The University has been honored and awarded a grant by the New Jersey Council of the Arts as a major presenting organization for its substantial programming and artistic excellence.

This recognizes the University as one that significantly contributes to the quality of life, and stands among all other organizations and anchor institutions throughout New Jersey.

Vaune Peck, Counselor and Coordinator Arts Programming and Promotions, said that the University was notified of this honor on July 28, shortly after it was decided that it would be funded for the next three year funding cycle.

Peck also said that the Arts Council has been following the University’s progress annually. Recently, the Chairwoman of the Grant Committee attended an on-campus Met broadcast.

“It was based on a long history of providing excellent arts programming for the cultural enrichment the central New Jersey region which includes the internal and external community,” Peck said.

About the recognition, the grant panel stated that the University had a high caliber program, and that there is a strong, positive focus on combining the University and its surrounding communities with its arts programs and presentations.

The grant panel also said that God; they are all Monotheists, believe in a single God. Attendants included students from religious classes, professors, several deans and many special guests. The guest speaker of the event was Dr. Farrukh Mohsen, Ph.D., P.E., and environmental engineer by training. Dr. Mohsen earned his Ph.D. and M.A. in environmental engineering and water resources from the University of Waterloo, Canada. Dr. Mohsen has 33 years of experience in hydrogeo-

**Survey Suggests that Student Body is 20% More Involved than National Average**

**FRANK GOGOL**

**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

The results of the 2009 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), taken by 765 Monmouth University students selected at random, showed that MU students’ responses to the survey were similar to the national averages for academics and campus involvement.

Every year the NSSE surveys hundreds of students across the nation about how much time they devote to various learning activities. The results are used to develop A Pocket Guide to Choosing College, a book to assist prospective college students in choosing the school that is best for them.

The results are divided into five areas of learning that include: Academic Challenge, Active Learning, Student-Faculty Interaction, Enriching Educational Experiences, and Supportive Campus Environment.

Under Academic Challenge students were asked about academic work, exams, homework, and writing expectations.

When asked “To what degree is studying and spending time on academic work emphasized?” 83% of first-year students replied that MU

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“It gives students the opportu-
nity to see and experience art on a
greater level,” Thomas said.

Peck also stated: “In addition to a long history of presenting ex-
cellent programming across many disciplines, the University has made a serious commitment to a ‘Creative Campus’ model where-
by the arts are integrated into the curriculum with the sole purpose of make all students. The University has suc-
cessfully brought together students, faculty, staff, and
area high school students, and
members of the community in unique and rewarding ar-
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GOLAM M. MATHBOR
Associate Dean School of Humanities and Social Sciences

We recog- nize and thank Dr. Nuran Nabi, Councilman, Plainsborough, New Jersey, and his wife Dr. Zeenat Nabi being here with us this evening. Let me recognize some of my other colleagues present here with us.

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This evening’s lecture was very informative and interesting. Father Ireneus, the Monmouth University Catholic Center’s priest stated when the event was closing. “It was very good for students and faculty to hear tonight’s lecture.”

Dean Green of Humanities and Social Sciences explained how he had enjoyed coming together to learn about the Muslim Religion and to break bread jointly. There are over 1.5 billion Muslims all over the world; there are many followers of the Islam religion. “I am honored to be here on September 11 for this dinner in recognition of compassion, peace, and diversity,” Assistant Dean Michael Thomas appreciatively stated at the conclusion of the night’s event.
National Survey of Student Engagement Results

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places substantial emphasis on academic ranking the University slightly above the national average of 87%.

In the category of Active Learning, students were asked whether or not they apply their classroom learning to real life through internships and 72% percent of those surveyed responded yes ranking MU 20% higher than the national average of 52%.

Other topics assessed under Active Learning were how often students worked together on projects, whether or not students tutor each other, and how often topics come up in conversations outside the classroom setting. In all topics under Student-Faculty Interaction, MU ranked above the national average. This area of the survey assessed how developed the relationships between students and professors are in the classroom. Sixty-eight percent of students reported that they receive prompt feedback from professors on academic performance, which is eleven percent higher than the national average of 57%.

Enriching Educational Experiences provided insight into social, religious, and community interactions of the University. MU students ranked less than half of the national average of students who frequently engage in spirituality enhancing activities (worship, prayer, or meditation) with 15% of those surveyed indicating yes.

Under Supportive Campus Environment students answered questions to assess how involved the student body is, what the level of satisfaction with the education provided at MU is, and how well students staff, and administrators get along.

Nationally 15% of students reported participating in co-curricular activities for more than 15 hours per week. MU students said that 25% of students were involved in co-curricular activities for 15 hours a week or more.

For more information about the National Survey of Student Engagement visit www.nsse.iub.edu.

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Senior Class Officer Nomination Forms are Available

Nomination forms are now available for the positions of Senior Class president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

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Drinking 101
A Study Shows the Drinking Age Should Remain the Same

Chicago Tribune

Last year about this time, a group of more than 100 college presidents caused a stir by launching a push to lower the drinking age to 18. Their goal: To cut down on the pernicious, sometimes lethal problem of binge drinking on campus.

The presidents called it the Amethyst Initiative, named after the ancient Greek words that mean “not intoxicated.” The college leaders hoped that a lower drinking age would encourage more responsible drinking on campus.

That it wouldn’t.

“Raising the drinking age to 21 has been largely effective in reducing binge drinking everywhere, except — you guessed it — on college campuses.”

The Outlook

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For one thing, young adults who aren’t in college are more likely to still be living at home, and therefore under at least some parental monitoring. They’re also more likely to have jobs. It’s a lot easier to skip a class in the morning to nurse a hangover than it is to call in sick to work.Bosses aren’t likely to be as forgiving as the Psych 101 prof.

Whatever the reasons, the lesson couldn’t be clearer for the college presidents who think lowering the drinking age would solve their campus drinking problems. It won’t.

The best way to curb binge drinking on campuses isn’t to make it easier for kids to knock back a few legally. It’s to enforce local laws against serving or selling to minors. And making sure that residence hall advisers are more likely to still be living at home, and therefore under at least some parental monitoring. They’re also more likely to have jobs. It’s a lot easier to skip a class in the morning to nurse a hangover than it is to call in sick to work. Bosses aren’t likely to be as forgiving as the Psych 101 prof.

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Rude Behavior in College Classrooms is Often a Matter of Course

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO Lee Shumow doesn’t want to hear her students’ text messages, or be their friend on Facebook, but to their chagrin prefers an old-fashioned way of communicating—e-mail.

The educational psychology professor at Northern Illinois University appreciates when students take the time to reply. It’s an extra treat when they don’t begin their messages with, “Hey, Lee.”

She and many of her colleagues believe such informality has seeped into the college classroom environment, cutting students off or that’s best described as rude or oblivious. As students know all too well this month, instructors bracing for yet another onslaught blame technology for creating a disengaged generation whose attention is constantly diverted by laptops, phones and iPods.

