Seniors Display Art Work in Annual Show

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The Monmouth University Art Department presented its annual Senior Art Show Exhibition on Friday, March 20. The show was presented in both the 800 Gallery and the Ice House Gallery at the Monmouth University campus.

“My Senior Studio Art Show Exhibition is an accommodation of the senior art student’s preferred art work from their times here,” Suzanne Tomas, a Monmouth senior and Fine Art major stated. Her work is found in the Ice House Gallery, along the right side wall.

“For me personally, the art work that I am displaying at the show is mostly from my upper level art classes.” Suzanne stated, “I feel more challenged in my upper level art classes; there is more creative license in those classes.”

At the back corner of the left side wall in the Ice House, Amanda Zalkin, a Monmouth senior, had art work displayed for the crowd. “When it comes to my art work matter, I like to look more at the art work’s technique and style of how I am producing works rather than looking at the work’s subject matter. The style of the art work piece can set such a tone for the art work, I tend to look at that more than the art work’s technique and style of how it turned out though.” Amanda stated, regarding her art work at the senior showcase.

“This year is one of the better shows that I’ve seen here in ten years, ever since I have been employed here at Monmouth University,” stated Professor Aristovulos.

Dean Michael Thomas and Professor Mike Richison, art work displayed in the back right hand side on the 800 Gallery was created by Christine Lindstrom, a senior, Fine Arts major. “I’m so excited to have my art work up in a gallery to the public to view. I am planning on attending Graduate school, so I look forward to working on much more art in my future,” stated Christine.

Suzanne Tomas, senior Fine Arts major, displays her art work at the Senior Exhibit, a piece inspired from a picture taken from a moving vehicle.

Bias, Hate Crime Seminar on Campus

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On Wednesday, March 19, I too the photo of a crowd gathering for the “Bias Incidents and Hate Crimes on Campus” seminar. The seminar took place at Young Auditorium in Bey Hall from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. I went into the event with the attitude that this would be another week, another article. Little did I know how much I would learn about the topic and the community around me.

Detective Dave D’Amico of the Monmouth County Prosecutor’s Office educated attendees about the difference between bias incidents and bias crimes. He informed people about prejudice and stereotyping, and showed an audience full of teary eyes what happens when people commit hate crimes, and nobody does anything to stop it.

The presentation started with a short video entitled “The History of Hate in America”. Compiled of clips from movies such as “American History X” and “Mississippi Burning”, the video took viewers into images at the audience, who expressed feelings of anger and sadness at what they were seeing. An image of a black man hanging by his neck from a tree as his murderers smiled for the camera. A little boy holding his parent’s hand, and they’re both dressed in white hoods. But this happened decades ago. “This doesn’t happen anymore, right?” Wrong. Hate didn’t end with slavery, the Holocaust, and Timothy McVeigh. According to D’Amico, in 2002, there were approximately 500 known hate groups in the United States. In 2008, there are a reported 888 hate groups in our country. There are more White Supremacist hate groups than any other hate group.

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New, there are so many hate groups in New Jersey, named Aryan Nations, that New Jersey is a nice, quiet safe town, and hate crimes don’t happen here. Log on to www.splcenter.org to view a list of known hate groups that meet in your town. According to this website, there are three that meet in mine. What is a hate crime anyway? According to NJ law, any crime that is motivated by race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, or ethnicity, key hate crime. The penalties for hate crimes, according to D’Amico, are one degree higher than the underlying crime, which means perpetrators will do more time.

Along with being second in the country when it comes to hate groups, New Jersey is first when it comes to hate crimes and punishment. New Jersey has the most protected classes under hate law, and the most severe penalties for people who commit hate crimes.

In NJ, according to D’Amico, the most hate crimes have been committed against people of color, blacks leading that group. Religion, mostly holding his parent’s hand, and they’re both dressed in white hoods. But this happened decades ago. “This doesn’t happen anymore, right?” Wrong. Hate didn’t end with slavery, the Holocaust, and Timothy McVeigh. According to D’Amico, in 2002, there were approximately 500 known hate groups in the United States. In 2008, there are a reported 888 hate groups in our country. There are more White Supremacist hate groups than any other hate group.

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There have been at least five reports of hate crimes at Monmouth University alone since January 2007, according to D’Amico.

In his presentation, D’Amico told the story of a 14-year-old girl who was called names at school. “All it took was a single word,” D’Amico said. “It was the word ‘nigger’ that someone called her.” The girl committed suicide after being called names at school. “All it took was a single word,” D’Amico said. “It was the word ‘nigger’ that someone called her.” The girl committed suicide after being called names at school.

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Shadow Nation Hosts Pepsi Bike Challenge

NATALIE RAMONE STAFF WRITER

In March of 2007, a group of Monmouth University students came together to form Shadow Nation. In conjunction with the Athletics Department, the students decided there was a need for a student organization that could give more male students the opportunity to become involved in extra-curricular activities. Therefore, the Shadow Nation was established.

This year, the Shadow Nation is holding their third annual Pepsi Bike Challenge. The event was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008. This year the first place prize is a brand new bike which is valued at $400. The attendance was amazing, with over 100 people in attendance.

The event was coordinated by two Shadow Nation members, Nick Schueler and Bob Hodes. "The Shadow Nation committee was really excited when we received the bike for the event," said Hodes. "We thought it would be great to use it as a prize in a contest and since it was basketball season at the same time we went with that. Really we will be able to have more competitions similar to the bike challenge in the future."

In each round two participants faced off with a bike. There were specific spots on the court that the participants could choose to shoot from and each spot was worth a certain number of points, ranging from 1 to 3. Each participant was given 30 seconds to try out their skills on the bike. The goal was to score as many points as possible. The participant who had the highest score would move on to the next round. The last two contestants competed in the championship round. The contest consisted of two elimination rounds, a semi-final round, and a championship round and each round was held during halftime of a Shadow Nation sponsored basketball game. Participants included Joe Rancianello, Julian Muscio, Devin Menker, Gina Mignogna, Joseph Lopardo, Stanley Fil-Aime, Adam Lebensberger, and Walter Barnes. Joseph and Julian were the last two contestants to compete. 

During the championship round that took place two weeks ago, they tied twice, but in the end of the second round of overtime, the winner was Julian Muscio. His prize was a brand new mountain bike. Each of the items were being judged on personality, appearance, overall appearance, and Greece.

For the first year on campus, Shadow Nation has almost 200 members and is continuously thinking of ways to gain support and get students, especially student athletes and sports fans involved. The Pepsi Bike Challenge was the first of many great things we will see from the Shadow Nation committee.

