Honors School Re-located to Beechwood Hall

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The Honors School, which was a part of Birch Hall for many years, has transferred to Beechwood Hall over the summer to accommodate a larger number of housing for Honors students.

William Mitchell, Interim Dean of the Honors School, said that the Honors School "had been besieged by requests for housing in the Honors dorm." Previously, Birch Hall was able to hold a capacity of 33 students. However, Mitchell said that with the move to Birch, more freshmen will be able to reside in the Honors Dorm along with a greater amount of sophomores.

Mitchell explained that the decision was made by the administration in consultation with Residential Life and the Dean of the Honors School.

Mitchell said, "Our goal in the Honors School is to create a sense of camaraderie, much like on an athletic team, but around academic issues." According to Mitchell, all honors students were notified of the move during the summer. "I mailed a notice to all upperclassmen immediately on becoming dean in the last week of July, providing students with information about me and notifying them of our move to Honors School continued on pg. 5

New Dean Named to the School of Nursing and Health Studies

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Monmouth University recently announced the appointment of Dr. Janet Mahoney as the Dean of the Majorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

Dr. Mahoney, who will succeed Dean Marilyn Lauria, has been a full-time member of the Monmouth University faculty since 1995 with experience gained as a teacher, a scholar, and her previous appointment as the assistant dean of the School of Nursing and Health Studies (SONHE).

"I am very pleased that Dr. Janet Mahoney will be the new Dean of the Majorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies," said Dr. Marilyn Lauria, Current SONHE Dean. "I believe she is eminently qualified to lead the School of Nursing and Health Studies to new ventures such as those already planned, i.e., the new Health Studies and Physical Education major (starting in Fall 2010) and the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (scheduled for Fall 2011) and those yet to come."

"Dr. Mahoney is an outstanding educator, administrator, and researcher," said Dr. Thomas Pearson, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "We are thrilled she will be leading the School of Nursing and Health Studies."

Dr. Mahoney received her diploma in nursing from St. Mary Hospital School of Nursing in Hoboken in 1976, her BS in Monmouth University in 1987, her MSN from Seton Hall in 1990, and her PhD from New York University in 1998.

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Class of 2013 Get Orientated

FRANK GOGOL
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In a collaborative effort to prepare the class of 2013 for the college experience the Student Services word First Year at Monmouth offices conducted the annual New Student Orientation program over the course of three weeks in July.

"We had two overall goals for our students during orientation: First to develop a realistic understanding of what college life will be like and Monmouth's possibilities, and second to create a sense of community," said Dr. Judith L. Nye, the Associate Vice President for the First Year at Monmouth Office.

Just over a thousand new students participated in the two-day experience. In each of the six sessions that ran throughout July the students were divided into six smaller groups designated by colors. The reason for the separation was to accommodate the various activities that the orientation program was comprised of which included advising and registration; programming on safety, diversity, and Monmouth culture and traditions; tours of campus, college-level lesson taught by a Monmouth professor, skills addressing important college experiences and potential pitfalls, resident and commuter meetings, a Math Placement Test, and evening social activities, which included a service project to support Habitat for Humanity.

Some current students will remember that New Student Orientation used to take place the continued on pg. 4

Tribute to Alumni at Commencement 2009

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The most recent class of University graduates was honored at the Commencement 2009 ceremony on Wednesday, May 20 at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel for their accomplishments.

The ceremony began at 1:30 p.m. and ended just before 4 p.m. More than 1,000 undergraduate and graduate students graduated, and each graduate received five tickets.

Mary Anne Nagey, Vice President of Student Services, said that there were approximately 9,000 people who attended, including students, faculty, and staff. More than 1,000 undergraduate and graduate students received diplomas at the 2009 Commencement.

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At Monmouth University we are committed to the principles of energy conservation and environmental sustainability. For many years we have proactively taken many steps, both large and small, to conserve energy and to reduce our impact on the local and global environment. We are excited to share with you the following list of some of the environmental sustainability initiatives that we have undertaken, and those that are currently involved in.

**Commitment to Sustainability**

On January 16, 2009, Monmouth University entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The purpose of this MOU is to document Monmouth University's commitment as an environmental steward that pledges to reduce its carbon footprint and generally contribute to a better environment by partnering with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Under this MOU, Monmouth will participate in the following voluntary EPA environmental stewardship programs. A copy of the MOU and our first report of progress can be found on the Sustainability page of the University's Website.

- **GreenPower Partnership**
- **ENERGYSTAR® Building & Plant Partnership**
- **GreenScapes Partnership**
- **WasteWise Partnership**
- **Coal Combustion Products Partnership**
- **National Clean Diesel Campaign & Clean Construction USA**
- **WaterSense Products**

**Renewable Energy**

- In 2006 we 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. The system was the largest installation at an institution of higher education east of the Mississippi River when it was installed. The system produces approximately 500 megawatt-hours of electricity each year, and is projected to save the University at least $2.7 million over 25 years. In addition, the system's solar-generated electricity to date has reduced emissions of carbon dioxide by over 1,000 tons. This emissions reduction is equivalent to planting nearly 291 acres of trees, or removing 206 cars from the road for a year, or not driving over 2,500,000 miles. The project was funded in part by a grant from the Clean Energy Program of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. The project earned Monmouth University the 2006 New Jersey Clean Energy School of the Year award.

- We have applied to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for funding support for a second solar photovoltaic system to be installed on the newly completed Multi-Purpose Activity Center. The proposed system will produce another 500 megawatt-hours of electricity each year.

**Campus and Community Involvement**

- In September of 2005, the Urban Coast Building (UCI) was established as one of the University’s “Centers of Distinction” to serve the University and the public interest as a forum for research, education, and collaboration in the development and implementation of science-based policies and programs that support stewardship of healthy, productive, and resilient coastal ecosytems and communities.

- In January of 2009 we formed the Sustainability Advisory Council (SAC) to propose research and recommend energy and sustainability policy for the University. There is more on the SAC later in this letter.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions

Some of the primary motivations for our energy conservation and environmental sustainability initiatives is to reduce our carbon footprint. Before we can set our reduction goals and identify projects that will help achieve those goals, we must understand what our existing carbon footprint is and how the projects that we have completed over the past 4 years have contributed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This summer we began a greenhouse gas inventory that will identify our emissions from the electricity that we use, the fuel that our vehicle fleet uses, and the commuting miles of our staff, faculty and students. The inventory should be completed before the end of 2009.

- In May of 2009, Monmouth University hosted a Carbon Inventory Training Workshop for community leaders, faculty, staff and students. The workshop was sponsored by Monmouth University’s Urban Coast Institute, Monmouth University’s Sustainability Advisory Council, Sierra Club Cool Cities Campaign and the Monmouth County Cool Cities Partnership.

Included in the fixed price for much of the above carbon offsets certified by National Green-e. Based on estimated quantities, this should amount to the purchase of 1,286,913 kWh of renewable energy certificates over the next two years.

**Energy and Water Conservation and Efficiency**

- Monmouth University continues to promote energy and water conservation and efficiency through initiatives such as reducing domestic hot water temperatures; replacing or upgrading mechanical equipment with energy efficient equipment; installing occupancy sensors in public areas; addressing lighting through fixture upgrades, use of energy saving light bulbs, and use of LED exit sign lighting; using water conserving fixtures, shower heads and lavatories; and using a web based irrigation system.

- Monmouth University, through the New Jersey Clean Energy Program, has hosted two highly successful lighting fairs in conjunction where high efficiency lighting products were offered to the campus community and the public at large at significantly reduced prices.

**Sustainable Landuse Practices**

- We have instituted many sustainable landscaping practices, including recycling bedding trays and plant containers, placing mulch over a plant’s root zone to reduce moisture evaporation and conserve water. Grasscycling-grass clippings are left in place when mowing, using an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program, using organic, bio-based, or slow-release fertilizers, and use of drought tolerant plants.

- In 2008 we constructed a rain garden to reduce rainwater runoff, and the area is to be upgraded in 2009.

**Waste Management**

- This spring, Monmouth University piloted a program that seeks to capture for recycling some of the textiles that, in the past, have left our campus as waste as our students have moved out of the residence halls. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, only 15% of consumer textile waste in our country is currently being recycled. Textiles that are still useful – clothing, linens, books and the like, were placed in collection boxes provided by Planet Aid, a charity which raises funds for use in underprivileged countries. The program not only diverted readily recyclable items from the University’s waste stream, but also helped our students to understand that even small actions on their part can help to alleviate suffering in underprivileged parts of the world, reduce pollution and help to combat the threat of global warming.

- Along with our food service vendor, we continue to evaluate food waste management technologies, including in-vessel composting and an organic waste decomposition system.

