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Honors School Relocated to Beechwood Hall

GINA COLUMBUS
EDITOR-AT-LARGE

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 "has 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 Bitch, 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 upper classmen immediately on becoming dean in the last week of July, providing students with information about me and notifying them of our move to

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New Dean Named to the School of Nursing and Health Studies

TARA FANTINI
STAFF WRITER

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 Marjorie 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 ven-

tures 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 BSN from Monmouth University in 1987, her MSN from Seton Hall in 1990, and her PhD from New York University in 1998.

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DR. MARILYN LAURIE
Dean of Nursing and Health Studies



DR. JANET MAHONEY

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 and 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 expectations, 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 help coordinate 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, skits 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

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Tribute to Alumni at Commencement 2009

GINA COLUMBUS
EDITOR-AT-LARGE

The most recent class of University graduates was honored at the Commencement 2009 ceremony on Wednesday, May 20 at the P.N.C. 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 Nagy, Vice President of Student Services, said that there were approximately 9,000 people who attended, including students, faculty, and

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PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme

More than 1,000 undergraduate and graduate students received diplomas at the 2009 Commencement.

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MU President

Dear Monmouth Colleagues:

We have had a busy summer getting ready for your return.

The new Multipurpose Activity Center is open and waiting for you. I hope by now you had a chance to visit the center – at least the Bookstore that opened in late June.

The new residence hall's construction has begun and will be ready next fall. You will see new tennis courts going just north of campus, as well. Several student support offices have been relocated to the lower level of Rebecca Stafford Student Center. Disability Services and Tutoring Services are out of the trailers and in new spaces on the main floor of Stafford. The Underground has been renamed "Shadows" and has been refurbished and converted to a late, late night "dining" venue.

This year we have the opportunity and responsibility to vote in the New Jersey gubernatorial election (November 3). Many of you have registered. Great. If you have not registered yet, please do. You can get registration forms at the Political Science Department, Bey Hall, Room 241 or the Service Learning & Community Programs Office, lower level Rebecca Stafford Student Center.

Fall sports await you.

Finally, take care of yourselves, and take care of each other.

Welcome to the new Class of 2013 and to all, welcome back.

Paul G. Gaffney II
President

New Dean Selected for School of Nursing Studies

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"After I graduated from a nursing diploma school, I came to Monmouth College in the mid 1980's to further my education to earn a Bachelors of Science in Nursing Degree," said Dr. Mahoney. "I am proud to be an alumna."

Prior to working at Monmouth University, she worked at various medical centers including Jersey Shore Medical Center, Bayshore Health Care Center, Bayshore Community Hospital, and Riverview Medical Center.

"Every previous nursing position and experience I have had over my 25 plus years as a registered nurse has prepared me for the Dean position," said Dr. Mahoney. "I worked as a staff nurse, a nurse educator, a nurse administrator, faculty, Associate Dean and professor. My mentors, Dean Lauria and Dr. Naik, have taught me well. In addition, my parents have always instilled in me the drive to preserve."

In addition to the everyday operations for the SONHE, Dr. Mahoney's new responsibilities will include building on the success the school has experienced since its inception in 1981.

"The scope and responsibili-

ties will increase tremendously," said Dr. Mahoney. "There will be opportunities to showcase the accomplishments of the faculty and students, more fundraising and grant opportunities, and developing the Doctorate in Nursing program (DNP), the first doctorate at Monmouth University. In addition, we will be recruiting students for the Health/Physical Education and the Health/Physical Education/Education major that is slated to start in fall 2010."

Dr. Mahoney expressed her high hopes to see the SONHE thriving and evolving to new heights. There is currently a shortage in nurses due to the overall population in the United States aging more nurses are needed to care for this age group. By 2030, 35% of the population will be over the age of 65. The baby boomers, those who were born between 1946 and 1964, make up a large portion of this group and many of the nurses who are baby boomers are planning to retire within the next 10 years. These retirees will also include nursing faculty, which stresses the importance of programs such as the SONHE that will help to prepare the next generation of nurses.

In addition, Dr. Mahoney noted that since September 11,

2001, there has been more interest in nursing and health careers. The waitlist to get into a nursing school, in some cases, can be years. In an effort to address the nurse faculty shortage in New Jersey, the Robert Wood Johnson

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JANET MAHONEY

Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Studies

Foundation awarded Monmouth University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and Bloomfield College a four year 2.5 million dollar grant to education future nurse faculty.

"Writing for grants that will al-

low our students to further their education is a goal of mine," said Dr. Mahoney. "To further address the needs of older people, the Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Gerontology Certificate was revitalized. This 15 credit certificate provides students with information about social, physical, psychological, and economic health care issues that affect older people. Students who graduate with this certificate can increase their job prospects, should they want to work with the elderly in some capacity."

Some of Dr. Mahoney's favorite experiences at Monmouth University have been seeing the expression of students' faces when they understand the information that she has taught them and hearing news about students doing great things in the community, getting new jobs, and passing certificate examinations.

"I like hearing good news about our faculty making presentations all over the world," said Dr. Mahoney. "I like hearing that we received grants and scholarships for our students. I like seeing our students do well after they graduate from Monmouth University and become leaders in their field."

In her personal time, Dr. Ma-

honey likes taking walks or bike rides on the beaches and waterfronts of New Jersey. She also recently became a new grandmother and enjoys spending time with her grandson and family.

Her advice to students interested in pursuing a career in nursing is that it is challenging and to succeed at anything in life one must work hard.

"It is a profession that will not make you rich, but will be extremely rewarding," said Dr. Mahoney. "Helping people get better health wise and in some cases providing a good death - "good" meaning providing a comfortable transition, are just a few of the experiences nurses face. From birth to death, nurses are there to help and teach patients and families ways to live healthier lives and make informed choices."

However, the job market in healthcare growing and the need for nurses and health care professional will continue to grow for decades to come.

"Nursing has always been my love," said Dr. Mahoney. "Who would have thought that 28 years after I graduated from nursing school that I would be Dean of the Marjory K. Unterberg School of Nursing & Health Studies. I am truly grateful for this opportunity."

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Conservation and Environmental Sustainability Initiatives

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 we 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 Institute (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 ecosystems 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
• One 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 electricity that we use, we purchase 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 community 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, shoes, bedding, 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 work group comprised of students, faculty, staff and administrators. The mission of the SAC is to promote environmental awareness and encourage 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 out 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!

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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 CNB’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 key note 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!”



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme
A group of seniors making their way in to the ampitheater of PNC Bank Arts Center where the 2009 Commencement was held.



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme
Monmouth University President Paul G. Gaffney II shaking the hand of a graduating senior.

