Monmouth Relay for Life Raises Money for the American Cancer Society

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contributing writer

Monmouth University hosted its Relay for Life, a race to raise money for the American Cancer Society on Friday, April 11. The “Biggest Party on Campus,” as it has been called took place on the Monmouth University's Practice Field, and covered the entire night.

The relay is an overnight, inclusive party where participants camp out, listen to music, barbecue, dance, and take turns walking around a track to raise funds to fight cancer.

“The relay fights Cancer,” Kathleen Glelethon, Director of special events for the American Cancer Society (ACS) stated. “There are three main reasons we hold this relay, one, to celebrate the strong survivors, two, in honor of remembering those who we have lost, and three, to fight back for a cure.”

Mallory Rapisarda, a sophomore, Public Relations/Communication major, stated, “At our event, we celebrate the many survivors, we have a survivors dinner at 5 p.m., held in Boylan Gym. All survivors are welcome to attend. At 7 p.m., our opening ceremony will begin; it will open the event, the relay. Fight for a cure! The ceremony will be led by the Relay Committee, and Coach Calahan, the MU football coach, will make a speech. Then the relay will begin! We will have activities, events and bands rocking music all night. A luminary ceremony will be held, later in the night, to remember those who have lost to this sickness. I hope that everyone has a blast tonight! We as a committee have worked so very hard to ensure that we all have fun here!”

On the stage of the relay first, beginning at 5 p.m. was the American Hallow, a group of 3 girls; 2 guitar playing singers along with a drummer. The performers played a few of their original songs to get the relay participants all ready to race.

We are really excited to play for the crowd and get everyone pumped to the relay for a great cause!” Stated Deanna Massey, a Rutgers University junior and one of the American Hallow performers. Katie Field, an MU senior, Public Relations major, stated, “This is a great event, and we, the PRSSA club, are glad to be a part of it. I hope that all of the survivors have a great time here tonight!”

“The PRSSA club is out here tonight, wearing our PRSSA shirts, to support this good cause.” Amanda Quinn, a senior, Communications Public Relations and Journalism major stated, under the PRSSA's tent.

Shannon Monaco, a senior, Public Relations major, stated, “I came out to help support the cause tonight.” Charlie Hayle, a sophomore, Marketing major, announced. “A ton of people who were close to me have been affected by Cancer. So, I came out to help in any way that I can to fight for a cure for Cancer.”

The Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority had a tent set up at the race as well. “We are here to support a good cause.” Cori Buscemi, a senior, Public Relations and Journalism major and AST sister, stated during the night. Professor McAllister’s fund-raising committee class was present at the relay. A member of the committee, Rich Barba, a senior, Public Relations Communications major, stated, “We are the Ride Rascals! We got real involved in it.”

### Renowned Journalist Speaks at Opening Ceremony of Global Understanding Convention

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Renowned journalist and activist Sarah Chayes spoke at the opening ceremony to the seventh annual Global Understanding Convention, which began this passed Monday.

The ceremony opened with an address from President Paul G. Gaffney II on how the Global Understanding Convention came to be. In the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks in 2001, Monmouth University faculty, staff, and students came together with the goal of encouraging and promoting activities that would create awareness of global issues explained Gaffney.

This was followed by the Monmouth University Chamber Choir’s rendition of “Something Like A Star” by Robert Frost.

President Gaffney returned to the podium to present awards to recognize faculty, staff, and students who had helped to make this year’s convention possible.

Haya Ferguson, a former Monmouth University Trustee, spoke next and expressed the great joy that it brought her to see how the convention has grown with each passing year. “The world is a small place...” said Ferguson, and to live in it safely and happily, “we need to develop understanding.”

Sarah Chayes, activist, humanitarian, and former National Public Radio reporter, told the floor next and spoke about her time in Afghanistan and the Arghand Cooperative, a group that produces skin care products from readily available natural materials indigenous to Afghanistan, which she helped to found.

“I started to feel that it was a little irresponsible for me to be making a living off of other people’s stories without any responsibility of how the story came out,” Chayes said.

With this in mind, and in the wake of the September 11 attacks, Chayes decided to go to Afghanistan because she felt that the country would be important in the direction history takes in the twenty-first century.

In 2002, Chayes ended her career at National Public Radio and moved to the village of Kandahar in Afghanistan, which she described as “the moon with goats”, where she helped to maintain a dairy cooperative.

While on a trip back to the U.S. in 2004, Chayes visited a small soap company in New Hampshire. The factory where the soap was produce turned out to be one lady mixing oils in her kitchen. After reading the ingredients on the soap’s package, she realized that half of them grew naturally in Afghanistan and that she could do what the woman was doing.

In 2005, Chayes started the Arghand Cooperative in Kandahar. The Cooperative consisted of twelve members representing nine different Afghan tribes and produced a variety of skin care products from pomegranates as well as other naturally occurring fruit in Afghanistan. Using pomegranates in this fashion was extremely productive because in their fruit form they are very heavy and thus very expensive to export as well as perishable whereas in the form of a bar of soap the product would weigh little and would not expire, explained Chayes.

Monmouth University Professor and journalist John Morano noted that Chayes’ method reflects that of a journalist in that she took what was available to her and made it in to something similar to how a journalist takes the information they have gathered and makes it into a story.

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The Desperate Mamas won First Place for Team Spirit during the Monmouth Relay for Life on April 11-12.
U.S. Ambassador Robin Raphel speaks about Iraqi reconstruction and progress at Wilson Hall

DANIELLE DECARLO / FEATURES EDITOR

Ambassador Robin Raphel, a practice leader for the Global Af-

fairs and Trade Practice Group at Cassidy & Associates spoke in

Wilson Auditorium on April 8 for Global Understanding Week.

