Well-known Director Tom Parr Shoots University Commercial on Campus

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A new commercial for the University that was taped in Wilson Hall and around different campus buildings was shot on September 16 and 17. Students had a chance to try out for the commercial through a casting call promoted by the Office of Alumni. It was held on September 14 on the second floor of the MAC and was open to all students.

At the auditions, students were called one-by-one to come in front of the camera where some of the Admissions staff interviewed each student separately to find out what they currently contribute to our university.

Tom Parr, a Monmouth Alum from the class of 1985, spearheaded this project. Parr is an award-winning advertiser and has done work in New York City and Michigan, where his family resides.

Parr, originally working as an art director, has drawn sketches that have gone on to become commercials for clients from FedEx to Cadillac. “He is so talented and so extraordinary to work with,” Communication professor Robin Kampf said.

On each day of taping, Parr and the cast were seen performing in front of the camera. “I wanted to get involved with the commercial because it seemed like a fun and exciting way to help represent Monmouth and it’s pretty cool to tell people I was in a commercial,” Stern said.

But, this wasn’t your average everyday commercial shooting experience. As soon as Dr. Dell, associate Communication professor, learned of this opportunity, the communication department looked for a way to combine the academic learning experience with the real world production process. The finished product is CO-398, a special project course taught by TV/Radio specialist Professor Robin Kampf.

In the class, students are serving as actual production assistants working alongside the producer, and after the SHADOW program and provided many activities during Wel- come Week. The SHADOW program is actually an acronym standing for Wellness, Arts, Leadership, Academics, Diversity, Or ganization and Involvement, and Wellness. The program is a challenge to first-year students to take advantage of on-campus programs for 10 weeks.

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New Commercial

For the first time ever, the communication department is offering a class that helps "students find hands-on work experience in the art of real life commercial production," Professor Kampf said.

According to Kampf, Robert D. McCaig, Vice President for enrollment management, was the first to learn about this opportunity and he has been making sure everything continued to run smooth during shooting and after.

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The scores and schedules for the Hawks, an updated weather forecast, polls asking for answers to questions that allow one to play an active role in the University, checklists to help students stay organized, and even the University fight song allowing the spread of school spirit.

"It keeps me up-to-date with events occurring on campus and lets me know how my Hawks are doing," said Daniel Room, a 20-year-old junior who is double majoring in finance and marketing. Margaret Dowe, a junior who is majoring in psychology, also shared her opinion about the app. "The app is extremely convenient for me to have on my iPhone because it lets me know what’s going on at Monmouth. It’s especially helpful because it has a directory of campus numbers, making them much easier to find as opposed to going online and searching for a specific one. They should find a way to make Monmouth e-mail accessible through it," she said.

The app was developed in partnership with Straxis Technology and Hobsons, and is available for download through the iTunes App Store or through the University’s website at www.monmouth.edu/connect.asp.

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I have only heard positive feedback"
Energy Service Corps Distribute Energy Efficient Light Bulbs

LAUREN GARCIA
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Energy Service Corps took part in an event run by the nonprofit group, Project Porchlight, on September 11. Volunteers went from door to door, offering the residents of Matawan light bulbs and information as to how they can save money and energy.

Volunteers from Brookdale Community College’s Circle K Club joined up with members of the Energy Service Corps to carry out Project Porchlight’s mission to inform the public that they can make a difference in their environment with a simple change of their light bulb.

Members were put through a training session with Vicky Allen, the volunteer and project coordinator for Project Porchlight, and then were split into four groups and given bags of 50 light bulbs to begin their mission.

“...We went door to door, explained to people who we were and why we were there to give them light bulbs and giving, if they wanted one, a light bulb.”

“... When asked if this event seemed to have changed any people or convinced them to change their life styles, Danielle Sammut, the President of the Circle K Club, responded: Absolutely. They [the Matawan residents] realized that there is actually a difference in the environment with a simple change of their light bulb. "It was a great and warm welcome that made me feel important and that the University really appreciated what I was doing," Nye said. Concerning the menu, students now have the option to create their own meals and their own tops in the dining hall. Lisa Harris, and a weekly attendance incentive for students, who only eat lactose-free or gluten-free products, but is necessary because bread crumbs from other products would mix in with those that are gluten-free. He mentioned that years ago, there would be three or four students who only eat lactose-free or gluten-free products, but now there are approximately 15 to 20 students each year with such dietary needs.

Every Wednesday will also include a themed celebration at the dining hall, such as a pretzel bar, and a "dip ahead" for chips. Vegetarian options can also be offered throughout the dining hall whenever students see a green balloon. "We just want students realize, 'hey, you can have it anyway you want'," Paar said. Once a month, themed celebrations will be held in the dining hall. There will be an "End of Summer Party" on September 29 with a steel drum band and prize giveaways.

The branches which take place during the annual Family Weekend will also occur each month for students. The first family style buffet was Sept. 19.

"It is all about making the students feel comfort. We use the students and their wallets.

Students are just beginning to realize they do not need to rush to get here for 8 PM," Paar said. "We also hope to reach people directly from the students, he wants to be informed if students have any requests, opinions, or complaints. As for the future, Nagy said, "We need to make sure that we are staying up to date with food trends; that access to services is improved, and as we look towards the future, how can we update the first floor of the Student Center from a food service perspective?"
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Service Learning and Community Programs
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School Program and Welcome Week

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dance to these events com-
pared to last year’s Welcome
Week. There were over 300
freshmen at the football game,
over 100 at Bingo,” said Dam-
aschke.

Megan McGowan, Student
Activities Coordinator, helped to
manage Welcome Week.

“Welcome Week provides
first-year students with many
social opportunities and chances
to make new friends and assist in
the adjustment from home life to
college life. It’s designed to start
the year off with a bang and get
students excited for MU,” she
said.

This year’s Welcome Week ac-
tivities proved to be beneficial in
the eyes of first-year students.
Freshman Tamorska said, “Welcome week was a great
experience for me. Monmouth
and the staff really made me
feel like I was home away from
home.”

Building Battle it Out
in Annual Contest

Participants from every resi-
dence hall undertook the chal-
lenges of the Battle of the Build-
ings, an annual contest amongst
resident students, on the evening
of Friday, September 17.

To kick off the competition, the teams met on the quad for
“You Can Build It.”

The groups were allotted two
hours during which they built
objects of their choosing out of
donated goods that were after-
wards given to Move for Hunger,
an organization that typically
transports food from moving
families to food banks.

Popular entries were replicas of Wilson Hall and other Uni-
versity icons, including Shadow
the Hawk and Shadows. Howev-
er, in the end it was Beechwood
that won this contest with their
beach-themed creations and
sandcastle.

Immediately following “You
Can Build It” was the Spirit
Dinner where students received
points for merely showing up
to eat. Some students came to
dinner decked out in their tin-
dyed shirts and cheered on their
buildings in the Wing Bowl, where Oakwood had the largest
appetite.

The activities continued on
Saturday night in the lounges
of the newly constructed Mullaney
Hall.

The night featured not only
classic favorites like Texas Hold
Em and Jenga, but also Wii
Bowling. In addition to these,

there was Mad Gab, MU Jeop-
ardy, and Taboo.

Willow showcased their lin-
guistic skills in Taboo, while
a majority of halls’ and apart-
ments’ knowledge of everything
Monmouth related was tested in
Jeopardy.