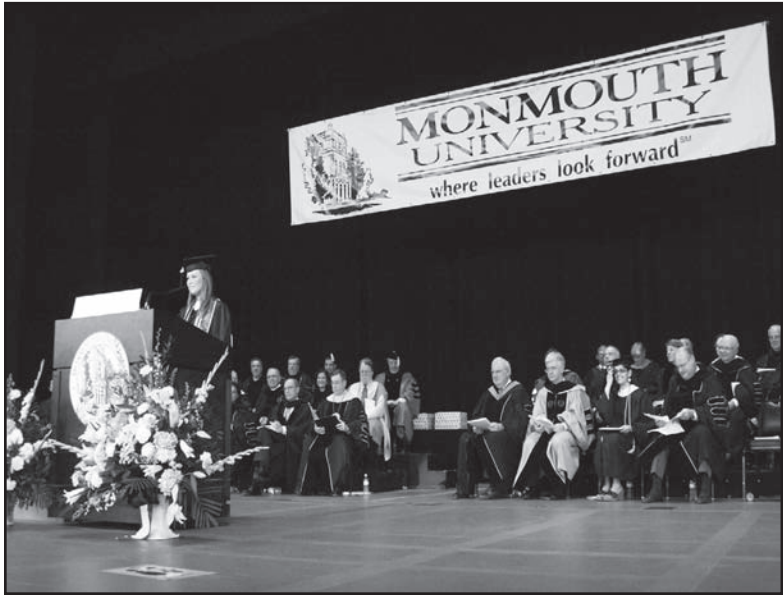


PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme
President of the Senior Class Amanda Kalus addressing her fellow classmates



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme
Actress Aileen Quinn preforming “Tomorrow” from the movie “Annie” in which she starred as a child.



PHOTO COURTESY of Jim Reme
Economist Lawrence Kudlow, from CNB’s “The Kudlow Report,” addressing the graduating senior class.

Summer 2009 Orientation

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weekend just before the start of school. According to Nye there were several reasons of the restructuring 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 offer orientation at a time when the University community would be on hand to welcome students.”

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

Students who participate in the program fill out a series of surveys that help the various parties involved 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.

Students are also asked to complete an online measure called the Beginning College Survey of

Student Engagement (BCSSE), a national survey out of the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research. This survey taps into students’ past academic behavior and expectations for college. This data also helps to see how Monmouth’s program measures up against other institutions around the country. The BCSSE 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.

The key to the success of New Student Orientation, according to

According to Joey Contreras, a sophomore and Orientation Leader, “being an OL entails a long list of responsibilities. Our role as OLs is to show them what Monmouth is all about and to try to help them feel at ease before coming to here. We are their personal guides to the University. The way we present ourselves may have an ultimate effect on what they perceive the students here at Monmouth are.

“First Year is fortunate in that our SAMs typically continue to work for us throughout the academic year and we get to see them almost daily after orientation. But the OLs and the OTLs are frequent visitors to our office, too, and often work as Peer Advisors in our Freshman Seminar courses in the fall,” Nye said.

With a new freshman class and new students joining the University community each year, orientation is an ongoing cycle. Both professional and student staff plan and train for orientation all year long “We start planning the next year right after we finish orientation, and spend many months developing resources, preparing materials, and training student staff,” said Nye.

In addition to the First Year at Monmouth and Student Services offices, Residential Life, the newly creates Center for Student Success, and Undergraduate Admissions are all involved in the orientation process. Each department is represented in the Orientation Planning Group that works year-round to prepare each orientation.

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DR. JUDITH NYE

Associate Vice President for the First Year at Monmouth Office

Nye, is the student staff. “They are key student leaders from all around campus who spend their summers welcoming our new students to campus. They train hard and work hard, and do a superb job at orientation.” This year’s student staff was comprised of 14 Orientation Leaders (OLs), who were responsible for the color groups and serve as mentors to the students while they are on campus, four Student Advising Mentors (SAMs), who assist with advising and registration, and two Orientation Team Leaders (OTLs), who worked through the spring to help develop programming and materials, and worked behind the scenes throughout orientation.

Honors School Moved to Beechwood

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Beechwood.”

Now that the Honors students have a new building to move to, many of the sophomores had to deal with a change of plans from the usual upgrade to Maplewood.

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 upper classmen who wished to live on campus, Monmouth decided that the juniors and seniors would get first licks at the apartments, such as Maplewood.”

Beechwood Hall will also be looking a little more different this year.

“Major renovations are taking place in Beechwood during August to create the social and academic lounges that we had in Birch, as well as renovations to move the Honors School offices to the first floor of Beechwood. We like to be near our students and they like to be near us,” Mitchell stated.

McCarthy also added that a new computer lab and new furniture will be added to accommodate the Honors students.

Mitchell said that none of the rooms will be renovated in Birch Hall because they were upgraded a few years ago.

There are a total of 77 freshmen

entering into the Honors School this coming fall. 92 resident students, including 56 freshman and 36 sophomores, will be living in Beechwood.

“Some are commuters, but most are not,” Mitchell said.

Because some resident Honors students choose to live in other residence halls or off-campus with other friends, Mitchell said that not all of them will reside in Beechwood Hall.

Now that the Honors students have filled up Beechwood Hall, Mitchell said that Birch Hall will now be used as a sophomore residence hall.

McCarthy will have to get used to the new Honors living accommodations, but is overall excited to start again at Monmouth.

“Of course, going from Birch, with a bathroom and shower in your room, to now sharing one shower with nine kids is a downer, but having someone else clean the bathroom is a plus. Overall, cannot wait to get back, see my friends, share summer stories and get through two more semesters – before summer 2010.”

“Students who were in Birch have reported to me that their freshman year was the best year in their lives. Why? I ask them. Because they hung out with the same people they saw in their classes, were near the honors staff, Reenie Menditto, Erin Hawk, and the Dean, and made life-long friends. We hope to recreate that experience for larger numbers of students,” Mitchell stated.



Sunday Mass ~ 7 PM

Daily Mass ~ Tuesdays through Thursdays ~ 12 PM in Wilson Hall Chapel

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Why Post-secondary Education is So Important

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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 be 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 not 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. 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

"One of the most important advantages of going to college is networking. With so many people in one place, the possibilities are seemingly endless."

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 opposite 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.