During her speech, she talked of the Army National Guard,

Iraqi police, the Baghdad Zoo, reconstruction efforts, security,

political economics, reconstruction and diplomatic. As

she spoke, she referenced the surge in Baghdad last February.

“The insurgents were using more sophisticated techniques in

Iraq, and they were trying to provocate the Iraqi people and

the American military service members,” Raphel said.

In 2006, the insurgents were hitting power and oil pipe lines,

and we could not keep up with the repairs.

“The surge involved sending 30,000 more troops over to Iraq to

try and stabilize the security issue. That would mean there is a
grand total of 168,000 troops there now. “After the surge, there

was a clear change in policy,” said Raphel. “We were trying to

turn it over to the Iraqis, but in early 2007 we realized that we

needed a different approach.”

The Baghdad Zoo, the national tree of Iraq, has stood the

test of time, and protected the locals, and increase the security

and safety until the Iraqi troops could take over comfort-

ibly.

“The issue is time,” she said. “Gradually, we are finding

more time over there.”

“I don’t want any significant improvements since June 2007. The

levels of violence were the high-
east, and since there has been a drop in the number of civilian

deaths and of US troops. “A lot of the neighborhoods in Baghdad

were decimated during the surge, she said. “People are starting to
go out again, walk to the markets and open their shops.”

The U.S. is trying to develop a

formula similar to the one used in

Anbar a few years ago. They had

a very difficult time over there and

there were many troops lost. How-

ever, the Sunnis began to realize

that Al-Qaeda were using them to
come in and fight the U.S. soldiers,
so they joined forces and helped

develop their own militias. “Literate-

ly overnight things calmed down and

remained at a very low level,” Raphel

said. “The key is that Iraq is that it is more
electronically mixed.”

The Americans are working on train-

ing the Iraqis to create their own

military and police system. About

16 billion dollars has gone towards this. So far, there are about

540,000 security forces and the security force is above and beyond the

hopes of obtaining 30,000. Some are having more trouble than the army, she

said.

“There are 50,000 traffic officers who are embedded

in the military, but they are decreasing in numbers. They are finding

there are no traffic problems in Baghdad,” she said.

“We thank the members of each

center of the relay. The event

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relay because of McAllister’s class. She got us pumped!”

“It’s great to see such a nice turn out.” Desperate Mommas was a

senior, Public Relations Commu-

nications major, stated, “I am glad

to see that so many people came out

to walk for a cure. He announced

that everyone who had shown up to

donations, and we hope to raise more tonight!” Donna

Mussara, an Aramark employee, was

we are on here because of my 22

year old daughter, a cancer survi-

vor, and I beat it; I’m a fighter!”

Kathleen Gelchion’s opening

speech had the audience yelling to

“Fight!” She recognized Sharon

Smith, Sheila McAllister and Mal-

lynn Rapisarda, as she introduced

President Gaffney and how much was
they are going to have! The ACS raised

$18.7 million for cancer survivors!

Around 1 a.m., a storm oc-

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Living on campus seems like a convenient perk to going to Monmouth, especially when you live in the apartments on the main side of campus. At least that’s what I thought when I started my senior year living in the Garden Apartments. The dining hall is right next door, and all of my classes were in Plangere which was right across the lawn. I had my own bedroom, and things seemed great. However, things aren’t as glamorous as they appear.
Throughout the semester we have had problems with the fire alarms going off randomly a few times in the night causing us to go outside in the cold at around three in the morning. Also, the walls are extremely thin and going to sleep is very difficult when raving parties are happening next door and above you. Calling the police doesn’t help because the noise will stop for about 10 minutes and then it will start right back up again. Many times throughout the year I have found myself getting in my car in the middle of the night to sleep at a friend’s house.
All of that I have dealt with, and said maybe it will get better (and it has), but last week an event occurred that threw me over the edge. My roommate and I found a mouse in our apartment and we went nuts. We couldn’t figure out how it could’ve possibly gotten in the apartment or what to do. We wanted to call facilities, but it was after hours so we called the police station like we were told to do if it were an emergency.
I told the woman who answered there was a mouse in our apartment and if they could come over and do something and she simply told me that they don’t deal with situations like that. I’m sorry but what are we paying all of this money for to live on campus if facilities won’t help us out when we need them to? I found that ridiculous so my roommate bought a trap and for the past week we’ve been trying to catch the rodent but have had no luck.
I still found it odd that facilities wouldn’t do anything, so I sent an e-mail to residential life seeing if maybe they could do anything. Sure enough facilities was supposed to come to our apartment and lay out traps for us.
Hopefully within the next few days someone will help us out so I can stop sleeping elsewhere, but until then, this is a warning to all of those undergrads learning to continue living on campus. I know the commuter parking lot is a dreadful thing to deal with, but it’s better than having constant problems for an entire year.

