Students Take Action Against New Jersey Water Pollution

ALISON LACASKEY

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JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
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SIFE Sets Sights on Local Community

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SIFE attended the MLK Festival with their Dollar Scholars Program. The event was attended by SIFE members to raise awareness about financial literacy and provide educational opportunities to students. The goal is to bring empowerment and successful initiatives to students through a variety of programs.

SIFE donated food to Long Branch Middle School, which is one way they are giving back to the community. This is a part of SIFE's commitment to provide educational opportunities to students in need. The donation will help to feed students who may not have access to nutritious food.

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On Wednesday, many people interested in history here at Monmouth, gathered in Wilson Auditorium for the beginning of the first film festival based around famous revolutions in France.

“The four films do not treat the topic of revolution, but the directors of the films have revolutionary visions,” says Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Thomas A. Iseman. The film being shown on Wednesday was the movie Robespierre, which is directed by Wajda, a Polish Director. Wajda placed the movie in the past, when the French Revolution was underway for five years. In essence, it depicts the struggle between the two iconic figures known as Maximilien de Robespierre and Georges Danton. It maps out the two character’s struggle for freedom, as they feel it is necessary for the people of France.

The film focuses on the sociopolitical and economic changes that led to the downfall of the monarchy. It shows the major events of the revolution and the conflict between the two leaders, emphasizing the themes of power and control. The movie highlights the difficulties of maintaining power and the consequences of political decisions. The film is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made during the French Revolution and its impact on modern society.

In conclusion, the film festival at Monmouth University is a significant event for history enthusiasts and filmmakers. It provides an opportunity to explore the themes of revolution and its impact on society, as well as the creative process behind the films. The festival is a testament to the power of film in educating and inspiring individuals, encouraging them to think critically about historical events and their relevance to contemporary issues.
Catholic Center hosts Valentine’s Day Party

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON
ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR

On Thursday, February 14th, Valentine’s Day, the Catholic Center hosted its annual Valentine’s Day party for all of the center’s members and their guests to attend. “The Catholic Center’s Valentine’s Day party should be the best, since all of their party’s rock.” Jenn Mastrangelo, a freshman, History and Political Science major stated as the center’s girls were preparing the food for the party to begin. The guests enjoyed a warm cooked meal around the center’s kitchen table, and were treated a long, delicious and very social meal together, full of exciting conversation and laughter.

Ashley Hoppe and Gabby Fur- mato cooked over a hot stove to make a delicious meal consisting of salad, pasta, chicken and dessert. The house was full of some yummy Valentine’s treats for their fellow members and themselves to feast on.

“The meal was awesome; it was way better than anything served on MU’s campus,” Sean Quinn, a senior, History, Political Science and Secondary Education major stated. “I love sharing meals with my friends at the center. The Catholic Center’s members are all some of the closest friends that I have here at Monmouth University,” Sarah Clemency, a senior, Theatre major declared. “I love being a member. I am so overjoyed whenever I am here.”

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During the whole meal, there was festive music playing which cheered all the guests. The girls danced together and sang to the tunes.

Sarah Clemency explained how the music playing made the party much more fun and enjoyable. “The music playing made the party much better, because we all knew the lyrics to every song being played and we all sang together. The music made the party a blast!”

After the girls had finished their share of the food, they enjoyed some delicious Valentine’s desserts. “The desserts were the best,” Anna Clemency, a senior, Theatre major declared. The guests also took a Valentine’s Day quiz. Ashley won the tiebreaker and the game.

“Everytime that we have a Saints game, I’ve won! I rule!” Ashley promised the members that she would take them out and treat them all to a drink, in her honor! The girls took many pictures to capture the great moments at the party. “This Valentine’s Day party was one of the best that I’ve been to. I love all my friends at the center; they are my entire Valentine’s,” Jenn stated.

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The Monmouth University Pep Band performed at the Men’s basketball game on January 26 in Boylan Gym.

KATELYN WOODHOUSE
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The Monmouth University Pep Band is another extracurricular program offered on campus.
SAB’s Weekly Perscription for Fun!