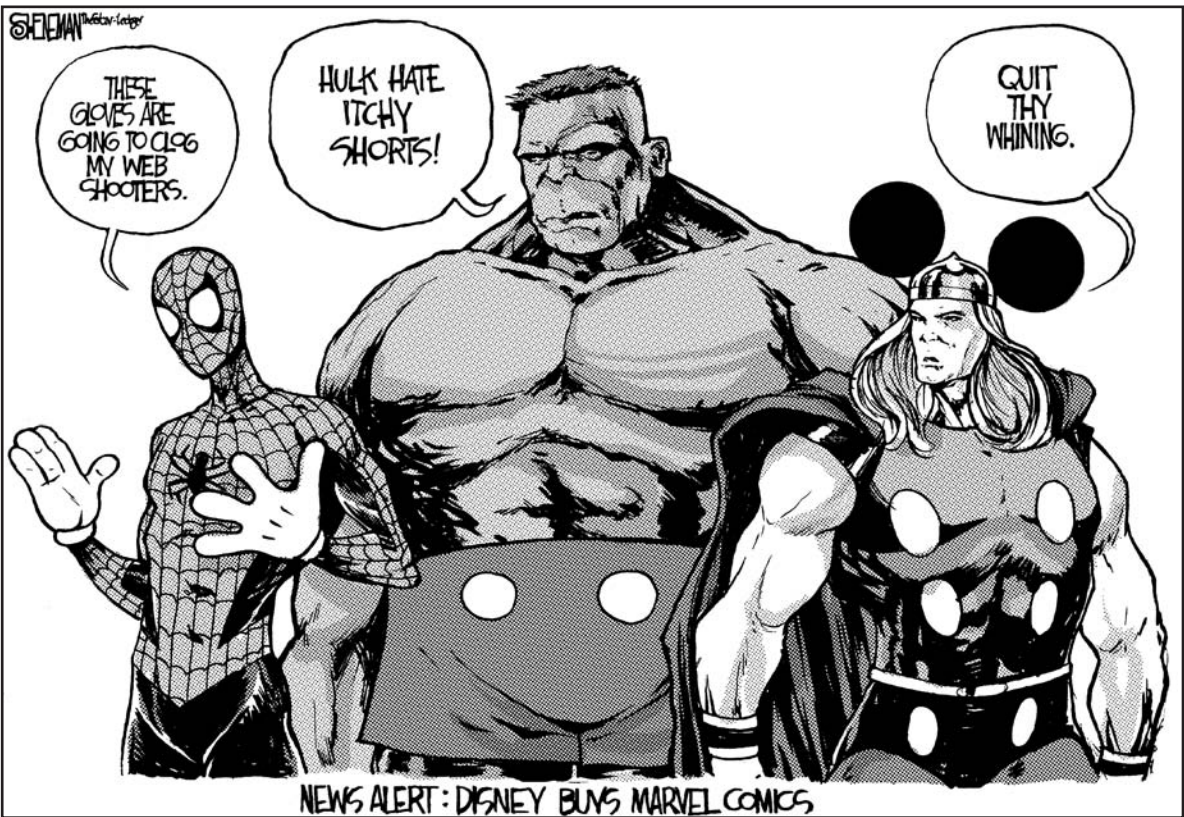
One of the most important advantages of going to college is networking. With so many people in one place, the possibilities are seemingly endless. If you are a communication major looking for a job in that field, it is probable that a professor in that same department knows someone who knows someone 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 the 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.



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10 Tips to Help You Suceed at MU

SARAH ALYSE JAMIESON
OPINION EDITOR

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 Javalanches; they're to die for!

"If you have a Meal Plan, make sure to take advantage of it...Use it, don't lose it; once the semester is over, you cannot get it back!"

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!



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Student Activities

First Year at Monmouth

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 22 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.

Dear Students:

The First Year at Monmouth Office would like to welcome the Class of 2013 and all returning students to the Fall 2009 semester!

First Year at Monmouth is a key resource for first-year students at Monmouth University. Overseeing first-year advising, career and major planning for first-year students and Freshman Seminar programs, First Year at Monmouth also works in cooperation with various University divisions to ensure that first-year students experience the challenges, opportunities, and support needed to succeed at Monmouth.

Our New Location:

□ We are now located on the lower level of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center in the Center for Student Success. You may stop by, email us at firstyear@monmouth.edu, or call us at 732-263-5701/First Year Advising: 732-263-5868 and we will be happy to assist you.

How Can I Utilize the First Year at Monmouth Office?

□ All first-year students are advised in our office. You can meet with your First Year Advisor to discuss your schedule, summer classes, transition issues, career and major goals, as well as many other things. Your advisor's name is located on Web Student under "Academic Audit."

□ If you would like to talk to an administrator about major and career resources, job opportunities for a particular major, or even the ideal minor to pair with a major for a particular career, please stop by to make an appointment for major and career planning.

□ Be sure to continue to access "SOAR to 2013" on [ecampus \(http://ecampus.monmouth.edu\)](http://ecampus.monmouth.edu) throughout your entire first year for important information, such as instructions on how to make an appointment with your First Year Advisor, your service project, as well as other information.

Upcoming Events:

□ New Student Academic Orientation:
Wednesday, September 9th, 2:30 p.m., Pollak Auditorium

□ Alumni Barbeque:
The Alumni Association welcomes all first-year students to a free barbeque at the Alumni House on Saturday, September 19th at 10:30 a.m. Learn the Fight Song, meet the Pep Band and cheerleaders, and reunite with your Orientation Leaders (OL's) and Student Advising Mentors (SAMS) before our first home football game! RSVP by September 9th by emailing alumni@monmouth.edu or calling 732-571-3489. The rain location will be Anacon Hall.

Highlight on Student Success Stories:

The First Year at Monmouth Office will be featuring student accomplishments in future issues of the Outlook as well as on our website. Please take note of our upcoming student highlights. Some of them include:

□ Senior Psychology major Jessica Stephan received a \$900 Psi Chi grant to study relationship initiation, under the supervision of Dr. Gary Lewandowski.

□ Jessica Adamko received the Leadership Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

□ Stay tuned for more highlights in upcoming issues...

Best wishes for a safe and successful year,

The entire staff of First Year at Monmouth

Office of the Bursar

Welcome all new and returning Students!

The Bursar's staff is available to assist you and your parents with your student account. If you have any questions, you may reach us at 732-571-3454 or email us at Bursar@monmouth.edu. We are located on the first floor of Wilson Hall, Room 110. Our hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8a.m.-5:00p.

Please note that in order to speak about a Student's account, with anyone other than the student, a FERPA release e-FORM must be completed on your WebAdvisor. FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of student's financial/educational records.

Visit our web page for all Bursar information, including our frequently Asked Questions section. You may also want to familiarize yourself with our withdrawal Refund Policy.

Please note these additional services that you can access 24hours/7days a week from your own computer.

