Students in Free Enterprise • Saturday, March 29
Pep Band • Saturday, April 5

DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION CHALLENGE
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DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 22

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February

7 p.m. Film Screening: Agouti’s Peanut
(Tropical Forest People)
Q & A: Prof. Bill Mitchell
Pollak Theatre

6 p.m. Welcome: Dean Stan Green
Illustrated Closing Lecture: Prof. Bill Mitchell: If the World is Flat, Why Are There So Many Bumps?: The Economic Crisis in Peru and Latin America
Book Signing: Prof. Bill Mitchell
Voices from the Global Margin

5:30 p.m. Food of Peru Dinner
Tickets: $35. Dinner and Show packages available

5:30 p.m. Film Screening: State of Fear
(Topic: Peru)
Q & A: Prof. Rosemary Barbera, Prof. Ken Mitchell, Prof. Aaron Ansell, and Prof. Megwen Loveless
Pollak Theatre

Performance: Peru Negro
Tickets: $48 / $36 / $24 / Free to MU students with ID

Centerpiece Events

5:30 p.m. Foods of Peru Dinner
Tickets: $35. Dinner and Show packages available

West Long Branch Community Center

8 p.m. Performance: Peru Negro
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Pollak Theatre

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2:30 - 6:20 p.m. Peru Ceramic Workshop
Ceramics Studio 601

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2:30 - 6:20 p.m. Peru Ceramic Workshop
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2:30 - 6:20 p.m. Peru Ceramic Workshop
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(Topic: Peru)
Q & A: Prof. Bill Mitchell
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7 p.m. Film Screening: Quilombo Country
(Topic: Brazil)
Q & A: Prof. Sean Mitchell and Prof. Hettie Williams
Pollak Theatre

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Das de Santiago (Lima) (Topic: Peru)
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For my first editorial back, I wanted to touch on the upcoming presidential election. During winter break, it was a time filled with many debates and caucuses. This was a time where the candidates were letting voters know how they stood on the issues and what makes them the next person to be the President of The United States.

What really inspired me to write my editorial this week was an article I read for my Political Communication class. What I thought was just a typical homework assignment, turned out to affect me in a great way. The article from www.time.com, “The Year of the Youth Vote” by David Von Drehle, I picked to discuss in my Monday evening class simply because it looked interesting. However, as I continued to read further, it truly hit close to home. As a young voter who has been registered since 18, I find it important for my generation to head to the polls during election time.

This is a pivotal moment for our country. Why not make a difference and be a part of the change our country is about to face? As I was reading more into the article, it mentioned various ways in which candidates are reaching out to the youth of the nation. They are connecting to us through social network sites like Facebook and MySpace, which college students especially use on a daily basis.

MTV and MySpace partnered up to get dialogue going on the presidential election. A channel known not so much for its music anymore, but rather reality shows, hosted a special this past weekend on the election prior to Super Tuesday. The program titled “MTV/MySpace’s Closing Arguments: A Presidential Super Dialogue,” featured Senator Hillary Clinton, Senator Barack Obama, Mike Huckabee, and Congresswoman Ron Paul. Each candidate was speaking to a live audience via satellite.

The purpose of the show was to get young voters the opportunity to ask questions to candidates before the big primary. I have to say I like the way MTV is focusing attention on Election ’08. They always come up with innovative ways to entertain their viewers and I think this was a chance for them to break away and report on something real.

Facebook has millions and millions of users and I think that is a great way of getting young voters involved. If you browse the site, you will find countless groups dedicated to certain candidates as well as applications you can incorporate on your profile to show who you are supporting in the upcoming race. As all Facebook users know, groups on the network site allow comments in regards to the issue pertaining to that particular group. This is a great way for young voters to start dialogue about the election and the issues that are important to them.

The social network has even been working with ABC news to get more young voters involved with the election. I think that is a great idea because while some young people may not have an interest in politics, incorporating this topic on Facebook could help them get interested by presenting the information that may seem confusing to them in a more creative way.

Facebook may be known for their random applications, but in the 2008 election they have found ways for the younger generation to get involved. Even if it is just sparking a debate or discussing candidate and issues, getting conversation going on the subject is the important part.
Reducing Water Bottle Pollution

RON GASKILL

Do you enjoy the quenching and revitalizing chill of a cold bottle of water after a long hot walk, or during a momentary break? If you say yes, then you are most certainly not alone. I'm right there with you. This, unfortunately, is becoming a problem for both terrestrial and marine wildlife, however. Right now, as you read this, there is a flooding mass of trash (mostly plastic) the size of a small Texas that can be seen from the Pacific Ocean. It is called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a term which describes the magnitude.