As the nights’ events were
wrapping up, students trekked
to the Oakwood lounge to relax
and watch a free viewing of “Toy
Story 3,” one of the many movie
nights scheduled as part of the
Fall Movie Series.

Upon the arrival of Sunday,
competitors and sponsors alike
prepared for the main events.
That morning, people wit-
tnessed contestants practicing
volleyball, deejays blaring mu-
sic, and the massive obstacle
course towering above the un-
derpass.

The volleyball tournament be-
gan at 1 pm and continued for
hours, with Oakwood having
emerged victorious. At the same
time, students bulldozed through
the obstacle course segment,
which was won by Pinewood
with a time of one minute and
20 seconds. Taking place next to
the blow up obstacle course was
hula hoop, where Laurel Hall
showed off their balance and co-
ordination.

In between the balloon toss
and pie eating contest, a dance
contest was held, where students
Aiyana Jones and Agha Alikhan
improvised dances for techno
and hip hop beats.

The pie eating contest proved
to be an interesting and messy
spectacle since students could
do not use their hands, but this was
no problem for the residents of
Willow Hall who won.

The Relay Races that took
place later on had students crab-
legged and three-legged walking
to the finish line.

By 4 pm tug of war took place,
the event that would decide the
champion of this year’s Battle of
the Buildings. Each round ended
within minutes, but felt like hours
to the observers and participants.

The final showdown was be-
tween Pinewood and Elmwood,
the latter having taken home the
trophy. Afterward, the competi-
tors walked off full of sand and
muscle aches.

Eric Mochnacza, a member of
the Residence Hall Association
(RHA) which organized Battle of
the Buildings, commented on
the competition as a whole.

“Battle of the Buildings was
successful in the sense that this
was the first time games were
held every night. The activities
on Saturday were designed to
keep students involved and gave
them the opportunity to partici-
pate in multiple events,” he said.

RHA will be involved in numer-
ous other events this year, such as
the Winter Ball, the Late Night
Lounge, and the Suitcase Party.

The Suitcase Party is a new
dance that will allow students
to be entered in a lottery to win
tickets for a Broadway show, an
overnight stay in a hotel, and
possible dinner vouchers for two.

Eric advises that if any stu-
dents want to help in the plan-
ing of these programs and
others, they should attend the
general member meetings on
Wednesdays at 8 pm.

Resident of Beechwood Hall used various food items to construct
a sandcastle.
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Sean Tyrrell
Thurs | Oct 7 | 8 p.m.
Eating Great Even Late in Magill Commons

GINA COLUMBUS

As a resident student for three years, I have a fairly good idea on how the relationship is between the Magill Commons Dining Hall and its students. With stations of burgers, hot dogs, a variety of pasta and chicken dishes, cereals, fruits, salads, pizza and deli, students can pretty much have it all at the University when it comes to food.

The extended hours of the dining hall should have been done years ago, but it is never too late to start a good thing. A half-hour extension will make a noticeable difference, and opening an hour earlier on the weekends is definitely something for residents to be excited about. For three years, this was an issue that my roommates and I consistently complained about. To walk into the dining hall at 7:30 pm after classes and see the cooks cleaning up their stations and not see much available besides the deli station, a few slices of pizza and the salad bar was an unsatisfying feeling. Or, waking up on a Saturday morning at 10 am, and having to wait an hour and a half before opening last year, it only makes the situation worse.

Would already be closed, leaving nothing but Hawk’s Nest Convenience Store open until 8 pm. After the immediate positive reactions Shadows received after opening last year, it only makes sense that the new schedule is only going to benefit the dining service itself and the students by being open on Sundays.

The menu seems to be improving in the dining hall as well. Did you know… your cartoon or picture can be here next week! It can be about anything but should be related to the Monmouth community, student life, or something going on in the news that week. E-mail submissions to outlook@monmouth.edu

Well done to Aramark, SGA, Vice President Mary Ann Nagy, and last but not least, the students, for making these changes finally happen.
Stay Connected With Monmouth’s iPhone Application

By now, some of you may have heard about an application that is wireless and we would need to perform, and perform

Anthony Panissidi
Co-News Editor

Roger "The Rocket" Clemens, one of the greatest pitchers to ever play the game of baseball, having accumulated 354 wins in 23 Major League (MLB) seasons, often said throughout his career that he loved the tough, "grind 'em out" way of playing. The games in which his team was only up or down by a single run and he had to deliver a strong pitching performance to keep his team in it were his favorites in which to play. Not surprisingly as a former World Series Champion, 11-time All-Star, seven-time Cy Young Award winner, and the 1986 American League Most-Valuable-Player-Candidate, Clemens gave any team for which he was pitching a phenomenal shot at winning a close game. Unfortunately, it may ultimately be the thrill that Clemens gets from playing in those "grind 'em out" games that leads to the loss of his name among other baseball greats, as well as some time in a prison cell, rather than a plaque in the Hall of Fame.

Having read his name mentioned in the Mitchell Report, a Congressional investigation aimed at digging up the truth about the use of performance-enhancing drugs in the MLB, the odor of scandal and suspicion stuck against Clemens and his denial of steroid use since its release in December 2007.

Clemens, however, unable to rely on the respect that he had for the case, has stubbornly persisted in defending his name against Congress. His statement could be one game he cannot win no matter how determined he was. Clemens testified before Congress back in February 2008 when he rejected the accusations of his former trainer and strength coach Brian McNamee, who also testified and said that he personally injected Clemens with anabolic steroids and human growth hormone (HGH). Two-and-a-half years have passed since then and things are mind until trial. I appreciate all the support I have received and I am happy to finally have my day in court.

However, as it is becoming more apparent that Clemens lied to Congress back in 2008, he is now faced with the threat of being the first MLB player to actually go to jail for using steroids.

As with this application, I can search to get more information on the news, and involved with whichever area of the university you would like. Whether you need up-to-date information on the news, athletics, or events, this application can fit anyone's needs!

As unfortunately as this scenario is for Clemens and the game of baseball, he has no other self to blame for his current situation. He has had the same opportunities as other MLB stars to come clean about his use of steroids and just move on with his life. A primary role model that Clemens should have followed is Alex Rodriguez. Rodriguez admitted back in February 2009 to his use of performance-enhancing drugs as a member of the Texas Rangers from 2001-2004.

Rodriguez said, "When I arrived in Texas in 2001, I felt an enormous amount of pressure. I felt like I had all the weight of the world on top of me and I needed to perform, and perform at a high level every day...Back then, [baseball] was a different culture...it was very loose. I was young. I was stupid. I was naive. And I wanted to prove to everybody that I was worth being one of the greatest players of all time. I did take a banned substance. And for that, I am very sorry and deeply regretful. While certainly not everyone has forgiven Rodriguez for his use of steroids, it does not change the fact that he followed the proper course of action. He knew he was in a situation of which he could not get out and rather than pressing his luck like Clemens has, Rodriguez saved the name that was left of his name. As a result, he was able to finally get his head on straight and went on to win his first World Series Championship the following season.

On the contrary, Clemens has lacked any sense of logical thinking as he has allowed his stubbornness to take control, but for what reason?

In all honesty, Clemens is not doing anything for favors by continuing to deny his use of steroids.