- You can view your account online as follows:
 - www.Monmouth.edu
 - WEBstudent
 - Account Summary
- You can also pay your account online by electronic check, credit card or savings account by:
 - logging into your WebAdvisor account and selecting "Account Summary". If you have a balance due, a button will appear at the bottom of the screen to allow you to make an online payment.

Please be advised that it may take up to one business day for a payment made over the web to be posted to your student account. Therefore, please allow 24 hours for your transaction to be posted.

Have a wonderful year!!!!

Center for Student Success

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):

| Office | Location | Telephone Number |
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| First Year at Monmouth | Lower Level | 732-263-5868 |
| Articulation, Transfer, and Undeclared Services | Lower Level | 732-571-3588 |
| Experiential Education | Lower Level | 732-571-7522 |
| Cooperative Education | Lower Level | 732-571-3582 |
| Service Learning and Community Programs | Lower Level | 732-571-4411 |
| Monmouth's Early Warning System | Lower Level | 732-571-7522 |
| Placement Office | Lower Level | 732-571-3471 |
| Student Employment | Lower Level | 732-263-5706 |
| Dept. of Disability Services | First Floor | 732-571-3460 |
| Tutoring Center | First Floor | 732-263-5721 |
| Writing Center | Lower Level | 732-571-7542 |

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

Annual Fund



The Annual Fund and The Student Phonathon welcomes back our Hawks Callers!
Thanks for your continued support and for all of the hard you have done
in raising money for the University!

School of Social Work

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 Dell, 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 MH 328 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 and one you should take great pride in. We do.

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/serviceorder 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 office at ext. 3425 (Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) or the University Police at ext. 3472 all other times.

Please accept our best wishes for a great academic year!

Health Services

Dear MU Campus Community,

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. When this becomes 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. Employees 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/resources/hr/aaction.asp>. A copy of the procedure for filing complaints of discrimination/sexual harassment can be obtained at our office or <http://www.monmouth.edu/resources/hr/aaction/harasspolicy.asp>. Any member of the Monmouth University community may report incidents of discrimination/sexual harassment to the offices listed below.

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| Mr. Raymond Rodriguez Director of Affirmative Action, Human Relations and Compliance | Wilson Hall Room 304 (732) 571-7577 |
| Mrs. Patricia Swannack Vice President for Administrative Services | Facilities Management (732) 571-3546 |
| Mrs. Mary Anne Nagy Vice President for Student Services | Student Center Room 207 (732) 571-3417 |
| Dr. Thomas Pearson Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs | Wilson Hall Room 211 (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. It’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

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.

Writing Center

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.

Alumni Association

Dear Students:

Alumni Stand Ready To Help Students!

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

These Mentors, or career coaches, can sometimes come to campus to meet with students who request help or, if they want to help you 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 Directory is on the Alumni Home Page. The URL is:
http://www.monmouth.edu/alumni/alu_keeptouch_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

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 students and members of communities within the region, while at the same time addressing social and economic concerns through enhanced education, outreach opportunities and ethical practices. The Center provides opportunities for Monmouth University to increase its visibility within the surrounding communities and we invite YOU to come and work with us!

Through university and community collaboration and partnerships the Center will contribute to the advancement of physical, mental and social well-being of all people through education, practice, research 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.

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

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!

VP Student Services

Dear Students:

To the newest members of the Monmouth University community - the Class of 2013 - and to our new transfer students, a hearty welcome. To all our returning students, welcome back. It's great to have you with us again. I hope your summer was productive and fun, and you are ready for an outstanding year here at Monmouth.

Over the course of the summer, there have been many projects undertaken – all to improve your experience here as a Monmouth student. The MAC is about to open to keep you fit, healthy, and involved with the campus. Cedar Hall has been renovated and a brand new residence hall is under construction. The Underground in Elmwood Hall has been renovated to serve the late night kinds of food (“phat” sandwiches, fries, etc.) that you crave! Visit it when you get a case of the late night munchies since it will be open until 1:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and until 2:30 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

You will also find a wealth of opportunities to get involved in the life of the campus. New clubs will welcome your participation and the Greek life system is always looking for strong students who want to form a common bond. Come out and cheer all the student-athletes who represent you and the University so well. Take advantage of the outstanding performing arts, theatre, and film schedules. All of this is here for you – but you must choose to take advantage of them.

I want you to be challenged by your experiences here. Stretch your comfort zone. Commit yourself to being the best student and member of this community that you can be. Open your eyes to new opportunities. Get to know new people and appreciate the unique experience and talents we all bring to this community.

Finally, I want you to be healthy and safe, using the knowledge you already have and the knowledge you will gain to make good decisions as you are confronted with the typical temptations of the undergraduate experience. Remember that you are an important and valued member of this community. Take care of yourself and each other. Make that commitment this year.

We are all here to help you, to support you, to cheer you on, and to challenge you to be the best. Again, welcome to campus! Please do not hesitate to contact us at anytime.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Nagy
Vice President for Student Services

Off-Campus and Commuter Services

Dear Off-Campus and Commuter Students:

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 Book-store 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 in a new school year, I hope you all will find some time to become more connected to the programs and services that Monmouth University has to offer. I know that have very busy schedules. I also know, however, that getting involved outside of the classroom can make an important difference when it comes to student 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.

- Living Off-Campus 101
- Tuesday, September 15 @4 pm
 - Wednesday, September 16 @ 1 pm
 - Thursday, September 17 @ 5 pm

New for 2009/2010! Commuter Connections – a series of brief information sessions for busy commuter students that will discuss a number of practical subjects to include personal finances, car care, living green off-campus, tenant rights/responsibilities, and more!

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 begin a new school year. Look for OCCS, members of SGA and representatives from the local communities during the month of September as we welcome MU students into the local communities

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 friendly kind of person? Are you interested in learning more about this important topic? Even though you are a 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,

Vaughn Clay
Director, Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services

English Department

Anam Khan and Brian Sudol have been named as the winners of the 2008 - 2009 First-Year Composition academic essay contest for EN 101 and EN 102 students. The First-Year Composition Committee of the English Department and the Monmouth Review, Monmouth University’s literary and art magazine, co-sponsor the competition. Winning essays will be published in the Monmouth Review. During the 2009 – 2010 academic year, faculty will again nominate their students’ essays.

Current EN 101 and EN 102 students are encouraged to sharpen their writing skills in order to be considered for the contest. For more information, contact your composition instructor or Professors Linda Sacks (lsacks@monmouth.edu), Sue Bloir (sbloir@monmouth.edu), or Virginia Samaras (vsamaras@monmouth.edu). Best wishes for a successful year!