Singer Libbie Scrader
Tuesday Feb 26th

The Players STEPPE Troupe
Thursday Feb 28th
Pollak Theatre
7:30pm

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Campus Events This Week

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Break the Cycle, Be the Change • 10:00 AM • Wilson Auditorium
Info on Becoming a First Year Peer Advisor • 2:30 PM • Carol Afflitto Conf.
Time Management • 2:30 PM • Bey Hall 223
SIGA Auction • 2:30 PM • Anacon Hall
Film - Hands of God • 7:00 PM • Wilson Auditorium
Exercise - Legs • 7:00 PM • Fitness Center

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Workshop - Leading Through Diversity • 2:00 PM • Afflitto Conf. Room
Orientation Leader Applications Due • 5:00 PM • Student Activities

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22
If the World is Flat . . . • 6:00 PM • Pollak Theatre
Film: State of Fear • 7:00 PM • Pollak Theatre

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Great Black in Wax Museum Trip • Departs 9:00 AM • From Student Center
Women's Basketball vs. Long Island • 3:00 PM • Boylan Gymnasium
Men's Basketball vs. Long Island • 7:00 PM • Boylan Gymnasium

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24
NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Exercise: Abdominal and Low Back • 8:00 AM • Fitness Center
Beauty and the Greek • 10:00 PM • Pollak Theatre

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Klassroom Karaoke • 7:30 PM • Pollak Theatre
Libbie Schrader - Singer / Songwriter • 9:00 PM • The Underground
Relay for Life Kickoff Party • 6:00 PM • Anacon Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Test Taking Strategies Part 2 • 2:30 PM • Bey Hall 223
Food for the Soul • 2:30 PM • Young Auditorium
Exercise: Abdominal and Low Back • 7:00 PM • Fitness Center
Guitar Hero • 8:00 PM (tentative) • The Underground
Screaming Orphans • 9:00 PM • Pollak Theatre

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JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
Editor in Chief

As the campus newspaper, we are here to serve the university community and cover the news that occurs around campus. That goal is pretty straightforward. Before I make my argument this week, I just want to say this isn’t a complaint, but rather a point that I think needs to be brought up. There is nothing I enjoy more than receiving story ideas and leads from the campus community to include as articles in future issues of The Outlook. As we want to give everyone coverage, it is difficult to do so when there is not all the effort I know can be put forth. It takes more than just the writer to cover the story or event being reported on, but as well from the person actually being interviewed or has ties to the story. We are a newspaper that thrives on quality of our product and we want to make sure we print articles that feature all the elements that make them look as professional as possible.

We want to give everyone equal coverage, but all parties involved must do their part. Sometimes we are unable to cover every event. But those involved with that event going on, for example, can submit a write up since they will already be there and snap a few pictures to send in, as well. Why not do that? Many clubs and organizations have some sort of public relations or media coordinators and sometimes I have to wonder why those people do not contribute articles about events going on in their respective clubs and organizations. So far this semester we have had a couple organizations do just that and it has been successful thus far. We encourage contributing writers to participate. You do not have to have your name in the staff box to submit an article.

There is nothing I enjoy more than seeing pictures to complement a story. People expect us to cover every event, but in reality we can’t. It’s impossible as hard as it may seem and as hard as it is for me to say. Sometimes what we need comes barely before deadline and sometimes past despite the fact writers or editors contact sources well in advance. Each week we attempt to do everything we can do to give coverage to everyone, but to drive home my point, we can’t do it alone.

The Outlook is currently looking to fill associate and assistant editorial positions. If you are interested, please attend Monday general meetings at 8 p.m. for additional information.

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The Outlook's editors (unless otherwise noted) or staff box to submit an article.

It Takes a Village

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A Letter from President Gaffney

Dear Students:

I want to talk to you very briefly about campus safety, as I did last year. In the last few days there have been four tragic shooting incidents on campuses; two on college campuses. The early reports indicate lone actions by severely troubled individuals.

Monmouth University re-doubled its efforts in security and safety after the Virginia Tech incident. We increased investments in campus security, hired additional safety personnel, further upgraded the communications alert system that we have had in place for over two years, heightened training for our full-time commissioned police force, conducted mental health awareness training for faculty and staff, and appealed to you. Appealed to you? Yes. We asked every student (and employee) to be aware of his/her surroundings, to watch out for each other, and to get help for a classmate, teammate, roommate, or friend when he/she seemed troubled. The University will again scrutinize its security procedures. I ask you, again, to watch out for and take care of each other.