Baseball has long been called a "thinking man's game," and its fans are not stupid people. They can tell the truth already, in order to make the crash-landing, for which he is undoubtedly due, as survivable as possible.

Roger Clemens could be the first MLB player jailed for steroid use.

Stefanie Calello
Contributing Writer

By now, some of you may have heard about Monmouth’s iPhone application. Most students have not yet downloaded and are not currently on the Monmouth directory part of the application, so I never miss a beat in the Monmouth community? Or is it a different type of directory needed to perform, and perform

When I first downloaded the application, I was surprised by how quickly and properly the application looked. The creators took their time on making sure that the application looked appealing to our eyes. The MU application includes campus news, athletics, events, checklists, Twitter, polls, weather, our fight song and much more.

This application turned out to be better than I imagined. In the beginning, I could not even see myself using this application, but now I feel differently. It has become beneficial now that the semester has begun. The thing that I like most about this application is that there are two ways to view the information available to us. When you first open the application, you are able to scroll through the items and select what you would like to see by touching the "GO!" flag below the items. If you do not like that the application was listed, you can simply touch it to a list style by touching the flag to the top left. In my opinion, I feel that the list is an easier way to navigate through the application and see what is available.

Another thing that I like is the current weather at Monmouth, which appears at the top right of the application. I am able to see the current temperature and look at the seven day forecast for the weather. I love seeing the difference between being a positive part of the application, especially for me, since I never seem to have a hood or an umbrella on rainy days. Another part of the application that I like is the Athletics section. I can now keep track of the teams that I choose and I can see the schedules for each, so I never miss a game.

Lastly, the directory is one part of the application that I am not totally sure on. When I go to use this part of the application, I am always up blank with no search results. I am not sure if it is because I am currently on the Monmouth wireless and we would need to be or that it is just not finished yet. I am confused on the purpose of the directory as well, is it for screen shot of the University's new iPhone application.

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Co-News Editor

Roger "The Rocket" Clemens, one of the greatest pitchers to ever play the game of baseball, having accumulated 354 wins in 23 Major League (MLB) seasons, often said throughout his career that he loved the tough, "grind 'em out" way of playing. The games in which his team was only up or down by a single run and he had to deliver a strong pitching performance to keep his team in it were his favorites in which to play. Not surprisingly as a former World Series Champion, 11-time All-Star, seven-time Cy Young Award winner, and the 1986 American League Most-Valuable-Player-Candidate, Clemens gave any team for which he was pitching a phenomenal shot at winning a close game. Unfortunately, it may ultimately be the thrill that Clemens gets from playing in those "grind 'em out" games that leads to the loss of his name among other baseball greats, as well as some time in a prison cell, rather than a plaque in the Hall of Fame.

Having read his name mentioned in the Mitchell Report, a Congressional investigation aimed at digging up the truth about the use of performance-enhancing drugs in the MLB, the odor of scandal and suspicion stuck against Clemens and his denial of steroid use since its release in December 2007.

Clemens, however, unable to rely on the respect that he had for the case, has stubbornly persisted in defending his name against Congress. His statement could be one game he cannot win no matter how determined he was. Clemens testified before Congress back in February 2008 when he rejected the accusations of his former trainer and strength coach Brian McNamee, who also testified and said that he personally injected Clemens with anabolic steroids and human growth hormone (HGH). Two-and-a-half years have passed since then and things are mind until trial. I appreciate all the support I have received and I am happy to finally have my day in court.

However, as it is becoming more apparent that Clemens lied to Congress back in 2008, he is now faced with the threat of being the first MLB player to actually go to jail for using steroids.

As unfortunately as this scenario is for Clemens and the game of baseball, he has no other self to blame for his current situation. He has had the same opportunities as other MLB stars to come clean about his use of steroids and just move on with his life. A primary role model that Clemens should have followed is Alex Rodriguez. Rodriguez admitted back in February 2009 to his use of performance-enhancing drugs as a member of the Texas Rangers from 2001-2004.

Rodriguez said, "When I arrived in Texas in 2001, I felt an enormous amount of pressure. I felt like I had all the weight of the world on top of me and I needed to perform, and perform at a high level every day...Back then, [baseball] was a different culture...it was very loose. I was young. I was stupid. I was naive. And I wanted to prove to everybody that I was worth being one of the greatest players of all time. I did take a banned substance. And for that, I am very sorry and deeply regretful. While certainly not everyone has forgiven Rodriguez for his use of steroids, it does not change the fact that he followed the proper course of action. He knew he was in a situation of which he could not get out and rather than pressing his luck like Clemens has, Rodriguez saved the name that was left of his name. As a result, he was able to finally get his head on straight and went on to win his first World Series Championship the following season.

On the contrary, Clemens has lacked any sense of logical thinking as he has allowed his stubbornness to take control, but for what reason?

In all honesty, Clemens is not doing anything for favors by continuing to deny his use of steroids.

Baseball has long been called a "thinking man's game," and its fans are not stupid people. They can tell the truth already, in order to make the crash-landing, for which he is undoubtedly due, as survivable as possible.

Roger Clemens could be the first MLB player jailed for steroid use.

Stefanie Calello
Contributing Writer

By now, some of you may have heard about Monmouth’s iPhone application. Most students have not yet downloaded and are not currently on the Monmouth directory part of the application, so I never miss a beat in the Monmouth community? Or is it a different type of directory needed to perform, and perform

When I first downloaded the application, I was surprised by how quickly and properly the application looked. The creators took their time on making sure that the application looked appealing to our eyes. The MU application includes campus news, athletics, events, checklists, Twitter, polls, weather, our fight song and much more.

This application turned out to be better than I imagined. In the beginning, I could not even see myself using this application, but now I feel differently. It has become beneficial now that the semester has begun. The thing that I like most about this application is that there are two ways to view the information available to us. When you first open the application, you are able to scroll through the items and select what you would like to see by touching the "GO!" flag below the items. If you do not like that the application was listed, you can simply touch it to a list style by touching the flag to the top left. In my opinion, I feel that the list is an easier way to navigate through the application and see what is available.

Another thing that I like is the current weather at Monmouth, which appears at the top right of the application. I am able to see the current temperature and look at the seven day forecast for the weather. I love seeing the difference between being a positive part of the application, especially for me, since I never seem to have a hood or an umbrella on rainy days. Another part of the application that I like is the Athletics section. I can now keep track of the teams that I choose and I can see the schedules for each, so I never miss a game.

Lastly, the directory is one part of the application that I am not totally sure on. When I go to use this part of the application, I am always up blank with no search results. I am not sure if it is because I am currently on the Monmouth wireless and we would need to be or that it is just not finished yet. I am confused on the purpose of the directory as well, is it for screen shot of the University's new iPhone application.
Sergeant is Honored for Highest Valor

America's Courageous Soldiers

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that the nine year war in Afghanistan has scarred this nation and its fighting men and women.

But once in a while we, as citizens at home, hear a story that makes us feel reassured that our soldiers have the capacity to win this war and all successive ones. In October 2007, in Afghanistan's volatile Korengal Valley, Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta and other members of the 2nd Battalion 503rd Infantry Regiment were on patrol when the troops came under heavy fire.

