All of these features were in the original plan, and will all be included in the finished facility. Cornero also said that because it is really hard and expensive to change things once a project is underway, there are no new features that will be added to the original plan.

In the years since the MAC opens, there is expected to be between 175 and 200 construction workers on site.

Cornero also said that the wood-ten floor of the track and the seating will be going in very soon and this spring there will be a lot of site work going on. “Students and staff will see a lot of trucks moving a lot of stone, earth, asphalt, and concrete all over our site. The sweat and labor that society has about incarcerated women, offically opened it is their home, workforce, church, or meeting people. It also works to change the views of the community as about incarcerated women. Buzza said that the thrift shop will pick up the slack when the semester begins,” Buzza added.

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**Entrepreneurship Class and RedeemHer**

“Second Chances,” the Neptune thrift shop that was opened by Professor John Buzza’s entrepreneurship class and non-profit organization, has been officially opened and business each day.

The thrift shop, designed to provide the basic necessities and opportunities for incarcerated women, officially opened to the public at five p.m. on November 12th, 2008.

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**Federal Work Study Offers Off-Campus Employment**

FRANK GOGOL

Editor in Chief

The Student Employment Office, in addition to offering on-campus jobs to students, offers off-campus positions with community service agencies, that benefit both students and the employers.

"Students may work on or off campus. For both on and off-campus positions with the Federal Work Study, students can go to the Student Employment Office located in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, and meet with Aimee Parks, the Assistant Director for Placement and Student Employment. If a student decides to pursue an off-campus job, the process is similar to that of obtaining an on-campus job. The student can make an appointment to meet with Parks where they will look through a list of available positions. When the student chooses a position that they hope to be hired for, Parks provides them with the necessary contact information to reach the agency. If the agency decides to hire the student, the student fills out the same paperwork as a student seeking an on-campus job would. It's a benefit for the agency and a benefit for the student," said Parks, "because the agency only has to pay between $2.48 per hour and $3.60 per hour to have a student work there and the Federal government pays the rest.

"The benefit for the student is that they look awesome on a resume, they can sometimes count it for their social work hours, internship hours, field work hours, experiential education requirements, and they get a paycheck from Monmouth University which means they are taxed less."

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Welcome back. And, if you are one of about 200 new students here, welcome to Monmouth University.

I trust you all had a refreshing Winter Break and that you are ready to engage in the Spring Semester. It will be a fast moving few months; you will see the MAC nearly completed; our basketball teams will be closing out Boylan gym (I hope to see you at the games); the Spring Musical will be opening in February; a jam-packed Global Understanding program is being solidified; then we go out into the improving weather with spring sports, Spring Fest and, lastly, a few good days at the beach.

There will be a great deal going on. Your most important task, however, is establishing an immediate and useful academic relationship with your professors and focusing on good results in class. America needs well-educated young leaders to take us back to prosperity. You are our best hope. Do well.

Welcome back and … take care of each other.

Paul G. Gaffney II
President

Dear Students,

If you are returning from the fall semester- Welcome Back.
If you are new to the Monmouth University Community, welcome to your home away from home.

There are lots of exciting things happening on campus.
The construction of the Multi Purpose Activity Center is proceeding on schedule. In a few short months, we hope to begin the construction of the new residence hall, and the Student Activities Board has planned lots of great activities for the semester.

The key to a successful semester is a healthy balance in your academic endeavors, work/family responsibilities and social experiences. Try to make sure that you keep this balance and given the trying times we are all facing now; a sense of humor with a healthy dose of optimism will keep you on track.

All of us here at the University are here to help you achieve the goals you have identified for your personal growth and success. Ask questions. Access services. Take advantage of all that is offered.

Have a great Semester!

Mary Anne Nagy
Vice President for Student Services

Welcome back! I hope that you had a restful and happy holiday.

We are excited to share with you many of the exciting sustainability initiatives that Monmouth has taken over the past several years that have helped the University reduce its carbon footprint, preserved resources and saved operating expenses. We have proactively taken many steps, both large and small, to achieve this goal in an effort to reduce our impact on the local and global environment. However, the University is committed to doing more. The recently formed Sustainability Advisory Council, comprised of students, faculty, staff and administrators, is meant to build upon the work of the Energy Resource Management Committee and to help us to be responsible stewards of the environment and a leader in environmental sustainability.

You can help.