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The event was held in Pollak Theater. This event is a male beauty pageant. Big Man on Campus event in 2008, the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha decided to do as one of the events exclusively for Shadow Nation. Therefore, they created a Pepsi Bike Challenge. The challenge, which took place over a four-week span, was directed by Shadow Nation Commit- tee member Lauren Acquaviva.

The event was well attended and the proceeds collected from the event are being used to go towards the Zeta Tau Alpha philanthropy. The Big Man on Campus event is held every year to raise money for breast cancer awareness. "I was asked to go into New York City to the Italian Embassy in America and participate in a panel interview,” said Dioguardi. “After the interview, which took place in Italy, I worked about two weeks before I heard that I was chosen to participate in the program.”

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“The money goes to the Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation and Breast Cancer Awareness and Education,” said Ali Ostrovski, co-fundraising chair and one of the planners of the event. With the proceeds collected from Big Man of Campus the sisters also collected outside donations from various vendors, all of the money collected will be allocated to the Zeta Tau Al- pha Foundation.

Both Ali Ostrovski and Shan- non Jacobs planned the event. Though Ostrovski was on the sidelines for the event Jacobs was one of the female escorts during the event.

The event was well attend- ed with members from the Monmouth Universities Greek community to the student of the University. Many of the male students that were participating in the pageant were very excited to be a part of the court. “The attendance was amazing, more than we could ask for. The guys were amazing who participated and overall it was a great success,” said Ali Ostrovski.

Jackie Small, freshman at Monmouth University said, “I had a good time. I mean what girl doesn’t like a male beauty pageant? But on a more serious note, the show was really enter- taining and I can’t wait for next year!”

The male contestants included 12 contestants who were all from different fraternity and sports teams and were even some unaffiliated. The judges for the event included Michelle Hacker (president of ZTA), Seth Harrow (member of Sigma Tau Gamma), Victoria Lucido (sister of Phi Sigma Sigma), and Donna Wilbergh (ZTA Ad- visor). The contestants of the show were being judged on personality, overall appearance, answers, applause, and being unique.

The first round was casual wear, each of the male contest- ants were wearing pink t-shirts, black pants and a pink on the front. Round two was swimsuit and round three was formal wear. During each of the rounds the contestants were asked different questions from either of the two hosts; Kelly McCullough and Brandon Bosque.

Though the competition was fierce, Joe Lopardo prevailed and was crowned Monmouth University’s Big Man on Cam- pus.

“I was really excited that Joe won. Because not only did a freshman win but he is a re- ally nice guy and definitely de- serves it,” said Small. Adael Melgar was also a con- testant in the show and asked about his experience he said, “It was a good time, and I am glad to have been a part of it.”

Student Receives Scholarship to Study Abroad in Rome

TARA FANTINI STAFF WRITER

Ciao! Come sta? Buona sera! Arrivederci! These phrases will be commonplace for MU student Teresa Dioguardi who recently received the Program- ma Ponte scholarship to study abroad in Italy. The scholarship program, which is organized through the Italian Embassy, enables qualified Italian American students to study in the prestigious Thomas Aquinas University in Rome. The program focuses on the Eu- ropean Union and its strategic partnership. It also entails a visit to the Italian Parliament.

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One way in which IRA promotes literacy within the community is by being a "Reading Buddy".

NICOLE GIANNOPoulos CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The International Reading Association (IRA) is a leading advocacy group for worldwide literacy which fosters lifelong reading and supports literacy development initiatives for children of all ages. The Monmouth University Council of IRA provides the opportunity to achieve personal goals with disabilities the opportunity to achieve personal goals through therapeutic horseback riding. Members volunteer across a span of several days during Disability Awareness Week assisting with awareness programming.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Children's Festival Benefits from the IRA MU Council as well. Hosted on campus, this event enables local elementary schools to visit Monmouth University for several hours to celebrate Dr. King's life and legacy. The MU Council sponsors a table at the event which allows the school children to create A Quilt for Peace. The paper quilts are then delivered to the schools for a permanent display.

The group also participates in the Big Event in the fall and has created "Bilingual Storytelling Gloves" for seven preschool classes. The Storytelling Gloves were focused on the story "The Three Little Pigs" and were donated to the school.

In the Long Branch Public School system, volunteers from the IRA MU Council go to the Gregory School to serve as a "Reading Buddy" during the school day. Also, on March 3, 2008, the group adopted six kindergarten classrooms at the Gregory School in honor of Dr. Seuss Day. The doors were decorated based upon a theme from a Dr. Seuss book which was later read to the children by an IRA member from Monmouth University.

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Hate Crimes and Bias Seminar Offered

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"What is the right thing?"..."If you hear someone use the "N" word in the hall, recognize that it is NOT acceptable. Second, witnesses must respond to what just happened. Something as simple as a look or shaking your head will send the message that, and we see stuff like that, and we do nothing, we're just like those people standing underneath that body. We're allowing it to happen, we're doing nothing to change it," said D'Amico.

Many were reduced to tears as D'Amico ended the presentation with photographs of James Byrd, Jr.'s abused, battered, and dismembered body after three men tied him to the back of their truck with chains and drug him for three miles at 30 miles per hour.

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Public Relations Student Society to Host “The Amazing Race” on Campus

PRESS RELEASE

The Public Relations Student Society of America will be hosting The Amazing Race, a scavenger hunt, on campus Saturday April 5, 2008. The scavenger hunt will begin at the Underground, where teams of two will register at 6pm.

The Amazing Race is made possible through the Weekend Warriors Program and will be an exciting event. The teams will begin their scavenger hunt at the Underground, where they will be handed their first clue which will lead them to their next destination.

Free snacks and beverages will be served to all participants. Great prizes will be awarded to the teams that come in first, second, and third place. Whichver team arrives back at the Underground first, will be awarded with a prize valued at $500 PRSSA wants everyone to stay on campus this weekend for your chance to race against your friends in this fun competition.

If there are any questions about this event, please contact PRSSA President Shannon Monaco at Shannon.M.Monaco@monmouth.edu or Professor McAllister-Spooner at smcallis@monmouth.edu.
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The Importance of Global Understanding

Jacqueline Koloski  EDITOR IN CHIEF

Next week will mark the 7th Annual Global Understanding Convention. For those who are not familiar, this is a time when the campus focuses its attention on the importance of being aware of various global issues that affect our world. Always featuring a theme, the topic of this year’s convention is “Beyond Borders: Individual Responsibility – Collective Action.”