Sincerely,
Paul Gaffney
P.S. Please share this note with your parents. I will share it with faculty, administrators, staff, and on-campus contractors.

Mueller’s Sidewalks

BRIAN BLACKMON
STAFF WRITER

There is something unique about the sidewalks of Pt. Pleasant Beach. George Mueller’s sidewalks—an individuality that resurrects my individuality, their personality; walks, will be preserved in their walks, will be preserved in their certain streets, the sidewalks are worn like river stones, slumbering in meditations concerning the core impressed upon its nature.

It is through this interaction, between traveler and sidewalk, that a precious dialogue is formed. It is my hope that these sidewalks, Mueller’s sidewalks, our sidewalks, will be preserved in their individuality, their personality, and allowed to remain a sanctuary of memory and contemplation.

On certain streets, the sidewalk might climb up over the roots of a powerful tree, forcing the traveler to ascend to new heights upon the shattered plates, before descend- ing back to the mortality of earth, the path continuing under branches which capture the shades of springs, the secret symphonies of June bugs, autumns of Indian summers, and cold grey ocean winters. On certain streets, the sidewalks are open meetings are mondays at 8 p.m. in JP260

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1 February 2008

Super Tuesday Solved Nothing in the Democratic Party

MICHAEL HERBERT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Super Tuesday was the closest the United States has come to selecting a notional primary with a total of forty-two states (and American Samoa) holding primaries or caucuses. It was touted as the day where nominations were made. We got that, at least on the Republican side, now Sen. John McCain has a strong lead over his candidates. We had that, at least on the Republican side, now Sen. John McCain has a strong lead over his candidates. We had that, at least on the Republican side, now Sen. John McCain has a strong lead over his candidates. We had that, at least on the Republican side, now Sen. John McCain has a strong lead over his candidates.

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Putin “Accepts” Power, Soviet Union Redux

FROM "PUTIN STAKES OUT NEW POWER ROLE," WALL STREET JOURNAL
In a news conference last week with Russian and foreign journalists, Vladimir Putin spilled out his desire to be Prime Minister for upcoming years. Putin, who was the president for 8 years, and his protégé is expected to win the position in a landslide election this spring. Putin would put in position to take the post if he is elected as the Prime Minister. Over the past few years the Putin government has been accused of silencing political opposition and limiting the free press.

Putin is disallowed by the Russian constitution to run for a third term, but shortly after the nomination of Dmitry Medvedev - Putin’s pro- successor – it was offered the prime mini- ster role. Tight control by the Kremlin on the political process and media, Putin’s promised appointment, and a surprisingly strong 80% straw poll for Medvedev for the upcoming March elections all smacks of old Soviet tomfoolery.

Putin’s statements at his last press conference against growing western influence. When responding to a claim that Putin had made a for- mer secretary of state that the KGB member said that western orga- nizations should stop trying to teach their governments. Putin instead should “teach their wives to make cabbage soup” instead. I hear Khristovich.

Russian aggression lately has be- come a matter of concern in the West. In recent years the Russians have increased their military aircraft flight range, almost nearing England, and usually mirroring western military aircraft patterns. Also, recent plans by the U.S. to build a missile defense shield in Europe have met staunch oppo- sition from the Russians. Recently Putin has threatened to aim missiles and presumably launch them if he deems necessary in order to pre- vent the U.S. from continuing with these plans. The United States and its allies are of a potential competency test. How do we determine competency? What exactly would this test entail? Most importantly, who would ultimately be responsible for determining whether or not a citi- zen has passed the test? Granted, these are all interesting and important an- swers to the preceding questions. This clearly proves that, with the possible exception of the current constitution, one, two, or even four versions of a potential competency test would never statistically be able to achieve what people ideally would want it to achieve, acknowledge- ment of political literacy. It is plausible for the government to be feasible for punishing people for faults that arise in the system. If the national and/or respective state government is not providing adequate funding for programs that will politically inform people, then this is some- thing that must be fixed within the system itself. Russia is going to ensure a successful gov- ernment with an informed citizenry. And the best way to do this is to give the voters the only way to guarantee this.
KRISTEN MCMONAGLE

Imagine hopping on a plane, going to a country where one speaks English, and having to find your way in the bitter cold dark snowy night. That was my week-end in Stockholm, Sweden and it was the most amazing one of my life thus far. It was a spontaneous adventure filled with many amazing moments that made me realize if I can do this, I can do anything! It was a late night when my new friend Cayce and I decided to book a weekend trip. We sat in the lobby of our dorm building to book a weekend trip. We sat and searched the internet for good deals on flights. A round trip flight to Stockholm was surprisingly cheap, under $100, so after a few easy steps we had plane tickets to Sweden.