The Perils of Living On Campus

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That July morning mom was like a rabid rotweiller as we were all screaming to "gaisy" our belongings. She snarled at us from below the staircase to have all our clothing out as the dad was composed as he smoked his Black & Mild cigarette out-side. They kept me up all night as they were taking his time as he orga-nized everything we threw him into the back of our 1993 Dodge Caravan, my grandpopp slept on the lawn chair toiling on his tan. My sisters and I seized every possible pocket of clothing we owned, including our endless amounts of color-flip-flops (you never know where they could end up), trying to wear, so you better be safe and just pack them all, favorite night-gown, the slippers with the rabbit head attached to the front, and at least 10 bathing suits along with the must have cover-ups. In addition to the clothing, mom and sister, Alaina tried to bring 20 board games and she would make sure we played them all. My sisters and I would try to cram as many "necessary" items into our small sized duf-fel bags. Each made sure we packed evacuation car-riers; they were embroidered with our names on the front in a way that no one could miss them. Mom thought it was the best Christmas gift anyone could ever receive, even God himself could not fathom a more cre-ative gift. My mom was still yelling, "get down here, get ready to rush north if you all aren’t down here in two min-utes!" So Alaina, and I zipped up our bags and tossed them over the railing, hoping not to hear him still screaming from below. At that point we were about to embark on our ride to our summer vacation. As soon as the sliding door closed, I knew there was no turning back. We waved bye to our house and set on a week long adventure together.

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We were only five minutes into the ride and I was suffoca-ting. In the same car with my dad was his snak-e and my grand-father there was no choice there. My dad was singing Steely Dan lyrics to this day I have no idea who was in the Steely Dan band) making my sisters and I non-stop complainers. We would much rather be listen-ing to the "bad musi-c" like The Doors, Tom Petty, The Steve Miller Band, or even Billy Joel, but no. Instead he made our ears bleed with the words of Steely Dan. My mom, sitting in the pas-senger seat had her bathing suit on, and while her black hair curly was pinned back with the sunglass-es upon her head. I would see her slap my dad’s leg when he would hit a huge bump in the balmy April air. She would snort, falling on me. I took it upon myself to tighten his seat-belt, but he would not do with-out knowing who. Through the top of his lungs with the nasal snarl, I would say. "Grandpa had reached 100 degrees it soon be-came appropriate for my sisters to be in the top of his lungs with the nasal snail sound attached to each other. To the crushing weight of my parents had in common, smoke-dad puffed his Black & Mild and mom praised her Marlboro Light 100’s, I was suffocating once again.

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lic Center hosted a Theology talk titled “God, Love, Sex and Beyond.” The lecture was called “Love, Sex and Beyond,” in the Student Center’s Java City.

The lecture was designed to help students understand the different perspectives of the church. Father Joseph Jakub, a senior, History, Political Science ma-
jor, stated, “I love the Java Talks that only happen between 1 and 2 p.m. It’s a good way to get coffee and desserts while we learn about the outside world.”

Father Jakub began his lecture with a presentation on the topics of love, sex, and family. The lecture covered various perspectives on these topics, including the Catholic Church’s teachings.

The church believes that love, sex, and family are important aspects of life, but there are different ways to approach these topics. The lecture discussed the Catholic Church’s perspective on these topics and how they relate to one another.

In the middle of the Monmouth University Practice Field, on Fri-
day, April 11, during the 2008 Relay for Life on Monmouth Uni-
versity, Water Watch and the MU 
Enviro hosted an Open Mic Night.

The event was organized by the MU Enviro and Water Watch. The purpose of the event was to give students a platform to express their thoughts and ideas on various topics, including environmental issues.

The event was well-attended, with many students participating and enjoying the evening. The performances included poetry, readings, and music, showcasing the diverse talents of the students.

In summary, the lecture and event were both successful and provided valuable insights into the topics of love, sex, and family. The Catholic Church’s teachings on these topics were discussed, and the event allowed students to express their own perspectives and experiences.
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THE OUTLOOK

THIS WEEK OVERSEAS...

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Traveling on the weekends is really exciting, but with the semester coming to a close so quickly, I’m really trying to appreciate every second in London. There are still so many things to do and so many places to see right here in this city.

I am trying to spend all my time soaking up London to the fullest, because who knows when I’ll get to come back. This town has become like a second home to me and it’s going to be very hard to leave in a few short weeks.

My parents came to visit for all of last week and we had an amazing time together. It was fun being a tour guide and showing them all the sights.

We took a day trip to Stonehenge and Bath, saw the West End production of ‘Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince’, went pony-trekking in Wales, celebrated St. Patrick’s Day in Ireland, and had afternoon tea at the Guinness Factory in Dublin, Ireland.

A look back at just one of the many trips Monmouth Study Abroad students have taken. The beautiful scenery that can be seen while Pony Trekking through Whales.

The first few days were beautiful out and my parents and I really enjoyed strolling around London’s gorgeous Royal Parks. They got to experience a rare occurrence of snowfall in London, which was pretty exciting. We also went to Plat.

form 9 ¾ at the King’s Cross train station. All you Harry Potter fans will know what I’m talking about!

My parent’s week long visit went by so quickly, but we had a really amazing time. I wish they could have stayed longer because there were still so many more things to see!

I’ve been able to experience so many great things here that I probably would have never done if I hadn’t studied abroad. I spent a weekend exploring Stockholm, Sweden, ate delicious waffles and chocolate in Belgium, went pony-trekking in Wales, celebrated St. Patrick’s Day in Ireland, and spent Spring Break on a weeklong journey through Italy.

My favorite part of all though has just been living here in London. It has been such an adventure finding my way around this city, meeting new people, listening to new types of music and simply living life to the fullest. I will miss every little thing about this city and this school. I think I will even miss the random hail storms that always get caught in!

This weekend coming up will be my last weekend traveling in Europe while I’m here. I am going on the school weekend trip to Edinburgh, Scotland. The rest of my time will be spent enjoying every second in London. I cannot tell you enough how this has been the best time of my life.