It is estimated alone, 28.3 billion gallons of bottled water were sold in the US. Of these bottles, most of these bottles end up in landfills or even our own waterways. One study found that over a period of 3 years, Los Angeles alone leaked over 60 tons of plastic into our waterways. I know this may seem far away from you, but I can guarantee that this isn't just affecting our lives, but New York, Philadelphia, Newark, and other major cities are certainly no better.

Besides disposing of plastic bottles in the proper recycling receptacle, there are ways we can reduce our plastic consumption, like using glassware whenever possible. Also, for on-the-go hydration, picking a reusable metal or glass bottle will be far better. A water filtration system and reusable water bottle will cost about a dollar a day, while bottles of water cost 2$ a pop.

So do the world and yourself a favor, cut down on your disposable bottle usage. The fish, birds, turtles, and even your wallet will be grateful.

Wishing for Perot

DANIEL J. WISNIEWSKI

Staff Writer

I'm a Republican and it pains me to learn, after doing the research, that my party is not as fiscally responsible as I think it is. The 2008 presidential campaign has been dominated by the economy. So I've decided to come up with a solution to the economic woes of America - Ross Perot.

Perot has a simple message: America must reduce its federal debt and get its fiscal house in order. This is a message that the US can no longer ignore. It is a message that has to be heard.

Perot is a fiscally conservative Republican. He believes in limited government, balanced budgets, and lower taxes. His policies are in line with those of President Ronald Reagan. Perot is a man of integrity. He is willing to make unpopular decisions to get the job done.

Perot's platform is simple: cut taxes, balance the budget, and reduce the American national debt. This is a message that the American people can agree with.

Perot's campaign is gaining momentum. He is polling ahead of the Bush/Cheney ticket in several key states. Perot is a man of action. He is willing to do what it takes to get the job done.

Perot is a man of the people. He is a man of integrity. He is a man of action. He is a man of the future. Perot is the man America needs now.
Between January 28th and March 4th, Barack Obama probably got a boost from the youth vote at Monmouth University. He has already shown in previous primaries his ability to get college voters to go to the polls alongside the other demographics.

Hillary Clinton finished a notch-so-close 2nd place. She has traditionally done better with the older Democratic voters, and has a lesser following from college aged students.

Senator John McCain was the strong showing Republican candidate. He received 12.2% of all votes cast at Monmouth, which equates to 77 students. He has recently won the Florida primary, which is a good indicator of who will win their respective party nomination.

Mitt Romney finished close behind with 8.24%, and 52 votes. His appeal has been slipping lately in national polls, and with the recent withdrawal of Rudy Giuliani from the race, more people have shown up to cast a vote for him. Romney was 3rd place.

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Total Votes: 631
Obama - 225
Clinton - 140
McCain - 77
Romney - 52
Giuliani - 50
Edwards - 30
Paul - 29
Huckabee - 28

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Initially strong when compared to other primaries, he dropped probably due to Monmouth's relative location to New York City where he usually finishes well. Huckabee's usual base of evangelical conservatives is probably a smaller part of Monmouth's population than the rest of the nation – like in Iowa where he won the Primary last month. With more Republicans in the Monmouth poll than Democrats, the vote was more spread between that party's candidates. It will not be surprising if Senator McCain and Governor Romney receive more votes (comparatively) in the New Jersey primary as the field begins to narrow.

**Barack Obama Wins Monmouth Straw Poll**

Senator Barack Obama won the Monmouth University straw poll, beating out former Democratic front-runners Hillary Clinton, by 13% (85 votes). After a week of online polling, 631 students voted, which is about 10% of the total student population.

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Spring 2008 Housing
Still Available

The office of Residential still has on and off-campus housing available to all undergraduate students interested in living in a residence hall. Apartment style housing is available off-campus. If you are interested, please call our office at 732-571-3465 or e-mail Reslife@monmouth.edu. Students who live on-campus by February 8, 2008 are eligible to participate in the housing lottery for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Study Abroad Office would like to wish a HELLO-GOODBYE to all the students who had the courage to think outside the box and spend a semester abroad!