I spoke with Dr. Salah Sarsar, Associate Vice President for Academic Program Initiatives, and Dr. Golan Mathbor, Associate Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, who are both involved heavily with the event. They encouraged everyone to attend some of the innovative and interesting programs that will be offered this year. The speakers that will be featured are experts in their field and will only add to the importance of the program. For example, one speaker presenting is Robin Raphael, a former United States Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia. She will be speaking about the United States involvement in Iraq, as she was amongst the deconstruction team there, according to Dr. Sarsar. Maybe some of us are not as caught up as we should be on our global issues. We are lucky and should appreciate that our university is bringing this opportunity to us and have been for the past few years. Since beginning in 2001, Drs. Sarsar and Mathbor both marvel at the fact that what once was the Global Understanding Project is now an institute of at least.

At this year’s convention there will be about 60 programs that not only only the campus community can attend, but the local community as well. The special part of this convention that I have noticed about more learning about this event is the collective effort from every facet of the university. Drs. Sarsar and Mathbor say that is what contributes to the success of the Global Understanding Convention.

The intriguing aspect of this program is the diverse group of speakers who will be covering the various issues relevant to the theme. They come from all many parts of the world and I believe that only adds to how beneficial it will be to attend this program. The presenters have first hand accounts to offer. I find that hearing personal experiences are the best way to learn. You not only get a glimpse into what life is like in other places, but you gain a better understanding of how others live and deal with certain issues that may not affect us directly.
Things that Should Have Been Taught in Freshman Seminar

LESLEY WEINBERG

Please note: the following is more appropriate for a public college, and not the specific college in question.

There are numerous infelicitous remarks in the college catalog that were written without consultation with the students. If you ever find yourself in a situation where you are forced to run into these characterizations, you may want to consider them as follows:

"The rising DaVinci and fake note taker..."

The rising DaVinci will doodle on everything from his name in the margin to the bottom of his desk. He will have a notepad in his hand all over his desk, books and any other material he has. The note taker will bring their laptop to class to give off the impression they are studious. They will look through their study guides, or by their gadgets, they are just using their computers for further distractions. In actuality, they are not doing anything that they cannot do on their own. They have no fear you will before you graduate.

The most obnoxious students are the texters. These kids can’t wait an hour and 15 minutes for their friends, mom, boyfriend, girlfriend, dog, neighbor’s friend. And then they will turn into a pumpkin and sit in the front of the class because these are the only seats available when they arrive. Out of the entire class and then some.

The hidden texter thinks they are absolutely brilliantly by showing their phone in their hand, under a desk, climbing in a cabinet or building some type of fortification on their desk. No one is fooled by these barricades, everyone knows these are not the most entertaining things on earth (and if that is the case, they should need to climb out from under their rock).

The last group of people you will have to deal with before you leave the class are the early packers. They are the only students who is two minutes after class is supposed to end, they will turn into a pumpkin.

In order to prevent their vegetative state, they must pack up all their belongings ten minutes before class ends regardless of whether the course of the lecture or discussion. If they get really impatient, they will jingle their keys louder than a Salvation Army volunteers.

So when you enter your next class, watch out for this band of misfits. Recognize anyone who could fit these descriptions? Could it even be you? If so, please keep in mind others around you.

Folk Art of the Trademark

BRIAN BLACKMON

The creativity of many talented artists has been invested in the rich tradition of advertising, especially in the cultivation of trademarks. As with other forms of folk art, the iconic images that become symbolically linked in our minds to a specific product and/or company successfully ingrain themselves within our cultural history—they become a part of our lives. Symbols such as the Jolly Green Giant (created in 1928) exist in all areas of media, from the labels on cans of vegetables, print and television commercials, and advertisements on billboards, in magazines, and in newspapers.

While it seems that some trademarks have been around forever (as does anything which existed before our own self) there is always a beginning which may be discovered, and an artist that succeeded in building a perpetual work of expression.

be accomplished with him and his fellow trademarks (who seem as diverse and colorful as the inhabitants of old Olympus) throughout our waking moments. In order to prevent their vegetative state, they must pack up all their belongings ten minutes before class ends regardless of whether the course of the lecture or discussion. If they get really impatient, they will jingle their keys louder than a Salvation Army volunteers.

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Alcohol-related traffic accidents claimed the lives of 16,885 Americans in 2005 alone. Even with strict laws in place drivers continue to drive and kill by the thousands. So why is the legislation failing? It’s certainly not due to lack of enforcement, there were over twenty three thousand drunk driving arrests in New Jersey alone last year. These statistics should be terrifying. If they don’t, then we would do what they want, regardless of the law, especially if it’s something that is a daily part of your life like cell phone communication.

The proponents of the new and unnecessary cell phone law might bring up that there are 2,600 cell phone related deaths each year. However, this number pales in comparison to the drunk driving statistics. Those who created the cell phone law make the similarity that talking on the cell phone is like drunk driving, both creating reduced reaction times. Frankly I am instilling to those of us who choose to be responsible and not drink. This law builds off of a law that already exists in most states the driving and phone use law. They specifically cite cell phones and making them a primary stop offense. While the law was even considered in the first place was the false idea that cell phones accounted for most “driver distraction” related accidents, when in real life they can only be attributed to a small percentage. According to a major study done by the University of North Carolina, cell phones only account for about 1.5 percent of these accidents. The test was not up of other non enforced actions such as radio dials and temperature controls. So why wonder if politicians are pushing these laws for public safety because they are currently trendy. There are many flaws that make this idea at face value, defective, difficult to enforce, and unfair. Most notably is the exclusion of hands free cell phone use hands free sets. Research shows that people using hands free sets are at equal risk for a collision because it is not the holding of the phone that distracts, it is the conversation. So why have laws been passed against handheld phones and not the act of talking in the car? Well there are a few reasons, first is the idea that it is just a political hand waging. Second is the fact that it is extremely difficult and costly to a)

These laws are difficult to enforce because in order to prove the primary offense it must be pursued and actively enforced, and on top of all the other laws this is a hard offense to pick out for police, especially at night. Police add that enforcing such a law is problematic at best. These tests from law enforcement haven’t been able to support the fact that these laws are useless and are primarily political in nature in order to better their political appearance.

The philosophy of the law, is the idea, that unless you want to smoke in public, talk on your phone, or drink, you can’t do it. This is the idea that they are infringing on the freedoms that we hold to be sacred. As a people, we are known for being selfless and respected. So in closing, I stress to the politicians that the new law is mostly ineffective.