- Monmouth University continues to encourage and enforce recycling of glass, aluminum and bi-metal containers; paper; cardboard; and electronic devices.

- Our food service vendor uses 100% biodegradable disposable service ware and certain serving containers; instituted “tray less” service in one of the cafeterias, saving 3 cups of water for every tray, or 260 gallons of water per week; purchases all of their bread, dairy (including ice cream) and produce from local vendors.

**Vehicle Fleet**

- We have purchased 3 hybrid police vehicles and a solar powered golf cart.

- All golf cart replacements are battery operated instead of gas powered.

- Older, larger vehicles are being replaced with electric and more fuel efficient work vehicles.

What You Can Do

As in all things, this University is committed to looking forward. Consequently, we recognize that there is much more work to be done, and we need and want your involvement.

The recently formed Sustainability Advisory Council is an interdisciplinary group comprised of students, faculty, staff and administrators. The mission of the SAC is to promote environmental stewardship at Monmouth University by encouraging the development of an environmentally responsible and sustainable campus community in its operations, education, research, outreach and services. The SAC will propose and research energy and environmental sustainability policies and initiatives, and recommend specific policies and initiatives for the University to implement that will advance the University’s sustainability goals. The SAC has established a committee structure for its research, with committees for Finance and Procurement; Outreach; Academic Programs and Research; Energy, Land and Water; Waste Management; and Greenhouse Gas. We encourage your participation. If you are interested in becoming a member of the SAC, please send an email to Jim Ferris at jferris@monmouth.edu.

Every action we take influences our delicate ecosystem and the sustainability of our campus and community. Here are a few simple things that you can do to help.

- Turn off the lights when you leave a room
- Use the ample daylighting available in many of our buildings and don’t turn on the lights until its necessary
- Turn off your TV, computer 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 difference!
Monmouth University 2009 Graduation

student guests.

Alumna Paige Sodano thought that the ceremony ran very smoothly and much faster than she expected. Economist Lawrence Kudlow and “Annie” Actress Aileen Quinn were the two keynote speakers at the ceremony. Kudlow is host of CNBC’s The Kudlow Report, and also served as a chief economist on Wall Street firms. Quinn portrayed Annie in the well-known 1981 film, and has currently been teaching musical theatre across the United States.

Nagy said, “Both Mr. Kudlow and Ms. Quinn gave marvelous speeches. [I’ll refer to Ms. Quinn’s singing as a speech.] They both clearly gave hope and encouragement to our graduates and I think if you look at where we are today, some three months after the Commencement ceremony, things are getting better and brighter in this country although we still have some ways to go.”

Sodano also said that she enjoyed the keynote speakers. “My favorite part had to be Aileen Quinn singing “Tomorrow.” A lot of people in the audience got teary-eyed, which I thought was kind of cool because so many, including myself, enjoyed her performance,” Sodano said.

Other speakers at the ceremony included President Paul G. Gaffney and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Alfred Schiavetti. Senior class president Amanda Klaus also spoke on behalf of the class.

Sodano said that she felt a sense of accomplishment and sadness at the same time. “Shaking President Gaffney’s hand definitely felt like the final farewell,” Sodano said. On her overall thoughts on the ceremony, Nagy said, “It is always wonderful to see that many students receive their degrees and accomplish this most important goal in their lives. It is also a great day for the University since so many people here work so hard to help our students achieve their goals.

Life after Monmouth is full of possibilities for Sodano. “My plans as of now are coming back to visit MU whenever I can, and just job hunting. I work at the Guess outlet at home, so that is my small income until I find a “big girl job.” I’ve been traveling a lot since graduation, enjoying my time before the real world hits,” Sodano said.

Nagy said that after the ceremony at the PNC Bank Arts Center, a large amount of students and their families came back to the University to take pictures. “It was a great day,” Nagy said.

When asked to describe her college years in one word, Sodano replied, “summarizing my experience at Monmouth is a tough question, but if I had to answer I would say that it was absolutely fabulous!”
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weekend just before the start of school. According to Nye there were several reasons of the re- structuring that manifested in the current program. “Labor Day weekend just wasn’t working for Monmouth. The campus wasn’t particularly welcoming because everyone was away for the holiday weekend, and students were far more interested in settling in than they were attending orientation activities. Also, we were already bringing students to campus in July for advising and registration. It only made sense to consolidate these visits to campus and of- fer orientation at a time when the University com- munity would be on hand to wel- come students.”

“I believe that most folks are happy with how orientation is running these days... At this point we are mostly focused on ‘tweaking’ the programming to improve on the basic model.”

DR. JUDITH NYE
Associate Vice President for the First Year at Monmouth Office

Students who participate in the program fill out a series of surveys that help the various parties in- volved in the orientation process to figure out what does and does not work. From the data collected from these surveys weak and ineffective portions of the program can be re- evaluated or eliminated. This data also helps to see how Monmouth’s program measures up against other institutions around the country. The BCSSSE data is not just used by First Year; it is shared across the University to help the school as a whole do a better job of meeting the needs of students.

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Sophomore Honors student DJ McCarthy stated: “Yes, the Honors students were definitely looking forward to apartment style living in their sophomore year; it sure beats suites any day of the week. However, due to the increased demand of upperclassmen who wished to live on campus, Monmouth decided that the juniors and seniors would get first licks at the apartments, such as Maplewood.”

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Given the economic turmoil recently, it is more important than ever to have a college education. Applicants with a college degree are much more likely to be considered for a job and have jobs available to them that the non-college graduate does not. A common argument for not going to college, especially in these difficult times, is that if money is hard to come by, it doesn’t make sense to spend a fortune on college just to be severely in debt when I’m done and still not able to get a job. What more students or could-be students do not know is how much financial aid is available to them. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a form that helps the Government to assess a college student’s financial need. Filling this form out can get students access to the funds they need to attend college and there is no limit as to how much aid a person can potentially receive. It is all based on need. Some students can go through a four year school and come out with no debt at all. College is also a place where skills can be developed that that are harder to learn in outside life. Living with another person of a different race, religion, or even culture teaches tolerance. In college, you learn to accept others because you are forced into close proximity with so many different kinds of people. Sometimes we come into conflict with these people and yet other skills are learned from this. Communication and conflict resolution spring from situations that pit one person against another. In college, there are people who are specifically trained to get you through such situations. In the so-called real world, there is no one to help you learn to sort out problems like this and the inability to work through a problem as smoothly as possible can get you fired.

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For example, a communication major looking for a job in that field, it is probable that a professor in that same department knows someone who knows someone who is looking to hire a person with your specific college learned skill set. This will not always be the case, but it is an advantage the college graduate has over people without degrees. College graduates also earn more money than those without further education. The average annual earnings of a 25-year-old full-time work with a bachelor’s degree is about $53,000 whereas those with only a high school diploma make an average of approximately $32,500 a year. These are benefits that are not necessarily exclusive to the college experience, but college is a place where you are almost guaranteed to get them, which puts you one step ahead of the person who doesn’t go to college.

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

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Welcome to the fall 2009 semester at Monmouth University. Here is a list of several tips to follow in order to achieve college success. Good luck to all!

When you are planning your class schedule, be realistic. This isn’t high school; classes are accessible all day. If you are not a “morning person,” do not schedule a bunch of 8:30 a.m. classes. Monmouth University offers classes which can be taken very early or exceptionally late, until 10:05 p.m., in order to accommodate everyone’s busy lifestyle. If possible, I suggest trying to have a free, no classes’ day on either Friday or Monday. Give yourself a long weekend to get your work done, study, rest up and spend some free time with your friends.

Before classes even begin, be sure to order your text books online at an early date to ensure that you get the cheapest prices. All the books, new or used, are the same quality. They are all more than well enough to be studied from until the end of the semester, and then be sure to sell those text books back to the Monmouth University bookstore, on campus, to be used once more, by future students.

I know, for a fact, that Monmouth University campus offers a large selection of meal choices. If you have a Meal Plan, make sure to take advantage of it. The Dinning Hall provides a wide variety of nutritious and tasty selections to all students. Use it, don’t lose it; once the semester is over, you cannot get it back! Check out Java City, in the Student Center, I love their Mocha Avalanches, they’re to die for!

“Be sure to take full advantage of your advisor. They are very knowledgeable about certain courses and Professors which ones would suit you best, so get to know them, so they know you! They’re here to help you, so make an appointment to meet with yours ASAP, so they are aware of your needs, your wants and can best serve you.”

If you are looking for extra income, check out the many jobs on campus, which Monmouth University has to offer its students. The campus jobs are all flexible with your class schedules, and they are obviously near by; you won’t need a car to get there. Make some money for your weekends!