It wasn’t until a few days before leaving that we realized Sweden is pretty cold this time of year and that there might be a significant language barrier, but that just made us even more excited to go. We took a late night flight on Thursday that took about two hours and was smooth the entire time. Both of us are terrible fliers, so it made for an interesting trip, but we landed safely! An hour bus ride took us from Stockholm Vasteras Airport into the main bus and train terminal of Stockholm, where it was very late, very dark, very cold, and very empty!

After a bit of roaming and a stopping to get a few Swedish words by the hotel's sauna, and learned about Swedish fashion, and already felt like I have gotten so much out of this experience. If you are considering studying abroad in any of the places that Monmouth offers, I totally recommend it. It will be the greatest experience of your life. Cheers!

THANK YOU TO KRISTEN MCMONAGLE FOR SHARING HER STORY!
Pop, Lock and Drop It with MTV

TAYLOR CORVINO
STAFF WRITER

Just when you thought there was no more room for another competition based reality show judging America’s talent, think again. MTV has partnered with American Idol judge and Grammy award winning producer Randy Jackson to create Randy Jackson Presents America’s Best Dance Crew. MTV is searching for the one crew to crown America’s Best Dance Crew and win the $100,000 cash prize.

The 12 original crews perform weekly in front of a live studio audience and work to impress a panel of expert judges. The judges include ex-NSYNC member JC Chasez, choreographer Shane Sparks, and rapper Lil Mama. The crews must also work hard to impress the millions of viewers at home; at the end of every episode it is up to America to decide which teams will be voted into the bottom two. In the subsequent week’s episode, the bottom two teams then battle it out on stage, showcasing their best moves. The judges then decide which of the two teams remain in the competition and which team has to pack their bags and go home.

Teams consist of five to seven men and women who collaborate and choreograph creative and original routines that are performed each week. Teams are also faced with different challenges each week, from recreating moves seen in popular music videos and movies, or recreating well-known dance moves from history. This week the 8 remaining teams were divided in half. The top four, voted by the viewers were granted a free pass in the next episode, but still had to perform. The bottom four teams were then further divided in half again. The final bottom two teams then duel it out. The crews this week were assigned different popular music videos and isolations, was slotted to perform Chris Brown’s video “Wall to Wall”. This music video took the crew out of their element, incorporating smooth transitions into their dancing. The group was able to overcome their initial sloppiness and gave a great performance. Live In Color was assigned “Hey Mama” by the Black Eyed Peas. Live In Color has brought fast reggae beats to the stage with high energy and their signature bootie shake. This week the group had to slow down their moves to the down beat of Hey Mama. When the crew was not used to it, Lil’ Mama praised the crew claiming that they did better then expected. Lil’ Mama was able to show-case their technique with the slower tempo. JabbaWockeeZ was next to take the floor dancing to Omario’s “Ice Box”. Shane Sparks is quoted as saying that this was their “best performance yet”. JC Chasez also commented that JabbaWockeeZ is a team to look out for. They had been repeatedly flying under the radar when compared to more experienced crews, but the judges were quick to compliment the crew for choreographing a better routine then the original music video.

The last team in the top four this week was BreakSK8, a team of all men who literally dance while on roller skates, full of stunts and jumps. The judges expressed in previous weeks that they wanted to see the men do more dancing rather then creative skate stunts, and they did just that. BreakSK8 danced to “Girl UP” by Ciera and JC Chasez noted that the group knows their strengths and consistently plays up the crowd well.