- Welcome back from England: (07 Fall)
  Erin Candee, Jenna DeLozier, Amanda Grasso, Alison Jimenez, Spenser Lerner, Alex Martinez, Kristina McGraw, Katelyn Mulliken, Dana Page, Ashley Pappalardo, Aimee Savoth, Jennifer Solly, Jordanna Spaulding, Katelyn Mulliken, Dana Page, Ashley Pappalardo, Aimee Savoth, Jennifer Solly, Jordanna Spaulding, and Leslie Weinberg (Who did an amazing job as our overseas correspondent)
- Welcome Back from Australia: (07 Fall)
  Nicholas Bellia, Blake Domanacki, Pamela Epstein, Rebecca Krug, Michelle Majeski, and Nicole O’Connell
- Good luck in England: (08 Spring)
  Daniela Canabal, Sara Davidson, Deidre Duym, Chris Klug, Kristen McMonagle, Kenneth & Ryan Mundie, Angela Pautz, Jessica Peters, Jason Silver, Paige Sodano, Kyle Stokley & Marina Wagner
- Good Luck in Australia: (08 Spring)
  Jennifer Bassett, Maura Breiner, Emaily Brown, Leilani Chin, Ed Cuomo, Lauren Damiano, Csilla Greiner, Jason Halulka, Givonna Molinaro, Lindsay Plesnierski, Victoria Schmidt, & Katelynne Wolf

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Beat the Spring Semester Blues!

If you are all on the same page as I am, you are probably thinking, “Winter break was entirely way too short!” Even though we had a whole month off, to me it seemed like it wasn’t enough time to take a break from the grueling fall semester. A lot of students during spring semester find themselves feeling really unmotivated as far as class goes. “I wasn’t really ready,” Ally Johnson, sophomore journalism major said. “A lot of my friends don’t go back to their college until the middle of February!”

“I had kind of a rough fall semester,” Dana Sypniewski, another sophomore journalism major said. “It was the first time I was working while taking classes, and I’m also on the dance team. It was really crazy and time consuming!”

Monmouth seems to have a longer break than most colleges, however a lot of students were so wiped out from fall semester that they felt as if winter break wasn’t long enough.

Do you feel like this is what your desk looks like some nights (especially around midterms and finals)? You can reduce a lot of extra work and stress on yourself by getting organized and taking a breather every once in a while, and enjoying spending time with your friends from home.”

“I felt like break was shorter than last year. I really enjoyed spending time with my friends from home.”

“I’m taking six classes this semester, which I’ve never done before, so this semester may be rough!” Johnson said.

As you can see, if you’re feeling the Spring Semester blues, you are definitely not alone. A lot of other students have anxieties about starting this next semester, and almost everyone seems to think that break, as long as it was, went by too fast! If you are still feeling stressed from fall semester and most of your work done during the week (you’re in school mode, anyway!), this gives you more time to relax or go out with your friends or do whatever YOU want to do! Now doesn’t that sound nice?

If you’re really feeling overloaded, talk to your advisor. That’s what they’re here for. Speaking to my advisor last semester really helped me out for this semester and we were able to work a better schedule out that fits more to what I can handle. It is possible!

Of course, everyone has their own ways of getting around the stress of the semester. However, sometimes you just need to sit back and relax and think about organizing, taking a breather every once in a while, and enjoying some time off too. So, good luck this semester, and remember you’re not alone!

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DANA SYPNIEWSKI
MU Sophomore

a little unmotivated for classes in the spring, here are some tips to keep you motivated and focused on your school work.

When you have big projects, don’t wait until the last minute! Try to at least start them ahead of time. This seems silly, but it does reduce a lot of stress, especially when papers and projects from other classes start piling on.

Use a planner! This simple little book will work wonders as far as making sure you have everything important together and finished for class. Keep a copy of your schedule in there too for safekeeping. Simply keeping what you need to get done organized will work wonders at relieving stress.

A professor once gave me this tip; if you have a class that you know you are not that interested in, make a plan to ask at least three questions throughout the course of the class. This way, you will have to pay attention and you will at least absorb some of the material (not to mention get points in class for participating!).

Give yourself a break! If you’ve done work for an hour and got a lot accomplished, give yourself a 15 minute break and completely walk away from it to clear your mind. Also, if you get overwhelmed, simply wipe out from fall semester that they felt as if winter break wasn’t long enough.

Using something as simple as a planner can help get you started as far as organizing everything. You’d be surprised how a simple little book can reduce a lot of stress just by telling you what’s due when!

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is about to embark on his last battle not to feel his pain and sorrow as he emotion in his role. It is impossible cult Shakespearean jargon seems to tricks and clever pranks.

audience pondering how the actor incorporates magic tricks that leave the show. With the aid of magician opening magic that runs throughout effects when the actors are having Weaver's extraordinary lighting ef

ter into the final audition and we learn things about each one of them through-out the performance. Many of the characters really open up about their life, and tell us why they are dancers and what got them to where they are.