Others point to the unruly classroom as a reflection of an increasingly ill-mannered society. Nearly 70 percent of Americans polled in 2005 said they believe people are much more rude than they were 20 to 30 years ago.

“It really cannot imagine having addressed any teacher I had in my career as ‘Hey’ and then their first name, ‘said Shumow, who has earned an award for undergraduate teaching in 2005. But man, the world has really changed since I was a student.’”

2005 said they believe people are more rude than they were 20 to 30 years ago. To their credit, most students are respectful and more inquisitive than the faculty members say.

Yet professors also find they must devote space in the syllabus to ask students to refrain from texting—sometimes using the Web, texting or answering cell phones during a new lecture. They won’t stop the lecture, but they’ll let instructors know it’s an extra treat when they do.

“The attitude often is: ‘I don’t need you, I have the Net,”’ said P.M. Forini, director of the Civility Initiative at Johns Hopkins University and a professor of Italian literature. “These are students for whom the computers are the training wheels of their knowledge since early childhood. Many of them will think nothing of starting to text as you convey a commentary on Dante’s ‘Divine Comedy.”

Although the decline in classroom manners has not been documented in evidence-backed research, Forini said, the “anecdotal evidence is so massive it becomes rather reliable.”

There is a sense, he said, that the relationship between student and teacher is now likened to one between a client and service provider. “The prestige of the teacher is now much less,” he said. “For many students, they consider the teacher as a provider of knowledge and wisdom has decreased as the importance of the information technology has increased,” he said.

Professors should set a tone of respect, Forini said, and define and bound areas from day one. “If you taught the students, Forini said, they know that the professor would be explaining that he grew up in Italy during a different generation, and what to wear in class in a classroom was considered rude. He considers it a distraction.

“I say, ‘Listen, I cannot enforce this. I am just asking you as a favor not to wear a cap in class for this reason,’ “ Forini said. “Nobody from that moment on wears his cap in class.”

Students usually respond well, teachers say, when they understand the expectation of them and what they can expect from the professor— including respect. Rebecca Lessenberry, 19, of Waukegan, Ill., and a classroom would agree. They were stung last spring by an instructor’s reprimand when they arrived for a speech class at the College of Lake County in Grayslake. “We smelled like cigarette smoke and our teacher decided to humiliate us and say, ‘Do not smoke before my class and sit next to me,”’ Lessenberry said.

In response, “We would just smoke even more before class,” said Allyce Doorey, 21, of Lake Villa, Ill. The two recalled how they wet their hair before smoking, to be sure the odor stuck.

Students also have little patience for instructors who ramble off topic, talk extensively about their personal lives or espouse political views or religious doctrine.

“The very nature of some class subjects can provoke discussion—or arguments that offend,” Shumow said. “I think it’s all in the way the instructor approaches the particular situation and addresses students,” said Kenny Lane, assistant English professor at Joliet Junior College. She assigns readings on topics such as race and faith that can be delicate.

“When we are 18, we may not be aware of how different our views are from others,” Lane said. “I find it interesting and worthwhile territory for us to cover, but at times it can be challenging.”

John Koepke, an electrical engineering instructor at Joliot Junior College, once had to dismiss a student for tossing wads of paper around the room. The two talked about it before the next class, and Koepke said he learned that the student didn’t feel challenged and was acting out because of that.

He encourages students to drop for no reason, and he wants them to figure out what class material they can apply in their lives.

“A polite note: ‘They feel more comfortable asking questions than in earlier years,” Koepke said. “It is used to almost be alien.’

Ill-mannered students don’t just grate on the teacher, they also irritate classmates. “I always have the one (classmate) who thinks they know everything,” said Natalia Garcia, 21, of Waukegan, a CLC student. “They actually argue with the teacher sometimes. It’s annoying.”

Sarah Katula, a nursing instructor at Elmhurst College, recently sat on the other side of lectures as a graduate student at a Chicago university. She was surprised at the number of students playing games on their laptops during lectures, and was especially annoyed by a woman who sat behind her in statistics class. “Every class, she would eat her yogurt and she would blink her spoon ... to get every last bit of it,” Katula said. “The chewing of food made me nuts.”

NIU’s Shumow agrees that older returning graduate students pose a special set of challenges, especially if juggling full-time jobs.

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OUTLOOK STAFF

With the opening of the MAC this week, the hype about it on campus has been at an all-time high. The facility really is a marvel and could be considered the crown jewel of the campus. In just about all aspects it outshines its predecessors; the gym is newer, the basketball courts are bigger and it brings a whole range of new classrooms and lounge areas to campus.

There is one aspect of the MAC that is surprisingly not as impressive as the others: the University Store.

At first glance, the new store looks incredibly nicer than its former local, but as we all know looks are not everything. There seems to be less merchandise in the new store because of the smaller accommodations, but more of an emphasis on it than books. In the past it seemed to be called the Bookstore (officially or unofficially), but the sign outside of the new store surely reads “University Store” and seems to have a subtle acknowledgment of the store’s de-emphasis of the book aspect of it.

In terms of supplies, there seems to be a great deal less available than in the old store. Art supplies are solely the opinion of the Opinion/Editorial section. Due to legalities, The Outlook reserves the right to withhold any articles deemed inappropriate or otherwise unfit to print in the Opinion/Editorial section.

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Studying On Campus

SARAH AYSE JAMESON
OPINION EDITOR

Ok, so summer’s official-
ly over. I wore a jacket in the chilly rain the other day. I know, I
know; tear, tear! However, the more the time passes, the closer we are to next summer! It’s le-
gitimately time to start to study, to pass those extremely difficult classes which we all need to sur-
pass in order to one day gradu-
ate!

It’s time to study, which means it’s time to find a quite place and open your books as well as your mind! Find a quite place. That is pretty diffi-
cult to do here at Monmouth University with all the racket and hype! I can let you all in on a little secret, freshmen espe-
cially, there are many places to study, which is on the dorm side of campus, is a
Monmouth University Library, definitely find a better place! The noise and crowdedness, you can make sure that you all get your study in. With all the
study here on campus!

First of all, your dorm room is
and most times relaxing music
mu library is open until very late every night, so it is there to be
service to all students looking for a quite location. The Student Center is a place to hang out with friends, but it also offers many computers to work with and tables to study at, on the second floor. I must say, personally, I happen to enjoy do-
ing my work in Java City, which is on the first floor of the Student Center. Java City is a relatively quite café with tables to work at and most times relaxing music to calm your mind, to be able to think clearly. Java City also presents many delicious snacks and drinks to fill you. Coffee is its specialty, and caffeine gives you energy!

Other location sites to do some
much need studying in are the Howard Hall computer rooms as well as the Jules Plangere com-
puter rooms. They are open during the week, and unless there is a class performing in them, they are open to
MU students.

So, ok, I’m not totally down on study-
ing in dorms. I do agree some-
times it is neces-
sary and use-
ful, but try and find a space where you can be alone with your books, your open mind, and your study.