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ROYAL PARKS

A snapshot of the famous Guinness logo located outside of the Guinness Factory in Dublin, Ireland.

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The impressive aerial view of the Swiss Alps that passengers aboard a flight from Venice to London were able to view through their plane windows.

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Everyone Can Love NYC, Even on a Student’s Budget

The time has come to put away the winter jackets, prepare for warmer weather and finally start getting outside to enjoy spring. However, it may still be a little too cold to go to the beach, so we must utilize other options to take in those breaths of fresh air. A great idea that can be a weekend or a simple day trip is something very close to Monmouth – New York City. It is easy and cheap to travel there, and there are hundreds of things you can do.

You are probably thinking, “New York City is way too expensive for me.” However, there are actually lots of things that you can take advantage of that fit perfectly into a student’s budget, and by this I mean absolutely free.

NYC sponsors many free walking tours of the city. Even if you’ve been to the city many times, there is so much to see there may have been things you missed or that you don’t know about. For example, the Alliance for Downtown New York leads a free 90 minute walking tour. Downtown New York leads a free 90 minute walking tour.

The Central Park Conservancy Tours have themed walks for the little kid still living inside you. The Beaux Arts Museum is free from 10am until 5:45pm on Saturdays. The Socrates Sculpture Park in Long Island City is an outdoor museum that serves outside during warm weather months.

If you are a big art fan, modern or not, the Socrates Sculpture Park in Long Island City is an outdoor museum that is another place to check out for live concerts and free shows outside during warm weather months. The Central Park Summerstage is a great, fun way to see live concerts and free performances at the Central Park Summerstage. Also, if you are into blues, rock and R&B you can see live performances at the BB King Blues Club & Grill right in Times Square. Bryant Park also has a lot of free concerts and live shows once the weather gets nice.

Of course, it is a good idea to save some money to enjoy the other wonders of NYC – especially the Broadway shows. Not all of the tickets are as outrageously priced as one may think. If you keep your eyes peeled and check online there are lots of great deals on Broadway tickets.

If you’re feeling very ambitious and saving your pennies, there are certain days and pay-what-you-wish museums along with the ones listed above. Another example is the Sony Wonder Technology Lab. Some more outdoor activities to enjoy that are free or very cheap include the many performances at the Central Park Summerstage. Also, if you are into World War II history, the Jewish Museum is free from 10am to 5:45pm on Saturdays.

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If you're looking for free adventures, you should keep an eye out for special days. The Bronx Zoo, for example, has pay-what-you-wish Wednesdays and is a great attraction for the little kid still living inside that ever-growing and maturing college student.

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Concerns on the Border

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Over the past several years, illegal immigration has been a hot topic for politicians and Americans everywhere in the United States. This issue has caused a lot of controversy, that as this article is being written, a 700 mile fence has been constructed between the border of four American states and six Mexican states, to stop the flow of illegal immigrants from Mexico. This topic has gotten a lot of attention from the media, on television, radio, and even in newspapers. However, we must be aware that illegal immigration is not the only thing occurring along the border between the US and Mexico. There are more impacting, eye der between the US and Mexico. That illegal immigration is not the prominent issue, radio, and even in newspa-
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constructed between the border of
American cities. Not only do these cities share the border, but they also have a host of problems. The residents of this region are exposed to many hazardous chemicals and toxic chemicals on American territory, but some companies leave their waste in Mexico, out in the open. The residents of this region are exposed to many hazardous chemicals and toxic waste that are released by the assembly plants, which is an environmental issue.

Another example is Ciudad Juarez, in Mexico, which is home to 300 “maquiladoras”, of which very few have waste water treatment plants. The dirty water from the assembly plants travels into a channel, which then leads to a river. On the other side of the border, the residents of El Paso, Texas border Ciudad Juarez, El Paso government officials better implement regulations to deal with the problem. New industry is limited, many cars have filters to combi-

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other cities. Also, many assembly plants travel into the “maquiladoras” in Matamoros and the “maquiladoras” in Matamoros and the United States government keep co-

operating to find a solution. The “Borderline Cases” film provoked positive reactions to the city, making the atmosphere uncomfortable for the residents. What he thought about the film, “The Borderline Cases” showed that the environmental issue and health effects of the maquiladoras is ageing out. Most of the survivors in their 80s and they need to learn their stories. Fish worked on this project with Jodi Tooloud for their Human rights class. It resulted in a positive response from employees and town people...” He also added that this was very informative. The film received positive feedback from several students and overall, it was a success. The filmmaker achieved their goal: to raise awareness about the negative en-
vironmental effects and health effects of the “maquiladoras.” Many pregnant women and children suffer the effects. Several children in Matamoros were born with birth defects, such as retardation and malformations, because of the chemicals. In Brownsville, Texas, the foals smells from the “maquiladoras” travels into the city, making the atmosphere uncomfortable for the residents.

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Although there have been some concerns regarding the border between Mexico and the US, illegal immigration is not the only concern. Immigration is an issue, but we also have to work together to help find solutions to the “maquiladoras” and the discarding of their hazardous chemicals. A border is not the only concern. There is an invisible line that divides the two countries, but something that they share is a common goal: to propose regulations that benefit both sides of the border.

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The rich and famous came together this week on American Idol for Idol Gives Back, where the show raises money for causes all over the world. The top 12 contestant of American Idol took calls up on the stage at the studio. The show also broadcasted from the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles, where all the celebrity performances took place.