What is so fascinating about the performance is that the only scen-ary is an occasional mirror in the background because it is supposed to appear like an audition. Most of the show is done with all of the performers standing in a line, and when it is their turn to share their story, they take a step forward. The audience gets so drawn into the show, that they don’t even no-tice the lack of props and scen-ery, which makes it unique.

It was inter-esting to see the relationship be-tween Zach and Cassie, or one of the characters audi-tioning. She was once a leading actress on Broad-way, and then decide to make it in Hollywood. When she failed, she moved back to New York and is struggling to find work, and Zach thinks she is too good to settle for a chorus role any way.

The songs in the show are writ-ten and composed by Edward Kle-ner and Martin Hamlisch. Some of them are very beautiful and go deep into the characters such as “At the Ball” in which it highlights three of the female dancers. Other songs are just silly, like “Dance: Ten, Lines, Three” in which the character Val, talks about her not being able to get a job because she wasn’t pretty. In order to solve that problem, she underwent numerous plastic surgeries to en-bance her looks, and it worked.

Perhaps the most fa-mous number in the show, “One” takes the au-dience’s breath away. Af-ter the final eight dancers are chosen, they all come out in full costume and perform the spectacular number. This is the only time that there is more of a scenery than just mir-rors because they are perceived as no longer being at the audition.

At times in the middle the show struggled, but all in all it was amaz-ing. The dancing was wonderful, and the actors were especially entertain-ing.

If you are a dancer or just enjoy Broadway shows and over to the Schoenfeld Theatre because A Chorus Line is a must see!

MacBeth will be running at the Two River Theatre until February 17.

TAYLOR CORVINO CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With an ear piercing shriek and flash of the lights, Teller and Posner’s cre-ation of “Macbeth” begins. The audi-ence is immediately captivated by thun-drous drumbeats and actors rushing the stage from all over the theater. The first of many bloody battles opens the scene. The story of “Macbeth,” written by William Shakespeare is, a tale of a power hungry man who lets ghastly premonitions get the best of him.

Shakespeare’s creation has taken the stage in Red Bank at The Two River Theater. “Macbeth” is direct-ed by Teller of Penn and Teller and Aaron Posner, Two River Theater’s very own Artistic Director. The play is gaining recognition and has received astounding reviews within the surrounding area. “To play around with one of the work’s most famous phrases, something won-derful this way has come,” says The Star Ledger.

We will always remember Heath ledger, one of the 100 Sexiest Movie Stars in the World in 2007 by Empire Magazine. He and former fiancée Michelle Williams, who co-starred in Brokeback Mountain, had a daughter, Matilda Rose Ledger in October 2005. Heath strived to become a Director one day; he directed some music videos and short films.

As the media contemplates the possible cause of his death and gos-sips about the events leading up to the trage-dy, it is impor-tant for people to remember Heath for who he was; a success-ful hard-working actor, and doting father. Heath often avoided the limelight, and it is sad that his death is under such media speculation. He should be remem-bered for the person he was and the events he was a part of.

As Heath Ledger’s career was in full swing and at the height of his success, there was a lot of speculation about his future in the film industry. Heath was inter-ested in acting and performing in community theatre. He took a few roles on television before becoming a movie actor in 1996.

Heath’s first role was in the movie Ten Things I Hate About You, which is a teen-friendly re-make of the Shakespeare play The Taming of the Shrew. This break-out role for the actor put him in the spotlight and made him a teen sensation.

In 2005, Heath was named one of People’s 50 Most Beautiful People in 2001, and one of the 100 Sexiest Movie Stars in the World in 2007 by Empire Magazine.

Heath Ledger was born on April 4, 1979 in Perth, Australia. He showed an early in-terest in acting and performed in community theatre. Heath was the youngest man to ever receive a nomination for an Academy Award for best actor at the age of 26. He was also nominated for a Golden Globe Award in a Drama, and received “Best Ac-tor of 2005” awards from the San Francisco Film Critics Circle and the New York Film Critics Circle for his role as Ennis. Heath made it unique when he went to college to work in the film industry and to become a director.

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**The Anticipation Continues With Jacks Mannequin**

ALEXANDRA JOHNSON  STAFF WRITER

Whether you first fell in love with the calming vocals of Andrew McMahon as the front man of Some- thing Corporate or through his solo project, Jack’s Mannequin, the impression was still the same. His music has a way of hitting you in an emotional core with relatable lyrics and emotive qualities that both capture and reflect one’s own feelings.