Sincerely,

The Department of English

Help Desk - Network Computing Services

The Monmouth University Help Desk, part of the Office of Network Computing Services, is dedicated to providing prompt, courteous, and effective service to the students, faculty, and staff of the Monmouth community.

We are located in Howard Hall room A-8. You can contact the Help Desk at ext. 4357 or 732.923.HELP (4357) Monday through Friday - 8:15 a.m. until 9p.m.

Should you need assistance outside of our normal business hours, leave a message on the Help Desk extension. From 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. M-F and weekends a technician will be paged and your call returned as quickly as possible. You can also e-mail: helpdesk@monmouth.edu.

A few quick reminders:

You should NEVER respond to an email request to supply any personal information such as User ID, password, Social Security Number, account numbers, etc. Don’t reveal a password to ANYONE!

Back up your files. Your M drive is a good place to do so.

Check to make sure you take your flash drive, thumb drive, disc etc. with you after working in a lab or classroom.

Lastly, please remember that once you are no longer a REGISTERED STUDENT, your email and data will no longer be available to you from Monmouth University. Therefore, if you think you might need or want your email and/or data files, back them up to another media such as a flash drive.

Welcome back and good luck in the coming semester

Tutoring Center

Dear Students,

As another academic year begins, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to Monmouth, and for new students to familiarize you with the Tutoring Center and the FREE services that we provide to all students.

Do you need of some assistance with a particular course?

- Individual or group tutoring sessions available
- Be connected with a Faculty Master Tutor or a Student Peer Tutor

Having difficulty with the overall rigors of college level work?

- Meet with a Master Tutor or attend a workshop
- College Success Skills Workshop topics include: Time Management, Textbook Reading Strategies, Test 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:

1. Stop by the Tutoring Center
 - ☐ Location: Rebecca Stafford Student Center, 1st Floor
 - ☐ Hours: Monday – Friday 8:45a.m.-5:00p.m

OR

2. Visit our website at:
http://www.monmouth.edu/academics/CSS/tutoring_center

Contact information: Barbara Rubert, Director Tutoring Center

- Email: brubert@monmouth.edu
- Phone: 732-263-5721

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

Service Learning and Community Programs

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 Manna 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.

CLUB and GREEK

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. To become an inductee, an overall GPA of 3.2 is needed, as well as completion of 9 semester credits of education courses at MU. Furthermore, educational related community service is re-

quired and helps to promote and develop one's contributions to the field.

The executive board, members, and faculty sponsors of KDP are delighted to promote new activities and increase involvement within the upcoming semesters. The following events will be discussed further at meetings (dates

such activity includes a KDP team for The Big Event taking place October 17th. If you have any questions please contact Megan Pakalik at s0608914@monmouth.edu.

Another proposed activity includes tutoring at local schools; this experience will allow KDP members to work with students

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 a Peer Advising Mentoring program. This exciting endeavor will

periences concerning classes, field experiences, and guide them to the many resources available in order to become a successful School of Education student. Contact Nicole Miani at s0597074@monmouth.edu with any further questions.

The first meeting will be held September 30th at 2:30pm (McAllen Hall 123) for all current and interested members! If you cannot attend the September meeting, you must attend the October 7th meeting at 6:30pm (Magill Commons 107/108) to pick up the necessary application forms. Current members should attend both, and interested members are welcome at both, but must attend at least one. On the October 7th meeting there will be a short presentation by two Monmouth University students highlighting the Stresses and Joys of student teaching. Furthermore, the executive board hopes to find all members enthusiastic with the newly planned activities, while also striving to bring in guest speakers throughout the 2009-2010 fall and spring semesters. We hope to see you!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the following (Executive Board members): Nicole Miani at s0597074@monmouth.edu, Megan Pakalik @ s0608914@monmouth.edu, Amy Smither: s0655534@monmouth.edu, Ashley Meisinger: s0633578@monmouth.edu, Maria Manzo: s0605085@monmouth.edu, and Amy Moberg: s0649655@monmouth.edu.



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

and times listed below), but a KDP contact is also provided for immediate questions or concerns. One

during their after-school hours, gain an understanding of current curriculums in the area, and

pair selected mentors with sophomore education students. Mentors will share their knowledge and ex-

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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



Club and Greek Announcements

STUDENT COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

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

SOCIOLOGY CLUB

Hey fellow student! I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and you are all ready to work hard once again!

Last school year, the Sociology Club had a wonderful and active time. We hosted many events including social drives to help others, and we also successfully raised money to donate to The Weisman Children's Rehabilitation Hospital, in South Jersey, and they were very grateful!

We hope to make this year just as rewarding, if not even better than last, for the club and for others! We meet regularly, in Bey Hall, so look out for posts about the first meeting! The Sociology Club is a very social and active club to be a member of, so if you enjoy helping out the community, with your friends, come out! We hope to see you all there!

ITALIAN CLUB

Welcome Back Students and a special welcome to incoming freshman!

Here at Monmouth University, along with our adviser Prof. Maria Simonelli, Il Circolo 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 about and experience the Italian 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!

COLLEGES AGAINST CANCER

Monmouth University Community,

Welcome back to all returning students! For all of you new students welcome to Monmouth, there is so much information coming at you at once it can be very overwhelming. I wanted to tell you and returning students who might not know about Colleges against Cancer. Colleges against Cancer (CAC) is a club designed by the American Cancer Society for colleges and universities to host at their schools. There are over 300 CAC chapters around the country fighting the fight against cancer. Our CAC chapter has four points to it: Cancer Education, Survivorship, Mission/Advocacy, and Relay for Life. You may have heard about Relay for Life or even have been a part of it. 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 Kessler Field, we raised almost \$60,000 and over 60 teams. Besides Relay for Life, CAC also hosts cancer awareness programs such as volunteering at the breast cancer walk on the Pt. Pleasant boardwalk, and this year going to visit cancer patients at Hope Lodge in NYC. The CAC chapter and Relay for Life committee are always looking for more help.

Have a great year,
Mallory Rapisarda
Colleges against Cancer President

DELTA PHI EPSILON

Welcome back from ΔΦΕ!

The sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon would like to welcome everyone back to another fabulous year at Monmouth University! We look forward to seeing many new and familiar faces this fall. Good luck with your classes and hope to see you around campus.

xo ΔΦΕ

WMCX

SO YOU WANNA BE A DJ?!?!
Then check out one of our meetings at 3pm in the wmcx lobby in the plan-gere center
Let the World Hear Your Music
WMCX 88.9
Returning Dj's September 9th
New and Interested September 16th

HAWK TV

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

Some of our original content includes:

“The Extra Point” which covers both campus and professional sports.