Everyone should get involved in life here on Monmouth University’s campus; there are many sports, clubs and campus events which you all can be involved in, meet friends and have fun! If you don’t play a sport, cheer for the Hawks! The Monmouth University webpage has links to all campus activities and events. Get involved!

More information on life, here at Monmouth University campus, is presented regularly on the radio station, 88.9 FM, and Hawk TV, channel 12. These stations constantly offer student entertainment.

Last but not least, be sure to pick up the Outlook every week! The Outlook is always full of campus news, highlights, activities and opinions, if you have something to say, make a note of it and send it to Outlook@monmouth.edu or drop it off to the Outlook’s office, on the second floor in Jules Plangere. New issues of The Outlook come out every Wednesday and are accessible at many locations on campus; they’re hard to miss! Take a peek!
Welcome new and returning students! The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations is looking forward to a great year.

I encourage you to take advantage of the more than 80 student clubs and organizations on campus. An easy way to get involved is to take part in the Involvement Fair being held on Wednesday, September 23rd (raindate September 30th) outside of the Student Center from 2:30-4:30pm. This is a time for you to meet many of the club representatives and to get an idea of what our clubs and organizations do. There is something for everyone! Also, should you come up with an idea for a new club, it is easy to start one. Just come to the Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations to get started. All clubs and organizations are student run and recognized through the Student Government Association.

If you are interested in fraternities or sororities, you may also want to attend Meet the Greeks at 10pm on Tuesday, September 22nd in the Student Center Anacon Hall. While Meet the Greeks is open to all, remember first year students must have earned at least 12 credits to join. Also, the minimum grade point average required to join a fraternity or sorority is 2.5. Some organizations require a higher grade point average, so be sure to ask about their requirements. Take time to meet all of the fraternities or sororities to make the best decision for you.

The clubs, organizations, our office and other departments have put together a busy schedule of activities for the semester. Check your Calendar of Events and look for posters, electronic displays, and table tents giving you information about upcoming activities. The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations also sends weekly e-mails updating you about the events. Please be advised that a number of the events will be held in the lobby of Oakwood Hall and all students may attend.

Also, take time to check out the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. In addition to many departmental offices, you will find lounge space to relax and study, computers to use, many club and organization offices, the cafeteria, a convenience store, an information desk, meeting/event rooms and more. The Rebecca Stafford Student Center is here for you. Take advantage of all it has to offer.

If you have any questions about upcoming events or clubs and organizations, please feel free to contact the Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations at 732-571-3586 or visit our office located on the second floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center.

Best Wishes for a Great Year,
Amy Bellina
Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations

Welcome Students - there is something new at Monmouth University! The CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS (CSS), formerly the Life & Career Advising Center (LCAC), has been established to provide students a more comprehensive set of resources within one location. The CSS works with all campus departments and offices to assist students with academic, personal and career matters. You will find us on the first floor and the lower level of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center (RSSC):

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In addition, we work closely with the Mathematics Learning Center located in Room 530, Howard Hall (732-263-5305). Please visit the Center for Student Success to see what resources are available. If you have any questions, please contact me at judge@monmouth.edu.

Best wishes for a great academic year,
JEAN M. JUDGE
Interim Dean
Center for Student Success
Welcome back social work students!

It is our pleasure to welcome back our undergraduate and graduate social work students! Things are always changing and there are always new happenings here in the School of Social Work. You will see three new faces on the faculty and you will notice two missing. We send many thanks and our best wishes to Dr. Morris Saldov in his retirement and to Professor Laura DiGiovanni who has moved on to another position.

We welcome aboard to the full-time faculty Kathleen Delt, a long time Adjunct Professor in the School, Christa Hogan, also a long time Adjunct Professor in Social Work and lastly, Rebecca McCloskey who is brand new to Monmouth. We are confident they will deliver exceptional instruction consistent with our high academic and professional standards.

Please make note that the first meeting of the Social Work Society will be September 23rd at 3:00pm in ML 138 so please come on by. Also, the annual Teach-In will be on November 10th, which seems far off, but the planning for this year will get going right away! If you have the room in your schedule, Dr. Kelly Ward will be teaching a new 3 credit Freshman Seminar course focusing on issues faced by children and adolescents (SW 198) which will be a great class for social work majors as well as a way to expose the wider student community to some of the issues addressed by social workers.

We expect a great year! As our profession continues to grow and adapt, so does our program. Like our profession we remain vibrant and ever more critical as more and more people become vulnerable and need to seek services from professional social workers. We welcome you back and at the same time congratulate you on your decision to commit your professional life to serving those in need. It is an awesome commitment to seek services from professional social workers. We welcome you back and at the same time congratulate you on your decision to commit your professional life to serving those in need. It is an awesome commitment to seek services from professional social workers.

Facilities Management

Facilities Management’s mission is to provide quality customer service by maintaining a safe, reliable, healthy and aesthetically pleasing environment in which students, faculty and staff can function and accomplish their academic and research objectives. We clean, preserve and operate the University’s buildings and grounds. Facilities Management personnel respond to a variety of service needs as well.

Routine (non-emergency) maintenance problems may be reported by completing an on-line Facilities Management Service Order form. This on-line form can be found at www.monmouth.edu/servicereport. On the Service Order, please give a clear, concise description of the maintenance or repair need, including the building and room number in which the problem is located. Please include your name and telephone extension in case there’s a question about your request.

Report emergency maintenance problems in campus buildings ASAP by calling the Facilities Management Help Desk at (732) 571-3405.

The Staff of the Office of Placement and Student Employment

Dear Students,

Welcome back returning and new, incoming students!! On behalf of everyone in Health Services, we are looking forward to keeping Monmouth University healthy this academic year!

In anticipation of a significant upcoming influenza season, we are encouraging everyone to protect themselves by getting a flu shot. This year will be quite different from previous seasons as two types of flu strains, the seasonal flu and H1N1 influenza, are predicted to have an effect on the northern hemisphere and our campus.

There will be a seasonal flu vaccination clinic for the campus community on September 23rd. Please look for upcoming e-mails and notices. The H1N1 influenza vaccine may be out as early as mid to end of October. Walk-ins are available to our campus, Health Services will be providing vaccination clinics for the campus community.

In the interim, remember to eat a healthy diet, get plenty of rest, pace your academic work and wash those hands!

Kathy Maloney
Director of Health Services

Office of Affirmative Action, Human Relations and Compliance

Students:

The Office of Affirmative Action, Human Relations and Compliance welcomes all new and returning students. Monmouth University provides equal opportunity to all students and employees.

Our office monitors the University’s compliance with laws and regulations regarding Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity, and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972. Greatness and students have a right not to be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, gender, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, liability for service in the Armed Forces of the United States, disability, or status as a disabled veteran of the Vietnam era.

Monmouth University has appointed Mr. Raymond Rodriguez, Director of Affirmative Action, Human Relations and Compliance, as the ADA/504 and Title IX Coordinator.

Our web site can be found at http://www.monmouth.edu/ resource/ ea/aauc/index.asp. A copy of the policy for filing complaints of discrimination/sexual harassment can be obtained at our office or http://www.monmouth.edu/resources/ht/aa/aa/harasspolicy.asp.

Any member of the Monmouth University community may report incidents of discrimination/sexual harassment to the offices listed below:

- Mr. Raymond Rodriguez
  Director of Affirmative Action,
  Human Relations and Compliance
  Facilities Management
  (732) 571-3456

- Mrs. Patricia Swannack
  Vice President for Administrative Services
  Facilities Management
  (732) 571-3456

- Mrs. Mary Anne Nagy
  Vice President for Student Services
  (732) 571-3417

- Dr. Thomas Pearson
  Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
  (732) 571-3405

Placement and Student Employment

Dear Students,

Greetings from the staff of the Office of Placement and Student Employment. Welcome back! We hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer. Be sure to visit us in our new offices located on the lower level of the Student Center. We are now part of the “Center for Student Success.”

Our office provides many services that can assist you in your career including:

• Help with resumes and interview preparation
• Access to lists of full-time and part-time opportunities
• Assistance finding a job on-campus using you Federal Work Study (FWS) award
• Invitations to career days where you can meet in person with hiring employers
• Meetings with professionals to discuss career plans and job hunting strategies

Our office especially encourages those preparing to seek full-time professional employment - such as seniors and graduate students – to avail themselves of our services. Staff can assist you to prepare a resume, hone your interview skills, and advise you about the best way to seek out that important first job. Watch your email for weekly jobs lists and for announcements about upcoming workshops, seminars, career days and other related events. Feel free at anytime to call our office at 732-571-3471 and speak to a staff member or to make an appointment.