There is a list of several study
sites, some better than others,
and study with a party going on in Java City, which is on the first floor of the Student Center. Java City, sonally, I hap-
pen to enjoy doing

One of The best places to study on campus is the Library.

Corrections:
In the story “Honors School Relocated to Beechwood Hall” that ran in the News section last issue, the name of the of the Honors
former location was misprinted. It should have read: “Birch.”
There are no other corrections to report at this time.

No News Isn’t A Good News

EDWARD WASSERMAN
MCCAFFERTY NEWSPAPERS

Publishers have been tailoring
their products to suit partic-
elar enclaves of readers for years. The logic is that you create customized editions trimming with content that people in a particular area are especially easier to see. Publishers the Gentlemen’s Quarterly, the gorgeous, beyond-cool fash-
ion mag, which turns that sen-
tional story to the segment of its readership that would be most keenly interested in it. That’s not zoning itself, but perhaps a slight redlining.

The story, No News, Dare Call It Con-
spicuous, by a veteran foreign correspondent named Scott Anderson. It examines allegations that a series of 1999 apartment bombings that killed hundreds of Russians was the work not of Chechenya ter-
rors, but of elements within Russia’s own security service, who schemed to provoke a sec-
tor against the breakaway province and help one of their own, the then-obsolete prime minister Vladimir Putin, rise to the presidency.

Apparently GQ’s owners, the giant Conde Nast, itself owned by even more giant American publishers, don’t want to irritate the truculent Russian leader. So they didn’t ship the issue to Russia. Plus, they kept the story off GQ’s Web site, instructed its employees to keep quiet about it, ordered that it not be re-
printed in any of GQ’s sister periodicals.

The article isn’t teased on the cover, and to find mention of it you have to journey deep into the table of contents on page 16 to learn the article ap-
pears on page 246. This all came to light only after David Folkenflik, the former Baltimore Sun reporter who covers the media for Na-
tional Public Radio, broadcast a scathing report and posted a companion story on NPR’s Web site. Precisely why GQ went to such lengths to keep news of this story out is that sometimes just such a concentration of power in a single corporate nameplate confers benefits beyond fattening the already fat, it’s that sometimes just such a concentration of private, concentrated power is necessary to stand up to governmental bullying and blow whistles when they need blowing.

And this deplorable affair puts the lie to that fiction. GQ’s owners’ vast size didn’t ensure it a stronger voice, only a bigger

muzzle.”

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What you need to know about tailgating at Monmouth

Over the course of the last 8 years, Monmouth University established a series of guidelines that directed how tailgating would take place on-campus. The guidelines have always focused on improving tailgating in a way that promoted common sense, good decision making and safety. During the spring 2009 semester, the Monmouth University Board of Trustees voted on and approved new tailgating guidelines effective fall 2009. A copy of the guidelines was shared with the entire Monmouth University community via email (April 10, and September 4, 2009) and through the Outlook (April 22, 2009). The following guidelines were developed by the Homecoming Committee which is made up of a dedicated group of student leaders that includes our fraternities and sororities, SGA, SAB, and RHA as well as members of Alumni Affairs, Athletics, the Division of Student Services, the Monmouth University Police Department, Facilities Management and representation from our faculty.

- **Tailgating is not permitted during the game or at halftime.** Patrons must attend the game they will be asked to vacate the campus. Members of the Monmouth University Police Department will walk through the commuter parking lot 30 minutes before the start of the game to remind patrons of this rule. Those individuals who attempt to remain in the lots during the game may be subject to criminal prosecution.
  - Patrons may tailgate for 2 hours following the conclusion of the game.
  - Tailgating will take place in the commuter parking lot and in parking lot 25 for patrons with reserved parking.
  - Patrons will be allowed to enter the parking commuter lot at 9:30 am on game day. Overflow parking will also be available in parking lot 16 when necessary.
  - For the safety of all our patrons, kegs, party balls, common source/mass quantities of alcohol, hard liquor and glass containers are not permitted.
  - All University and state regulations that pertain to the legal consumption of alcohol will be enforced. Patrons that wish to consume alcohol must be 21 or older and be prepared to show legal proof of age to the MUPD or a University representative/agent when requested. Those individuals found guilty of underage drinking/possession or intent to distribute to minors are subject to criminal prosecution.
  - Drinking games and paraphernalia are not permitted, will be stopped and will be confiscated.
  - Patrons may bring in and set up a single tent only on game day and not to exceed 10 feet by 10 feet. The tent must be removed at the end of game day.
    - Gas and charcoal grills are permitted.
    - Animals are not permitted on-campus.
    - Bands, DJ’s, loud music, stages or platforms are not permitted in the parking lots.
      - Tailgates must provide food to their guests.
      - Soliciting and outside caterers are not permitted.
  - Patrons entering the campus for home football games will be required to pay a small parking fee.
  - Recreational vehicles are permitted and will be directed to lot 18 which is located in the southern section of the commuter parking lot. Reserved parking patrons, who arrive with a recreational vehicle, will park in lot 25.

Please note that the tailgating guidelines apply to all home games including Homecoming. Thank you in advance for playing an important role in making the tailgating experience safer and more family friendly for all involved. We look forward to seeing you at this year’s home games.
Welcome Back! Everyone! They Student Council for Exceptional Children is a student organization which is part of the Council for Exceptional Children, a national professional organization which supports the education of individuals with special needs. The Monmouth University student CEC will be holding many events and meetings this year involving individuals with special needs.

Our first member meeting will be Tuesday September 22nd, the location is TBA. Our meetings are held monthly. Flyers announcing student CEC events and meetings will be posted in the student center and Mcallen Hall. For more information email s0603523@monmouth.edu.

SOCIETY CLUB

Hey fellow student! I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and you are all ready to work hard once again! Last school year, the Sociology Club had a wonderful and active time. We hosted many events including social drives to help others and we also successfully raised money to donate to The Weisman Children’s Rehabilitation Hospital, in South Jersey, and they were very grateful! We hope to make this year just as rewarding, if not even better than last, for the club and for others! We meet regularly, in Bay Hall, so look out for posts about the first meeting! The Sociology Club is a very social and active club to be a member of, so if you enjoy helping out the community, with your friends, come out! We hope to see you all there!”

Psi Chi

Welcome new and returning students! Haw TV wishes you the best of luck with the 2009-2010 school year. Haw TV is the student run campus television station, airing 24-7 on channel 12. We are inviting everyone to come out and participate in our organization where you will learn the ins and outs of a television station, while gaining a new family. Best of all, no prior experience is necessary!

Some of our original content includes: “The Extra Point” which covers both campus and professional sports. “Haw TV News” provides updates on campus issues and events as well as what’s going on in the community.

“M-Squared Live” brings local bands to the Monty Film and Television Studio, in the Plangere Center, for a live, free concert. “M-Squared” is an hour-long music video show that brings together both up and coming mainstays and artists in your dorm room. “L.O.L!” is our original comedy show that is sure to please your funny bone in the community.