Giunta's first test of courage unfolded as he ran out from cover to help one of his exposed men. He provided covering fire while the other soldier went back to where his unit was in position. Then came the more impressive act of valor. Another one of Giunta's men was grabbed by two insurgents as they carried away. Giunta charged the enemy, killed one insurgent and took the other prisoner.

Both men whom Giunta rescued lived. Both could have been added casualties of this war. He performed courageous and selfless acts with the ability to put the lives of his fellow comrades before his own life. Giunta will be receiving the Medal of Honor.

Giunta is now 25 years old. He was born in Iowa and joined the army in 2005. Since joining the army, he has been awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, an Army Service Ribbon and the NATO Service Medal.

He is currently stationed with his wife in Italy where he is responsible for his unit's training, health, and general welfare.

President Barack Obama notified Giunta on Thursday that he will be receiving the Medal of Honor in a White House ceremony. Giunta will be the eighth soldier in the Afghan and Iraqi conflicts to receive the recognition.

He was also promoted in 2009 for his actions that October day in 2007.

No matter what your position is on the War in Afghanistan or the Iraq War, regardless of your political affiliation, we must always remember that there are brave men and women who stand between us and the barbaric forces of terrorism.

They put their lives on the line everyday so we can continue to live in peace at home.

Our dedicated members of the armed forces have given up their lives, free of worrying if they will live to see the sun rise the next morning, and have instead volunteered for the service, risking their lives for the people they love, in a foreign land for this nation and its citizens.

Our duty as Americans must always be to support our troops even if the war in question isn’t a favorable one.

I encourage students and staff to donate to The United Service Organization and other charities to help our troops overseas.

A small donation or care package can help with necessary costs needed such as food, water, clothes, and other supplies, while at the same time, lifting the spirit of its troops.

Personally, this story is particularly inspiring to me. When I talked to my grandfather and great-uncle about World War II, they told me that when men saw their fellow soldiers in danger, they wanted to help, regardless of the circumstances.

What may possibly happen to them did not even go through their minds.

It is safe to say that fellow soldiers do not share the same relationship as office co-workers do. Many bond like brothers would and become friends for the rest of their lives.

A soldier's bond is indestructible and non-negotiable.

As someone who is planning on joining the army after graduating, Giunta's story reassures me that the honor and courage exhibited by our troops, has made this country's army invincible.

Photograph: Courtesy of Pres. Obama

Photos courtesy of army.mil.com

Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta is part of the 2nd Battalion 503rd Infantry Regiment of the United States Army. He will be the first living person since the Vietnam War to receive the military's highest decoration for valor, the Medal of Honor for his actions in Afghanistan.
Politics

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During much debated concern concerning the intentions and choice of地点, President Obama announced on August 14 that, the constitutional rights of Muslims have been violated so that the shadow of New York’s Ground Zero must be upheld.

Since August, worldwide divisions have erupted, and violent protests have dominated peaceful cities due to religious differences.

According to the Associated Press, Iran’s President Ahmadinejad has freedom of religion during his White House speech, stressing that Muslims should be treated as free- doms as everyone else in the Unit- ed States.

As for the shift to a position of power and a community center on private property in lower Manhattan, in accordance with local laws and obligations.

Prior to Obama’s statements, the White House declared that it would not be involved with local decision making.

With mid-term elections only a cup of the way, opposition would be used against Democrats, who have been nerveously voting for Senate and House control.

I interpreted Obama’s speech to mean that he supports constructing an Islamic place of worship near to the World Trade Center site, as a means of building a bridge between people of different backgrounds and religious beliefs in America.

I was not commenting and I will not comment on the wis- dom of making a decision to put a community center on private property in lower Manhattan, very specifically on the right side that people have that date back to September 11,” the President re- sponded.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York said, a strong supporter of the mosque welcomed Obama’s backing and reminded citizens of the weight the First Amendment holds.

If the mosque would be part of a $100 million 15-story Islamic community center, named Park51, named after the September 11, 2001 attacks.

The center will include day care services, a swimming pool, res- taurant, bookstore, as well as ath- letic facilities.

Although the all-mosque project must not be ignoring Muslims have congregated and have put the government telling you, you can’t.”

Others such as Democratic U.S. Senator Jeff Greene of Florida, opposed Obama's support on September 13, protests against Koran desecration were the center of attention through- out the country. At least 90 people were killed and 60 others were injured, while the attack highlighted the violence on the anti-Muslim attitude in the United States.

President Obama declared last week that protests would put Americans soldiers and civilians in danger.

Others who disapproved of Jones’ actions included General Petraeus, the Vatican, Franklin Graham, Angellina Jolie, Sarah Palin, and dozens of members of Congress.

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Political Debate: Should Iran Comply with U.N. Nuclear Sanctions?

Side 1: Iran Should Comply with U.N. Nuclear Sanctions

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On Wednesday, the U.N. Security Council en- acted Iranian nuclear sanctions with the goal of preventing Iran’s possession of nuclear weapons in the Middle East. The sanctions ban Iran from investing in the construction of nuclear facilities and preventing the acquisition of nuclear technologies. A recent International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report stated that Iran has not sus- pend its enrichment-related activities. The IAEA has attempted to have nuclear in- spectors examine the state of Iran’s nuclear fuel cycle. Yet, Iran has not cooperated. In fact, the state has yet to provide neces- sary and reliable information that would confirm that the nuclear fuel cycle could be used for peaceful activities. The work of IAEA is done to ensure that Iran does not have undeclared nuclear material.

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When and if they intend to act, let the world deal with it then. Until then, let the world continue to believe in the good nature of human beings and hope that people will do the right thing and let their freedom reside, instead of restricting freedom and causing unnecessary problems that will only invoke further conflicts.

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The ORR would like to take the opportunity to welcome you back to campus. Welcome Back!! At this time, we also recommend that you begin to consider how your career at Monmouth University will end. In order to be on target to complete your degree requirements and graduate, the ORR urges you to apply for graduation no later than 1 year prior to your anticipated graduation date. By applying early, this will return.

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In hopes of saving some of my tenderness and flavor from the fat of the lamb, which I worked by brushing the brightness of the mint. A homemade ciabatta roll, sautéed onions, and a spread of mustard as per the chef’s recommendation was the cherry on top to the delicious burger. As with any other meal in London, what better way to wash it down with a pint of authentic cider beer? Moving on from the savories, I craved a sweet morsel to once again awaken my palate. From across the market a spread of beautifully handcrafted cupcakes suddenly became a vision of perfection. Pink, yellow, cream, and chocolate towers of icing swirled right in front of my eyes. Which to choose? They all looked so delicious, so I perused my other three traveling companions to pick one so we could sample all four. The flavors were strawberries and cream, lemon and blueberry, chocolate and peanut butter, and vanilla butter cream. Each was so wonderfully delectable, and the layering of flavors from cake to icing was simply perfect. I preferred the combination of lemon and blueberry. The moistness of the blueberries burst through the cake, and the delicate hint of lemon icing whirling in a beautiful yellow cloud was heavenly. To complete the experience at an appetite (and my pants from pop-

the Thames River festival an especially impressive event. Pairing Food and Wine which is always a bit overwhelming when I first get there with a mix of culture shock and excitement I expect to feel comfortable in no time. I am beyond grateful to those who have never experienced this storming looks of things I still need and stuff a few extra things in my suitcase.