In the beginning of the show, host Ryan Seacrest announced that American Idol had raised over 15 million dollars just from their sponsors alone, including News Corporation, Ford, Coca-Cola, iTunes, ExonMobil, AT&T, Allstate, and M.A.C. Aids Fund. He continued to update America on the rising total all throughout the special two-hour episode.

Idol Gives Back included performances by Miley Cyrus, Annie Lennox, Carrie Underwood, Gloria Estefan, and Mariah Carey. Fergie performed with John Legend, and right after with Heart. The top eight Idols also performed “Seasons of Love” from RENT, and closed the show with “Shout to the Lord.”

Many of the celebrities traveled through America and Africa to report on conditions that many people are unfortunate to live in. Bono, the Manning brothers, Annie Lennox, Celine Dion, Simon Cowell, Forest Whitaker, Reese Witherspoon, Alicia Keys, Miley and Billy Ray Cyrus, and Brad Pitt all took part in these reports. Thirteen Idols visited Africa and performed their song “What About Now” for the children and orphans.

Almost all the sadness in these reports, Idol did not fail to deliver some comic relief. Jimmy Kimmel performed a comedy routine on Simon Cowell, and Robin Williams did a bit, acting as “the last Russian Idol.”

Other celebrities that appeared either on stage or in videos asking America to donate included Julianne Moore, Adam Sandler, David and Victoria Beckham, Keifer Sutherland, Whoopi Goldberg, Ellen DeGeneres, Sarah Silverman, Keith Urban, Dane Cook, Vanessa Hudgens, Ashley Tisdale, Rob Schneider, Tyra Banks, David Spade. Ben Stiller also appeared after the close of the show, doing a quick skit arriving to an empty theatre for Idol Gives Back.

Gordon Brown, the Prime Minister of Britain, also appeared in a video. He pledged that his nation will give 200 million dollars to the cause, which is equivalent to 20 million dollars that will prevent malaria from spreading in Africa.

Idol Gives Back raised over 60 million dollars from donations from both America and Canada.

That total continues to rise, as the lines remain open, according to Seacrest. If you would like to donate, you can call 1-877-IDOL-AID, or 1-877-436-5243, or go to Americanidol.com for more information on other ways to donate.

New Kids on the Block Reunited

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Nearly 14 years after the release of their last album, Face the Music, Bostonian boy band New Kids on the Block is on the reunion. Now grown seen, these ex-teens heartthrobs, hope to reach out to their aged fans of the late 80’s and 90’s. The new album, which is still untitled, is set to drop this summer, followed by an international tour in the fall.

New Kids on the Block is comprised of five members: Jordan Knight, Jonathan Knight, Joey McIntyre, Donnie Wahlberg, and Danny Wood. At the height of their career, the quintet sold over 70 million albums worldwide, as well as countless concert tickets, t-shirts and lunchboxes to their adoring female fans around the world.

The group broke up in the mid-nineties after much success. “We were just tired. What happened to us in the span of a couple years was mind-blowing, and no one really knew what it was. We were learning as we went. A lot of groups today know the mold and plan accordingly. We didn’t start out with the idea that in two years we’d be playing stadiums. So by the end of our touring obligations in like 1992, we just want to go home,” explained band member Joey McIntyre.

Performing was in their blood and it was not long before some of the members ventured into solo careers. Jordan Knight was one of the first to release a solo album in 1999 and his single “Give it to You” reached #10 on the Billboard Hot 100 list.

Jordan’s brother Jonathan chose to leave the music industry all together and started a career in real estate, far from the watchful eyes of the media. Joey McIntyre also tried the reins at a solo career. McIntyre released his album in 1999 as well, entitled Stay the Same where he too landed a spot at #10 on Billboard’s Hot 100 for his single “Stay the Same.” In 2001 he attempted to release his second solo album, Meet Joe Mac, which did not gain much media attention. McIntyre gave acting a try and starred in a season on the televi-
sion show Boston Public as well as the Broadway Musical Wicked.

Donny Wahlberg chose a different path and veered away from the music. Wahlberg started a movie career. Some of Wahlberg’s work includes roles in The Sixth Sense, Band of Brothers, as well as Saw 2 and Saw 3.

Lastly, Danny Wood started his own record label based in his home town of Boston. Wood preferred to stay out of the spotlight for awhile and work behind the scenes. After years of refusing a reunion, all five guys agreed to give it another shot. “No, I want this to be that music, so we’re going to sing it with basically the same sound,” said Wahlberg.

The band is getting a head start and headlining 2008’s annual Zootopia concert on May 17th at the Izod Center, which is already sold out. A lot is riding on the backs of the members of New Kids on the Block and everyone is eagerly waiting to see if their comeback will be a success. There is no doubt about it that their fans are excited and want take a nostalgic trip down memory lane with their favorite boy band. Be on the look out for the release of their new album this summer.

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This story is for anyone who has a dream and is willing to do whatever it takes to make it happen. It's a story of travel, excitement, passion and most importantly a dream within reach.

Inspiration and opportunity can come from anywhere. They can come to you just as you expect it and in order to benefit from it you must be ready to pay the price. Opportunity will be knocking on the door of those who choose to answer. No one likes to think about it but in order to benefit from it you must come from anywhere. They can come from anywhere. They can come from anywhere. They can come from anywhere. They can come from anywhere.

Last week on Idol featured inspirational stories in honor of Idol Gives Back. Michael Johns opened the show with his rendition of "Over the Rainbow." He looked at Simon, which threw him off. While he did a good job, it was tough for the judges to not come across as harsh. "It was a lot of pressure," commented Simon Cowell. 