The bottom four teams for this week included Iconic, Status Quo, Lil Chicks, and Femme 5. Iconic is our very own local dance crew from Icon Dance Center in Englishtown, New Jersey. Iconic although in the bottom four, was safe from elimination this week and given Chris Brown’s Kiss Kiss. The team is best known for their Broadway style and professional training. Iconic delivered big this week impressing the judges with their creative choreography and tight moves. While the judges appreciate their class and technique, they note that Iconic wanted to make sure that the team gets “more street” in the following weeks to come.

Then there is Status Quo who was given an older song by MC Hammer, “Can’t Touch This”. This vivacious all boy group failed to impress the judges this week. Their dance was full of crazy energy and wild stunts but the judge panel felt short to synchronize problems.

The bottom two teams that went to face off were the only all female groups in the competition, Fyah N Chickz and Femme 5. Both crews wanted desperately to stay in the competition but supported whoever in the name of “girl power”. The final battle came down to Fyah N Chickz rendition of Beyoncé’s “Freedom Dress” versus Femme 5’s take on “Hollaback Girl” by Gwen Stefani. Both teams really brought it this week making the final decision the most difficult yet for the panel of judges.

We saw a new direction of Fyah N Chickz, mastering the art of dancing in heels and sexy dresses, but as always were able to deliver sass. Femme 5 also executed a very strong performance but at times danced more like solo artists rather then a cohesive group, which wound up being a determining factor. In the end Femme 5 was sent home.

This week the 8 remaining teams re-entered the competition and it is up to you to decide who will be voted off in the coming weeks. To see if local hip hop crew Iconic makes it around for another week, cast your vote and tune in to Randy Jackson Presents America’s Best Dance Crew, Thursday nights at 10pm on MTV.

New Stars on Season 6 of Dancing with the Stars

Adam Corolla-Comedian
Christian De La Fuente-Latin Actor
Shannon Elizabeth-Actress
Steve Guttenberg-Actor
Marissa Jaret Winokur-Actress
PENN JILLETTE-Magician
MARIO-SINGER
Marlee Matlin-Actress
PRISCILLA PRESLEY-Actress
Monica Seles-Tennis Star
JASON TAYLOR-Football Star
KRISTY YAMAGUCHI-Figure Skater

KRISTEN RENDA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

After seven weeks of the show, the first season of Dance War is over and the winning team was Team Bruno.

Dance War is a show with two of the judges, Bruno Tonioli and Carrie Ann Inaba, sitting on opposing ends of a table. Bruno and Carrie Ann traveled to New York, Los Angeles, and Nashville in the past 6 weeks to search for people who could both sing and dance extremely well, in hopes to find the ultimate pop group.

Bruno’s team consisted of the Zack, Kelsey, Phillip, Lacey, and Charity. Bruno’s team was given an older song by MC Hammer, “Can’t Touch This”. Bruno felt that this was the dance that America finally saw how great they are, Kelsey really shined in this performance and it was interesting to see how they worked around being one of their team mates. (Kelsey was voted off after they performed this number)

Team Carrie Ann chose their first performance this week as “Papa Was a Rolling Stone.” It showed that they can really perform as a team, however it failed to show how well they can dance. That was something that Team Carrie Ann struggles with all season and America realized it a couple weeks in the competition.

Team Bruno constantly had advanced choreography while they sang which showed off both of their skills. Team Carrie Ann kept the choreography simple and concentrated more on their vocals and performance, forming to the audience. Why have a show called Dance War if you aren’t going to concentrate more on the dancing aspect?

In the end, Zack, Kelsey, Phillip and Lacey of Team Bruno received a record deal with Hollywood Records. Most likely the group will be completed an album and touring really soon. However, Team Carrie Ann was also excellent and it wouldn’t surprise me if they got recognized by a record label and got signed themselves.
This season's top 24 Idol contestants.

Megan Laburna
Study Abroad Editor

Certainly, the judges are listening closely to the performances. The small microphones on the judges' necks are picking up every sound, and the judges are writing down notes on their notepads. The contestants are standing on a stage in front of a large screen, and the audience is cheering them on. The judges are standing in a row, with Simon Cowell on the left, Randy Jackson in the middle, and Ryan Seacrest on the right.

The judges are making their decisions based on the contestants' performances. The judges are looking at the contestants and talking to each other. The judges are also looking at the screen and shaking their heads in agreement. The judges are holding up their fingers to indicate which contestants are safe and which ones are in danger of being eliminated.