If you have been awarded a Federal Work Study grant be sure to visit our offices for help with locating a job on-campus. FWS students may also explore opportunities off-campus at various community service organizations, such as the YMCA, United Way, Planned Parenthood, and others. If you don’t have a FWS award, don’t despair! About 40% of MU’s student workers last year did not have a FWS award. Over one thousand students worked on campus last year’s a great way to earn extra cash, make new friends and important contacts with faculty and staff. Almost every department at Monmouth hires student workers. If you want to work on campus, just be sure you’ve completed a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. See a staff member for more details.

For more information about our office visit us on the web at: http://www.monmouth.edu/academics/CSS/placement_office/

Best wishes for the coming year.

The Staff of the Office of Placement and Student Employment

September 9, 2009

Welcome Back Letters
The Outlook
Center for Human and Community Wellness

The Center for Human and Community Wellness (CHCW) is a grassroots initiative that derives from the various Schools and Departments, student services and community members. It is the unanimous conviction of all participants that there are excellent faculty and staff and current best practices, which connect various units within the University and community providing a firm foundation for the Center. The Center’s website http://www.monmouth.edu/wellness/default.asp provides more information about the mission and goals, as well as the membership and resources.

The purpose of this collaborative endeavor (CHCW) is to provide a proactive approach for enriching mental, physical, social and emotional well-being of all people through education, outreach and promotion of public health policies conducive to health. Some of the strategies for promoting health and well-being will be: service learning, community-based participatory research (CBPR), broad-based coalitions & other partnership strategies.

The Center is in its first 3-year planning stage, with some projects outlined to begin during this academic year. The “Running for Health” project will begin in October and involve our athletes and Health Studies students as facilitators and mentors for elementary school children to become lifelong practitioners of healthy lifestyle and choices. The “Community Garden” project will begin also in the Fall and will be led by Social Work students and should involve all interested MU students and faculty, administration, as well as citizens from West Long Branch and surrounding towns who are interested in planting and growing vegetables, fruits and flowers in the common ground for wellness and health of all. Furthermore, the Community Forum initiative should begin in the Fall to provide opportunities for identifying the current and most burning health issues among citizens in Monmouth County, allowing for genuine community-campus initiatives for research and practice to bring about safer and healthier communities and citizen wellness.

Alumni Association

Dear Students:

Many Monmouth graduates (alumni) are members of our Mentoring Program. They volunteer their time and expertise to assist current students with career-related questions.

These Mentors, or career coaches, can sometimes come to campus to meet with students who request help or, if they want to help but can’t get to campus, they provide information online about their careers, along with an e-mail address and phone number and leave it up to you to contact them directly. The Career Center is on the Alumni Home Page. The URL is: http://www.monmouth.edu/alumni/keptouch_businessnet.asp

Follow special student login directions but if you experience difficulty accessing it or just have questions about the directory, call the alumni office at 571-3489 during normal business hours.

To meet mentors in person come to Career Days, where volunteer alumni mentors are on hand to provide guidance and networking advice to those students who attend.

Have a great year, and prepare for your future by joining the Mentor Program now. It’s never too early!

Sincerely,
The Alumni Office
Alumni House

Welcome to the class of 2013, and welcome back to all returning students!

Are you ready for another year of papers and exams? Wipe the sweat off your brow and take a deep breath because, as always, the Writing Center is here to help, and this year we’re making ourselves even more accessible.

After you’ve settled back into the dorms or circled the lot long enough to find a spot, come visit us at our new location. We are now situated in the Center for Student Success on the lower level of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center.

Our fall hours are as follows: Monday through Thursday from 9:15AM to 6:00PM, and Fridays from 9:15AM to 3:45PM. To book an appointment, use TutorTrac, which can be found as a quick link on our homepage (www.monmouth.edu/writing_center), or call us at 732-571-7542. While tweeting and updating your status, you can make an appointment with us, all without ever leaving the computer.

Online tutoring is available for graduate students. Through the Online Writing Center on eCampus, you can upload your paper for a Writing Assistant to review and return. Throughout the fall and spring, we will also be continuing our “Spotlight on Writing” series. These thirty-minute workshops will be held on specific writing topics, such as MLA format or direct quotations. All students are encouraged to attend. Check the Writing Center Web site for a calendar of events.

So, once you get reacquainted with the Monmouth squirrels that guard the walkways, come on over to our new location. We are ready to help you with all aspects of the writing process, from planning to revising. Writers of all levels are welcome, as we work to provide a positive environment in which constructive feedback aids growth.

Writing Center

WELCOME BACK LETTERS

September 9, 2009

Art & Design Department

The art and design department welcomes all new and returning students back to campus. This year our department offers two new degrees that might be of interest to some of you. One is a BA in Art with a Concentration in Photography. This is a focused study in technical and creative skills of photographic seeing, production, and presentation. It prepares students for both fine art and applied/design (commercial) photographic practices. The second degree is a BFA in Graphic Design with a Concentration in Animation. This study combined with the design skills, is very much a marketable degree for students interested in all aspects of today’s multiple animation applications. See our website for more information. Also look at our exhibition schedule and visit our two galleries—the Ice House and the 800 Building—throughout the semester.

Chemistry, Med Tech & Physics Department

Welcome back to all our majors from the Department of Chemistry, Medical Technology and Physics! We hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

I have been appointed to replace Dr. Topper as the department Chair. Please feel free to stop by if you have any concerns or if I can be of any assistance. My office is located in the Edison Science Building, 2nd floor, Room E243. If you are a new chemistry or med tech major, I would be delighted to meet you.

Our Seminar in Chemistry course will be featuring guest speakers, and all students are welcome to attend. The Chem Club will be planning their activities, and we hope that you will join them at their next meeting (to be announced by email). Have a wonderful Fall semester.

Sincerely,
Dr. William Schreiber, Chair

Alumni Stand Ready To Help Students!

The Alumni Office

Monmouth University Library

Dear Students:

Welcome Class of 2013 and all returning students!

We invite you to come and visit the Library and get more out of your college experience. Over the summer we added hundreds of new books and several new databases to help you with your research. We also continue to improve study areas and computer/laptop access.

In response to your feedback to simplify searching for articles, we have implemented a new search tool. Try out the new search box on our home page where you can quickly search several of our multi-disciplinary databases simultaneously. One search within your discipline can also yield results from multiple databases, no need to search them separately.

Remote access to our resources and reference assistance is available at: library.monmouth.edu

Please plan to stop by the Library for our open house on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 2:30 – 4:30pm. Participate in the Library Mystery event and enjoy free refreshments.

Have a great year!

Sincerely,

Dr. William Schreiber, Chair
Welcome back to campus after what I hope was a great summer break. As you have probably seen, a great deal of work has taken place on campus this summer. The MAC is finished and it includes the new Bookstore and Fitness Center. Progress on the new residence hall is moving along and the new tennis courts, located just north of Pinewood hall, are nearing completion.

As we welcome a new school year, I hope you will all find some time to become more connected to the programs and services that Monmouth University has to offer. I know that you have very busy schedules. I also know, however, that getting involved outside of the classroom can make an important difference when it comes to your future success and satisfaction. Whether you join a club/organization, find a campus work-study job, attend a program, help a professor with some research, or even get a meal-plan, the time you spend on-campus outside of the classroom can prove quite valuable. In most cases, you can include those out-of-class experiences on your resume, which in turn can help you get into graduate school or get your first ‘real’ job.

As the 2009/2010 school progresses, I also hope that you will contact my office should you have any questions related to your off-campus or commuter experience. Feel free to also take a look at my office’s website: www.monmouth.edu/commuter where you will find a variety of information about commuting, living off-campus, and the local communities. I also encourage you to keep an eye open for the upcoming programs from OCCS. For more information on these programs, contact your Off-Campus and Commuter Services representative or visit the website www.monmouth.edu/commuter.

Welcome to the Neighborhood, Student Rental Visits – For the past 9 years OCCS has visited all of the student rentals in Long Branch, Ocean Township, Deal, and West Long Branch to familiarize our students that will discuss a number of practical subjects to include personal finances, car care, living green off-campus, tenant rights/responsibilities, and more! Free Ice Scrapers! Stop by the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services and pick up a free ice scraper (while supplies last). OCCS is located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center.

Living Green Off-Campus e-letter: Are you an environmentally kind person of purpose? Are you interested in learning more about this important topic? Even though you are renting an apartment, you can still recycle, cut down on water consumption and much more. Look for OCCS’s regular installment of Living Green Off-Campus on your email account.

Sincerely,

Barbara Rubert
Director, Tutoring Center

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We look forward to helping you to work toward your academic goals.