I plan to bring a journal so I can completely document my first-hand experiences. Some days I wake up and cannot believe I have the ability to choose what to eat so far. “The foods they offer have made London one of my favorite places to eat so far.” I could not agree more, and some days was the beginning of my food endeavors abroad. The thought of markets, pubs, cafes, restaurants, food, and spirits from London and around the world enliven my taste buds. Luckily, they also motivate me for my daily run in the beautiful art, fine wine, and the mastering of ballet, I think that wish came true. I plan to bring a journal so I can completely document my first-hand experiences. I am beyond grateful to those who have never experienced this storming looks of things I still need and stuff a few extra things in my suitcase.

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The Expendables" Mostly Lives Up to Its Name

Entertainment

September 22, 2010

Matthew Fisher

It seems every time a movie with Steven Seagal, Dolph Lundgren, and/or Mickey Rourke comes out, it's almost guaranteed to be a rip-off. "The Expendables" is different. It's a story about a group of mercenaries who take on dangerous missions around the world. The main group is led by Barney Ross (Stallone), Lee Christmas (Statham), Yin Yang (Li), and Demmer (Lundgren). They are all veterans who have seen it all and are looking for one last paycheck.

The movie opens with a scene in the Gulf of Aden in Somalia. A ship is under attack by pirates, and the mercenaries are hired to rescue the crew. The mission is successful, but the mercenaries are left with a feeling of emptiness. They decide to use their skills to help others.

The movie continues with several missions, each more dangerous than the last. The mercenaries fight their way through many obstacles, including corrupt officials, traitorous allies, and ruthless enemies. Throughout the movie, the characters learn to work together and trust each other.

The Expendables is a fun movie with plenty of action and humor. It's not a deep movie, but it's entertaining and action-packed. The cast is great, with Stallone leading the way. He's still got it, and he delivers a great performance.

The Expendables is a movie that's perfect for action fans. It's not for everyone, but if you're a fan of action movies, you'll love this one. It's a movie that you'll want to see again and again.
The Outlook

Professor Andrew Demirjian, communication specialist professor of media arts and sciences, interactive media, screen media, studies, and mass communication, is displaying his piece entitled “Up/Down/Left/Right.” The piece, in the Interactive House Gallery, is a surveillance-style recording of the physical and the psychological states of life and their connection to what is going on in their world.

Walking through the Ice House Gallery door, to the immediate right is a large tank with a TV screen, which you can visit,” said the artist. “This piece uses a double surveillance system of video-camera watching their own image, and a multi-camera surveillance video system observing the audiovisual projections and reflections from the video feedback.”

The video camera set-up is actually interactive. By choosing the venue, the viewer will be left with many thoughts and questions. One thing is for certain, Demirjian has created an art that stimulates spatial awareness and thinking, and he expands upon the capabilities of technology as art.

NICHOLAS SEGRETO CONTRIBUTING WRITER

“Metroid” is one of Nintendo’s flagship series, but is not as popular as the “Mario” or “Zelda” series. In fact, about half of the “Metroid” games were developed by Konami while Nintendo only sponsored the development for the most part. The first “Metroid” series was a 3D game, which are called the “Metroid: Prime” series. Once again, Konami developed the first and only other title, as well as the first one, is known for the 3D “Ninja Gaiden” games, which is the primary developing force.

Did they do a good job in making “Metroid: Other M,” or is the “Metroid” series dead as the titular creatures?

First things first, the “Metroid: Other M” game is only one of Nintendo’s many games. For a Wii game to feature with graphics that is happening in real-time, you used to think of the “Metroid” series as the title for the series. With the 3D game, it wouldn’t be such a disappointment.

Regarding the actual game play, you will be disappointed. This is the first “Metroid” game to be in 3D, but not as a first person shooter. Rather, it is a third person platformer like the old school 2D games. The difference is that Samus is not in a space suit. In the “Metroid” series, Samus to traverse the area completely. You play the game holding the controller like an old NES controller. Movement is simple, but the game play does have a few elements of the original game in an easy cake walk like you might believe. Dodging enemy attacks is mandatory; otherwise you will find yourself dying over and over again in the same area. This is effective, and fluent, but the tradeoff to the first person experience is that the game is mobile, making her vulnerable to attack. Regardless, it is smooth enough to engage with and much practice to get used to it.

The whole game has a very fast-paced style of play; much like the other “Metroid” games, so anyone who isn’t accustomed to it may find the gameplay overwhelming, but again, it’s nothing a little bit of practice won’t fix.

One major low point of the game is the story, or more par- ticularly, the voice acting. Unfortunately, that is not the whole game has a very fast-paced story. The voice acting is not as good as the game play, so you can’t expect great acting. The voice acting is only one point. In the “Metroid” series, Samus has been a strong, silent hero, except that in the first place, you can’t hear her. This style changes drastically in “Other M.” Where the characters are more direct and expressive.

In “Other M,” Samus is never “in the game,” she is a surveillance-style recording of the physical and the psychological states of her. The designers to interfere just to get her back to her senses. If that wasn’t bad enough, Samus has clearly in- fated with Adam Malkovich when he gives her an order, she dutifully obeys without any problems. Ironically, Samus is a bounty hunter; she doesn’t have to listen to a word he says, but she does.

Aside from the sexist portrayal of Samus, the game’s worst bit is the replay value. The designers have made any more “Metroid” games, they won’t be so offensive to the source material.

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Acting Out in Richard Paris’ Drama Class

JOHN D’ESPOSITO
CONTINUING WRITER

In a world of sword fights, men eating zombies, and lonesome women, there is one man who acts as ringleader of it all. He has inspired the deaths of countless students, sent them to war, and made them cry. He has sent them back in time to ancient Egypt, into the future when the world was ending, and on a first date when love was just beginning. With great control and enthusiasm, he sits on his throne of wonderment, visiting at least 12 new worlds a day. Richard Paris creates a magical world inside his classroom as the professor of creative writing drama at Monmouth University.

He has been teaching at MU for 23 years, and has written 21 full length plays. Paris says his favorite part of teaching is “watching his students do good work and having the students make an audience laugh, weep, and sob.” By having the students make an audience laugh, weep, and sob, he turns a once hazy world into a glorified stage, by transforming once regular plays and “a bunch of 1 acts.” Paris himself says, “his plays are written and discussed, had now regressed in the categories of Paris’s choice. From week to week the classroom transforms, from loves to fight scenes, to dramatic monologues and confessionals; the classroom becomes an ever-changing world through the minds of his students. Paris recalls some of his wilder stories throughout the years from the troublesome fight scenes to emotional dialogues. One year, the class was in a room directly next to the Registrar’s office, with nothing but a sliding door between them, allowing them to be able to hear bits and pieces of the class’ performances. In the midst of a light scene, a young girl let out a shriek of despair, another student screamed “knife”, and within minutes MUPD had burst through the classroom door, hand on hip asking “is everything okay?” Little did they know, they were only performing a scene, but MUPD came prepared as if it was real.

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Lady Gaga, controversial pop icon is on tour until 2011.