Previous laws in New Jersey made it a secondary offense to talk on your cell phone and drive. This meant if a police officer pulled you over for speeding and you were talking on your cell phone and you were committing no other crime then they could not pull you over. The new law gives police officers the ability to pull you over for no other reason then for talking on your cell phone. This is in the attempt to remove one powerful distraction from the road.

Some may feel that it is unfair to make people abandon their cell phones while driving; this is because emergencies can happen anywhere, and a person may need to be contacted while they are on the road. This is not a problem though because the N.J. legislature has only made it illegal to talk on a cell phone directly; it is still legal to use hands free communication with your cell phone. While this is still a distraction, N.J. law makers feel that a responsible person will still be able to operate a car correctly while talking on their cell phones using the hands free technology.

For those people out there who do not believe it is dangerous to drive while talking on their cell phone, they need only turn to MythBusters. This television show puts common myths or beliefs to physical tests to determine if they are true. In one episode they tested if it is more dangerous to talk while driving on your cell phone or to drive drunk? After being tested by a driving instructor sober, on the cell phone, and just under the legal B.A.C. (0.08), they found that they had failed on both cell phone run and the drunk driving run. More specifically they found that the subjects failed the cell phone test by a much higher margin than the alcohol test. This study was just a reenactment of a previously done British driving study. While this was only one study and may need multiple tests before being completely proven, it does show what the dangers of driving while talking on the cell phone.

While some people may have to adapt to multitask, there should only be one task while on the road, and that is getting from one point to another safely. If you think you are the person who can handle being on the road and driving with a cell phone, then think of the person who is driving behind you who can’t handle multitasking. That person is a danger to you and your fellow motorists. While this law is making you put your cell phone down, it is also making the person who can’t multitask on the road put his/her’s down too. If this law can make just one person think twice before picking up their cell phone while driving, then it will do New Jersey a world of good.

Political Quotes

“Being president is like running a cemetery; you’ve got a lot of people under you and nobody’s listening.”

- Bill Clinton

“Three qualities should be considered in evaluating applicants for staff positions- head, heart, and guts.”

- Richard M. Nixon

All quotes from Quotationary by Leonard Roy Frank

Hello everyone! For those interested in writing for the Political News page of The Outlook, please contact Daniel Wisniewski, President of The Political Science Club to get started! You can contact him at daniel.j.wisniewski@monmouth.edu. All topics and viewpoints are welcome! Thank you!
Kristen McMonagle
OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENT

Buongiorno! I have to confess that my favorite part about Spring Break was attempting to speak Italian, because I think it is such a beautiful language. If you haven't guessed already last week I spent seven whole days traveling in Italy, from Rome to Florence to Venice.

It was an amazing and adventurous experience that I will forever cherish, because who knows if I'll ever get to go back! However, I did follow the advice of my travel book and throw a coin with my right hand over my left shoulder into the Trevi Fountain, which is supposed to secure your safe return to Rome someday. I hope it comes true!

We started in Rome where there were many sights to see! We navigated our way around the metro system and found ourselves standing in front of the Colosseum and the Roman Forum.

The Colosseum and the Roman Forum were all asleep on a train headed for Florence, where we discovered the world’s most phenomenal structures. It is also very cool to see how modern Rome was built around all of it, leaving it untouched.

That night we enjoyed our first real Italian pizza, not knowing that sometimes you have to ask for them to put cheese and sauce on it. (So, we enjoyed our first real Italian bread.)

Easter Sunday we spent going to mass at the Vatican with the Pope! We climbed the Spanish steps and threw coins into the massive Trevi Fountain. With constant running around to see all the sights our three days in Rome flew by.

Before I knew it we were all asleep on a train headed for Florence, where we discovered the world’s most phenomenal gelato! Florence had a lot less sights to see than Rome which was a nice break, but we quickly realized that Florence has the most amazing food. Many meals of pizza, pasta, and gelato filled our two day stay there. We did see a few sights though!

My favorite part was seeing Michelangelo’s “David” statue at the Accademia Museum. Also, we climbed over 450 steps up the Duomo Cathedral and saw over 100 islands connected by over 400 bridges. The streets are all canals and people take boats instead of cars.

We took a water bus to our hotel and road up the Grand Canal. We saw police boats and fire boats which was a very different experience!

My second favorite part about Florence was going to the island of Murano, which was about an hour boat ride. This is where the famous Murano glass comes from, and we were able to watch a glass blowing demonstration and buy some nice souvenirs.

My second favorite part about Venice was our gondola ride. Yes, we were such tourists and took a gondola, but it was so worth every Euro! The gondola went through tiny canals and under bridges as the driver hummed. It was late at night so the water was very calm, the city was pretty silent and the canals were lit up.

I miss Italy already, but as always coming back to London feels like coming home. Rome had amazing sights, Florence had fantastic food and gelato and Venice was too gorgeous for words.

I hope you all had wonderful Spring Breaks and are enjoying the second half of the semester! Ciao!

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Venice has been popularly known as the “City of Bridges” or the “City of Water” because the entire city is connected by bridges, therefore many locals travel by boat instead of car.

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The Trevi Fountain located in Rome carries the longstanding tradition of throwing a coin into the fountain to ensure a safe return back to Rome.

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“The bravest place to stand is by each other’s side.”

Throughout the current war in Iraq, America has sent over 400,000 soldiers overseas. Sadly, upon returning home about 8,000 have been stop-lossed back to Iraq.

If you don’t know what it means to be stop-lossed, it’s when a soldier is forced to return to war because there aren’t enough people enlisted.

In the film Stop-Loss, this is exactly what happens to Sergeant Brandon King (Ryan Phillippe). Brandon safely returns home to Texas with his two best friends, and he is ready to get out of the army when he gets word from his recruiter that he has orders from the president to return to Iraq.

It has been a while since a film has accurately depicted the brotherly bond that men in the army have. The Boys Don’t Cry director, Kimberly Peirce got the point across of how much these men need each other to help them adjust to life back home. King, Sergeant Steve Shriver (Channing Tatum), and PFC Tommy Burgess (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), all handle themselves in different ways to get over the shell shock of being away from war.

The opening scenes in Tikrit, Iraq are very brutal and gory. It made me realize just what was going on overseas, and how brave our soldiers are for dealing with that on a daily basis.

Peirce’s directing of this scene was fantastic. Not since Saving Private Ryan, has a war scene made me feel like I was a part of the action.