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Dear Students,

Welcome back! We’re here to help you get off to a great start and there’s no better way to meet people, have fun, and learn about careers than volunteering. The office of Service Learning and Community Programs is now on the lower level of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. Please stop by or call to find out how you can get involved in the community. You can also check the volunteer directory on the Monmouth University web site, keyword “volunteer directory.” Whatever your schedule, whatever your interests, the right volunteer opportunity is waiting for you.

Here are some suggestions:

• A food drive for the St. Vincent DePaul Society
• A barbecue for residents of Manua House, a housing facility for homeless women and children
• Pop-Top Tab Collection for Ronald McDonald House
• Fundraising for the SPCA
• Adopting a family for the holidays
• Serving lunch at Meal at Noon on Saturday from 11:00 – 1:00
• Making a “no sew” blanket for a child in a hospital or homeless shelter

Contact: Marilyn Ward, Center for Student Success, 732-571-4411 or volunteer@monmouth.edu

----- Please note that volunteering does not meet the Experiential Education requirement. 

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Do you need of some assistance with a particular course?
• Individual or group tutoring sessions available.
• Be connected with a Faculty Mentor or a Student Peer Tutor.
• Having difficulty with the overall rigor of college level work?
• Meet with a Master Tutor or attend a workshop.
• College Success Skills Workshop topics include: Time Management, Test-taking Skills, Not Taking Skills, College-Level Vocabulary Development and Study Skills.

Requesting a tutor is very easy!

• There are two (2) options for filling out the Tutor Request Form:
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It is recommended that you request a tutor as soon as you realize that you are in need of help. By acting early, you will greatly increase your chance for academic success!

We look forward to helping you to work toward your academic goals.

Sincerely,

Barbara Rubert
Director, Tutoring Center

Welcome back! We’re here to help you get off to a great start and there’s no better way to meet people, have fun, and learn about careers than volunteering. The office of Service Learning and Community Programs is now on the lower level of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. Please stop by or call to find out how you can get involved in the community. You can also check the volunteer directory on the Monmouth University web site, keyword “volunteer directory.” Whatever your schedule, whatever your interests, the right volunteer opportunity is waiting for you.

Here are some suggestions:

• A food drive for the St. Vincent DePaul Society
• A barbecue for residents of Manua House, a housing facility for homeless women and children
• Pop-Top Tab Collection for Ronald McDonald House
• Fundraising for the SPCA
• Adopting a family for the holidays
• Serving lunch at Meal at Noon on Saturday from 11:00 – 1:00
• Making a “no sew” blanket for a child in a hospital or homeless shelter

Contact: Marilyn Ward, Center for Student Success, 732-571-4411 or volunteer@monmouth.edu

----- Please note that volunteering does not meet the Experiential Education requirement.
Kappa Delta Pi Inducts 38 New Members

NICOLE MIANI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Are you an education major that would like to be recognized for your accomplishments and expand your experiences in the School of Education? Does your resume need a little extra on it?

If so, you should consider joining Kappa Delta Pi. This International Honor Society in Education (KDP) was founded 98 years ago and continues to uphold high standards in education with Monmouth University as a proud sponsor to the Na Tau Chapter on campus. This society recognizes high academic achievement, promotes educational service to the community, and establishes a professional network. In the ever-competitive job market today, becoming an active member of Kappa Delta Pi will assist in highlighting your dedication to the education profession and is certainly worthy of including on one’s resume.

The 2009 induction ceremony was a wonderful event that honored 38 Monmouth students, Dr. Mary Lee Bass for her immense contributions to the field of education, as well as two AVID program leaders of Red Bank Middle School. The executive board, members to work with students during their after-school hours, gain an understanding of current curriculums in the area, and make professional connections while volunteering their time. Please contact Amy Smither at s0655534@monmouth.edu with any questions/concerns.

A new initiative this year is to work in conjunction with The School of Education to commence Peer Advising Mentoring program. This exciting endeavor will assist in highlighting your dedication to the education profession and is certainly worthy of including on one’s resume.

The inductees, honorees, Professor Brennan, Dr. Groff, and Dean Romeo at the Induction Ceremony March 22nd, 2009 in Wilson Hall

The Outlook

September 9, 2009

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

Campus Events for Welcome Week!

Sunday, September 6
First-Year Student Move-in Day
Women’s Soccer vs. Rider- 1pm, Great Lawn
Parent & Family Welcome- 3:30pm, Pollak
(Family of Athletes Mtg following)
Hypnotist Rick Bultez- 8pm, Pollak
Late Night Breakfast- 9:30-11pm, Magill

Monday, September 7
Upperclassmen Student Move-in Day
Comedian: Corey Manning- 8pm, Pollak

Tuesday, September 8
Classes start at 8:30am
Psychic: Robert Channing- 9pm, Pollak

Wednesday, September 9
Poster Sale- 9am-5pm, Erlanger Gardens
(Rain site: Student Center Cafeteria)
Academic Orientation- 2:30pm, Pollak
Ice Cream Social- 7pm, Residential Quad
(Rain site: Magill Lobby)

Thursday, September 10
Poster Sale- 9am-5pm, Erlanger Gardens
(Rain site: Student Center Cafeteria)
Federal Work Study Job Fair- 1:30-3:30pm, Anacon
Late Night Lounge-10pm-12am, Oakwood

Friday, September 11
Poster Sale- 9am-5pm, Erlanger Gardens
(Rain site: Student Center Cafeteria)
Men’s Soccer vs. Delaware- 3pm, The Great Lawn
Free Film Series- 7 & 11pm, Oakwood
Pimp My Room Bingo- 8pm, Anacon
Last Day for Meal Plan Changes

Saturday, September 12
Monmouthpalooza- 11-3pm, Shadow Lawn
(Rain site: Magill)
Outdoor Movie- 8pm, Great Lawn
(Rain site: Anacon)

Sunday, September 13
Men’s Soccer vs. American- 1pm, The Great Lawn
Welcome Back Everyone! The 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 8th at 7:30 PM in the Student Center. More information will be sent to the student members.

MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY

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 year! 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. We would love to have you there! 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 Bey Hall, so look out for posts about the first meeting! The Sociology Club is a very social and active club and a member of a brotherhood, so if you enjoy helping out the community, with your friends, come out! We hope to see you all there!

ITALIAN CLUB

Welcome Back Students and a special welcome to incoming freshman students!

Here at Monmouth University, along with our advisor Prof. Maria Simonelli, Il Circulo Italiano is dedicated to sharing and promoting Italian Heritage with the Monmouth community. The Italian Club is a great place to come if you want to learn more about the language and culture. We encourage students to attend our meetings and participate in our events. We welcome all students, regardless of nationality. Italian is in the spirit, not the blood!

SOCLAL & GREEK

Welcome Back to Club and Greek students! We hope to have a great year for all of you new students.

Welcome Back to the Monmouth University Community, with your friends, come out!
The Sociology Club is a very social club and Greek Announcements meet regularly, in Bey Hall, so look out for posts about the first meeting! We also successfully raised money to give back to the community. For those who haven’t, Relay for Life is an overnight grassroots event to raise money to find a cure for cancer. The Relay for Life of Monmouth University is in its third year and is continuously growing. Hosted at the practice field next to Keosher Field, we raised almost $60,000 and over 60 teams. Besides Relay for Life, the club also hosts cancer awareness programs such as volunteering at the breast cancer walk on the Pitts Pleas and hosts an event where we go to visit cancer patients at Hope Lodge in NYC. The CAC chapter and Relay for Life club are always looking for more help.

Do you need shelter, food, or anything else? The sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon have the house so that they could come back to a hot meal after spending a day here. Delta Phi Epsilon also spends time with the faculty and to give back to the community. For more information, please contact Kevin B. at 80693431@monmouth.edu or visit www.save.org

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Hillel

Please check out our newsletters in the Student Center.

OUTDOORS CLUB

Students of Monmouth University,

Welcome to the 2009/2010 school year! As we gear up for another great year, we would love to have you join us during our meeting Sept 9th at 3:30 pm in front of the fireplace in the Student Center.

You will want to be ready for some very exciting activities. As our plans come together, we will send out many ideas for trips this year for Phi Chi announcements.