The Monster Ball Tour: The Live Experience

JOHN D'ESPRITO
Entertainment Writer

We were a gay couple in New York City and on our way to heaven, or the closest thing to it these days - the Lady Gaga concert. I was dressed up for the occasion - purple skinny jeans, a t-shirt with Lady Gaga's swirling face with a white background, a black blazer out of her palms, blue Ray-Ban sunglasses, and yellow converse sneakers. My boyfriend had cleansed my perfect look in an old school Madison tee with black skinny jeans, red Ray-Bans, and sparkling converse sneakers.

We walked down the streets of New York City, jackets covering our outfits until we arrived. Our tickets were taken and we found our seats through a crowd of drag queens and Gaga impersonators. The lights went down, and Lady Gaga emerged on the stage. I looked to my left and saw my boyfriend with a twinkle in his eyes. It may have just been the sparkles reflecting off Gaga's outfit, but I think he had gotten a little teary eyed. Seeing Lady Gaga in person was life changing for us.

Standing there dancing atop the first row of the second mezzanine, I looked out over the sea of people roaring with excitement. We had found our sanctuary within the walls of Radio City Music Hall. This place known for its family oriented, Christmas shows, had become the home of the most outrageous fans for the next two hours. Gaga took the time to thank all her fans, giving a special shout out to all of the gay audience members, dedicating her show to “Boys Boys” to all of us, encouraging us to “Get the *up* and dance.” Listening to her every command, the tidal wave began pounding the walls of Radio City Music Hall with exotic dance moves.

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The City was ours tonight. Holding hands as we walked down the exit ramp, the air was felt, we were free. Gaga had given us even more confidence and self-worth. With only a few more blocks to the subway, my boy friend dusted a piece of confetti off my jacket, the last sparkle of the night. Then, out of nowhere, a homeless man approached us and said, “wow, two white gay guys in the city, what a surprise!” Off the stage, no more than a few blocks away, Lady Gaga, hello world! We were a gay couple in New York City and on our way to heaven, or the closest thing to it these days - the Lady Gaga concert. I was dressed up for the occasion - purple skinny jeans, a t-shirt with Lady Gaga’s swirling face with a white background, a black blazer out of her palms, blue Ray-Ban sunglasses, and yellow converse sneakers. My boyfriend had cleansed my perfect look in an old school Madison tee with black skinny jeans, red Ray-Bans, and sparkling converse sneakers.

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Paris, according to Financial Times has been ranked among the three most influential cities of 2010.

Single Ladies in the City of Love

MARTYNA DOKSIWICZ

Lustrious yellow lights twinkled, the air was filled with the sounds of train windows. La Ville De L’amour, the venue. Four single girls were making their way to Paris, to fulfill their dreams of seeing the city of ‘love’ in true “French” land around. Especially for the finale of HBO’s famous series “Sex and the City’ which was about reliving the experiences of Carrie Bradshaw, the lead character, on her journey to Paris. Although I wanted to experience the guilty pleasure of a single girl becoming part of the new territory of France, of us all getting to see our first and only trip to Paris come true for one single girl – because it is easy to fall in love with the city, alone on your own.

On the metro, a woman playfully ambushed by the gloominess of a young man. She was dressed in drag, looking more like Lady Gaga than any woman possibly could. I was tempted to go take a picture with him, but I knew the bitter sweet satisfaction of a Gaga impersonator would only be temporary. The stench of apple martinis still lingered in the air from the woman who spilt them next to us as we found our seats. We put on our “poker faces” and braced ourselves – it was time to go back to our reality.

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Do you ever ponder what the meaning of life is? Do you ever ask questions about aspects of life that everyone else seems to accept so readily? Thanks to Bojana Beric, creator of the Friends of Socrates meeting sessions and co-director of the Center for Human and Community Wellness, students and professors of Monmouth University now have the chance to ask these questions and more and intelligently discuss them at the weekly “Socrates meetings.”

Attendants of the meetings rave about how they love the safe haven that the sessions have created. Tony Lazroe, Director of the Office of Grants and Contracts, said, “The meetings encourage free and open dialogue in a very non-threatening environment. We’ve got a whole lot of talented, intelligent, and experienced people walking around here and at times I just enjoy listening to them... students and colleagues alike.”

Wanda Minor, member of the Human and Community Wellness Advisory Council of Monmouth, enjoys the unique learning experience that she receives from attending the meetings. “They give me an opportunity to self reflect and question my own philosophy about an issue or topic. Also, they provide me with an opportunity to grow, intellectually and humanely,” she said.

Lazroe agrees that the sessions provide him with a chance to learn things from others he may not have otherwise. He said, “The Friends of Socrates meetings give me the opportunity to listen and converse with people who might know more than I do, or who think differently than I do, or whose experiences are different than mine, and from whom I can learn.”

Also, students who attend the meetings are provided with the chance to intelligently speak with professors one on one about issues that may not come up in normal classroom topics. Adam Sharkey, first year International Business major involved in the Radio/TV course, said, that the meetings are a great way to spend the hour and he will definitely be returning in the future for the fun and intellectual conversations.

Even though the topics brought to the meetings by Beric are used only as a springboard for discussion, some of the philosophy that was planned for future sessions are health, deceit, genocide, terrorism, and racism. “Regardless of the topic, the discussion usually takes on a life of its own and many times goes far beyond the stated topic,” said Lazroe.

Beric said that the sessions are open to all suggestions and we’ll take our conversation into any direction that the discussion may lead.”

Even though the first meeting session was not on genocide, the conversation sprung to how knowledge has been computerized, and the need for all of us to question everything around us.

Beric started the Friends of Socrates meetings in honor of the 62nd birthday of the UN Declaration of Human Rights on December 10th, 2009. “I thought it would be valuable to engage all MU students and employees in discussion and questioning, and inquiring about information that is available,” said Beric.

However, Bojana was originaly introduced to the philosophy when she took a critical thinking course at Montclair State University when pursuing her studies in Health Education. Her professor introduced her to the writings of Matthew Lipman and Bojana Beric, who are philosophers and community of inquiry, and from then on, she was hooked. She later applied her newfound knowledge in the teaching of her health classes and in her dissertation at the NYU School of Education.

Friends of Socrates Holds First Meeting Session

Group Plans to Speak about Health, Deceit, Genocide, Terrorism, and Racism

Tony Lazroe said that he first became interested in philosophy when he began to take scholarship seriously. “It was one of most exciting periods of my life,” he said. “It seemed to become apparent to me that reality was more and more of a social and cultural construct. Intellectually you feel like you’re falling, and I’m not sure if I ever landed.”

Wanda Minor said of her interest in philosophy, “I have been asking ‘why’ questions my entire life, starting with ‘why are we here?’” she said. “My brothers and sisters became frustrated with me because I asked deep, deep questions all the time.”

In most sessions, there is between 10-15 people, making for comfortable yet intense conversations.

Meetings are Tuesdays from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm in McCullin Hall in room 230. However, the time and meeting place is negotiable and Beric is open to new ideas to make the sessions work for anyone interested.

As of right now, the sessions require no funding—just a desire to learn by all attendants. Beric said that for now, she uses the Library as a resource for reading material, and that is all she needs.

Only one thing is certain, and that is that Friends of Socrates sessions make for a meaningful and intellectual addition to the Monmouth University community.

Lazroe said that most of all, he enjoys how he gets to learn about people and how they reason. “The world is a strange and wondrous place, and everybody has a story,” he said.