Last week on Idol, Michael Johns was one of the contestants to impress the judges. He opened the show with a powerful performance, and his vocals did not lack. While he didn't live up to the bar he set for himself, he proved of the writing of the words "give back" on Cook's palette, which meant everything to her at the end of his performance. 

Carlson Smithson appeared on the Idol stage for the first time, and his appearance was a legend. He gave the audience a perfect example of what dedication means. He sang "I'm not sure this was one of your best performances," said Simon Cowell, who added, "The audience noticed the problem, but the judges did not. We were then told to stretch and only having a few seconds be tween males and females. With all the competition, talent and passion in this one space it felt like the roof was going to blow off in the room. It was then told to stretch and hang in the area until we were all called in. I heard the new music from the closed doors while others auditi oned. You could tell that I was developed by the choreographers, as perhaps 50 people in the vicinity just by looking at the smiles on our faces. 

I began to sit down on the floor and try and find out more information in the audition process and what the other dancers' backgrounds were compared to me. One guy I met, I like, told me he had been dancing since age 3 and even tried out for the hit Fox show, So You Think You Can Dance. He told me, "I heard that the song we were going to be singing the choreography to today will be in the third film, how crazy?" Right after I heard my new group was the other group in the room was the new salsa and death silence in the room. All of a sudden the doors burst open and 50 other dancers entered into our neighbor hood. The room was filled with exciting energy, not a fun time for my eyes and nose. 

Finally, it was time. The rest of us piled into the room where we all had to go to the bathroom. I then got to go with the director/choreogra pher of the movie, Kenny Ortega and the other choreographers who worked on the first two movies: Chucky Klapow and Bonnie Story. Kenny had never been to a real dance, cool guy but no one would ever think he is a choreographer by looking at his appearance. He wore black jeans and a t-shirt, had almost no hair and didn't have the physique of a dancer, but in my mind that all didn't matter because he was a legend in the dance and film world. 

The judges and the choreography without the music and then the director said "play back" and the new song we were all assigned to play came on the speakers. The song was called "It Will Never End" and it was our job to make a new story and something I never expected to happen. I had the cast singing, "For all these years we've stood together, friends forever now we are going to move on. The future is our divide, but our friendship will never end. Let's see how this goes." The song came on and the judges and the audience were hooked and dancing their hearts out. 

After we all danced we were told to deliver a story of this Season (I was the male dancer). I was the one to deliver the last story of this Season. I got a great reaction. It was a huge pond of piranhas but I got to live out one of my dreams. My story was the morning Utah." 

This is the moment that made the whole trip worth it. "Happy are Those Who Dream Dreams and Will Not Let the Price to Make Them Come True," I never doubted myself and I gave 150 percent that day and in the end I didn't lose because I gained an unforgettable experience and an inspiring audition. To hear those words come out of the casting director's mouth was the most remarkable moment of my life. I have ever gone through. Since 1 I decided to get on the plane and go to Utah, I got to live one of my dreams and I will use this event to inspire me in whatever I do in my life."
Chayes went on to speak about some of the difficulties of running such an operation in a war-torn country like Afghanistan. “One of the biggest issues is trust. Nobody trusts anybody,” she said. The atmosphere of mistrust has caused the cooperative to adopt a non-nepotism rule that prevents the friends and family of members from working in the operation in order to avoid unfair majorities from forming. Trust is also a major road-block for the Afghan people because they do not trust their government, for which Chayes admires them, but lamented that, “no one will vote in the next election. They felt it was rigged. It made Florida [in the 2000 U.S. Presidential election] look like a case of free and fair.”

Another difficulty for the Afghan people, as well as the Arghand Cooperative, is the absence of electricity. Electricity is provided a hydroelectric dam where the turbine is broken. “We get approximately six hours of power every three days and because we need electricity to make the soap, we have to watch the equipment in shifts so that when the power comes on someone is there run the machines,” said Chayes.

Chayes related her experiences in Afghanistan to the convention and said, “Despite the cultural differences, I’ve been struck by the similarities between the Afghans in Kandahar and people living the United States.” She explained that both Afghans and Americans are dual citizens; the Afghans to tribe and country and the Americans to state and country. She stressed the importance of finding these similarities and said that they are “the ticket out of a thirty-year long nightmare.”

The floor was then open to the audience to ask Chayes questions. When asked what were the biggest concerns of the Afghan people about their country she cited the cleanliness of streets, properties and borders, and food and drug laws as a few, again drawing parallels to some of the things Americans are concerned about.

At the close of the ceremony, President Gaffney returned to the podium to thank all the people who had attended. In his closing comment he said, "There are two kinds of people in the world, spectators and players. You've just heard from a player."
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junior
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Student Employee Appreciation Day • 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM • RSSC Lobby
Alcohol & Marijuana Screening Day • 11 - 4 PM • Health Center
Spring Career Fair • 12:30 PM • Anacon Hall
Softball vs. Rutgers • 1:00 PM • Softball Field
Band - Vend, • 2:30 PM • Student Center Patio
Virginia Tech One Year Later - Candleight Vigil • 8:00 PM • Res. Quad
Ice Cream and Game Night Social • 9:00 PM • The Underground

THURSDAY, April 17
Marijuana Man • 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM • Student Center & Magill
Leadership Workshop • 2:00 PM • Carol Afflitti Conf. Room
Late Night Lounge • 10:00 PM • The Underground

FRIDAY, April 18
Education Symposium • 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM • Anacon Hall
Baseball vs. Quinnipiac • 3:00 PM • Baseball Field
Lacrosse vs. Wagner • 4:00 PM • Kessler Field
Glass Etching Program • 8:00 PM • The Underground