Again, we would love to have all incoming first-year students and returning students to Monmouth University. Have a great fall semester!
Sounds Like Eric Hutchinson is a Hit

TAYLOR CORVINO ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Nearly two years ago he graced Pollak Theater with his witty humor and melodic tunes as the opening act for comedian Seth Myers, and now singer/songwriter Eric Hutchinson is traveling all over the country as the opening act for Kelly Clarkson’s summer tour. Originally signed to Madonna’s record label, Maverick Records, Hutchinson was later released due to lawsuits within the label and was forced to record his albums That Could Have Gone Better, Before I Sold Out and Sounds Like This on his own record label, Let’s Break Records. Hutchinson hit the road shortly after to increase his exposure and notoriety with his fans. When an old friend of Hutchinson emailed celebrity blogger Perez Hilton a link to Hutchinson’s MySpace page, Hilton gave the young singer a shout out and recommended his album by an unsigned act in iTunes history. Hutchinson is the highest-charted act for Kelly Clarkson, Matthew’s Band in 2007. This granted Hutchinson the honor of opening for comedians such as Kanye West and Dave Myers, and now singer/songwriter Eric Hutchinson on Twitter page as a platform to pay tribute to his deceased friend.

As a result Hutchinson’s Sounds Like This shot onto the iTunes Top 10 chart peaking at the number 5 spot alongside veterans such as Kanye West and Dave Matthew’s Band in 2007. This granted Hutchinson the honor of being named the highest-charting album by an unsigned artist in iTunes history. Hutchinson is now signed with Warner Brothers.

This 29 year old musician is a mix between Jason Mraz and John Mayer with his charming and soulful lyrics and ability to serenade the audience behind the piano and guitar. Dancing across the stage and never passing up an opportunity to crack a joke in between sets, Hutchinson was a fantastic choice to open for Kelly Clarkson. Prior to opening for Clarkson, Hutchinson toured with band One Republic in 2008. One of the more popular songs off Sounds Like This is “Rock and Roll” which is about two unsuspecting bar goers who wind up going home together at the nights end. Other catchy, upbeat and feel-good songs on this album include “Oh,” “All Over Now,” and “OK, It’s Alright With Me.” To listen to songs from Sounds Like This visit www.myspace.com/erichutchinson. You can also follow Hutchinson on Twitter or become a fan on Facebook. Make sure you visit www.eric-hutchinson.com for a full listing of tour dates, biography, media appearances, photos and more.

Tragic Death of DJ AM

TAYLOR CORVINO ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

As if this summer did not afford us with enough rainy days and celebrity deaths, DJ AM, also known as Adam Goldstein, can be added to the list of unduly deceased superstars who passed at the young age of 36.

On Friday, August 28, it was Goldstein’s missed flight to Los Angeles that provoked his friends to check in on him at his SoHo apartment with no success. A call was made to 911 shortly after voicing concern to deter them from wandering down the same dangerous path he had fallen thru and every time I play the drums I’ll think of you. You were an amazing friend/DJ/human being.”

A few days before his sudden death Goldstein was seen at Citi Field throwing out the first pitch for the Mets and had just wrapped up filming a new reality show for MTV slated to be named Gone Too Far. The series ironically followed Goldstein as he arranged interventions with teen drug addicts, hoping to deter them from wandering down the same dangerous path he had. Goldstein’s professional accomplishments include being a member of the band Crazy Town, best known for their hit single “Butterfly” in 2001 but more recently for his skills on the turntables at trendy venues. He was also linked to dating singer Mandy Moore and being formerly engaged to socialite Nicole Richie.

Goldstein was laid to rest on September 2, at Hillside Memorial Park in West Los Angeles. A memorial service was held the following day and was staged similar to a 12-step Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. Guests were instructed to “adhere to the tradition of anonymity and let what they hear there, and who they see there, stay there.”

Goldstein may be gone, but his music is what we will have forever.
LEWIS BEALE
NEWSPAPER / ACT

Summer movie season 2009, version 1 - wretched. Everything seemed to be based on a comic book, video game, some aging TV franchise, an action toy, or was a re-make of a loopy old movie. Lots of noisy films with little humanity.

Summer movie season 2009, version 2 - loved it! Hollywood finally producing movies people want to see. Let's shake it! Lots of CGI. Plenty of cool films populated with recognizable characters. A perfect popcorn summer.

Want to reconcile these two versions? That's about as likely as the passage of a coherent national health-care bill. The fact is, now that Hollywood has discovered the joys of successfully converting pop-culture artifacts into movies and franchises, there's no going back. Already in various stages of development are films based on board games (Monopoly, Ouija), comic books (Captain Marvel, Green Lantern), video games (the Sims, Warcraft), action figures (G.I. Joe), and comic books (Captain Marvel, Archie, Jimquisition)!

The joys of successfully converting pop-culture artifacts into movies made Hollywood discover that its very franchises Hollywood loves so dearly. Are the very franchises Hollywood is eternal.

Judd Apatow - We like our comix, funny, not obsessing over death and other downer subjects. Some even though 'Funky People' opened fairly frankly, it died in its second week. Apatow needs to go back to what he does best: comedies about loser guys who hook up with hot chicks.

Woody Allen - "Whatever Works" received mostly negative reviews and did terrible business ($5 million gross). Even for the Wood Holmes, this is bad news.

Sacha Baron Cohen - Can you say, "Nees, Bruno, nein"? That's pretty much what America said to the "Borat" follow-up.

Will Ferrell - "Land of the Lost" received wretched reviews (26 percent favorable on Rotten Tomatoes) and debacles. Audiences just did not want to see Ferrell running from CGI dinosaurs. Who can blame them?

The 'Terminator' franchise has not changed. He is still out to get her. This film seems that he needs paid to the mask why he wears it.

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Halloween 2: More Trick than Treat

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The movie had left by the end. The film also lacks suspense overall. It's very straight to the point. There's a big scary killer and he kills people.

The violence and gore also get to be a bit much at times. In one of the scenes of the movie, the killer with a chainsaw is about to have his head smashed in. With a full-out police presence, that included helicopters and sniper rifles, in what is supposed to be a small town, and the almost random appearance of Loomis the scene really feels to realize unrealistic and breaks the little illusion the

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While jobs will be created for New Jersey’s economy, critics the arts. halls, technology labs and the University, which will now be word, including Montclair State ing for higher education, Gov. bold move toward revamping fund future ventures. public institutions of learning private and nomic stimu - latest New signed the day, July 27, are facing in economic issues and a furious effort by conservatives to orga - When plans for the speech were first announced, they in - Rudolph, the ranking member of the House Education and Workforce Committee who initially was augment this speech, said “The strong reaction we’ve seen from coast to coast is a reminder that federal intrusion into the classroom brings with it a number of unintended conse- quences. It’s a lesson we should remember as Congress looks to reform our education laws in the coming months and years.”

**Politics national, state, school**

**Funding for New Jersey’s State Universities Remains a Debated Issue among Gubernatorial Candidates**

**DIANA CAPPELLUTI Political Editor**

On November 3, 2009, New Jersey will hold a gubernatorial election that is of particular im- portance to many college stu- dents enrolled in New Jersey’s public universities, as state funding for education remains a contentious issue among the candidates.


Gov. Corzine’s campaign is being endorsed by President Obama, and the governor is in full support of the president’s plan to incorporate the stimulus package into higher education.

The governor is already taking action to promote his awareness of the struggles that New Jersey’s colleges and universities are facing in such a deflat-ed economy.

On Monday, July 27, Gov. Corzine signed the latest New Jersey economic stimulus package, an economic stimulus package that enables private and public institutions of learning to form coalitions so that pri- vate colleges will be able to fund future ventures.

Immediately following this bold move, the governor is reaching out to New Jersey’s system of fund- ing for higher education, Gov. Corzine paid a special visit to colleges in order to spread the word, including Montclair State University, which will now be able to afford new residence halls, technology labs and the- atres for students involved in the arts.

Although the governor hopes to use this tactic to advance New Jersey’s economy, critics question the longevity of the benefits of such development. While jobs will be created for New Jersey workers, and higher education will be made a bit more affordable, critics are questioning the sustainability of this economic boost after the completion of the projects.

However, Gov. Corzine in- sists that higher education in this state would benefit greatly by what American presidents have done before: urge students to work hard, stay in school and follow their dreams.

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For example, a top Obama environmental adviser resigned amid a dust- up over his role in advising the Republican and the fact that he had signed the letter, the Bush administration’s stimulus package, since he sees it as an economic boost to state universities, and will ultimately deplete state tax revenue.

In opposition to Gov. Cor- zine, Rep. Chris Christie, does not support the incorporation of the stimulus package, since he sees it as a political fix, and is working toward a more permanent solution for New Jerseyans.

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**White House Releases Transcript of Obama’s Planned Speech to Schoolchildren**

**TOM HAMBURGER TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU 9/17/09**

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**Facebook and Twitter, and the importance of working hard and taking personal responsibility.**

He plans to talk of the chal- lenges faced by young people in a media culture that seems to offer opportunities to get rich quick. “I know that sometimes you get the sense from TV that you can be rich and successful without working hard _ that your ticket to success is through rap- ping or basketball or being a re- ality TV star when, chances are, you’re not going to be any of those things,” the president will say.