The contestants are nervous, but they are also excited. They are standing on the stage, waiting for their fate to be announced. The audience is cheering them on, and the contestants are clapping and smiling. The judges are making their decisions, and the contestants are waiting to hear their results.
At the end of every semester, lots of MU students graduate and are able to embark on their next journey in life – to find a job in the real world. For about 99.9 per cent of these students, it is extremely scary and petrifying to take this next step, but remember; there have been plenty of alumni that have found success, whether it was through another employer or all on their own.

One example is Christa Riddle. She graduated from Drew University as an English major and a writing minor, and attended graduate school at Monmouth University in 2005 with a Master of Arts in teaching. She has started her very own business called All About Writing. The business owners will give you business tips, and it’s great to network within the community. If you didn’t know, I would have been off to a really slow start; any community support is great!” Riddle said.

If you don’t know exactly what to do right when you graduate, there’s no need to panic. There are plenty of options, and in the end, if you are doing what you really love, you’ll never work a day in your life. Starting your own business is a great option if you want to be in control, so to speak. If you’re unsure of where you want to go, don’t get discouraged. The perfect option is out there for you!

Once again, don’t panic if you’re feeling a little lost about what to do after graduation. You are definitely not alone, there are plenty of other students in the same boat as you. The right option is out there for you, and we are all so young when we graduate that it’s best not to rush such a big decision. Find out what you want to do first.

If you want more information about All About Writing, you can visit the website at www.allaboutwritingconsulting.com.

One Monmouth Alumna shares her tips on how to be satisfied and successful with your career choice

CHRISTA RIDDLE
On finding a job after graduation

"You're so young when you graduate," Riddle said. "How do you really know what you want to do then? You have to focus on what you enjoy and that will lead you."

Riddle's choice to start her own business, All About Writing, was given some motivation by her dad's mantra, "Do what you do best and do it with a passion. Success will follow." Of course starting your own business is difficult, but if it is something you really love, you can make it successful. There are a lot of benefits for Riddle of owning her own business.

"I have an 8 year old at home, and when I was teaching I was getting home so late and I worked all the time," she said. "I wanted something I enjoyed doing, and also be able to make my own schedule. This way, I can balance my own life."

Riddle believes having her own business gives her tons of other benefits, too.

"You can learn a lot more than you think when it comes to all aspects of your business," she explained. "I have to make advertising decisions, financial decisions; it's a variety of things. I also like meeting people, different people. I love learning all about them."

If you are interested in starting your own business after graduating, Riddle offered a few tips to those of you interested.

"The biggest thing is to get involved, doing the town and the local Chamber of Commerce. The business owners will give you business tips, and you have to focus on what you enjoy and that will lead you."

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For a lot of students, this will be the last time that they will pass by the Monmouth University entrance as they embark on their next journey after graduation.

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February 27
2:30PM–4:00PM
Young Auditorium

Stephanie Martel of Vibrant Health and Wellness will discuss “primary foods” such as relationships, career, spirituality and more. “Sometimes we are fed not by food, but by the energy in our lives.”

Wednesday, 2/20-10:00AM-11:15PM. Break the Cycle, Be the Change. Wilson Auditorium. Interactive community diversity program presented by the American Conference on Diversity. The program addresses different forms of prejudice and how we can all become “agents of change.”

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Tuesday, 4/15-7:00PM-9:00PM. CPS Film Series: Transamerica. Wilson Auditorium. In this engaging film, a conservative transsexual woman and her long-lost teenage son explore the definition of the modern American family. Interactive discussion with counseling staff to follow.

Wednesday, 4/30-2:00PM-5:00PM. De Stress Fest. Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall. Our favorite day! Enjoy massage, yoga, games, prizes, videos, food and fun as you prepare for the FINAL stretch! Take a break! Bring a friend! Just come and enjoy!

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With the season coming to a close, Monmouth finds itself in a tie for tenth place in the Northeast Conference, with just six games left in the regular season. The team needed to win at least one of the remaining six contests to keep their postseason dreams alive. 