McManus, who grew up in Butler, Pennsylvania and currently resides in Los Angeles, has been confirmed by McMahon as the front man of Some Other-New York, the upcoming new album from Jack’s Mannequin. The album, set to be released on February 6, 2008, is called *The Anticipation Continues With Jacks Mannequin*. According to the album’s producer, Kevin Rudolf, the album is described as a “musical rollercoaster”, with songs that range from “uplifting” to “heart-wrenching”.

Some of the songs included in the album are “Suicide Blonde”, “What Gets You Off”, “Bloodshot”, “Cell Phone”, “Crash”, and “Caves”. As a song writer heavily influenced by personal experience, McMahon hoped to continue to create emotive music allowing a through time of struggle. Although he did not want to ignore the “bad voice” and would have sounded “like a 1960s cover band singer”, his creativity flows straight from the heart. His new album will definitely go forth and meet it, not surpass its expectations as one of the most anticipated albums of the year in its genre.

In case you’ve been living under a rock, *American Idol* is a reality television competition in which people take turns over your head to the judges at random. The audio auditions are performed by either the strangest or most over-the-top contestant, people taking turns over your head to the judges at random. The judges made their decision based on their performance and the talent-less. The judges made their decision based on their performance and the judges agreed that she appeared certain with how he should approach the new album, this song marks the de- feat of the block to his *American Idol*. “Caves” is a pow- erful, piano driven ballad that McMa- hong wrote as a form of therapy for his- self. After battling leukemia, this song allowed him to wrap his feelings up in an emotional track that would free him to move on artistically. With the intensity of his past off his chest, McMahon could incor- porate other experiences into his music. Breaking loose from these chains was important for McMa- hou to reach self-rebuilding levels of creativity. The sound is differ- ent from what he has conceived in the past, however, it is definitely a moving piece and a great song.

“Suicide Blonde” is upbeat and resembles the sounds of previous tracks from *Everywhere in Transit*. This catchy song is perfect for any summer party or cocktails over at bars. “Cell Phone” is another track that thrives on the familiar and appeal- ing sound of Jack’s Mannequin. With a small, but impressive voice, this is something you would absolutely love. If you didn’t get to see it in theaters this weekend, make sure you go out and buy the DVD, you won’t regret it. You’ll get to see that she really does have The Best of Both Worlds.

Perhaps the funniest part of the film was the father’s high heel race for concert tickets and backstage passes. In one of the cities she was performing in, a radio station held a contest for all fathers and they had to sprint to about 25 yards to win. This was extremely entertaining. Most of them were failing, and many of them even put duck tape around the shoes so they wouldn’t fall off their feet as they ran.

Getting back to the concert, Hannah sang the first half of the show, and then her duet with the Jonas Brothers, “We Got the Party (With Us)”. As the Jonas Brothers performed a few of their songs, she was being turned into Miley, and she doesn’t have very long to complete this transformation. Her mom said that one of her quick changes is only 37 seconds!

She sang the rest of the con- cert as Miley, and the audience got to learn that her song, “I Miss You”, was written by her about her Grandfather that passed away a few years ago. The audience is asked into her house, and with her Grandfather teaching her Father Billy Ray how to play the song, and they do a small duet right in their living room.

In all, if you are a fan of Han- nah Montana this 3-D adventure is something you would absolutely love. If you didn’t get to see it in theaters this weekend, make sure you go out and buy the DVD, you won’t regret it. You’ll get to see that she really does have The Best of Both Worlds.
2008’s First Open Mic Night Rocks the Elmwood Underground

SARAH ALYSE JAMESON
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On Thursday, January 31st, at 10 p.m., the Monmouth University Office of Sub stance Awareness and Residential Hall Association hosted Spring 2008’s first Late Night Lounge/ Open Mic Night in Elmwood’s Underground.

John Gant, the Graduate Assistant for the Office of Substance Awareness stated, “Open Mic Night is a good event for students to come out to. It’s an alternative to the party scene, but there is still entertainment, fun, snacks and a great time!”

The Office of Substance Awareness raffled for prizes drawn throughout the night. “The prizes include Einstein Bagel gift cards, Monmouth hats, shirts and stickers, as well as Hero campaign stickers. The Hero campaign is promoting designated drivers, always a safe way to travel,” said Gant.

The host of Open Mic Night, Devin Menker took control of the night. He was obviously excited for the evening.

Devin helps out a ton,” John Gant stated.

The night started off with Frankie Lombardi, a junior. He began the night with Pearl Jam’s “Better Man,” which was screened on Thursday, January 31 at Young Auditorium in Bey Hall as part of the Focus the Nation event on global warming.