“Hawk TV News” provides updates on campus events and issues as well as what's going on in the community.

“M-Squared Live” brings local bands to the Monty Film and Television Studio, in the Plangere Center, for a live, free concert.

“M-Squared” is an hour-long music video show that brings both upcoming and mainstream artists into your dorm room.

“LOL!” is our original comedy show that is sure to please your funny bone.

Hawk TV is not limited to these shows and we always welcome new ideas and members. For more information and updates go to hawktv.monmouth.edu, shoot us an email with any questions or comments, hawktv@monmouth.edu, or stop by our office, room 139 in the Plangere Center. Keep an eye out for our event flyers around campus, and ‘...get turned on’ with Hawk TV, channel 12.

KNITTING AND CROCHETING CLUB

Do you knit or crochet? Have you ever wanted to learn but have nobody to teach you? Join the Monmouth University Knitting and Crocheting Club! No prior experience or supplies necessary. If anyone is interested in joining and would like to have input on the meeting time for the semester, please contact Jessica at s0630472@monmouth.edu for more information. Regular meetings should begin the second or third week of the semester. We hope to see our returning members as well as some new faces!

ALPHA SIGMA TAU

Alpha Sigma Tau is hosting its 4th annual Suicide Awareness Week and would like information to be run in the Club section of the Outlook. We would like it to contain the following information. Thank you!

Alpha Sigma Tau's
4th Annual Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week
September 14th-17th

You are not alone! There are currently almost 32,000 suicides annually in the U.S. It is estimated that for every suicide there are 6 survivors. Based on this estimate, approximately 5 million Americans became survivors of suicide in the last 25 years.

The sisters of Alpha Sigma Tau will be hosting Information Tables all week outside the student center and will be selling yellow ribbons. All proceeds will go to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Monday September 14th:
Information Table 11AM-3PM, Student Center

Tuesday September 15th:
Day of Silence- Volunteers will be taking a vow of silence for the day in remembrance of those lost to suicide
Information Table 11AM-3PM, Student Center

Wednesday September 16th:
Information Table 11AM-3PM, Student Center
Guest Speaker- Peggy Farrell
Candlelight Vigil immediately following, Residential Quad

Thursday September 17th:
Bake Sale and Information Table 11AM-3PM, Student Center

If you have any questions or you would like to get involved please contact Alys B. at s0693413@monmouth.edu or visit www.save.org

HILLEL

Come join the MU Hillel - Jewish Student Union - for our first meeting of the semester on Sept. 23, 2009 at 2:45pm!
Room: Student Center 202A
We will be planning the upcoming year's events! All are welcome!
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED!

ZETA TAU ALPHA

Zeta Tau Alpha hopes the Monmouth Community had as great of a summer as they did. But the sisters of ZTA are looking forward to a great year ahead. ZTA looks forward to working hard this upcoming semester to raise money for their philanthropy, Breast Cancer Awareness and Education. Save the date of October 10th to come to ZTA's Think Pink Volleyball Tournament with fraternity, Sigma Pi. ZTA wishes the Monmouth Community the best of luck this semester!

REPUBLICAN CLUB

The College Republicans Club make known and promote the principles of the Republican Party; aid 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. For more information, please contact Kevin Franken at 732-2635525 or Gerard Scharfenberger at 732-571-3440

PSI CHI

On behalf of the Monmouth University chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society for psychology students, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all first year students and returning students. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer.

Now that the fall semester is underway, I would like to give you some information about Psi Chi. It is quite an honor to a part of this organization, and one to which all psychology majors should aspire.

In addition to being an active and productive member within Psi Chi, the following academic requirements are necessary to maintain membership within Psi Chi:

- Completion of at least three semesters of college courses
- Completion of nine credits (3 courses) in Psychology at Monmouth University
- Registration for major or minor standing in Psychology at Monmouth University
- A cumulative GPA of 3.00 and a GPA of 3.00 in Psychology at Monmouth University.

Psi Chi is active in the community and on campus. For example, last semester, members of Psi Chi and the Psychology Department faculty worked side by side at the Ronald McDonald House preparing dinner for the guests of the house so that they could come back to a hot meal after spending the day at the hospital with their sick children. This gave Psi Chi members the opportunity to spend time with the faculty and to give back to the community.

On campus, Psi Chi has hosted and assisted in hosting various activities. One of the most important is the Semi-Annual Undergraduate Psychology Department Research Conference. This conference takes place at the end of the fall and spring semesters. Students who have completed their thesis, which is their own research study, present their research findings in the form of a poster or paper presentation. Last semester's poster and paper presentations were outstanding.

Psi Chi installed a new Executive Board for the upcoming year, and we are working on some very exciting activities. As our plans come together, we will send out information. So, please stay tuned for Psi Chi announcements.


Again, we want to welcome all incoming first-year students and returning students to Monmouth University. Have a great fall semester!

OUTDOORS CLUB

Students of Monmouth University,

Welcome to the 2009/2010 school year! It's going to be great! We, at the Outdoor's Club, just wanted to take this opportunity to invite all students to come join us during our meeting September 9th at 3:30pm in front of the fireplace in the Student Center which will then continue every other week at the same time. We, as a club, go on many trips throughout the year. Some of our trips last year included weekend camping expeditions, two white water rafting trips, weekly rock climbing trips, and numerous weekend hiking expeditions all throughout New Jersey. We have many ideas for trips this year and would love to have you to join us on our adventures! Have a great year everyone and hope to see you there!


ANNOUNCE



Narcotics Anonymous

Monmouth University

"Bring A Friend"




Thursdays 12:00-1:30pm

Magill Commons Club Room

Directions

Car – Enter North Entrance off Norwood Ave.
Parking in Lot #11 only

Bus - N.J. Transit Bus #837 Accessible – Norwood Ave. at Cedar Ave. Stop
West Long Branch, N.J. 07764



Café on Campus

Updated 9/1/09



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 on his popular site, and his career soared.

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 Matthews Band in 2007. This granted Hutchinson the honor of being named the highest-charting album by an unsigned act 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 OneRepublic 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.erichutchinson.com for a full listing of tour dates, biography, media appearances, photos and more.

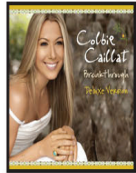


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Recent rave musician Eric Hutchinson, who shot to fame after receiving a favorable shout out from Perez Hilton.