WMCX Holds Bake Sale for Courtney Talbot

Donna Mancini, WMCX Office Coordinator, said that they hope to raise $1000 for Courtney. As of right now, WMCX is about one-third towards this goal.

At the time of her diagnosis, Courtney did not have medical insurance, and because of the long recovery ahead of her, she will not be able to work for two years. So, WMCX and the Communication department is especially eager to help her in her time of need.

Most of the items being sold at the bake sale are home made, such as cookies, brownies, corn bread, rice crispy treats, and cupcakes. However, as Professor Furgason said, “nothing is being sold. Give a donation, and get a treat.”

He also said that the sale has been a “true Communication department team effort.” Staff members fluried around campus, reserving the space, and sitting at the table to ask for donations.

In order to organize for the bake sale, the lobby first had to be reserved through Programs and Conference Services. Also, WMCX had to ask a ARAMARK permission to sell the goods outside Einstein’s is also in the building.

Some of the many gracious helpers of the bake sale have been Aaron Furgason, Donna Mancini, Eric Reischer, Chris Cavallaro, Trevor Marden, Nicole Vitale, Austin Gellman, Aaron Goldner, Nick Basile, Brian Morelli, Serena Raymond, and Britanny Dupuis.

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Hello everyone! My name is Kevin Sanders and I am this year’s President of the Student Government Association. A few years ago, I was a staff advisor to the SGA President, and I would typically send out a letter to the student body through The Outlook to update them on changes taking place that year. This year, I have decided to start that tradition. Every few weeks, this column will give you insight into what SGA is doing and what changes have been made to the building up to the best possible campus that most affect you! We will be represented by Vice President Mary Ann Nagy and SGA’s vice president (Stefania Flecca) and I have regular access to many of the administrators and university cabinet members on campus! I encourage you to attend one of our meetings to make sure your voice is truly being heard! They are held on Wednesdays at 2:30-3:00 in room 219 on the first floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. This year is particularly exciting for Monmouth. There are so many changes that are taking place, it is hard to walk across campus without discovering something new. Students have had a new residence hall to call home, Pinewood, Willow, and Elmwood have been completely revamped, the Student Center has gotten a face lift, and new courses and programs fill our classrooms! I hope you take the time to discover some of these new things for yourself. Rest assured that SGA is working to improve your student life even more! Though Monmouth is a smaller campus, there are so many things you can do to make your collegiate experience memorable. No matter what your major, or what activities you participate in, you can see during your time at Monmouth that will satisfy every student’s need for a little bit of fun! Events are split into categories: Comedy, Awareness, Diversity, Novelties, Travel and Tour, Festivals, and Concerts. Join as a general member, and get the chance to apply for an E-Board position at the conclusion of the school year. An E-Board Chair position can be obtained through an interview process. General members assist the E-Board members in the implementation of each event. Learn how to call up performers’ agents, keep up with a budget, and manage your time wisely! Some of our upcoming events include: a trip to the Eastern State Penitentiary on October 1st, a trip to the world’s most adventurous Franchise! FrightFest on October 8, Alina Fernandez, daughter of Fidel Castro on October 13, and Casino Night on October 23. By joining SAB, you will learn how to plan events in a way that you could never experience by sitting in a classroom. Meetings are on Mondays at 7:30 in the Student Afflitoon Room on the 3 floor in the Student Center.
How do You Feel About First-Year Students Living in the New Residence Hall?

Compiled by: Melissa Roskowski

Christine senior
"I think it’s fair."

Danielle senior
"It [Mullaney] doesn’t compare to ‘Elmhood.’"  

Tyler freshman
"I think it should have been given to the upperclassmen."

Buryl freshman
"I’d rather have it [Mullaney] senior year."

Maria junior
"It shouldn’t have been given to freshmen when upperclassmen are still on waiting lists."

Jess senior
"It’s unfair to the upperclassmen, but it was a smart business move."

Sarah senior
"They should’ve tried to provide housing for students who live out of state first."

Sam sophomore
"I prefer the older dorms."

Jeff freshman
"I’m for it. I’m a freshman."

Aaron sophomore
"I don’t think it’s fair that the freshmen get the nice, new stuff."

Campus Activities This Week

September 22
- Involvement Fair • 2:30pm • Erlanger Gardens • Rain Date: 9/29
- Hispanic Heritage Food Sampling • 11:30am - 2pm • RSSC Cafe
- Bumper Sticker Madness • 2:30pm • RSSC Patio
- Career Mentoring Program Orientation • 2:30 - 4pm • Young Aud.
- IFC Round Robin • 10:15pm • Bey Hall

September 23
- La Bruja • 4:30 - 6:30pm • Woods Theatre
- Lecture: Andrew Demirjian • 4:30pm • Wilson Aud.
- Andrew Demirjian Reception • 5:30 - 7pm
- Social Night • 7pm • Catholic Center

September 24
- Women’s Soccer vs. Lafayette • 3:30pm • Great Lawn
- PHC Round Robin • 4:30pm • Bey Hall
- Night Out in Red Bank • Shuttle Every Hour: 6 - 11pm
- *Visit Student Activities for a list of activities for when you arrive.
- Movie: The Karate Kid (2010) • 7pm & 11pm • Oakwood Lounge

September 25
- Football vs. Old Dominion • 1pm • Kessler Field
- Men’s Soccer vs. Loyola • 4pm • Great Lawn
- Tamburitzans Dance Group • 8pm • Pollak Theatre
- Dive - In Movie: Grown Ups • 8pm • Boylan Pool

September 26
- Spaghetti Dinner • 4:30pm • Catholic Center

Film Series

FRIDAY SATURDAY

SEPT. 24
THE KARATE KID (2010)
Showings @ 7PM & 11PM in Oakwood Lounge

SEPT. 25
DIVE IN MOVIE: GROWN UPS
Boylan Gym Pool • 8 PM

MOVIES & POPCORN FREE

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Comic Books Are Not Just For Superheroes

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Think that comic books are only for superheroes? Think again. While comic books might be as popular now as they were in the past, they aren’t just for TV shows, and video games from taking a bite of the action. Comic books appear to be the platform these industries are looking for to expand their stories and attract new audiences.

Movies and comic books have been working together for quite some time, with Marvel’s adaptation of “Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope” and later with its own series, being an early example. Since then, movies that cater to the sci-fi/fantasy adventure crowd have been rolling tie-in comics for such tales out of the woodwork. For instance, “Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones” this summer had Dark Horse Comics publish a four-issue prequel featuring two stories (one written by David Lapham and another by Marc Andreyko), an adaptation by David Lapham and another by Marc Andreyko), an adaptation by Paul Tobin, and a sequel by Lapham.

In an interview with “Ain’t It Cool News,” Lapham explained the interest he had for writing the characters from the film in a comic book. “…What we get to do is expand on the experience. In the movies, we get to see these characters during their specific adventures. In an comic, we can really dive further into what makes them tick and why things play out like they do.”

Other recent movies with prequel comics include “Star Trek (2009)” from IDW comics, “Legion,” also from IDW, and a sequel to the upcoming film, “Red,” from Wildstorm.

Additionally, comics have and continue to be used by TV shows to tell tangent stories set before, during, and after events presented. In 2008 “Chuck” was assigned its own six-issue miniseries that was able to play around with show elements while being acceptable to newcomers. Meanwhile, “Supernatural” has had three miniseries to explore the lives of Dean and Sam Winchester and “Fringe” is in the middle of its second miniseries as it explores its characters before they came together.