SATURDAY, April 19
Baseball vs. Quinnipiac • 12:00 PM • Baseball Field
Maximum Velocity EXTREME Festival • 1:10 - 5:30 PM • Bey Hall Lawn
An Evening with Groucho • 8:00 PM • Polask Theatre

SUNDAY, April 20
Baseball vs. Quinnipiac • 12:00 PM • Baseball Field
Lacrosse vs. Mount St. Mary’s • 1:00 PM • Kessler Field

MONDAY, April 21
Film Viewing: Striker • 2:30 PM • Wilson Auditorium
Student Loan Workshop • 6:00 PM & 7:30 PM • Wilson Auditorium

TUESDAY, April 22
ShadowNation Barbeque • Student Center
Black Light Volleyball • 7:30 - 10:30 PM • Great Lawn

WEDNESDAY, April 23
Snakes Alive! • 2:30 PM • Student Center Patio
SOAR Awards Program • 2:30 - 3:00 PM • Magill Commons
Student Loan Workshop • 7:30 PM • Wilson Auditorium

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CLASS of 2008
SENIOR WEEK

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD APRIL 10TH – APRIL 30TH AT THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE STUDENT CENTER. ONLY GRADUATING SENIORS MAY BUY TICKETS THROUGH APRIL 21ST. TICKETS FOR SENIOR WEEK ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND CAN BE PURCHASED WITH CASH OR CHECK. TICKET PURCHASERS MUST SHOW PROPER ID. ALL TICKET PURCHASERS AND THEIR GUEST MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED). ONE GUEST PER STUDENT ID (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED). ONLY GRADUATING SENIORS MAY STAY IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS DURING SENIOR WEEK.

Tuesday, May 13th
BAR A - $13
Spend time with friends, relax, and enjoy!!! All you can eat barbeque from 9:00 pm – 12:00 am. Shuttles to Bar A leave from the Student Center parking lot starting at 8pm. There will be 3 shuttles running from 8:00 pm – 1:30am (last shuttle home). Shuttles hold 15 passengers each, so plan your return time from Bar A accordingly. Bar A will ID at the door.

Wednesday, May 14th
MEDIEVAL TIMES - $45
Step back in time for an afternoon of lunch and jousting fit for a king. Bus leaves at 10:45am from the Student Center parking lot. Due to limited tickets, no guests will be allowed. (Under 21 allowed)

OCEAN PLACE - $20
Join the senior class for a barbeque dinner and bonfire on the beach (weather permitting--there is an indoor rain location for bbq) from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Two 15 passenger shuttles to Ocean Place leave the Student Center starting at 6:30pm and run through 10:30pm. Due to limited number of tickets, no guests are allowed.

Thursday, May 15th
CASINO NIGHT - $20
Spend 6 hours in Atlantic City!! This includes an $18 coin token to the Tropicana. The two busses will leave for Atlantic City at 2:00 pm from the Student Center parking lot.

Friday, May 16th
SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE - $25
Spend an exciting day at Six Flags!! The bus will leave Student Center for Six Flags at 10:30 am and will be leaving Six Flags at 6:00 pm. Limited tickets, so get them early! (Under 21 allowed)

Saturday, May 17th
SENIOR RECEPTION
hosted by President and Mrs. Gaffney
Semi-Formal-Free
This is a semi-formal event being held at the Doherty House from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (rain site TBA). Pre-registration required at the Office of Student Activities. No guests allowed, because space is limited to the first 120 people to sign up.

Sunday, May 18th
NYC TRIP - $12
Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of New York City. The bus will leave for NYC at 11:45 am from the Student Center parking lot and will be leaving NYC to return at 8:00pm. (Under 21 allowed).

Monday, May 19th
JACKS
Spend one last night at Jacks, where everybody knows your name! Shuttle vans will be available at the Student Center parking lot from 9:00 pm – 1:45am. There are two 15 passenger vans so plan your leave time from Jacks accordingly. Jacks will ID at the door.

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From the Soil Up

BOB DANHART
STAFF WRITER

SIFE Receives Recognition at Regional Competition

The Monmouth University SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) team returned from Long Beach, California after participating in the New York SIFE USA Regional Competition on April 3rd through 4th. This year was one of the best for the USA Regional Competitions being held across the United States in March and April.

After presenting a report of their year-long community outreach projects to a panel of business leaders, the SIFE team was named 2nd Runner-Up in their class. In addition, two of the members of the team were honored by the SIFE Vice President. The Monmouth University SIFE team was certainly a "haystack" in a field filled with less experienced and knowledgeable students. Months ago, especially considering a number of the team members being competitively new to this experience, the team set out to do the best they could. SIFE is an international nonprofit organization active on over 1,000 university campuses in 48 countries. SIFE teams create economic opportunity in their communities by organizing outreach projects that focuses on: market economics, success skills, entrepreneurship, personal financial skills and business ethics. During this academic year, the Monmouth SIFE team organized 16 projects that were held at Monmouth University, in the Long Branch Community, and internationally at locations such as Nigeria.

For the competition the SIFE team decided on showcasing four projects, starting with their SOWO portfolio. This acronym stands for Students Need Opportunities Worldwide. This is the umbrella name for the different types of outreach programs that are currently in our initiatives in schools worldwide. The projects within this portfolio fall under the four main categories: The Birds, The Runnig Hour, The Thrird, Coach Carter, Going Brothal, Dirty Dancing and Oceans.