“But the truth is, being suc- cessful is hard. You won’t love every subject you study. You won’t click with every teacher. Not every homework assignment will seem completely relevant to your life right this minute. And you won’t necessarily succeed at everything the first time you try. But you will succeed eventually. And it will be worth it.”

Obama’s speech draws on his own experiences _ and those of his wife, Michelle to argue that education is the key to personal success and to the success of the nation.

“You’ll need the knowledge and problem-solving skills you learn in science and math to develop new energy technologies and protect our environment,” the president will say. He also calls on young people to battle poverty and injustice.

The speech from a high school student’s perspective, which will be delivered at noon EDT, will be shown on the White House Web site and on C-SPAN.

Presidents George H.W. Bush and Ronald Reagan gave similar addresses, and both attracted a furious controversy, small and large, have gotten in the way.

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**“Major candidates for governor are New Jersey incumbent Dem. Jon Corzine and his opponent Rep. Chris Christie”**
The Institute for Global Understanding (IGU) is a student-centered, dynamic, young, and new member of the university community. Our mission is to raise global awareness and understanding through various programs and by engaging in public service in local and global communities. Our new initiatives for 2009-2010 include a mentorship program involving Monmouth University students with Asbury Park High School through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth County. Our fall plenary lecture will feature Ranna Damordaran, Deputy Director of Outreach Division of the UN-DPI. This lecture, covering academic impact of the UN, is titled “Ask Not Only What the UN Can Do For You, But Also What You Can Do For the UN.” This talk will be on Monday, October 19th, at 2:30 p.m. in Wilson Auditorium. Everyone is invited. Entering in its 9th year, we will continue to offer our weeklong, interdisciplinary global convention in the spring (April 5-8, 2010); our theme is “Change and Stability in Global Environments.” Students and others wishing to get involved in our programs and events, or to volunteer, please stop by Bey Hall 101A, or e-mail igu@monmouth.edu. To become a friend of IGU on facebook, please visit: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Monmouth-University-Institute-For-Global-Understanding/109452703965.

The School of Education would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning students. We hope you have had an enjoyable, relaxing summer and are ready to beginning your courses and field experiences in the area schools during the fall semester.

Sincerely,
Lynn Romeo, Dean
School of Education

The department of Political Science and the Sociology Program welcome everyone and wish you all a very productive, healthy, safe, and exciting year ahead. We are happy to announce the creation of a new debate club, continuation of the Model United Nations program, the pre-law fraternity, Political Science Club, and the Sociology Club. We will be offering many of our traditionally popular courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as new courses such as “Policy Debate,” and a brand new Special Topics course, “Trials of the Century,” taught by Professor Jack Ford, of formerly Court TV. The department also helps students find placements in legal and political offices in local municipalities, county and state government, and in Washington DC (through the Washington Center). To find out more about the department and how to get involved in our many dynamic and exciting programs, please contact Dr. Rekha Datta, Bey Hall, 243, rdatta@monmouth.edu or extension 4438.

On behalf of the Office of Residential Life, I would like to welcome you “home”. We are excited about the 2009-2010 Academic Year. The Residential Life Staff has planned a variety of activities and programs for you – I hope you participate in these events and get to know the Staff.

I am sure you have noticed the changes to the Residential side of campus. The new hall is well underway, “Shadow’s” Underground has an exciting new look and an enhanced new menu, and the Hawk’s Den has added features for your work-outs.

As a reminder, the Office of Residential Life is located in Pinewood Hall. Linda Ganghamer, Housing and Office Coordinator, and Bob Noren, Residential Life Assistant, are in our main office and available to assist you between 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or visit the office. You may also email our office at reslife@monmouth.edu.

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Sincerely,
James D. Pillar
Assistant Vice President
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We hope you have an exciting and rewarding academic year!

The Department of Music & Theatre Arts

Department Meeting
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MUST ATTEND!
As a Spaniard major I felt it was necessary to study abroad in Spain. The best way to learn about another culture is to live in the country, eat the traditional food, and coexist with the native people. Hence, I have been learning about Spain for six years now, since I was a fresh-
man in high school and made the decision to take Spanish as my language. After the first week of studying abroad here in Cadiz I learned more about Spain and its culture than I had ever learned in six years of Spanish study. I think studying abroad is a completely different approach to learning; it brings learning to life. It’s much easier to understand and remember something about a specific topic when you’re living it and acting it and it and breathing the air every single day.

Living with a family was an amazing experience. There is nothing more real and authentic than living in a household where the only language spoken is Spain.

ish, and your Spaniard mother makes the food you eat. I have to admit at first getting use to the eating schedule was a challenge. We would eat two slices of toast for breakfast with marmalade and juice, for lunch and dinner we would have our meal served with bread and then followed by fruit at the end. The food that was actually served was not so much the surprise, but the freshness of

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“Bearcats.” “Bees.” “Bisons.” “Commuters.” “Trojans.” These were just five of the possibilities. Seventy years ago an integral part of this university’s history was decided, and from that an icon was born. The “Nighthawk” was voted as Monmouth Junior College’s mascot, winning by a mere six votes.

Flash forward to today: stickers, t-shirts, stuffed animals. Even painted on the patio outside of the Student Center is our beloved mascot. Just how did the Nighthawk evolve into the iconic “Shadow” we know today and what has his presence over the last seven decades?

The truth is, our mascot has evolved with our school. Back in 1939, Monmouth Junior College only offered night classes and for this reason, the nighthawk, a primarily nocturnal bird, seemed the perfect fit.

With the change to Monmouth College in 1956, the Nighthawk was move a little bit closer to the mascot we know and love today and became simply the “Hawk.” The moniker “night” was dropped because the school now offered daytime classes. A live hawk, named Phoenix, was featured from 1961 to 1962 as the symbol of our school at sporting and other events. A black and orange hawk, a hawk in an “M” shirt with a pennant, a bug-eyed bird, and several other incarnations of the Hawk have all symbolized this school over the years.

In the early 2000’s there was talk of changing the mascot back the “Nighthawk” because then-director of the Athletics Department, Dr. Marilyn McNeil, had pointed out that other schools were the Hawks as well and the change would revitalize a sense of unique identity. Ultimately, this proposal didn’t fly, but did catalyze a different change.

After a long and laborious process of research and development, the current face of the Hawk was created in 2003. The almost fierce-looking, yellow-eyed, think-browed bird with the two-tone beak had become out mascot. It wasn’t until 2005, however, that the mascot this generation of Monmouth University student is familiar with came to be complete. Like many schools across the nation, we had our mascot, but what we didn’t have was an identity for him. University of North Carolina sports teams are known as the Tar Heels, but their mascot is not just a dirty foot. They have “Rameses” the ram as the face of their school spirit. Harkening back how the original mascot was chosen in 1939, a contest was held to name the Hawk and give him an identity. A fifth grade class in West Long Branch and a kindergarten class in the Elberon School titled our Hawk “Shadow.”

Shadow is more than just a mascot; he is symbol of the evolution of our school. For nearly three quarters of a century he has represented us and grown with us. He is the face of this school’s spirit.

At the end of last year there were whispers that a new mascot uniform was being purchased by the Class of 2009. If this is true, the next step in the long evolutionary process of the Hawk will take place.
Ron’s West End Pub Where Halloween Lasts All Year Long

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Halloween Lasts All Year Long

Ambiance is something many Monmouth students do not consider of utmost importance when looking for a place to get a drink or six, on a Tuesday, Thursday, or any weekend night. However, ambiance is what you get when you walk through the maroon door at Ron’s West End Pub, located on 103 West End Avenue in Long Branch, and it’s not the type you would expect from a bar less than a mile from the beach.

The atmosphere inside is similar to what eerie feelings must be felt when walking into the home of Leather Face from Texas Chainsaw Massacre. Despite, the large garden outside the inside, shrinks into a dark, wooded house of horrors. All of the furniture and walls in the place are carved into by customers throughout the years, with everything from Metallica lyrics, to profanities, to a perfectly symmetrical cross. The furniture is all wood and it’s surprising to note that there aren’t pocket knives littering the walls. His beer can and its voice favorite symbol. Come prepared with your own and it is perfectly acceptable to show off all the skills, you picked up during that wood shop class in high school.

Charlie Chaplin dummies lie in a glass case and one table, staring at you as if they will steal your eyes when you get up the buzz on you, if you don’t call five. Black and white pinball machine line the standard Frank Sinatra to the Honeymooners. A fish hanging from the bar holds shark and beta fish, which feast on the other fishes. This too is surrounded by more dolls. Low hanging chandeliers provide just enough light to navigate the place, the cherry bomb is a perfectly symmetrical cross. Ron has also had a hand in constructing the most relaxing section of the outside foyer.