Hilleg

Come join the MU Hillel - Jewish Student Council for our first meeting this semester on Sept. 23, 2009 at 2:45pm! Room: Student Center 202A

We will plan our upcoming year’s events! All are welcome! PRESENTATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED!

Zeta Tau Alpha

Zeta Tau Alpha hopes the Monmouth Community had as great of a summer as they did. But the sisters of ZTA are looking forward to a great year ahead. ZTA looks forward to working with upperclassmen candidates to raise money for their philanthropy, Breast Cancer Awareness and Education. Save the date of October 10th to come to ZTA’s Think Pink Women’s Night Tournament with fraternity, Sigma Pi. ZTA wishes the Monmouth community a wonderful back to school this semester!

Republican Club

The College Republicans Club make and promote the principles of the Republican Party; and encourage, bring awareness, and promote active functioning of the Republican Party at local, state, and national levels. The political skills and leadership abilities among students as preparation for future service to the party and the nation. For more information, please contact Kevin Franken at 732-2635525 or Gerard Schaefferber at 732-571-3447.

Pumpkin Carving ~ Sunday, Oct. 25 at 8PM after 7PM Mass

Volleyball Tournament ~ Sunday, Oct 25 at 11AM-3PM, Student Center

If you have any questions or you would like to get involved please contact Ais B. at s089431@monmouth.edu or visit www.save.org

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Information Table 11AM-3PM, Student Center

Welcome to the 2009/2010 school year! It’s going to be great! We, at the Outdoor’s Club, just want to extend an invitation to all students to come join us during our meeting Sept. 23rd. It’s a chance for you to visit the space of the fireplace in the Student Center which will then continue every week at the same time.

We, as a club, go on many trips throughout the year. Our trips last year included weekend camping expeditions, two white water rafting, the upcoming year’s events! All are welcome! PRESENTATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED!

Go Pink! Flyer

Our outdoor events are all about meeting new people and walking around the Monmouth community. We hope to see you there!
How Spain Opened My Eyes Taught Me to Appreciate My Life

JESSICA PEREZ CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I was very reluctant in the beginning to consider this opportunity as the next step in my life. I have never spent more than a few days at a time away from my family especially in another country, living with strangers and embarking on this trip with 11 girls that I did not know. Although getting over the pre-trip nerves was difficult it was the best decision I ever made. I remember it like it was yesterday arriving at JFK on June 13th saying that I had butterflies in my stomach was an understatement. I said goodbye to my family and began what would be the best encounter of my life. When we arrived to Spain at first I was completely taken back by the difference in culture, and way of life. The family that I was placed with were wonderful, sweet, compassionate, welcoming, interesting and fun; there were not enough words to express the happy environment. Our room was small with no television, but a beautiful view of the ocean. The food was different then what I was use to and often a repeat occurrence but non the less it was good. Cádiz was the most gorgeous place I’ve ever seen. It was so old and quaint with some of the nicest people I’ve ever met. There was a place to life is much simpler and they take pride in their culture and especially their family. The plazas and the Galés (the beach) were my favorite places to spend my time.

“The poverty in Morocco definitely opens your eyes to the luck and fortune one has in the United States and definitely made me appreciate Cádiz more.”

I would see especially the gorgeous town of Chefchaouen. All of Chaouens walls and doors are painted various shades of blues and white to keep the buildings and houses cool and mosquito free. The poverty in Morocco definitely opens your eyes to the luck and fortune one has in the United States and definitely made me appreciate Cádiz more. We took some extraordinary excursions and saw some of the most beautiful, antique and breath taking churches, cathedrals, roman ruins and museums that I never thought I would experience. That is one thing that I would change, the excursions to Granada, Sevilla, Bolonia and Tarifa were very impressive. There is one thing that I would change, the trip to Madrid. Although Madrid is gorgeous and full of culture and history it was very upsetting not being able to spend our last days in Spain in Cádiz. I would also recommend two free weekends in Cádiz, although we were there for six weeks I do not think it is nearly enough time to really get everything out of the best place on earth. The classes were also a great experience, I never thought that I would enjoy class when in another country but the professors and staff of Mundalenguas are wonderful people and have made a great impact on my life. I have never been surrounded by more caring, loving and involved people and it was a great relief having them there along with Dr. Maginn. I do wish she was there for more than half of the trip; it is just a great relief having someone from home there with us.

I met some of the most wonderful and developed life long friendships and memories that I will always be grateful for. This definitely was a once in a lifetime experience and I encourage anyone who has the opportunity to go study in Cádiz it is definitely a worthwhile experience that one will cherish forever.
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HUMANKIND’S LAST HOPE LIES WITH 9

MATTHEW FISHER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Hollywood’s favorite number at the moment isn’t seven figures but a single digit, nine. This past summer audiences were blown away by the sci-fi hit District 9, and this fall an adaptation of the Broadway musical, Nine, comes dancing to the big screen. However, in between that moviegoers have another numerically titled film to enjoy, 9.

Produced by Tim Burton (soon to be released Alice In Wonderland) and Timur Bekmambetov (Wanted), 9 is based upon the Oscar-nominated short film by Shane Acker.

While watching the movie, it’s not difficult to see the inspiration and points that Burton and Bekmambetov put into this feature. There is a world and enchanting creepiness to 9’s world that Burton is famous for and great action-packed moments that Bekmambetov showed in Wanted and Nightwatch. Yet, as the film progresses, Ackers characters and forms. The computer generated imagery (CGI) in the film is incredibly done to develop this isolated, dead world. The animators did a wonderful job creating this world and they managed to make Earth seem like an alien world with living ragdolls as well as mechanical monsters as the dominant life forms.

The stitching on the 9, 2, and 0 is detailed to say the least. There is never a scene that audiences can forget the great animation such as the ragdolls’ stitching are always present and the mechanical monsters continue to feel cold and distant. The world that Acker created is an interesting one that has been seen before of man (or ragdolls) vs. machines, but here it feels unique. Besides creating these very original looking creatures, a strong feature of the movie is that these lifeless creatures are given much humanity that it’s difficult not to resonate with them. It doesn’t matter whether it’s a friend or enemy having the determined hero 9 to fight a scary, evil beast. Just like Wall-E, the filmmakers terrifyrally make viewers connect with these beings emotionally.

Helping to flesh out these characters is a stellar cast of actors lending their voices to the animated roles. They all help to add different personalities to these lone survivors. However, at times the dialogue doesn’t feel necessary and the expressions on the faces of these rag dolls tell all that is needed.

Acker really has a handle on the silent moments of the movie and uses that to his advantage with some of the best scenes in the movie being silent. When they’re scared, their mouths open, and when they’re mad, they pinch their brows. The animators really get into how these dolls are feeling, as in the short film, and the voice work is just icing on the cake.

While 9 has the privilege of being one of a few PG-13 animated movies not to premiere direct-to-DVD, it doesn’t truly feel like a PG-13 film. Instead the movie comes across as being a very dark PG or a very light PG-13. It’s either too scary for young kids or not strong enough for teens and older audiences.