Brandon’s men are at a routine checkpoint when they get attacked and are lead into an ambush in a small alley. They make their getaway, but not without out having some of their men killed and severely wounded. This event is something that haunts Brandon throughout the film. He can’t get out of his mind all of the men he’s lead into an ambush in a small alley. checkpoint when they get attacked and like I was a part of the action.

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Sergeant Brandon King, Sergeant Shriver and Brandon get awarded medals for their services for Optimizing your health and you can’t help but feel sorry for him as he tries to deal with his post-war syndrome. He was so convincing that he knew that Brandon is the only one.

Meanwhile at home, Tommy and Steve try to get over their shellshock by drinking and getting into fights. Steve eventually cleans up, but he knows that Brandon is the only one who can help Tommy, so he goes after him on his road trip.

Will the three boys all come together and help each other stay on track? Will Brandon be on the run for the rest of his life? He will fulfill his duty to his country and go back to Iraq? You’ll have to see the film to find out.

Ryan Phillippe does a good job with his role of Brandon King. He nailed the Texas southern accent, and he was so convincing that he made me want to marry a cowboy in the army. As an audience member, you can’t help but feel sorry for him as he tries to deal with his post-war syndrome.

Running at 115 minutes with an R rating, I wouldn’t recommend soldiers recently coming home from war to see it in the theaters. The beginning few scenes are very realistic and it is something that could bring back bad memories for a veteran. However, with all the action and all the eye catching effects, the film will satisfy both guys and girls. So go see it in theaters, because many of the scenes won’t have the same effect on DVD they will on the big screen.

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Demi Moore Detoxes with Leeches

EVEN PERUKO
ASSISTANT ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Ever wonder how over the hill celebrities such as Demi Moore, who is 46, are looking younger and healthier than ever? No, it’s not from spending millions of dollars on personal trainers and cosmetic surgery; it is from blood sucking leeches.

On March 24th Moore, appeared on the David Letterman show and said, “I’ve always been somebody looking for the cutting edge of things that are for optimizing your health and healing, so just a week ago I was in Austria doing a clean and partial part of the treatment was leech therapy.”

Leeches, for those of you who don’t know, are worm-like creatures that suck blood or eat flesh. Sounds like quite the luxurious Hollywood fad now doesn’t it? These aren’t just swamp leeches, these are highly trained medical leeches. These are not just some low level scavengers; we’re talking high level blood suckers, explained Moore.

Moore had a couple leeches tested out on her helicopter belly button before letting a total of four leeches get tanked up. “It detoxifies your blood,” she told Letterman. “And they have a little enzyme when they’re biting down on you, gets released into your blood and generally you feel quite a bit. And your health is optimized. It detoxified the blood and I’m feeling detoxified right now.”

This unusual form of therapy is a fairly recent medical times.

Leeches back then were closely linked to doctors who were quickly given the nickname “leeches.” Physicians of that era used millions of the parasites annually to treat their patients.

Now in present day, most doctors veer away from leech therapy, yet some still think they can play a special role in certain kinds of surgery. The leeches are believed to help promote blood flow to damaged tissue.

When leeches bite a victim, their unique saliva causes blood flow to increase and prevent clotting. As a result, when a victim is bitten they can bleed for hours, allowing oxygenated blood to enter the wound until veins re-grow and regain circulation.

Leeches play an important role when reconstructing microsurgical veins. In 1985, a Harvard physi cian was having trouble reattaching the ear of a five-year-old child. The tiny veins kept clotting, so with the aid of leeches, the ear was saved. This success has established leeches in the modern medical world. Since then, leeches have saved lives and limbs.

As much has leeches have helped with medic ine, they also have a downside. Leeches can sometimes slip off the patient and relocate themselves in unwanted places. Allergic reactions cannot handle the thought of a blood sucking parasite living on their skin, no matter how helpful they may be. As a result, scientists have invented a “mechanical leech” that can perform the same duties that a real leech could, but would not scare the patient as much.

Bottom line, Hollywood is always searching for a new way to stay young forever. Now with cosmetic surgery becoming more affordable it is not come as a surprise that celebrities are allowing leeches to detoxify their bodies.

While most of us will probably stick to the old fashion treadmill to stay fit, leech therapy may just be the next craze to hit Tinsel Town.

THREE WEEKS ago the stars who decorate our television screens discovered that it wasn’t just their bodies that were in for an overhaul. Leeches play a big role in the medical world. Since then, leeches have saved lives and limbs.

Leeches can sometimes slip off the patient and relocate themselves in unwanted places. Allergic reactions cannot handle the thought of a blood sucking parasite living on their skin, no matter how helpful they may be. As a result, scientists have invented a “mechanical leech” that can perform the same duties that a real leech could, but would not scare the patient as much.

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While most of us will probably stick to the old fashion treadmill to stay fit, leech therapy may just be the next craze to hit Tinsel Town.


dancing with the stars update

KRISTEN RENDA
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Dancing with the Stars is back, and despite the fairly unpopular season this year, it is better than ever. Perhaps the person surprising everyone is deaf ac- actress Mar- kia. Each week she de- servedly for some one who can not hear the music, it’s like she can feel the music inside of her when she watches someone de- scribe what the music sounds like to her as being in the shower with the door closed and trying to listen to music playing in another room.

Steve Guttenberg is having trouble with the dancers, usually receiving scores less than 20 (out of 30) but his attitude is a perfect 10 every week. It is obvious to the audience that he is there to strictly have fun and that is exactly what he is doing. In fact, this week he and partner Anna Trebun- skaia danced a wonderful tango and got a score of a 21. The judges have seen a big improvement in him, and they can tell he is determined to keep working hard to win the coveted mirrorball trophy.

Kristy Yamaguchi and her partner Mark Ballas did a fantastic job and got yet another 27 out of 30 during Monday night’s perfor- mance of their tango.

Jason Taylor and partner Edyta Sliwinska were told last week that they are definite contenders for the trophy, but this week judge Len Goodman didn’t feel that way about their jive. The pair scored a 23 out of 30. Another pair Len as well as the other two judges Carrie-Anne and Bruno were disappointed in was Marissa Jaret-Winokur and Tony Dovolani. The judges didn’t think Marissa gave her best in their jive this week. They all know she can do better and left her almost in tears as they gave them their scores which ended up being a 23 out of 30 causing the audience to boo.