According to DiCaprio, global warming is a pressing issue and that many people are willing to go green for the planet, and that we need to act now. Global warming is directly related to humans and the capitalist system. Capitalism is built upon expansion and growing, and nature has become the victim of that expansion. Cutting down trees and forests has lead to the removal of trees that clean the air and provide a valuable service to the world. Unfortunately, the rainforest does not grow back into the forest that we see now, so logging and destruction are permanent. Delicate ecosystems are slowly being unravelled, taking away precious balances and systems in the world.

These effects do not only destroy the air, but also the Ocean. The Ocean naturally switches between surface and underwa ter currents so that it is constantly in motion. Global warming, however, threatens to stop this motion, leaving the ocean stagnant. This would allow the sun rays to be pushed back into the air and would greatly increase the temperature of the Earth.

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Global Warming Grips Students and Celebs

JAMIE KINARD
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Warmer summers, hotter winters and melting ice caps. These are only a few of the many side effects of Global warming. The effects of this catastrophe are brought to light by Leonardo DiCaprio’s “The 11th Hour,” which was screened on Thursday, January 31 at Young Auditorium in Bey Hall as part of the Focus the Nation event on global warming.

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The effects and predictions are brought to light and discussed by "The 11th Hour" and the other events of Focus the Nation, an national educational initiative designed to have students, employees, and the public explore climate change solutions. "I did not know that so many things were affected by our consumption, I thought that it was only a small problem" says Sarah Freeman, a student at the University.

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What was the highlight of your Winter Break?

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Melissa junior
"Not having to sit through Organic Chemistry."

Justin sophomore
"Jammin' with my younger brother and old friends."

Ramon sophomore
"I had an awesome Christmas."

Nicole freshman
"Hanging out with my friends from home."

Steve sophomore
"New Year's Eve was fun."

Matt sophomore
"Making mad money."

Bryan sophomore
"Being with my friends from home."

Kevin sophomore
"Giants making the Super Bowl."

Tia sophomore
"Seeing all my friends and running track."

Moira freshman
"Went into the city a lot."
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Outdoors Club

The Outdoors Club is a club that was specifically started to help the Monmouth University community have an opportunity to enjoy the adventures that nature can offer us. We are focused on trying to help the environment by promoting recycling. We currently have a recycling program on campus for ink cartridges and old cell phones. We offer once in a lifetime experiences for our club members, as well as anyone who wants to be involved, by going on trips to various locations. This past semester our club enjoyed a camping trip at Allaire State Park, and we have been rock climbing at an indoor rock gym three times. On these trips our members learn to trust one another, and we build valuable friendships that last outside of campus as well as on. This semester we are planning multiple hiking trips, our first one will be on February 10th up north at the Palisades Cliffs. We welcome anyone who loves outdoor activities, including those who don’t have experience but are open to trying new things. Our meetings are held every Wednesday at 2:30 in Howard Hall room 522. If anyone has any questions- feel free to contact me:

Paul Mandala: President s0655583@monmouth.edu

Hillel

The Monmouth University Hillel will be hosting a movie night in the Underground on Tuesday the 12th at 8pm featuring the film *Everything Is Illuminated* starring Elijah Wood. The Film is about a young Jewish American man’s endeavors to find the woman who saved his grandfather during World War II in a Ukrainian village. He was ultimately raised by the Nazis, with the help of a local who speaks weirdly funny broken English. The Film is amazing, and there will be free water and popcorn! Come hang out with the MU Hillel!

RHA/Winterball

RHA meetings are every Tuesday at 9pm in the Oakwood Lounge. Residents and commuters welcome! RHA is also the proud host of Monmouth’s Annual Winterball in Wilson Hall. This year our theme is *A Hollywood Affair* and it will take place on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now in both the dining hall and in the information booth in the student center.

Prices are: 1 for $30; 2 for $45; 3 for $60; 4 for $75. We look forward to seeing you at this red carpet event!

Delta Phi Epsilon

If I would like to wish everyone good luck on recruitment*Sheera- Chili’s from eSSence *ESSence- YOO Chili’s, from Sheera *Big I Love You, Alpha Phi always, Love CoCo *Crazy Beautiful: <3 *Adore, Jewels! *I Love you cookie monster*- Star-dust *GIANTS!!!- can’t wait to stand in the rain with you Mojito, Love ya glitz to my TRUE g-men friend, we’re gonna be unstoppable in our “giant superman capes” 5am, What? I LOVE YOU! glitz. Oh and how can I forget my star dust* I guess you can sleep in my bed tonight...you fake giants fan.
Professor Publishes Book on Security of E-systems and Computer Networks

MOHAMMED F AHMED
GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Monmouth University is proud to announce that Dr. Mohammad S. Obaidat, professor of computer science, has published a book titled Security of E-systems and Computer Networks, Cambridge University Press, 2007.