The only reason for the higher rating seems to be because of the possible illusion to drugs, death, and/or severed bodies and body parts featured in the film. Yet, believe it or not, Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince was rated PG and that felt much darker than this.

Regardless, Acker does a wonderful job of directing and handling the story with the help of Petter’s script and life, it may not be as ground breaking as other recent animation films like Up, it never disappoints.

There is always a great action scene to get audiences pumped up, very strong character moments to help us identify with these beings, and beautiful CGI. As with any sci-fi movie, 9 has a strong message that resonates about society and life, it may not take the determined hero 9 to lead the way.

MATTHEW FISHER

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The Many Looks of Lady Gaga at the 2009 VMA’s

After arriving on the red carpet with everyone’s favorite frog, Kermit, Lady Gaga caught everyone’s attention with her bizarre feathered neck brace and mask.

Performing live to her latest single “Paparazzi,” and finishing off the routine by dangling above the stage dripping in blood. This sure kept the audience on the edge of their seat.

Accepting the award for Best New Artist, hidden behind a red laced mask and oversized crown.

After pulling off her mask Lady Gaga proclaimed that her award was dedicated to the gays.

Watching the end of the award show Lady Gaga changed into this over the top wreath. Sitting cool, calm and collected in Radio City Music Hall.

Ending her eventful evening at an after party held at Avenue in NYC in her glammed up wardrobe change of the night, with this huge head piece.
GOODBYE PAULA, HELLO ELLEN

TAYLOR CORVINO
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

For the last eight seasons, millions of Americans tuned in to see young singers compete to be the next American Idol, but more importantly we all tuned in to see if Simon Cowell would succeed in making the contestants cry, how many times Randy Jackson would say “dawg” in one sentence, and if Paula Abdul’s comments would ever make sense.

After months of rumors, it was confirmed in August that Abdul was closing the curtains on AI and not returning for their ninth season. It seemed almost planned, after AI had just acquired a fourth judge, Kara DioGuardi, last season. With the departure of Abdul, AI would be able to return to their three-judge format that worked from the get go.

September 9, it was announced that comedian Ellen DeGeneres would be filling Abdul’s spot and join the AI family as the newest judge, signing a five-year contract with Fox. DeGeneres was always vocal about her love for the show, continually inviting the judges and past contestants on her day-time talk show. While most of us question whether or not DeGeneres has the proper credentials to judge such a competition, she is the voice of the millions of dedicated fans watching from home. She knows what we want to see and what makes us not change the channel, because for the past eight seasons she’s been on that side of the television with us.

DeGeneres is also no stranger to standing in front of large crowds and is familiar with what it takes to put on a show. With years of experience in stand-up comedy, her very own talk show, and hosting the 79th Academy Awards, DeGeneres will be able to relate to the contestants in a new way.

It was after DeGeneres was a guest judge on Fox’s other hit show, So You Think You Can Dance, that Fox executives began to consider her for the job. DeGeneres was always vocal about her love for the show, continually inviting the judges and past contestants on her day-time talk show.

So You Think You Can Dance, that her executives began to consider her for the position. DeGeneres said last week on her show, “I’m thrilled to be the new judge on American Idol. I’ve tweeted on her personal Twitter last week, “I think Ellen will be a great judge on Idol. She is wildly funny, talented and I wish her the best of luck.” DeGeneres has said repeatedly on her talk show that she fully intends to give honest criticism to the contestants but not be mean like her fellow judge, Cowell.

She joked, “When Simon is rude and mean, I will tell him he’s rude and mean, just like I tell him when he’s on my show that he’s rude and mean.” Idol auditions are currently taking place, but it will not be until the show premiers in January that DeGeneres will join the others at the table to begin the judging.

After eight seasons sitting between Jackson and Cowell, Abdul (left) is calling it quits and no longer judging American Idol. Comedian and talk show host DeGeneres (right) will be filling the new position when the new season begins in January 2010. Stay tuned to see how this new addition will fit in the popular show.

BOYS LIKE GIRLS CURSED BY THE SOPHOMORE SLUMP

KRISTOPHER REDZNIK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The slump is something that has become a trend for small market local bands that made it big. It has struck for the likes of Fall Out Boy and the infamous “Bubble Band” Cartel, but does Boys Like Girls have what it takes to avoid the slump and make it to this year like upper-classmen?

Since their debut album back in 2007, everyone has heard the likes of “Hero/Heroine” and “The Great Escape” from WMX’s to Z100 to the point where the words are pretty much imprinted into your memories. Their powerful lyrics and ballad-like, rock thrust them into the spotlight. Since their “Love Drunk” single was released anticipation for the new album (co-occidentally titled Love Drunk) has been growing. But does it deliver?

The problem is, it really depends on what type of package you were hoping for from the boys from Wyoming. The album can pretty much be summed up in one song, “Two Is Better Than One” which has guest vocals by, yes, no joke Taylor Swift.

Now don’t get me wrong, Taylor Swift has talent, her album was undoubtedly the album of the summer with that song about the cheer captain and the bleachers, but her vocals just seem out of place on what appears to be a truly mediocre album.

With their sophomore album, Boys Like Girls plays into a stereotypical sell-out role catering to the “tweenies” out their who will flock to purchase this album on iTunes to make it fly up the Billboard charts. The album is full of cheesy lyrics and dance beats that will be popular during middle school cantinax and will likely fill up plenty of neon purple, blue, and pink Ipods during this back to school season.

Boys Like Girls know that they have achieved pop-punk immortality after their first album and unfortunately their songs on this album pay the price. The beats are of course danceable, and the lyrics will become annoyingly unforgettable with their teenage fans, but when a band is aiming to produce an album, they should aim to change their style and not make a carbon copy of their first one and take some chances.

What Boys Like Girls did here was take a step back. Rather than put forth their songs with the passion and emotion that fueled their first album, they chose to create an album that will get most of their songs air play on Z100 for the next few months. Ultimately, Boys Like Girls took a three year hiatus to do some touring and ask in their 15 minutes of fame, but with an album like this, their 15 minutes is looking a little like it is only going to last until about 20 minutes.

Better luck next time boys, time to do a little less touring and a little more writing.
The sun is rising and so is the temperature, as another humid August day in New Jersey begins and I am heading off to slice for an Acme Deli. The line of beach goers is waiting at 8:00 a.m. and the request for the cheese to be cut thinner before I get a chance to slice a piece will not bother me today.

Nor will breaking down a slicer just to reopen it, as the crowds once again work themselves into a deli number grabbing frenzy. The reason? The overwhelming difficulty for both college and high school students to find work this summer.

Having worked the previous two summers at the Acme, I was looking for something new after completing my June internship. However, as many students found out the hard way this year there is literally no paying jobs available unless you have some sort of connection. I found myself lucky enough to have a good relationship with a previous employer, in a summer that according to an article in Newsweek was the worst for summer employment since 1948.