Last week two couples went home, and they were Penn Gil- lette and Kym Johnson and Monica Seles and Jonathan Roberts. Make sure you keep voting each week so your favorite stars stay in the competition!
This Season on Idol

VERONIQUE BLOSTEN Staff Writer

Hey Idol fans! In case you were wondering, last week’s article was a week outdated, so this week’s article will cover events that happened these past two weeks on American Idol.

In addition, the producers of Idol brought the tunes of Lennon and McCartney back for another night on Idol this week, so the performances did not live up to the previous week.

Carly Smithson had her worst performance of the season. Brooke White took a huge leap backwards with her rendition of “Here Comes the Sun.” Ramiel Malabuy failed to impress the judges and “didn’t show the best of her ability” according to judge Simon Cowell.

The person who stood out the most was Sydona Mercado’s rendition of “Yesterday.” She finally proved that she has a quality voice, and belted out the famous tune flawlessly. “Very, very, very good performance tonight,” said judge Randy Jackson, who gave Abdul said she did a “beautiful job.”

Smithson, Kristy Lee Cook, and Amanda Overmyer ended up in the bottom three during the results show Wednesday night, in which season five contestant Kel- lie Pickler performed. In the end, Overmyer was sent home. She, along with David Hernandez, will not go on to the tour, in which the top 10 finalists travel the country together and perform.

Last week, the top 10 finalists took the stage, singing songs from the year they were born. Malabuy opened up the night with an attempt at Heart’s “Almost.” Now, as many Idol fans can recall, season four winner Carrie Underwood sang the same song during one of her weeks and knocked the ball out of the park. It is basically an unwritten rule to never sing such a memorable song that a past contestant has done unless you do it better. While it was probably Malabuy’s best performance (aside from the pitchiness towards the end of the song), she did not exceed the level that Underwood had set for that song. Jackson did not like it, but Cowell said that it was not as bad as Jackson said it was. While Jason Castro and Chikezie did not perform at their prime this week, Mercado has another great week with a powerhouse performance that Jackson referred to as “stellar.” However, Cowell came back with a hint of criticism, saying that he felt she has a limit on her vocals and “that song stretched it.”

White made another attempt at the piano, singing “Every Breathe You Take” by the Police. While she started off the song incorrectly, she restarted and gave a pretty nice performance. While all the judges commended her on knowing that the started off wrong and fixing it, Jackson and Cowell said they would have liked to hear her perform with just the piano. As opposed to having the band come in later in the song. Michael Johns gave his best performance this season, singing a combination of “We Will Rock You” and “We Are the Champions.” Kristy Lee Cook also gave her best performance, singing “God Bless the USA.” Abdul said that the song was a “good choice for you,” and Cowell called it her “best performance by a mile.”

Smithson gave a knockout performance of “Total Eclipse of the Heart” by Bonnie Tyler, but performing the Chris Cornell arrangement. Everything about the performance was perfect. Jackson called Cook “the most original” and told him, “You might be the one to win.” Abdul was “blown away,” and Cowell said “That was brave,” then followed with “It was amazing.” Cook, however, took some heat from the media, who criticized him for not really being “original,” as the arrangement was not his own. These accusations are absolutely ridiculous. First of all, Cook never said the arrangement was his own, and host Ryan Seacrest even said that it was the Chris Cornell arrangement before the performance even began! If the critics are mad because Jackson referred to him as “original,” then criticize him, not Cook.

At the results show the next night, Seacrest announced the American Idol song contest, encouraging America to submit their original work, and reminded everyone of the next Idol Golden Ticket episode, to air April 9. Season two contestant Kimberly Locke also performed, and the contestants gave their take on what it’s like to record songs for iTunes, and how the service has helped them in the competition.

Once again, the contestants were brought out one-by-one and learned their fate. Seacrest had enough of people saying she’s pregnant, but denied the claim. Chikezie, Castro, and Mercado were in the bottom three, and the results sent Chikezie home.

Nine contestants remain. Who will be voted off next? Tune into The Outlook next week to find out, and be sure to watch American Idol, only on FOX.

The Top 10 finalists perform Maxine Nightingale’s “Right Back Where We Started From,” to commemorate the week’s theme of the years they were born.

The Outlook Staff’s Favorite Embarrassing Movies

Jackie Editor in Chief
Danielle Features Editor
“She’s Too Young”
“It’s the most amazing Lifetime movie ever.”
“I just always get sucked into it.”

Lisa Managing/Entertainment Editor
“3 Ninjas”
“Rocky loves Emily.”

Kristen Entertainment Editor
“Motocrossed”
“Riley Smith is HOT!”

MEGAN LABRINA Staff Writer

Many of you probably saw the commercial for a new comedy show entitled Unhitched during this year’s Super Bowl which featured a man accosting a woman at a bar with his buddies. The commercial’s tagline was “Unhitched features four friends in their 30’s who have recently been thrown back into the dating pool for different reasons.”

Jack, “Gator” Gately (Craig Bierko) married his college sweetheart, only to end up divorcing her 15 years later. His two best friends, Tommy and Freddy have also been through a divorce or two, but each of them are handling their new found freedom differently. Freddy (Shaun Majumder) although a successful surgeon has found that he is virtually helpless without his ex-wife. He has been out of the dating scene since 1992 and his ridiculous attempts at getting back into the dating lifestyle are anything but successful.

Tommy (Johnny Sneed) on the other hand is a pro at being divorced, having survived three failed marriages, most likely on his part. Out of the bunch, he is definitely the most forward and least likely to ever stay in a steady marriage.

Rounding out the group is Gator’s neighbor Kate (Kashida Jones), a lawyer who was recently dumped from a seven year engagement, only to find that her ex-fiance, Chad, has managed to propose to his newest girlfriend after several years of separation.

The cast also includes Phil (Pat Finn) who most will remember as the oblivious father from the commercials. He can usually be seen sitting around one of his kids no matter where he is, be it at Gator’s house or at a bar with his buddies.

Each of these friends experience a new relationship situation every episode, which isn’t always easy. While they attempt to convey through words alone. Simply put, these characters are involved in the most absurd and comical shenanigans in which their dating experiences inevitably following Murphy’s Law, because it always seems that if something could possibly go wrong for them, it usually does.

If you want to catch an episode of Unhitched tune into Fox, sundays at 9:30. Also, if you’ve missed the first few episodes and you want to catch up, you can check out full episodes online every week at Fox.com.
features

I Scream, You Scream

by Colleen Hayes, contributing writer

With spring here and summer right around the corner, Baskin Robbins and similar places can satisfy anyone's taste for ice cream.