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Although Ron’s doesn’t pull the lean on the bar, he is far the most normal but, is far the most relaxing section of the establishment. The bushes and trees are covered with as many white Christmas lights as the Clark Griswold residence. Half of it hidden behind, a brightly lit bush is a sign for the establishment that looks hand painted with a funny font. For those sunny days there are tables with large Coors Light umbrellas, a feature that adds to the shock value of the place when you first venture in. On the deck is where I find senior Jay Halluka. “I really love this right now; sitting out here on a warm night is amazing.” Jay discovered Ron’s a year before and only tells a select few about the place. “Why ruin a good thing? The less people on these benches and rocking chairs the more relaxing it is for me and my friends.”

Sitting next to Jay is his friend Senior George Feathers-stone who is sipping on a “surf er on acid,” which is a quarter Jagermeister, 1/3 rum, and half an ounce of pineapple juice. “It makes my ears tickle but, it’s just so good, and for only five dollars, it does the job.” Sitting outside on the front porch you can hear the train rumbling in the distance, but the noise is minimal at best. “It’s my first time here and I will be back, if Ron was here I’d thank him for this kooky place, which my girlfriend will probably never ask to come with me.”

So, is there really a Ron behind this weird watering hole? “Their absolutely is,” Elyse assures me. “However he is in Vac ation with his son, but, when they are here, they come downstairs and cook for their guests”. Ron has also had a hand in contributing almost all of the oddities that clutter up the place. “In his absence you kind of get the feeling he’s still here looking at you through the eyes of one of the pictures,” said Elyse. A fine bartender she is because, with that I need another drink.

The hairs on the back of my neck were standing up already. In front of the deer, a man discovered a piano, with a mannequin head on top, watching who ever dares to sit down and play a tune. Next to the piano is a chalkboard with all of the bars drink specials listed. Ron’s is as cheap as it is spooky. On Sunday’s you can enjoy a four dollar Bloody Mary, Monday’s have two dollar Miller Lites. Tuesday’s have two dollar Bud Lights, Wednesday’s have what are described by Elyse as “extremely strong” four dollar Long Island Ice Teas, and rounding out the special list are two dollar Corona’s on Thurs day night. All specials are good from four to midnight. Sitting underneath airplane made from old beer cans, I decided when in Rome, or the Crypt Keepers Lait, so ordered a drink. My beverage to my surprise was served in a mason jar, something you’re not going to see at Jack’s. Jack’s, which is a few streets away on this Tuesday night, is packed with college students from front to back, like sardines in a can. Ron’s, despite its identical two dollar Bud Light special, has nine people in the entire place. Elyse explains, that “We are the best kept secret around Monmouth,” something that the copy center may have a gripe with.

Although Ron’s doesn’t pull in the same crowd as Jack’s, Elyse is confident that it provides a better experience saying, “It’s better than Jack’s because we don’t have bad music playing through bad speakers. Not to mention you can move around in here without trampling someone and it’s a thousand times easier to have a conversation.” To the left is a room with a Sopranos pinball machine. Because, even the oddest of bars in Jersey needs a stereotypical pinball machine, and a juke box. The dimly lit walls are covered with bookshelves, holding hardbacks like Readers Digest Best Books Condensed, and Shakespeare’s Mid Summers Night Dream, which is the perfect title for the benches on the deck of the outside foyer.

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I encourage you to take advantage of the more than 80 student clubs and organizations on campus. An easy way to get involved is to take part in the Involvement Fair being held on Wednesday, September 22nd from 2:30-4:30pm. This is a time for you to meet many of the club representatives and to get an idea of what our clubs and organizations do. There is something for everyone! Also, should you come up with an idea for a new club, it is easy to start one. Just come to the Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations to get started. All clubs and organizations are student run and recognized through the Student Government Association.

If you are interested in fraternities or sororities, you may also want to attend Meet the Greeks at 10pm on Tuesday, September 22 in the Student Center Anacon Hall. While Meet the Greeks is open to all, remember giving you information about upcoming activities. The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations will be held in the lobby of Oakwood Hall and all students may attend.

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Amy Bellina  
Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations
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11. Slide the dust
14. Actress Teri
15. Ceremonial
16. Circulars
17. Good-bye Guido
19. Slangy okay
20. Rubs
21. February 29th
26. Bikini top
28. Big ___, CA
29. In plain view
30. Scence sounds
32. Catch on breath
35. Choice choice
37. Charge with gas
39. Gator tail?
40. Color bands
42. POW possibly
43. TV controller
45. Go holder
47. Trampled (on)
49. Architect of St. Paul’s
50. Canine malady
51. Neighbor of Sue
53. Skinny shape
54. Uneasy feeling
56. Private
58. “Silver” author Lavin
59. Olong or Earl Grey
60. Amy Tan novel, with “The”
66. Squirm in the catch
67. Have high hopes
68. Cecily
69. “Miniver”
70. Shirley and Martin
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4. Having a triple character
5. Pluck
6. Make free (of)
7. Nosh
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9. Fancy cloth
10. Inventor Howe
11. Woolgathering
12. Concept
13. Spot in a crowd
18. Most extensive
22. Sound of a well-tuned engine
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24. Dodge
25. Formal events
26. Burnish
27. Western spread
31. Japart attire
33. Wasp wounds
34. Afternoon China
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38. Preselect
41. Shades of brown
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Monmouth Aims to Take another Step in ‘09

ANDREW SCHETTER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Monmouth is coming off their tenth winning season in program history, with a 7-4 record in ’09. The Hawks look to better that mark this year and have already received some preseason praise as they are picked to finish second in Northeast Conference in the official coaches poll.

The Blue and White hope to live up to the hype with two players named to the All-NEC preseason team leading the way, in running back David Sinisi and offensive lineman Shawn Wright. Sinisi the defending NEC offensive player of the year enters his last season as at Monmouth, coming off a season where he ran his way into the Blue and White and NEC record books by rushing for 1,674 yards over 150 games and led the nation with 22 touchdowns. Sinisi also become Monmouth and the NEC’s all-time leading scorer with 330 career points. David has the chance to set the bar even higher for future Hawks this season and will be the key to the team’s success.

Paving the way for Sinisi is offensive lineman Shawn Wright. Wright was named to the All-NEC team at the end of last season. Wright along with the other 4 members of the line were Paramount for Sinisi’s record setting year and will be crucial to repeat that type of success this season.

As a team to improve upon last year’s silver medal finish they will have to pass the defending champs for two years running the Great Danes of the University of Albany. Albany placed first in the coaches preseason poll and has gone undefeated in conference play for the last two seasons. The Great Danes have six players named to the Preseason All-NEC team and have their sights set on a threepeat.

In order to pass Albany and become conference champions once again the Blue and White will have to replace last years starting quarterback Brett Burke and NFL tight end John Nalbone. With the 161st pick in the 2009 NFL draft the Miami Dolphins selected John Nalbone and although the Hawks lost one of their greatest players ever, the program itself took a huge step in showing that Monmouth football can lead to an opportunity at a career in the NFL. Nalbone is the first Monmouth player ever to be selected in the NFL draft and joins Miles Austin a Dallas Cowboys wide receiver as the only other former West Long Branch warrior to play at the highest level.

The impact that this could have on recruitment could be huge for Monmouth in the future as it does wonders in bringing attention to the gridiron on the Jersey shore. Monmouth looked to continue giving itself a good name to the start of conference play. Next week the road trip continues as Monmouth heads to Coastal Carolina looking for their first win.

Outlook’s Weekly NFL Picks - Week 1

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Women’s Soccer
Set to Soar in ’09 After Bumpy Beginning

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As the opening game right around the corner, the women’s soccer team has been preparing vigorously for a promising 2009 season. After being selected third in the Northeast Conference preseason coaches’ poll and coming off of a 14-11-1 2008 season, the Hawks are in a comfortable position to compete for their second NEC title.

Andra Thomas, head coach, said, “We have a very strong incoming class, and with the return of some key players, the team has a solid foundation to build upon. The team has been practicing hard and is ready to take on the challenge of the upcoming season.”

The team has been working hard in the off-season, and with the addition of new players, the team is ready to make a strong push for a conference title.

The roster includes returning players such as smart passing midfielder Jenna Kliment, who led the team in goals last season with 14, and defensive midfielder Lauren Bostocks, who was named to the NEC All-Conference team.

The team has high hopes for the season, and with the addition of several new recruits, the team is ready to take on the challenge of the upcoming season.
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