Yet, it is not just current TV shows, but also cancelled shows that get a second chance to continue where they ended. “Charmed” has found new life with an ongoing series, while “Jericho,” which came and went on CBS, ended up on Devil’s Due Publishing to continue its tale of a second American Civil War.

Currently, one of the most successful TV comic books is the first “Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Season Eight,” which continues Joss Whedon’s tale of Buffy Summers’ fight against the supernatural. This medium has also allowed Whedon, with fellow writers that include Brad Meltzer, Jeph Loeb, and Jane Espenson, to forgo thinking of budget restraints and let their imaginations go free. Each issue of “Buffy” only has six issues that was upon the rich mythology already created.

Before the comic season began, Whedon told “TV Guide” in 2006, “…I basically said, ‘We could do something and for once we could make it canon. We could make it officially what happened after the end of the show.’” Let Buffy not only address certain themes that slipped between the cracks of the show, but also really be a comic book. Take the template of the show, but not so religiously that they’re all standing in the Magic Box, talking, for 10 pages.

Whedon’s other supernatural drama, “Angel,” has also continued its story at IDW and eventually will head to Dark Horse Comics (where it originally began).

Finally, video games have had a tougher time being adapted, but comics seem to be the best platform for these interactive stories. “God of War” is at Wildstorm while Marvel has told tales set within the “Halo” universe with “Halo: Fall of Reach-Boot Camp” being the latest one. While film has limited time to explore such characters and stories, comics make a point to develop them, whether they hit or miss is another thing.

“Gears of War” at Wildstorm, for instance, balances the team’s dynamism with enough action to feel like playing the games. Reading these comics does not require a controller to make them better. Sure, comics have superheroes, but they can also be movie prequels/sequels, missing TV episodes, and lost video game levels. So, take a break from the silver screen, cable box, and remote control for instance, balance what else these stories have to tell.
Hawks Drop to 0-2 After Tough Loss to Maine

GAVIN MAZZAGLIA
STAFF WRITER

Starting 0-2 is not a place that Coach Callahan and his players expected to be at, but the season is still young, and there is more than enough time to improve. The Hawks fell to the University of Maine in a non-conference matchup by a score of 31-23 on Saturday, September 11 at Kessler Field.

Maine got on the board first as running back Jared Turcotte scored on a three yard run with just over three minutes left in the first quarter. About three and a half minutes later, the Hawks took the lead when quarterback Kyle Frazier scored on a 16 yard run to put them up 7-0. It took Monmouth until midway through the second quarter to score, when freshman kicker Eric Spillane hit a 32 yard field goal with a little under nine minutes left in the quarter.

Then, at the end of the second quarter, Frazier scored on a 16 yard run with just over two minutes left in the second quarter to score, when freshman kicker Eric Spillane hit a 32 yard field goal with a little under nine minutes left in the quarter.

...The real backbreaker was the establishment of the running game for the Hawks, which hasn’t excelled much this year so far... Monmouth also only converted one third down conversion on 15 chances.

Maine came out victorious with a 31-23 victory.

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STAFF WRITER

OUTLOOK’S WEEKLY NFL PICKS - WEEK 3

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Brett
(5-3 Last Wk) (5-3 Overall)

Charles
(3-5 Last Wk) (3-5 Overall)

Gavin
(5-3 Last Wk) (5-3 Overall)

Anthony
(2-6 Last Wk) (2-6 Overall)

Gina
(3-5 Last Wk) (3-5 Overall)

Photo courtesy of Monmouth University Athletics Communications

Safety Kendall Haley looks on during last Saturday’s 31-23 loss to Maine.
The Hawks are familiar with running the table in the NEC; but with their continuously successful seasons the expectations are sky-high and the team hasn’t let it faze them yet. After a strong preseason MU entered the season ranked no. 15 in the nation but after a string of victories they have advanced up to the fifth spot in the country. After winning the Save Face Classic in West Virginia, the men’s soccer team welcomed St. Peter’s on The Great Lawn with a 2-0 record and a no. 7 ranking.

Two days later the Hawks traveled to our nation’s capital to face American University. MU was quick to flex its muscles as Rhode Island transfer Eriko Puranen netted his first career goal as a Hawk in the second minute mark. American U. cut the gap when freshman Eli Dennis scored off a header from Chest Claudio and Jamie Davin. But, Puranen wasn’t done scoring. Finished scoring. 14 minutes later from the American U. goal Puranen converted a rebound from the opposing goalie to give the Hawks a 2-1 lead and the game winning goal.

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Senior Goalkeeper Bryan Meredith has three shutouts through six games.

Monmouth Field Hockey Looks to Make A Name For Themselves in 2010

CHARLES KRUZITS
CO-SPORTS EDITOR

The Hawks are looking to build on the success of last season and it sure looks like they are ready to make a run for the NEC title.

So far this season, the Hawks are 6-1-2 after eight games over so very large schools. They opened up the season with a big 2-1 overtime win over Villa nova, thanks to a huge goal scored by Senior Morgan Firmstone on a penalty stroke just 45 seconds into overtime. The win was huge for the team and it got their season off on the right foot. 

But the Hawks only loss came in their second game in a tough 3-1 loss to Richmond. However, the loss only seemed to fire up the team and since then the girls have won five straight games. They defeated Colgate 5-1, Brown 3-0, Delaware 1-0, Lehigh 4-1, and in their most recent game that had a great come back win over Rutgers 4-3.

So far this season, the girls have been clicking on all cylinders and they have looked very impressive. Head Coach Carli Figlio credits preparation and leadership for why the girls have been so successful. “The players come back physically and mentally ready for pre-season and we have taken the next step in beginning to understand the concept of the Rookie of the Week. Sophomore forward Kimmy Baligian also named Player of the Week.

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The lockdown they are saying. Rex Ryan has been doing the trash-talking against. Revis called Randy Moss a “slouch” and this probably has a lot of trash-talking against. The secondary on the other hand is all set up to bring home the Lombardi Trophy. Head Coach Rex Ryan has been doing the most trash-smacking, but he said he does so because he believes the game can turn on the field. No matter what road blocks or challenges we may face,” said Coach Figlio.

As long as they continue to do everything they have done so far. “In order to maintain our success we have had so far we need to play as a unit and attack. We came back up with a strong 2-1-2 and the game winning goal.

The Editors’ Outlook on Sports

New York Jets Can Talk the Talk, But Can They Walk the Walk?

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All off season, the New York Jets were the center of attention in the National Football League. From the moment the 2009-2010 season ended, the New York Jets have been talking themselves up. After a month now that the New York Jets are going to be Super Bowl Champions and that they are the best football team in the NFL. One can take one look at their current roster and see that with some of the names they have, Ryan has his lesson in support to his team. Especially after the Jets went out and landed some big time players in LeDamian Tomlinson, Jason Taylor, Antonio Cormartie, and Santonio Holmes. The Jets hadnt been featured on this year’s edition of “Hard Knocks” on HBO, which is a show that takes you inside the training camp of a differ-
THE HAWKS TAKE FLIGHT

Women’s Field Hockey is poised to break onto the national stage.

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