Ryan Keough, a Monmouth senior stated, “My hand was literally cramping up on me I had filled out so many applications.” According to Keough, despite what many possible employers called an impressive resume there just wasn’t any open positions for someone they hadn’t hired in the past. The economy will certainly play a huge role in every student’s life after graduation but the affects have already been felt and then some by students looking for a summer job.

Internships that would once pay a student to get experience in their desired field can no longer afford to and jobs that five to ten years ago would be filled by a part time employee are now filled by adults, who have been laid off and are able to work year round.

Oliver Forsythe, a Business Major, who lives in Hunterdon County, acquired an internship in New York City. This internship forced him to commute to and from Penn Station every day, with no financial compensation. The daily trip cost him 23 dollars a day, an absolutely crippling number for a college student. This number forced him to give up this expensive position.

Forsythe was among the majority of college students who struggled to find any place of paying employment this summer and the trend is nationwide. Besides simply having an ample amount of free time, this leaves college students not only more reliant on parents for financial needs but they lose a few lines of experience on their resume. This should prove to be the most hurtful part of the experience.

A good internship then becomes crucial to show what Andrew Sum, director of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University in Boston, calls “soft skills.” These skills teach the basic skills of the workforce like being on time, writing professional e-mails, and the patience to work in groups. If you weren’t among the lucky ones who had a job this summer, more jobs should be available as summer workers return to school, as well as jobs opening up on campus, which show future employers that students can keep a balanced schedule.

As students have struggled to find part time jobs there is a greater emphasis on spending smarter than ever. Nationwide there has been a rise in the amount of running shoes sold as people are ditching the costly gym memberships and going out to run. Avoiding going out and buying a cup of coffee each day and brewing your own can save a tremendous amount of money. Other Saving tips include Brita water filters, along with Ramen noodles and the usual cheap dorm dining. There are just a few examples of how students are pinching pennies across the country.

The silver lining for everyone is school is back in session and the economy has another eight months to turn itself around. With last summer being the worst for summer jobs in 62 years, it has to get better, doesn’t it?
Brian Blackmon has been publishing his Neptune City-Saturn Town cartoon in The Outlook weekly student newspaper since Fall 2007.

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Neptune City-Saturn Town by Brian Blackmon

No matter what people call you, make sure that it's a voter.
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Although the graphics evolved over the course of a year, in Fall 2008 Foxy returned again to the pages of The Outlook.

Heres to another dynamic college year.

Brian Blackmon

The distribution of our weekly student newspaper The Outlook adds to the aura of symbolic rebirth at Monmouth University is the revival of the many student organizations and publications which help define campus life.

Monmouth University Autumn: The Return to the Campus Dynamic

Brian Blackmon

As the late Phil Rizzutto used to so often, and so eloquently exclaim, “Holy Cow!” A landscape has been delivered yet another academic school year to the denizens of Monmouth University’s accredited repository of knowledge.

The carefree summer has again been replaced by those enduring tools of academia: reading, writing, and arithmetic.

The lines of cash registers in the college book store (now inhabited in no small part by the recently completed Multipurpose Activity Center) are once more proclaiming the presence of the hustle and bustle of commerce (certainly business majors must take note of so profitable an enterprise operating right under their own noses), while athletes of both mighty genders ceremoniously don the proud uniform of their beloved Alma mater (the mantle of their teams, a mighty torch that demands to be perpetuated) and take the field to demonstrate to the world the physical strength of the Monmouth Hawks.

In contrast to the oncoming shadow of winter which the fall so poetically portrays, the academic life of our University (true, it may be a lower rung as faculty and students fill classrooms with discussion and in the everything else, those quantities of exclusively priced text books weren’t purchased for the merit of their covers alone).

Here, the arena of Olympic competition is the lecture hall, and strength in this area shall assuredly be proven (as it shall be on the sports field), thanks to the powerful guidance of our instructors—steeped as they are, inexorably in the profound truths of their chosen area of immersion.

Certainly another event which can certainly be identified as one of these seasonally linked occurrences.

I have been regularly contributing to The Outlook since the fall of 2007, and it is amazing to me that our current academic school year will see the completion of my work for this publication, as I shall be graduating in May of 2010.

With the start of this brand new semester, coupled with my impending graduation that rests just upon the horizon, I wish to express my appreciation for the exciting experience which attending Monmouth University continues to be.

Credit for this positive and challenging environment must certainly be directed toward the hard work of our college’s brilliant faculty and administration.

I witnessed a clear example of the University’s dedication this past summer, when I was honored to be one of those scholarship recipients. I was then invited to attend the 2nd Annual Shadow Lawn Society luncheon, the purpose of this event being to facilitate the creation of scholarships.

Scholarships which make the college experience a possibility for many of us. It is important to recognize that each and every name attached to one of these scholarships represents a scholastic patron whose heartfelt support provides the capital to fund an educational future.

It is the tireless work of individuals such as Ms. Georgia West, the Director of Monmouth’s Gift Planning committee, who make the reality of such generosity possible. It goes without saying the impact of the work of the Shadow Lawn Society must be recognized and applauded by all members of the University.

Regardless of what year you find yourself affiliated (whether just beginning your race toward graduation, or currently in the process of taking your final proud and victorious steps to the finish line), it is important to retain the courage, positivity, and commitment vital in attaining your goals.

Certainly without Columbus’ dream, history would have very a different narrative.

Brian Blackmon

According to Washington Irving, in his 1823 book The Life and Voyages of Columbus, which concerns the trials and tribulations of one of history’s greatest explorers, “Let those who are disposed to faint under difficulties, in the prosecution of any great and worthy undertaking, remember that eighteen years elapsed after the time that Columbus conceived his enterprise, before he was enabled to carry it into effect” and “that the greatest part of that time was passed in almost hopeless solicitation, amid poverty, neglect, and tauntling delays, in almost hopeless solicitation, amid poverty, neglect, and tauntling delays, in almost hopeless solicitation, amid poverty, neglect, and tauntling delays, in almost hopeless solicitation, amid poverty, neglect, and tauntling delays, in almost hopeless solicitation, amid poverty, neglect, and tauntling delays, in almost hopeless solicitation, amid poverty, neglect, and tauntling delays, in almost hopeless solicitation, amid poverty, neglect, and 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Monmouth Students Take Political

With all of the recent political corruption the state of New Jersey has faced and the struggling economy, it’s no wonder Monmouth University students are reaching out—and speaking out—to on-campus political organizations in high numbers, making sure their voices are heard.

Among those MU students asked, issues of education, healthcare and the war in Iraq were expressed most prevalently as areas of political concern.

Chris Klug, a senior Communication major believes that fixing healthcare policies should be a primary concern of all Americans, since politicians are having such trouble reaching agreements within the issue. “In our political climate republicans are using scare tactics…it’s unbelievable to me. They are convincing democrats that Obama is not strong enough to lead the party. Something has to be done about healthcare in this country,” Klug said.

Aside from speaking out, Monmouth’s study body has become more active in political organizations.

Two years ago, the College Republicans Club was formed by students with a common interest in right wing politics. They currently have 44 members, and serve Monmouth’s student body, not only by encouraging party identification, but by urging students to exercise their right to vote and promoting party pride and leadership.