The book presents the fundamental concepts and tools of e-based security and its wide range of applications. E-based systems and computer networks are ubiquitous in the modern world with applications spanning e-commerce, e-government, Wireless LANs, health care, and government organizations. This area of technology is vital to all organizations, and governments due to the dependence of individuals and organizations on computers and e-systems in their daily life.

The core areas of e-based security—authentication of users, system integrity, confidentiality of communication, availability of business service, and non-repudiation of transactions—are covered in the book in detail. Throughout the book the major trends, challenges, and applications of e-security are presented, with emphasis on public key infrastructure (PKI) systems, biometric-based security systems, trust management systems, and access control systems. In addition, the book offers numerous keynote speeches worldwide. Dr. Obaidat, recognized around the world for his pioneering and lasting contributions to e-work and information security, is a professor of Computer Science at Monmouth University.

Obaidat has obtained his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio State University. His research interests include security of networks, computer and information systems, wireless networks and communications, performance evaluation of computer systems, algorithms and networks, modeling and simulation, high performance and parallel computing, computer networks, and pattern recognition, adaptive learning, and speech processing.

An accomplished author and writer, he has been an editor for numerous scientific journals over the years including being the editor-chief of the International Journal of Communication Systems and editor of IEEE Wireless Communications. He is the author of the book, Security of E-systems and Computer Networks, Monmouth University.

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Basketball

Men Drop Three Straight NEC Games

Hawks lose games by a combine total of 9 points to FDU, RMU, and LIU.

Eric Walsh

SPORTS EDITOR

As the season rolls on, the Monmouth men’s basketball team improves with each game, but continues to come up just short with the final buzzer. In the Hawks’ last three games, this statement continues to ring all too true. Against NEC foes FDU, RMU, and LIU, the Blue and White lost all three games by a combine total of 9 points to FDU, RMU, and LIU.

The team’s win streak stalled at five games against NEC foes FDU, RMU, and LIU.

Monmouth had expanded the lead to seven and was looking strong, adding to the FDU deficit, with 30 seconds left in the first half. The Hawks expanded the lead to nine, as guard Marbley Montas, as she dissected the defense and gave her teammates many open looks at the basket. Monmouth had 38 points in the first 20 minutes, while Rutledge added 15 points in his own second career start.

Monmouth started the game with sti"sted Long Island Blackbirds improving to 7-2 in the NEC, and 16-4 overall.

Monmouth dominated the opening tip and held a secure 4-2 lead at the half. They then proved they could play physical basketball in the second half and came out with a 4-point lead after the opening tip.

The Hawks outscored CCSU in the paint 34-8.

The story of the game was the Hawks dominance down low as they out rebounded CCSU 55-36.

In the paint 34-8. The win against CCSU improved the blue and white’s record in their conference to 3-4 and they move to 500 with a win over FDU at home next Monday night. Meanwhile the CCSU Blue Devils continued their struggles and plummeted to a disappointing 2-6 conference record.

The victory against NJIT was a result of outstanding play on the defensive side of the ball leading to fast break points. The Hawks yelled defense as they left their opening huddle before the tip of their game against NJIT and they made it a point to put pressure on each team with sti"sted points with points in the double digits.

Randolph proved that the Hawks were far from one dimensional shooting over 50 percent from beyond the arc in the game. Guard Nyahamah Ware, was 2-3 from 3-point range and the girls took advantage of being provided with open looks as the NJIT Highlanders were forced to focus down low. The Hawks were quick to penetrate down low when they saw some uncontested 3 point shots.

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On Thursday, January 31, the Colonials of Robert Morris University came calling, looking to catch Monmouth in a daze after a heart-breaking loss to rival FDU. That is exactly what happened as AMU came away with a nail-bit- ing one-point win, 61-60.

The game was close right down to the final buzzer as MU found itself down 61-60 with nine seconds remaining and no timeouts. You could tell that ball was on the floor and got off a shot with just four seconds left, but it came up short, along with Mon- mouth’s hopes for a victory.

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Hawks up 17-10, but the Knights went on a 10-2 run to pull within one with just 2:25 left to go in the game.

FDU took their first lead of the game since going up 8-7 in the opening minutes with a three-pointer and never looked back, taking the final decision 70-66.