As students, we can't afford to splurge. However, ice cream is a sweet treat that anyone can afford, even if you're on a budget. All you need is an ice cream parlor that's open all year round to help you and your coworkers satisfy and curb your cravings.

Being a student at Monmouth University means having dozens of ice cream parlors at your fingertips. So many in fact, that the choices are usually overwhelming.

Though the franchise is known for its original 31 flavors (one for every day of the month), this particular store only features 12 different flavors of hard ice cream. Yet they do offer some variety, even carrying a seasonal flavor. The current one, winter white chocolate (white chocolate ice cream swirled with strawberry and cherry ribbons), is still for winter. Employees were not aware what the spring flavor would be or when it would debut but. The best thing about Baskin Robbins is their weekly special. Every Tuesday you can buy one sundae and get another for free. This is a great thing for students, for a date or just out with friends. You can get two sundaes for $3.99-4.99. That's the best bargain I've found, including the previously mentioned ice cream parlors, but again remember this special is only on Tuesdays.

Of course, these five ice cream parlors are only the tip of the iceberg. There are tons sprinkled around the shore. Many of which are open all year round to help satisfy your ice cream cravings. So whether it's a good deal, a new experience, or an old classic you're craving, one of these parlors is for you. Let’s not forget however, if
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**Alpha Xi Delta**

The ladies of Alpha Xi Delta are prepping for Greek Week and their upcoming event for The National Parkinson’s Foundation along side Theta Phi Alpha. The event will take place on April 22, 2008 in Anacon Hall, from 7:30-9. The event will be a silent auction for some really great prizes. Please come out and donate! We hope everyone is getting excited for Greek Week! Keep an eye on this space for more Alpha Xi Delta updates, or check out our Facebook profile. Interested in Joining Alpha Xi Delta. Much Xi love to everyone! <3

**Alpha Sigma Tau**

Alpha Sigma Tau would like to welcome the new members Beth Berdin, Alyss Barrechia, Lauren Ernolito, Katelyn Mulliken, Rita Carroll, and Allison Bennett. Congratulations Alpha Upsilon Cins!!! Insiders Blu! You my boo. Blu! It's the Bermuda Triangle in the Bahamas January 6, 1980. Love you guys, Gu, Vogel, & Allure <3 Serenity Spryte- I will be late to go home and get those browines, except I don't need to sugar up my love! Honey- let's have a chicken littleneck and gossip again night soon? Little-let's hang out more like last week? Dolce- you're officially one of my new BFFs keep it up! 34 days left. Jacks here I come <3 Kaprice Snacks. Ya B*%ch! Ya! haha GG

**Who and Where**

**JAMIE KINARD**

**STAFF WRITER**

Construction will begin soon on the new rain garden! Now that you know all about the garden and what it is for, who is involved, and how can you become a part of it?

The Rain Garden is being built by a coalition between the Urban East Coast Institute and Monmouth University’s Water Watch. Professor Tiedemann of the Institute is the person who has been monumentally involved in bringing the rain garden on campus. He also has his own set of interns that are working on the logistical aspect of the garden, including the plants to be used and the planning of construction.

The other half of this team is Water Watch, headed by Katie Feeney. Katie is the leader of the group, and is also responsible for working with both the Institute and the club. Water Watch’s end of the project is to reach out to local communities and inform them about the project, as well as building the project. We get politicians involved in our projects, and inform them of the water issue. We also contact local newspapers and other universities to educate the communities about what we are doing, and how they can do the same thing to help the environment. Another project we do is cleaning up local waterways and beach areas to stop beach closings and heal our water systems; another part of this is stream monitoring, in which we monitor the health of different waterways. Media is another major topic. We involve local newspapers and other media networks to come and cover our cleanups or to be aware of what is happening. Water Watch is also responsible for building the garden, which is set to be in construction soon!

Interested? Water Watch meets every Wednesday at 2:30 in 202A on the second floor of the Student Center. We are always looking for volunteers, and we are always willing to accept new members!

**Phi Sigma Kappa**

Brothers… It has been a long time coming, and we’re finally back. It has been a great week doing community service and having a record showing at the dance off thanks to Chodehed… We have been one thing on our mind, and that is to win Greek Week… We thought we should come back with a bang so read at your own advisory cause this is a great week, and many more to come… We will always be DAMN PROUD… This is Dud and Barbie signing off…

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**Volunteer Corner**

**Ronald McDonald House:** [www.rmh- CNSJ.org](http://www.rmh-cnsj.org)
The Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at local hospitals. RMHC in Long Branch is looking for volunteers to help with day shifts during the week. Volunteers will staff the front desk and may also receive training in answering phones and taking reservations, accepting donations, registering and checking out families, providing tours to families and visitors and assisting with office work. For information, contact Camitha Whipple, LB House Manager at 732-222-8755

Many other volunteer opportunities are available. Search “Volunteer Directory” on the MU website for a complete listing. Questions? Email volunteer@monmouth.edu or stop by the Office of Service Learning and Community Programs, Room 301c in the RSSC.
How is your semester going so far this Spring?

Compiled by: Sarah Alyse Jamieson

Ryan, sophomore
"Crappy! A ton of work."

Jeannette, senior
"I have ‘Senioritis’! It’s a lot of work, and I don’t feel like doing any of it!"

Jen, junior
"Very good, I’m doing well in all of my classes, and I like all of my Professors."

Danielle, freshman
"Better than last semester."

Becca, freshman
"I passed Chemistry, so much better now."

Harrison, sophomore
"Classes suck, but everything else is fine."

Chase, freshman
"Soccer’s starting, and the weather’s getting better, so it’s good."

Bryan, freshman
"It’s going good, but I can’t wait until summer."

Devon, sophomore
"School’s CRAZY, but it’s almost the summer."

Christian, sophomore
"I got a little weird, but it’s cool now that I have changed my major."