- Turn out the lights when you leave a room
- Use the ample daylight available in many of our buildings and don’t turn on lights unless necessary
- Unplug your TV, computer, cell phone charger and other electronic devices when they are not being used
- Don’t leave the water running if you don’t have to
- Consider whether you really need to print that email or document, and print double sided when you can
- Close your windows when the heat or air conditioning is on
- Be a diligent recycler
- Walk or bike instead of using your car for a short trip, and carpool whenever possible

With your help we can make a greater difference!

Did you know?

Renewable Energy
- The University installed a 454 kilowatt solar photovoltaic system on four campus buildings: Bey Hall, Boylan Gymnasium, the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, and the Facilities Management Building.
Off-Campus Employment

Stef Moffitt, a junior Criminal Justice major, began working for, and is still employed with, the Monmouth County Office of Monmouth County in the fall of 2007 through the Student Employment Office.

"Working off-campus has given me the opportunity to work in the ‘real’ professional world. I am fortunate enough to be involved in a variety of programs that allow me to see how an organization is run in its entirety. Being on various teams has also helped me to grow because I have been able to learn a variety of skills that can be helpful in the future.

The most valuable things I have acquired in this position are team work, communication, time management, and customer service. I have learned how to do work efficiently and have expanded my work ethics.

Overall, being involved in this position has been very beneficial for my personal and professional growth. I look forward to working with you to continue Monmouth University’s efforts to reduce the University carbon footprint and preserve University resources.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Swannack
Vice President for Administrative Services

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EVENT UPDATES

JOIN US FOR BINGO EXTRAVAGANZA, A NIGHT OF NOVELTY ITEMS AND BINGO.

Win prizes like Target Gift Cards, Starbucks Cards, and lots more!

Join us on Saturday, January 24, 2009
5pm-9pm
Anacon Hall, Student Center

Comedian Ace Guillen
Wednesday, January 21 at 9pm in the Underground (Attached to Elmwod)

Ace Guillen is the newest face in Stand Up Comedy. He started his career as a rocker, touring with rock bands and being named a finalist for the Inland Empire Music Awards, before bringing his musical talent to comedy. With rave reviews in major newspapers and magazines, it's no wonder Ace performs regularly in clubs like the Improv, the Laugh Factory, the Comedy Store and countless other venues across the country. Ace has made appearances on National Lampoon Radio on XM Satellite radio, NBC, Comedy Central, and was a cast member of the sketch Comedy show "Unacceptable Behavior" on the SITV. He has also appeared at the Latino Laugh Festival in Hollywood, CA and the Orange Blossom Festival in Riverside, CA.

Don’t miss this show! It’s Free!

GET INVOLVED IN CAMPUS ACTIVITIES!!
732-571-3586 • 2nd Floor, Rebecca Stafford Student Center • activities@monmouth.edu

To have your campus-wide events included, send an e-mail to hkelly@monmouth.edu.
The 2009 Yearbook is ON SALE NOW!!!
Filled with historical images for our 75th Anniversary- it will be a fantastic keepsake!
Order one now at: http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A05204600 Questions? Email yearbook@monmouth.edu

Fridays
1/23 Nick and Nora’s Infinite Playlist
1/30 High School Musical 3: Senior Yr.
2/13 Role Models
2/27 Quantum of Solace

Saturdays
1/24 Quarantine
1/31 Zach and Miri Make a Porno
2/14 Twilight
2/28 80’s Movie Marathon
7 PM  Weird Science
9 PM  16 Candles
11 PM National Lampoon’s Vacation

3/20 Seven Pounds
4/3 The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
4/17 Bedtime Stories
5/1 Confessions of a Shopaholic

FREE movies & FREE flavored popcorn!

Movies @ 7 & 11 PM IN THE UNDERGROUND
Second Chances and New Beginnings

First semester has come and gone. Now is the time for second chances and new beginnings.

Every school year we go through this cycle: four months of school, a month off, and then four more months of school. And for most of us, that month off in the middle provides us with a much-needed break from school work and school in general. The problem is, however, that when we get back, most of us want to trouble getting back into the swing of things. One way to get passed this difficulty last semester and this could be your chance to really make up for lost time, and better ourselves. For those now entering this university for the first time, you too have a fresh start. Make the most of it. Go to classes, make friends, and get involved. These are some of the most important years of your life and they truly are what you make of them. The Outlook would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the returning students back and welcome all of the new students to the University. Best of luck to all of you.

We would also like to remind students of the authors and do not reflect the views of The Outlook’s editors (unless otherwise noted) or any and all advertisers. Opinion articles are run unedited and the content is the sole responsibility of their authors. All students and faculty are welcome to respond to any opinion piece that appears on these pages, and everyone is encouraged to submit an article for consideration. The Outlook reserves the right to withhold any articles deemed inappropriate or otherwise unfit to print in the Op/Ed section. 