Down the stretch, MU had several chances to tie the game, but several missed free-throws by their oppo- nent, but could not convert. Coleman led the way for the Hawks with 21 points and eight rebounds, while Rutledge added 15 points of his own in his second career start.

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On Saturday, February 2, for the third time in a row, Monmouth let a lead slip away in the closing minutes, as this time it was at Long Is- land University, who defeated the Hawks 70-66 in overtime.

The Hawks led the game for most of the game and were up by 3 with 19.9 seconds remaining, but Rutledge was able to hit three that knotted the game at 59- 59 to take the contest into over- time. The Hawks pulled away to win by four.

Monmouth had four players in double figures, with Coleman as the leading scorer with 17. Alex tied for second place with 11 points with Rutledge and Youngblood added 12 points and 11 points respectively. With just four seconds left, but it came up short, along with Mon- mouth’s hopes for a victory.

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Men’s Track and Field Takes Three at UDel Meet

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth University’s men’s track & field team earned three wins in the first of a trio of outdoor meets this past weekend, sweeping the University of Delaware, Drexel, and Temple in the first of the last day’s meet on Saturday afternoon. The Hawk men will look for more success at the Northeast Conference regular season championship by topping the Hawks with 20 points on seven goals and six assists. The forward finished 2007 ranked fifth in the league in scoring and goals, while adding two game-winning goals. Wilson, who netted the Hawks’ game-winning tally in the 2006 NEC Championship game, opened the 2007 campaign by scoring one of the biggest goals in program history, scoring the decisive goal in a win over No. 16 North Carolina, in Chapel Hill.

“This was a wonderful opportunity for Damon,” said head coach Robert McCourt. “It was his goal to play at the next level after college. He played a major part in our success over the last two years, and I wish him luck with his opportunities to play professionally.”

Wilson, who recorded 33 points, on 12 goals and nine assists, in his two seasons with Monmouth, became the first Hawk to be drafted professionally this winter.

For whatever reason, we expect to be right all the time; for people in every facet of our life when we all know that perfection is an unrealizable concept. Sure, the New England Patriots pulled it off, but that’s only because they cheated. The bigger shame is not someone admitting when they are wrong, it is someone recognizing he is wrong, and then doing nothing to correct it. So, have no problem admitting I was wrong.

I was wrong about you, Eli Manning. I thought that 2005 Instant Message conversation between you and me at a small school that you would be out of football by the time I graduated college. I won when I compared you to Tom Coughlin after you had four interceptions (three that went for touchdowns) against the Vikings. I was wrong when I compared you to Tim Couch after you had four interceptions against the Giants. I was wrong when you were down 21-0 to the Redknapp and I hopped onto the internet and put together a list of your potential replacements.

But, like Eli Manning, I thank you for proving me wrong. Thank you for calling Wooden for coaching advice. Thank you relaxing your infielders and allowing our hitters more freedom. Thank you for creating the veteran’s council. And thank you for bringing the Giants a Super Bowl victory, and giving me something to relish in for the next few years.

I was wrong about you too, Tom Coughlin, when I openly hoped John Mara and Steve Tisch would make Tim rather than Eli our head coach, and then when they did, secretly hoped you would, and then fail. But, I was wrong when you were down 21-0 to the Redknapp and I hopped onto the internet and put together a list of your potential replacements.

And I was wrong about you, Tom Coughlin, when I openly hoped John Mara and Steve Tisch would make Tim rather than Eli our head coach, and then when they did, secretly hoped you would, and then fail. But, I was wrong when you were down 21-0 to the Redknapp and I hopped onto the internet and put together a list of your potential replacements. And then, to cap it all off, you did the unthinkable. You beat Tom Not-So-Terrific and the unbeatable Patriots. You humbled The Cheater. And you’re going to Disney World! Yes, I was wrong about you, Eli Manning, and I’d appreciate it if you would make some of these NFL players your bandwagon.

As for Stottlemyer and Stottlemyer, all is well. I have no problem admitting: I was wrong. Perhaps the three trickiest words in the field you work in, a legendary quarterback in a legendary stadium. And then, to cap it all off, you did the unthinkable. You beat Tom Not-So-Terrific and the unbeatable Patriots. You humbled The Cheater. And you’re going to Disney World! Yes, I was wrong about you, Eli Manning, and I’d appreciate it if you would make some of these NFL players your bandwagon.

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BEAT MOUNT!

MONMOUTH VS. THE MOUNT

Saturday, February 9, at 6 p.m. will be televised on MSG and FSC.