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Campus Events This Week

Wednesday, April 2
Festa Italiana • 11:30 AM • Anacon Hall
Baseball vs. Rutgers • 3:00 PM • Baseball Field
Comedian Ronnie Jordan • 9:00 PM • The Underground

Thursday, April 3
Anxiety Screening Day • 12:00 - 5:00 PM • Student Center 202A
Leadership Workshop: Transition for Student Clubs • 2:00 PM • Afflito Conf.
Dainty Dames and Burly Boys: Identities in Crisis • 4:00 PM • Plangere 235

Friday, April 4
Texas Hold ’em Tournament • 5:00 PM • Student Center Fireplace
Karaoke Night • 8:00 PM • The Underground

Saturday, April 5
Softball vs. Mount St. Mary’s • 1:00 PM • Softball Field
Meet the Pep Band • 5:00 PM • Student Center Fireplace
The Amazing Race • 7:00 PM • The Underground

Sunday, April 6
Men’s Tennis vs. NJIT • 12:00 PM
Softball vs. Rider • 1:00 PM • Softball Field
Lacrosse vs. Long Island • 1:00 PM • Kessler Field

Monday, April 7
Global Understanding Week Begins - LOOK FOR DETAILS

Tuesday, April 8
Men’s Tennis vs. Fairleigh Dickinson • 3:00 PM
Film Viewing • Two Women • 4:30 PM • Wilson Auditorium
Zainab Al-suwall: Women’s Equity in the Muslim World • 6:00 PM • Anacon
Java City Theology • 7:30 PM • Java City Cafe

Wednesday, April 9
Break Out of the Silence: Inequalities in Prison • 1 - 4 PM • Student Center
STE Student Research Conference • 2:00 PM • Wilson Auditorium
Baseball vs. Lafayette • 3:30 PM • Baseball Field
Softball vs. Manhattan • 3:00 PM • Softball Field

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Baseball Rides Five Game Winning Streak

The Monmouth baseball team came back from its 10 day streak without a loss to win its next four games over a five day period. The Monmouth Hawks defeated Temple and then went on to sweep a three game series against NJIT. The Hawks improve their overall record to 7-8 on the season.

In the first game since March 16, the Blue and White hosted Temple on Wednesday, March 26. The contest was a pitcher’s duel right down to the end, as Monmouth salvaged a run in the bottom of the seventh inning, and was able to pull off the Owls 2-1.

After both teams missed out on scoring opportunities early on in the game, it was the home team that scratched out the first run. In the bottom of the sixth inning, with one man on, Paul Bottiglieri singled past the Owl shortstop to bring Shawn Teters in from third base to make the score 1-0.

Temple came right back a half inning later with their first run in the top of the seventh. With runners at the corners and no outs, a throwing error by MU allowed the tying run to cross the plate.

Monmouth answered back in the bottom of the seventh inning. With two outs, the Hawks put together a rally to plate the go-ahead run. The home team put players on base as Brett Holland singled to center, followed by a walk and an error. With two men on, Brach Brach earned his first victory of the season, and 22nd win of the year.

The Blue and White answered with a two-run homerun off of Nick Pulsonetti.

The home team scored their third run of the contest in the third inning off of an errant throw home with the bases loaded, which allowed Teters to safely cross the plate.

The game was quiet until the bottom of the seventh inning when the Hawks pushed across seven runs to take the 10-2 edge. MU scattered seven hits in the inning, with Pulsonetti and Bottiglieri each driving in two runs.

Brach went 7 1/3 innings, allowing two runs on eight hits. His record-setting strikeout came in the second inning as he punched out NJIT’s Ricky Petrosino on a knee high 86 mph fastball.

In game two of the three game series with NJIT, the Blue and White tallied a season best 26 runs on 24 hits, including three home runs. The second game afternoon at Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium. MU registered its fifth straight victory, working 2 2/3 shutout innings.

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A Word on Sports

Settling the Debate: Brett Favre's Place in History

ALEXANDER TRINCALE
STAFF WRITER

As soon as it happened, I predicted it. And, unlike most of my predictions, it came true. As soon as Brett Favre retired, I knew the love fest would begin, and ESPN and Co. would declare him “the greatest quarterback ever.” While I have nothing but respect for Favre and the fantastic career he has had, I have no problem looking someone in the eye, and telling them that Brett Favre is not the greatest quarterback of all time.

There are a lot of Brett Favre fans out there. I get that. He’s got the stats, the records, and three MVP Awards. I get that. But in my mind, quarterback in the NFL is different from any other sport. Individual stats aren’t as important as how many championship ships he wins, which is why people have such a hard time putting him in the Hall of Fame. No one (who never won a Super Bowl) will be in the upper echelon of NFL quarterbacks despite his incredible career.

So, if Brett Favre isn’t the greatest quarterback of all time, who is? To me, it’s Johnny Unitas. Much the same as with Brett Favre, no quarterback can ever be better than Lawrence Taylor, and no running back can ever out do Chris Webber. This is how I see the picture.

The marks and times in many events were not outstanding and the conditions certainly played a part in that for our team and every team. The top prize at the 13th Annual Monmouth Hawk Invitational would begin, and ESPN simply put the ball up for grab�s too many times, and with only one Brett Favre victory to his credit, he simply cannot be put in the upper echelon of NFL quarterbacks.

To be fair to Brett, and to put his career in perspective, I think he is better than Eli Manning, and his consecutive games started streak is something that, dare I say, may never be equaled. If I were to create a Pantheon of Quarterbacks, here’s what it would look like: Level 1: Joe Montana, Brady Level 2: Eli, Elway, Bradshaw, Favre, Aikman Level 3: Marino, Jim Kelly So there you have it: Brett Favre’s proper place in history. Not the greatest quarterback ever, but certainly in the picture.

Women’s Golf Third at Hawk Invitational

PRESS RELEASE

Monmouth senior Rylee Plitz finished in second place at the 3rd Annual Monmouth Hawk Invitational on Saturday afternoon, after an eagle Ridge Country Club. Plitz, who finished one stroke off the lead, paced the Hawks to a third place team finish at the two-day event, at par-72, 5,837-yard course in Lakewood, New Jersey.

Fairleigh Dickinson won the team title, posting a 661 (336-325), as the Knights carded a round of 710 (342-368). FDU’s Michele Holzworth captured medalist honors, firing rounds of 80 and 74 (154). Holzworth’s second round 74 was the lowest round of the competition, which helped her finish one stroke ahead of Plitz, who shot 78-77. Julie Drygas was the Hawks’ second finisher, claiming ninth place overall with a 171 (89-82). Brigid Cahill tied for fifth place with a 174 (83-91), while Lisa Rastede (23rd place; 100-88-188) and Kelly Reilly (27th place; 108-95-203)

the low round on both days of competition. Boston University finished second with a 687, one stroke ahead of the host Hawks (350-338). Hofstra finished in fourth place with a 708 (356-352) and Central Connecticut State rounded out the team scores, finishing in fifth place overall in the 460, with its team of 506.ubbard also claimed the third place in the 100m dash, with his time of 10.54.

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Men’s Track and Field Averages

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Pitcher Brad Brach became the all-time leader in career strikeouts, as the Hawks defeated NJIT 10-3 on Friday afternoon.

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