Another recent, student-formed club is Students Taking Action & Responsibility Today (START), which strives to make better the university and its student body by promoting peace and amicable relations with the adjacent communities. They encourage members to spread peace and unity throughout the university by supporting pro-environment, peace, pro-opportunity, pro-self, and pro-humanity issues.

Many students who take a more moderate stance on politics are speaking their minds as well. Klug expressed that the campaigns and issues of minor parties should be more accessible to the public, like those of the Democratic and Republican Parties. “I want to see non-major parties at least be represented fairly. It all has to do with financial background,” he said.

Since the war on terror was declared, Monmouth University’s Rebecca Stafford Student Center has been the host of a number of peace rallies and demonstrations that send the message: find a peaceful, effective way to end the war and bring American troops home safely.

Monmouth junior, Miriam O’Donnell, a Communication major and Information Technology minor says she used to vote republican but her views have recently changed, particularly about the war in Iraq and the economy. “I feel strongly about economic situation, healthcare reform, and national security and war. I think that this country needs to smarten up, fix the problems here, and take our troops out of Iraq. Then, hopefully these banks will stop giving out ridiculous loans to people who obviously can’t afford them. I am really looking forward to Michael Moore’s new movie so they can all be exposed, O’Donnell said.

The first College Republicans Club meeting of the fall semester will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 315 pm in room 126 of Bey Hall.

For more information about START, contact Nicole Martinez or William Mitchell at 732-571-3462 or 732-263-5644.
Under the program, St. Thomas will offer in-state tuition, housing and even the possibility of free. That's due, in part, because many public schools didn't need patrol - others, in the class on moving from mili - tary to civilian life shared his goal of going to college. “But looking back, it makes sense. The old GI Bill really limited what you could afford,” Jones said. “The new GI Bill will revolutionize that, I think.” Jones is in the vanguard of the revolution coming with the new GI Bill’s expanded benefits cover - ing tuition, housing and even books; it will put some 250,000 American vets on campus by 2011. Under a new companion ef - fort, called the Yellow Ribbon program, many more, like Jones, will attend private colleges and universities. He started classes at the University of St. Thomas last week. The size of the expected in - flux brings deep excitement and some concern, as students deal with the government’s backlog of claims and schools scramble to prepare for their arrival. Jones is a go-getter. By the time he graduated from Burns - ville High School in 2003, he had already enlisted in the Ma - rines. He was later deployed to Iraq. During the quiet times there, when deserts didn’t need patrol - lining, units didn’t need monitor - ing, and Iraq soldiers didn’t need teaching, Jones would plan for college. “It’s funny,” he said. “In Iraq, you have hundreds of hours of tedious nothing to do. So I’d think: How can I plan this to maximize the benefits most?” After consulting with a ranking officer and Harvard grad, he decid - ed to attend Normandale Commu - nity College, starting there after his return to the United States in 2007. The $1,400 he received each month for college covered the school’s cost, and not much else. Last spring, when it came time to trans - fer, he thought public. Then he heard about the possibility of the Yellow Ribbon pro - gram, and “it expanded my horizons.” He began lobbying St. Thomas to participate. The same day the school fi - nalized the program application, Jones turned his in. He was the very first undergraduate to ap - ply for the program at St. Thom - as — and university he “never, ever” could have afforded with the old plan. Now, he will attend for free. Under the program, St. Thom - as covers half the difference between the new, per-credit benefits and the actual cost of tuition and fees — or $1,256 to - ward the nearly $15,000 in tu - tion and fees for 16 credits. The VA matches that. In the end, as many as 15 undergraduates and many more graduate students will have their education fi - nanced. It’s up to each school to decide whether it will participate in the program, how much it will con - tribute, and how many students will get the awards. A first-of-its-kind report released this summer by sev - eral associations, including the American Council on Educa - tion, shows that public schools have much more likely than pri - vate colleges and universities to have programs designed for mil - itary veterans. While 74 percent of four-year public institutions surveyed had such programs, only 36 percent of private insti - tutions did. That’s due, in part, because they haven’t had all that many veterans attending. St. Thomas counted only 75 current military, veterans and dependents last fall. Already this year, 21 students have ap - plied under the Yellow Ribbon program. As its veteran population swells, St. Thomas administra - tors are discussing whether and how to set up special services for them. Twice this school year, it will offer two professional develop - ment sessions for staff called “We All Serve.” Its personal counseling staff is putting to - gether a support group for returning vets. People also are discuss - ing whether to hold focus groups with veterans to ask them what they want and need, said Mary Ann Ryan, executive director of cam - pus and residential life. “Do they want space? A stu - dent group? Who are we to say?” Ryan said. “Sometimes, too, they need to experience the university before they know what to ask for.” At the College of St. Scholas - tica, many of the 100 or so vet - erans were asking for space. It began a Veterans Resource Cen - ter, a room with couches, a com - puter and a flag that flew over Camp Liberty. “It’s a place to share with one another their experienc - es — things a typical student wouldn’t understand,” said Clar - ence Sharpe, director of transfer ed vice. When Jones was research - ing schools, he asked each one whether they had a student vet - erans organization. Most of the private colleges, including St. Thomas, answered no. So in addition to working part time, completing courses in his busi - ness management major and preparing for his MBA, he plans to start one. Most of the 200 chapters of the Student Veterans of America are at public universities, said Derek Blumke, the organiza - tion’s co-founder and executive director. He expects that with the new benefits, “we’re going to see a lot more private schools starting chapters,” he said. Jones believes having a group will help St. Thomas attract vet - erans, then keep them on cam - pus through what could be a tough transition. “For people who are just com - ing out of the military, they’re going to feel like, ‘I’m the only one here,’ “ he said. “No one else knows where I’m coming from, no one else understands my story, my background and my experiences. As soon as they see there’s an organization for them, all that will change.”

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What was the Best Part of Your MU 2009-2010 First Week?

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Christine junior
“Moving in late, on Wednesday! Extended summer!”

Danielle junior
“Seeing friends that I missed over the summer.”

Janine junior
“Being on the move!”

Tim junior
“Nothing good had happened.”

Michael sophomore
“Seeing familiar faces.”

Joe freshman
“I’ve met a ton of pretty ladies.”

Jillian freshman
“I live in Elmwood, it’s the best!”

Alex freshman
“Hanging out with Joe everyday; I’m one of his pretty ladies!”

Mike freshman
“I live in Pinewood, so I’m not suffering in Elmwood.”

Ryan senior
“Getting to eat lunch with Howie, my pal.”