Due to legalities, The Outlook will no longer print anonymous articles.

The Outlook is open to all MU students, regardless of major, and any and all help is always greatly appreciated. Last semester is gone, try not to worry about what could have been, and try to make what will be.

"Try not to look at returning to school as a burden, but a new opportunity. A positive outlook on a fresh start can go a long way."

Did you know... your cartoon or picture can be here next week! It can be about anything but should be related to the Monmouth University community, student life, or something going on in the news that week. E-mail submissions to outlook@monmouth.edu and it could be printed here next week.

Did you know... your cartoon or picture can be here next week!
WMCX 88.9FM is looking for DJs insanely interested in ROCK MUSIC, Strange Vibrations, being a student from ANY major can become a DJ.

WMCX WANTED

You are fully capable of being a rock DJ. If you can open your mouth and push a few buttons, you can get your voice out there.

Welcome back from England: (09 Spring)
Welcome Back from Italy: (08 Fall)
Welcome Back from Australia: (08 Fall)
Welcome Back from England: (08 Fall)

Zeta Tau Alpha wishes the Monmouth Community a happy new year! ZTA looks forward to starting the spring semester with a new executive and program council. Also, ZTA would like you to save the date of March 25 to attend ZTA’s annual Big Man on Campus. This is a fun filled event where the men of Monmouth get to strut their stuff and help support a great cause, Breast Cancer Awareness. Finally, ZTA wishes you a wonderful Spring semester at Monmouth!!

--Hope this works!!! Thank you!
Jenna Uszanski
President of Zeta Tau Alpha

CHEMISTRY CLUB

The Chemistry Club had a ball with chemistry in the fall semester! We had a very successful Chemistry Carnival at Brookdale with over 100 participants, thank you to all who were involved. Our trip to Hot Sand in Asbury Park to blow glass bubbles was an exciting time. We wrapped up the end of the fall semester with silver plating ornaments and glass balls. Next up for the Chemistry Club is a community service event with the girl scouts and an Earth Day celebration. New members are always welcome! Please contact me at 0685440@monmouth.edu. Contact Chris to put yourself on the mailing list to receive further information about the club and meetings.

Sincerely,
Chris Lukas

STUDENT COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

Dear Students:
The CSA (Counseling Students Association) welcomes all incoming and returning Monmouth University students and counseling students*. We wish you a fun, enriching, and lively Spring semester.

Look for flyers and email announcements of upcoming CSA events.

Email us anytime if you have any questions or comments: csun@monmouth.edu.

Thanks,
Ronni, Jay, Lauren, and Mary
CSA

*All graduate counseling students are members of the CSA.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS CLUB

The College Republican Club make known and promote the principles of the Republican Party, and the election of republican candidates at all levels of government; encourage and assist in the organization and active functioning of the Republican Party at local, state, and national levels; and develop political skills and leadership abilities among students as preparation for future service to the party and community.

Thank you and any questions please email me, President Nick Campbell
Contact: Kevin Franken/Gerard Scharfenberger
Phone: 732-263-5525/732-571-3440

ATTENTION CLUB AND GREEKERS!!! GOT ANY NEWS ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH THE REST OF CAMPUS? EMAIL OUTLOOK@MONMOUTH.EDU WITH SUBMISSIONS BY MONDAY NIGHTS. THANK YOU!
Start Saving now for the SGA Charity Auction!
On February 11th
(right before Valentine’s Day)
from 2:30-4 PM in Anacon

We are auctioning off donations from the Jets, Tickets to the Two River Theater Company, Romantic Dinners at Local Restaurants, and so much more!!!

ATTENTION STUDENTS!!!

For the 5th year, Hawk TV, WMCX, The Outlook, and the PRSSA are hosting a fashion show featuring local designers and Monmouth Student’s modeling the clothing.
All proceeds are donated to a local charity, including the profit made through our gift raffle.

You can help this great cause by donating a gift basket or gift card to be raffled off.

For any questions please contact Lauren Costello at Hawktv@monmouth.edu

“Shore Looks Good” Fashion Show

Saturday, February 7th 2009

Wilson Great Hall. Doors Open 6:30 PM
Tickets $10 in advance and $15 at the door

Featuring
Proven Clothing
Liar Liar Jeans
Kill Brand
Boobies & Co.
and many more!