The Monmouth University Women’s basketball team dropped their 5th straight contest to the Seahawks of Wagner, Saturday afternoon 71-61. The Hawks now fall to a disappointing 7-17 and 4-9 in the North East Conference.

“Monmouth University is one of the strongest teams in the conference,” Wagner head coach Whitney Coleman said. “We did our best to make it a tough game for them.”

The Hawks got off to a good start going up 10-7 by the 16:35 mark in the first half. After a Whitney Coleman three-pointer from the wing. But Wagner stormed back over the next 6:20 to go up 22-28, giving the Hawks a 21-point win.

Tina Reed came off the bench to contribute her second career double-double with 13 points, 10 rebounds) to help the Hawks overcome a slow start in the contest.

Monmouth continued to score high percentage shots and put the game out of reach for Monmouth.

The story of the game was the Hawks’ inability to take care of the basketball in the contest they had a total of 26 turnovers which resulted in 16 points for Wagner in the first half alone. Wagner continues to score in transition and took advantage of more opportunities than Monmouth.

Captain Brianne Edwards was one of the bright spots for the Hawks in the game as she fell only two rebounds short of a double-double, scoring 12 points, grabbing 8 rebounds, and adding 4 assists to her impressive show. Bender once again played exceptionally well as she notched yet another double-double, her third in the last 4 games.

The team returned to action against Fairleigh Dickinson on Monday evening, in a game that was televised on Fox Sports New York, but lost their 6th straight, 75-58. The loss brings the Hawks to 4-10 in the NEC and 7-18 overall.

The latest chapter in the “Garden State Rivalry Series” was disappointing for the Hawks as they could only muster 12 points in the last ten minutes of the game giving the Knights a 21-point win.
**A Word on Sports**

**Our Tax Dollars at Work**

**PRESS RELEASE**

The Monmouth University baseball team was picked as the preseason favorite to repeat as Northeast Conference (NEC) champions for the second straight season in the league's preseason coaches' poll, which was announced this afternoon by conference officials.

Monmouth, the defending NEC Champions, received six of eight first place votes, while Quinnipiac was picked second with two first place votes, followed by Central Connecticut State, Mount St. Mary's, which was awarded one first place vote, and Monmouth, which did not receive any first place votes, was chosen fourth.

Long Island was picked fifth, while Wagner was selected sixth. Sacred Heart and Fairleigh Dickinson rounded out the list.

Monmouth, which has qualified for the NCAA Tournament each of the last 11 NEC postseasons, returns 22 lettermen from last season's 36-24 squad, which set a program-record for wins and appeared in its third straight NCAA regional tournament.

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Monmouth also has the luxury of returning seven starting position players, and a deep pitching staff, which accounts for nearly 90 percent of the Monmouthers' 207 victories last season, while setting a new single-season strikeout mark with 353.

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**Staying on Track**

Monmouth had the tying run in scoring position with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning of its 7-5 victory over Saint Peter's on Wednesday afternoon, but stranded the Hawks at the plate and scored the tying run in the bottom of the seventh.

**The Hawks open up the season with a two-game month of the two-day baseball tournament in Arkansas City on February 29, with the first pitch set for 5:00 p.m.**

84 (busting his own record set in 2006 - 82). Brach, who tossed a no-hitter against Long Island and was named NEC Pitcher of the Week for his performance, is now second on Monmouth's all-time list with 207 strikeouts.

The first-team all-league performer also was named to the ABCA All-Region team. Buch was tabbed a Collegiate Baseball-Louisville Slugger Mid-Atlantic Player of the Year.

The AAFL is a brand new league of outdoor football with six teams that play a 10-game regular season. Players must have completed their college eligibility and earned degrees at a four-year institution. Some of the League’s teams will be hosted by universities with Division IA football programs and other teams will play in independent venues that will be scheduled in the spring and early summer.

The Arkansas team is coached by former Arkansas Razorback quarterback Ron Calcag.

The team will play home games at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Castellano is in his first career with the Hawks as a Two-Time NEC selection. His 218 career tackles are ninth all-time among Monmouth players. The 6’3” linebacker also finshed with 12.5 sacks and seven interceptions in his three seasons in West Long Branch. As a senior, Castellano was second on the team in tackles (48) and among all 2008 Football Gazette First Team Mid-Major All-Americans.

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