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Week ending Sept. 1, 2009

#1 Album



Breakthrough
Colbie Caillat

Top tracks () Last week's ranking in top five

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| <i>Down</i> • Jay Sean | (3) | 3 |
| <i>Whatcha Say</i> • Jason DeRulo | | 4 |
| <i>Fallin' for You</i> • Colbie Caillat | | 5 |



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| <i>Get Sexy</i> • Sugababes | | 1 |
| <i>Holiday</i> • Dizzee Rascal | (1) | 2 |
| <i>I Gotta Feeling</i> • Black Eyed Peas | (2) | 3 |
| <i>Remedy</i> • Little Boots | (3) | 4 |
| <i>Sex On Fire</i> • Kings of Leon | | 5 |



I Look to You
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| <i>I Gotta Feeling</i> • Black Eyed Peas | (1) | 1 |
| <i>Summercat</i> • Billie the Vision and the Dancers | (3) | 2 |
| <i>Esclavo de Sus Besos</i> • David Bisbal | (4) | 3 |
| <i>Antes de Que Cuento ...</i> • Fito Y Los Fitipaldis | (1) | 4 |
| <i>Loba</i> • Shakira | | 5 |

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Tragic Death of DJ AM

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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 untimely 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 up on him at his SoHo apartment with no success. A call was made to 911 shortly after voicing concern that they had not seen their friend in days.

Upon entering the apartment, paramedics found a lifeless Goldstein lying in bed with pill bottles and other drug paraphernalia. A New York City official told the Associated Press that there were six undigested prescription pills in Goldstein's stomach and one still lodged in his throat, believed to be OxyContin. This begs the question whether or not Goldstein's death was a suicide.

Goldstein was a recovering drug addict who had been sober for just about a decade, yet his single relapse resulted in a fatal ending.

Nearly a year ago to date Goldstein cheated death in a plane crash with good friend Travis Barker of Blink-182, who has been using his Twitter page as a platform to pay homage to his deceased friend.

Barker tweeted on August 29, "I'll

never forget everything we've been 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.



PHOTO COURTESY of djam.com
DJ AM, Adam Goldstien, who died from a drug overdose on August 28.

The Winners and Losers of Summer '09 at the Movies

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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 lousy 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. Lots of action! 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 (Max Steel) and other product lines (Lego). Can movies based on Cap'n Crunch, Aunt Jemima and

the Travelocity garden gnome be far behind?

No matter what Tinseltown puts up on the multiplex screens, however, every summer has its winners and losers. And some of those losers are the very franchises Hollywood loves so dearly.

LOSERS:

'Terminator Salvation' - Too dark, too dour, just too darn downbeat. And without Ah-nold, there's no iconic figure to grab our undivided attention. Guaranteed, there will be no fifth "Terminator" flick.

'X-Men Origins: Wolverine' - Star Hugh Jackman's charisma couldn't overcome lousy reviews (36 percent positive on the Rotten Tomatoes poll of critical reaction) and a lack of storytelling substance. Sure, the film grossed \$179 million, but it cost \$150 million to make. A failure in mega-franchise terms.

Sacha Baron Cohen - Can you say, "Nein, 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 from Rotten Tomatoes) and died at the multiplex. Audiences just did not want to see Ferrell running from CGI dinosaurs. Who can blame them?

Judd Apatow - We like our comics funny, not obsessing over death and other downer subjects. So even though "Funny People" opened fairly strong, it died in its second week. Apatow needs to go back to what he does best _ making R-rated 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 Man, never a blockbuster filmmaker, this is bad news.

WINNERS:

Hasbro - "Transformers" and "G.I. Joe" hit gold at the box office, which can only mean this toy manufacturer is reaping beaucoup bucks with its action-figure lines. Expect more Hasbro products to be made into films _ can the Play-Doh movie be around the corner?

Harry Potter - Every entry in the

series has been a huge hit. With only one book left to be filmed, you have to wonder if J.K. Rowling wishes she had kept this cash cow going.

Raunch - "The Hangover" had no big stars, was produced relatively cheaply and was one of the filthiest R-rated comedies ever made. Also one of the funniest, which is why it has grossed more than \$260 million, an utterly astonishing figure by any measure. Proof once again that smut is eternal.

'The Hurt Locker' - A blah marketing campaign and slower-than-molasses release pattern didn't exactly put director Kathryn Bigelow's film on everyone's must-see list, but it didn't matter. Easily one of the best, and best-reviewed, films of the year (98 percent positive from Rotten Tomatoes), this tough-as-nails flick about a bomb disposal squad in Iraq has managed to gross a respectable \$11 million _ and it's still in theaters.

Sandra Bullock - America's darling. At well over \$150 million, "The Proposal" has become Bullock's biggest hit ever.

Pixar - Some analysts thought "Up" would flop, thanks to its

cranky geezer protagonist. Wrong 'em, boyo! Turns out it's the second-highest-grossing picture in Pixar history, after "Finding Nemo." This animation studio can do no wrong.

The 'Star Trek' franchise - Brought back from the dead, thanks to J.J. Abrams. And we just love the new Spock and Kirk. Live long and prosper, fellas!

Meryl Streep - Really. Who wouldn't want to see her as Julia Child?

Neill Blomkamp and Sharlto Copley - Six months ago, no one outside of South Africa had heard of the director and star of "District 9." Now, thanks to the film's terrific reviews and smash opening _ "District 9" made back its production costs in three days _ Blomkamp and Copley are at the top of everyone's "let's take a meeting" list.

Quentin Tarantino - Thanks to star Brad Pitt, solid reviews and a smart marketing campaign, "Inglourious Basterds" opened with a \$37 million gross, the best in Tarantino's career. Killin' Nazis never looked so attractive.

Halloween 2: More Trick than Treat

FRANK GOGOL
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The recently released Halloween 2, directed by Rob Zombie and starring Malcolm McDowell, Scout Taylor-Compton, and Tyler Mane, continues the franchise's re-boot started by Zombie with 2007's box-office hit Halloween. Unlike its predecessor, however, Halloween II fails to deliver the same character depth and intelligent plot.

The film picks up right where the first movie left off with Laurie (Scout-Compton) having just survived the massacre committed by Michael Myers (Mane) and follows Laurie, Michael, and Loomis' (McDowell) lives a year after the events of the first movie.

Both Laurie and Loomis' characters are presented much differently than they were in the first film. Laurie's mind is in a shattered state so much to the point that she is in therapy and had hallucinations. Loomis has taken the events from Halloween and used them as an opportunity to write another



PHOTO COURTESY of Yahoo.com

Movie poster to director / musician Rob Zombies follow-up movie to 2007's Halloween, Halloween 2.

key elements of a good horror flick is its ability to evoke emotion and to make you feel a connection with the victims. In this movie, at times, I felt like I'd be

happier if some of the characters got killed off just so they'd be off-screen.

Michael, on the other hand, has not changed. He is still out there and still killing.