The Monmouth University SIFE team decided on showing four different projects. Since these projects are based on student needs, the projects are geared towards helping schools around the world improve their overall student education and performance. These projects, designed to work on specific needs, are intended to become a part of the student experience in their schools. These projects are designed to help students understand the importance of having good grades and the value of education. The projects include the following:

1. The Birds: This project focuses on improving student learning in English as a second language and to improve the reading and writing skills of students in disadvantaged schools.
2. The Running Hour: This project focuses on improving student learning in science and technology, and to provide students with hands-on learning experiences in these areas.
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Questions? E-mail volunteer@monmouth.edu or stop by the Office of Service Learning and Community Programs, Room 301c in the RSSC.
Baseball Has Near Perfect Month

Hawks victorious in 15 consecutive games before Wagner loss on Saturday

ERIC WALSH
SPORTS EDITOR

On March 15, after the 11-7 loss to Duquesne in the Navy Base- ball Round Robin Tournament, the Monmouth University base- ball team was 2-8 and searching for answers that would remedy their poor start to the season. The very next day the team defeated Maine 7-4 in a 11 inning thriller of a game and started what would end up being a 15-game winning streak, which spanned from March 15 to April 18.

During the 15-game winning streak the Blue and White defeated in-state rivals Rutgers, Prince- eton, and NJIT, and improved to 18-9 overall, with a stellar NEC record of 7-1. That one game winning streak came in game one of their doubleheader on Saturday.

The Hawks opened the week with a solid 7-3 come-from-be- hind victory at Princeton on April 15. The team scored six runs in the seventh and eighth innings to complete the victory. Nick Valla- lio registered his second win of the year as he came in to relieve starting pitcher Brett Connor, who lasted 4.1 innings. The win over the Tigers improved the team to 12-2. With a two out, Monmouth got off to a strong start and never looked back, winning 5-1 and tying the

program record for consecutive wins with 13. The home team was able to man- ufacture a run in the bottom of the first inning, when a throwing error and a fielding error enabled Ryan Buch to score the first run of the contest. Even though the Leop- ards tied the game in the top of the sixth inning, MU appeared to be in complete control, scoring three runs in the home half of the sixth inning to regain the lead and se- cure the victory.

The win went to starting pitcher Kyle Bryce, who recorded his third win of the year. The right hander allowed one run on five hits in six solid innings of work. Re- lief pitchers Tim Dexter, Tim Bal- lard, and Justin Esposito logged three scoreless innings of work to secure the 5-1 triumph.

The Hawks returned to action on Friday, April 11, with the first game of their four game series in Staten Island against Wagner. Monmouth sent out their ace Brad Terry to score the first right hander did not disappoint. The starter worked nine innings, allowing just seven hits (all sin- gles), while walking only one bat- ter. He tied a career high with 11 strikeouts, improving his 2008 re- cord to 3-1 with the 5-0 MU win. Terry had the disadvantage of being faced with the theней in game one of their doubleheader on Saturday.

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A Word on Sports
There's Nothing Amateur About This Junior

ALEXANDER TRUNCALE
STAFF WRITER

I am, admittedly, an avid golf fan, and so naturally, Masters week is one of my favorite times of the year. For me, it’s the official beginning of spring, and by far the most prestigious tournament of the year. Throughout the CBS broadcast on Saturday, Jim Nantz and Graeme McDowell did a fine job of building up Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, and the leaders of the tournament, but disappointingly, there was no mention of Drew Weaver.

And why should there be? Weaver shot a 76 and an 80, missed the cut by eight shots, and was not even close for 90th overall. But despite all that, perhaps CBS could have mentioned Drew Weaver.

You see, Weaver is a junior at Virginia Tech, and it was one year ago today that a gunman opened fire on the Virginia Tech campus, killing 32 people. And although the men’s track and field National may not have been enough to turn heads, it was good enough for Weaver to dedicate his to his fallen classmate(s), who’s lives were taken too early.

Weaver was in rare company during this year’s Masters. One of three Virginia Tech athletes to make the field, the High Point, North Carolina native won the 2007 British Amateur Championship in July, and punched his ticket to Augusta, Georgia. However, just a few months earlier, he was sitting in his morning class in the Student Union Hall, where most of the victims were attacked, when he heard gunshots.

After rushing out of his classroom building, he looked left and saw a fleet of police cars and SWAT team personal. Just after an officer told him to take cover, six more shots rang out, and he ran for his life to the library, and stayed there, terrified, for the next three hours. The most surreal part of all this for Weaver was that he had classes in that very building. “So,” he said, “I would have been right in the middle of the shootings if they were a day later.”

There are times when great triumph can emerge over great tragedy, and this concept is exemplified perfectly by Drew Weaver’s story. Weaver had the shot put, but it was nowhere to be found. The most of the victims families may never get the closure they deserve. But, perhaps they can at least take solace in people like Drew Weaver, who, simply by playing a game, attempts to ease the pain that comes with the memories of that day.

As we remember and memorialize the one year anniversary of the massacre that occurred on the Virginia Tech campus, we should all keep in mind that nothing will make the pain go away, but we can do the right thing, those who were killed, and the victims’ families may never get the closure they deserve. But, perhaps they can at least take solace in people like Drew Weaver, who, simply by playing a game, attempts to ease the pain that comes with the memories of that day.
Double Trouble

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Monmouth pitchers Ryan Buch and Justin Esposito combined to shutout Wagner in Monmouth's 1-0 victory on Saturday in game 1 of the doubleheader in Staten Island. Full Story Inside