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Campus Events This Week

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
Free Italian Ice • 1-4 pm • Patio
Convocation • MAC ribbon cutting
Chand Raat (Night of Henna) • 5-10pm • Anacon
Suicide Awareness Bake Sale & Info Table • 11am-3pm • Student Center
Suicide Awareness Speaker-Peggy Farrell • 7:30PM • Turrell, Bey Hall
-Candlelight Vigil immediately following • Residential Quad-

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
Isidro Blasce Deconstructed Views Lecture • 4:30-5:30pm • Wilson Aud. & Opening Reception • 5:30–7pm • 800 Gallery
Study Abroad 1st Step • Bey Hall 230 • 4:00-4:45pm
Suicide Awareness Information Table • 11am-3pm • Magill

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
Fall Pep Rally • 4pm • TBA
Battle of the Buildings Spirit Dinner • 4-7pm • Magill
Movie: Year One • 7 & 11pm • Oakwood
Dance • 9pm • Anacon

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
Grillin’ With the Greeks • 9:30am • Commuter Lot
Football vs. Duquesne • 12pm • Great Lawn
Comedian: Robbie Pinza • 6pm • Oakwood
Movie: Transformers: Revenge of The Fallen • 7 & 11pm • Oakwood

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Battle of the Buildings • 12pm • Res. Quad
Women’s Soccer vs. Lehigh • 1pm • Great Lawn

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
Study Abroad 1st Step • Bey Hall 230 • 4:00-4:45pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
Meet the Greeks • 10pm • Anacon

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Alternative Health Fair • 1-4 pm, Anacon A
Involvement Fair AND Make Reusable Canvas Bags • 2-3:30pm, Patio
Living with Lyme • 2:30-3:30pm • 202A
Library Open House • 2:30-4:30 pm
IFC Round Robin • TBA • Young Aud.
Ancient Practices for a Modern World • 6:30-9pm • Wilson Aud.
A Halal/Kosher Dinner • 6:30pm • The Club Dining Room

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Horoscopes

**Aries** (Mar. 21 - April 19)
Authority figures may now ask for extra input, creativity or assistance. Offer your skills but avoid criticizing the basic concepts of key projects. Over the next few days officials will be sensitive to subtle issues of leadership and group performance. Thursday through Saturday romantic relationships will require extra patience and diplomacy.

**Taurus** (April 20 - May 20)
Rental agreements, property contracts and long-term finances are highlighted this week. Public discussions will facilitate family agreement and increase home security. Provide clarity, revised plans and new strategies. Loved ones are open to your suggestions. After Friday some Taureans may encounter a rare or unexpected flirtation. New attractions will quickly develop into relationships.

**Gemini** (May 21 - June 21)
Social charisma and workplace appreciation is on the rise this week. Friends, colleagues and new business officials may now search out your advice concerning group events, team leadership or short-term contracts. Offer predictable responses. Creative ideas and sudden changes will not be well received. Later this week a new friendship may provide unique business or financial opportunities.

**Cancer** (June 22 - July 22)
Loved ones are now ready to address complex home concerns. Family planning or draining emotional triangles may be a central theme. Use this time to encourage discussion. At present, strained relationships will require consistent public attention. After mid-week ask key officials for extra instructions or new assignments. Workplace advancement may now depend on a display of confidence.

**Leo** (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Several weeks of slow home progress will now fade. Relatives or friends may soon push for greater involvement in family decisions. Pay special attention to issues of social planning and privacy. At present loved ones may need to feel validated by the group. Wednesday through Saturday business invitations will quickly lead to new assignments. Friends and colleagues will soon provide valuable introductions. Stay focused: new ideas will be accepted and followed.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Younger colleagues may this week challenge authority or request special assignments. Social and workplace differences are best left unexplored. After mid-week friends may ask personal questions and schedules need to be publicly discussed. For some, a previously despondent friend will now ask bold questions.

**Libra** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Over the next few days many Librans will receive a rare glimpse into the future of key relationships. Long-term planning, romantic promises and shared social values are all accentuated. Discuss all insights or impressions with loved ones. Detailed agreement is possible. Later this week financial news may arrive concerning property investments, ownership documents or government permissions.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
Romantic flirtation is now a strong theme. New friends or potential lovers will no longer avoid social invitations or physical attraction. Provide honest observations and clear expectations. Dates, times and schedules need to be publicly discussed. For some, a previously despondent friend will now ask bold questions.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Creative workplace suggestions will trigger fast progress and detailed negotiations. Several weeks of low ambition or vague financial promises are no longer valid. Key officials will provide new paths to success. After mid-week friends may ask personal questions or reveal private information. Listen closely for vital clues.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Delicate group debate or unclear instructions from authority are not easily resolved this week. Encourage patience and find positive ways to share social bonds. Co-workers will study your actions for guidance. Wednesday through Friday highlights complex social triangles and minor power struggles. Someone close may challenge the honesty of a new friend. After Saturday rest and gain perspective.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) - This week is a 9
New friends or colleagues search out your approval and emotional expertise. Complex team assignments or strained workplace relations are accentuated. Stay focused and ask for clear statements of intention. Social sensitivity is now vital for group success. Later this week a past friend may ask for extra time, patience or advice. Use this time to resolve ongoing mood swings or social disappointments. After Wednesday a business partner may announce an unexpected financial change.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) - This week is a 10
Emotional vitality and physical fitness are now appealing. Many Pisceans will soon improve health regimes, sleep patterns or daily routines. Loved ones will be supportive. Use this time to resolve outstanding issues. Romantic relationships will require extra patience and diplomacy.
Ron Lauch caught this fade pass from MU quarterback Kyle Frazier for a 19 yard touchdown to bring the Blue and White within one score of the Chanticleers.

I think we improved in a lot of areas from the first game which is something to build on and to motivate us going into our next game," explained Sinisi, who finished with seven solo stops. Brikowski logged a career-high 11 tackles (two for a loss) to go along with his interception. Once again, the Chants outgained Monmouth in total yards 410-174 as they dominated both sides of the ball for the second consecutive contest, including Coastal also converting 11-of-16 third downs, compared to 2-for-9 for the Hawks, and held a 34:05-25:55 advantage in time of possession.

Monmouth continues their 2009 campaign Saturday at Kessler Field against conference opponent Duquesne University.
Men's Soccer Ranked in Top 25 National Poll

CHARLES KRZITZ STAFF WRITER

From top to bottom the Hawks have a roster that is built to make a deep run in the postseason. Over the weekend the Hawks debuted as the 24th ranked team nationally, marking the fifth time that a team was ranked nationally under head coach Robert McCourt since 2006. The Hawks played on the Great Lawn against Delaware in a Friday-Saturday doubleheader against the Blue Hens.

The first task on hand was the nonconference Delaware Blue Hens whose record was 1-2 coming into the matchup. The Hawks bounced back from a 0-0 midweek series by only allowing one shot on goal. Much like the Delaware game the Hawks scored three of their goals in the first half. The Ryan's (Clark and Kinne) for the Hawks each had a goal and an assist contributing to this victory over American. Also, re claiming his first goal of the season to give the Blue and White their first goal was sophomore midfielder George Caiella.

Men's Golf Finishes Fifth in Early Tests are About to Get Underway

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The men’s soccer team, led by freshman Ryan Clark, has opened the season 5-0, with victories over Seaton Hall, American, and Delaware.

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