The film breaks continuity a little when a flashback scene shows a young Michael and his mother Deborah Myers (Sheri Moon Zombie) in the institution where he was sent after killing most of his family at age 11. Deborah gives Michael a gift of a white horse statue, which provides some of the basis for what happens in the movie and is a significant plot device. The problem with this scene is that it felt forced because after watching the first film the viewer is led to believe that they've gotten the entire story, but this is found to be untrue, and in a movie where a great deal of the plot felt forced, it would have been nice to see this important plot element integrated more organically.

There is an interesting correlation between Michael's mask and the brutality of his murders.

The more deteriorated the mask becomes, the more violent he becomes. In the first film a considerable amount of attention is paid to the mask why he wears it showing almost a need for it. In this film it seems that he needs the mask less and the devil behind shows more and more as the film progresses.

Zombie uses dreams and hallucinations heavily in this film, which makes the plot somewhat confusing to follow. There are times when it is very unclear whether the scene being depicted is a hallucination or real and it is difficult to tell which characters are actually present and which are not.

The penultimate scene of the movie negatively over-shadows any of the good qualities the film might have had. 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 gets to feel unrealistic and breaks the little illusion the

movie had left by the end.

The film also lacks suspense overall. It is 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 there is probably more blood on the walls than the one victim in the room could have produced.

The film is not a total loss, however. It's ambitious and is an interesting take on an old idea. Also the character design for Michael is very rugged and realistic. The camera angles, though distracting and a bit unclear at times, successfully emulate the emotions the characters are feeling in the respective scenes they are feeling them in.

This film receives one and a half out of five stars. It's clear the Zombie has grown as a director and a visionary, but with a plot the is far below sub-par in a franchise we've been watching for 30 years and simply bad acting, there's just not enough to redeem this film.

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| | | | Local critic | Chicago Tribune | Miami Herald | Newsday | Philadelphia Inquirer | Minneapolis Star Tribune | Seattle Times |
| ★ Outstanding | ■ Worthy effort | ▼ So-so | ● A bomb | | | | | | |
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| District 9 | R | - | ■ | ★ | ■ | ■ | ★ | ■ | ■ |
| Inglourious Basterds | R | - | ▼ | ★ | ■ | ▼ | ★ | ★ | ★ |
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Funding for New Jersey's State Universities Remains a Debated Issue among Gubernatorial Candidates

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

Major candidates for governor are New Jersey incumbent Dem. Jon Corzine and his opponent Rep. Chris Christie.

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 deflated economy.

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

Immediately following this bold move toward revamping New Jersey's system of funding 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 theatres 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 insists that higher education in this state would benefit greatly by adopting a stimulus plan, as it would provide assistance to college students, their parents and state workers and work to bolster a poor economy. In addition, grants will be given to state schools in order to fund expansion projects.

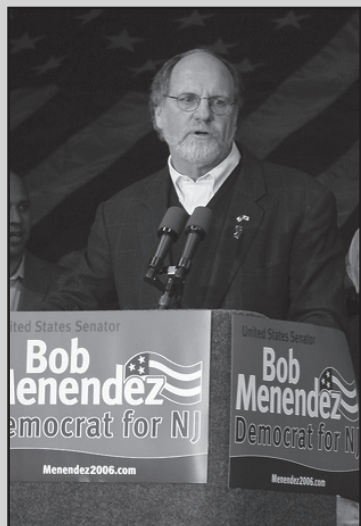
Still, sceptics of the governor's plan to implement a stimulus package for New Jersey colleges criticize the hastiness of this plan, believing that it acts as a hand-out to New Jersey workers and developers and will ultimately deplete state tax revenue.

Opposition to Gov. Corzine, Rep. Chris Christie, does not support the incorporation of a stimulus package, since he sees it as a quick fix, and is working toward a more permanent solution for New Jerseyans.

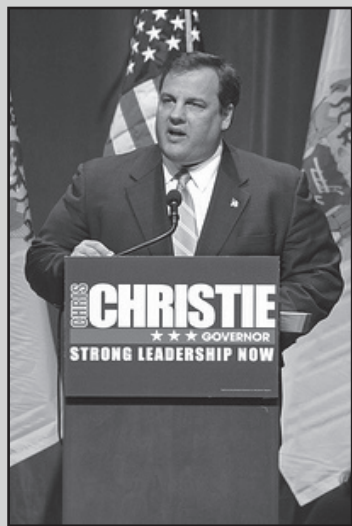
Christie's plan for decreasing expenses is to allow and encourage small businesses the opportunity to invest in state colleges and universities. If elected, he promises to reinstate the Higher Education Incentive Endowment, which will serve as a match-making organization and will raise money for state schools and bring in some revenue for small businesses.

The gubernatorial debates will take place on October 1, October 16 and October 18, during which Corzine and Christie will address the state, along with Chris Daggett of the Independent Party.

"Major candidates for governor are New Jersey incumbent Dem. Jon Corzine and his opponent Rep. Chris Christie."



CORZINE



CHRISTIE

White House Releases Transcript of Obama's Planned Speech to Schoolchildren

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WASHINGTON — Conservative activists blasted it as socialist. Worried parents called for boycotts. School administrators struggled over whether to let students hear it.

But in the "back to school" speech President Barack Obama plans to give Tuesday, he will do what American presidents have done before — urge students to work hard, stay in school and follow their dreams.

"If you quit on school, you're not just quitting on yourself, you're quitting on your country," Obama will say in the speech, which is loaded with similar exhortations. The White House released a transcript of the president's remarks Monday afternoon in hopes of neutralizing those who have charged he was promoting a political agenda.

The address, intended as an innocuous back-to-school missive, has proven to be another late-summer distraction for the White House in what is emerging as a critical period for Obama. With his poll numbers sagging, the president had hoped this week to focus on winning public support for his top priority — overhauling the health care system. But other controversies, small and large, have gotten in the way.

Over the weekend, for example, a top Obama environmental adviser resigned amid a dust-up over remarks he made about Republicans and the fact that he had signed a petition questioning whether the U.S. government had played a role in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

In the transcript of the school speech released Monday, Obama cited the importance of education as an equalizer, the power of social networking tools like

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

He plans to talk of the challenges 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 any hard work — that your ticket to success is through rapping or basketball or being a reality TV star when, chances are, you're not going to be any of those things," the president will say.

"But the truth is, being successful 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."

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 for young people to battle poverty and injustice.

The speech from a high school in Arlington, Va., scheduled to 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 bit of controversy. But the reaction to Obama's planned speech has been heightened by the political fight over health care and

economic issues and a furious effort by conservatives to organize opposition.

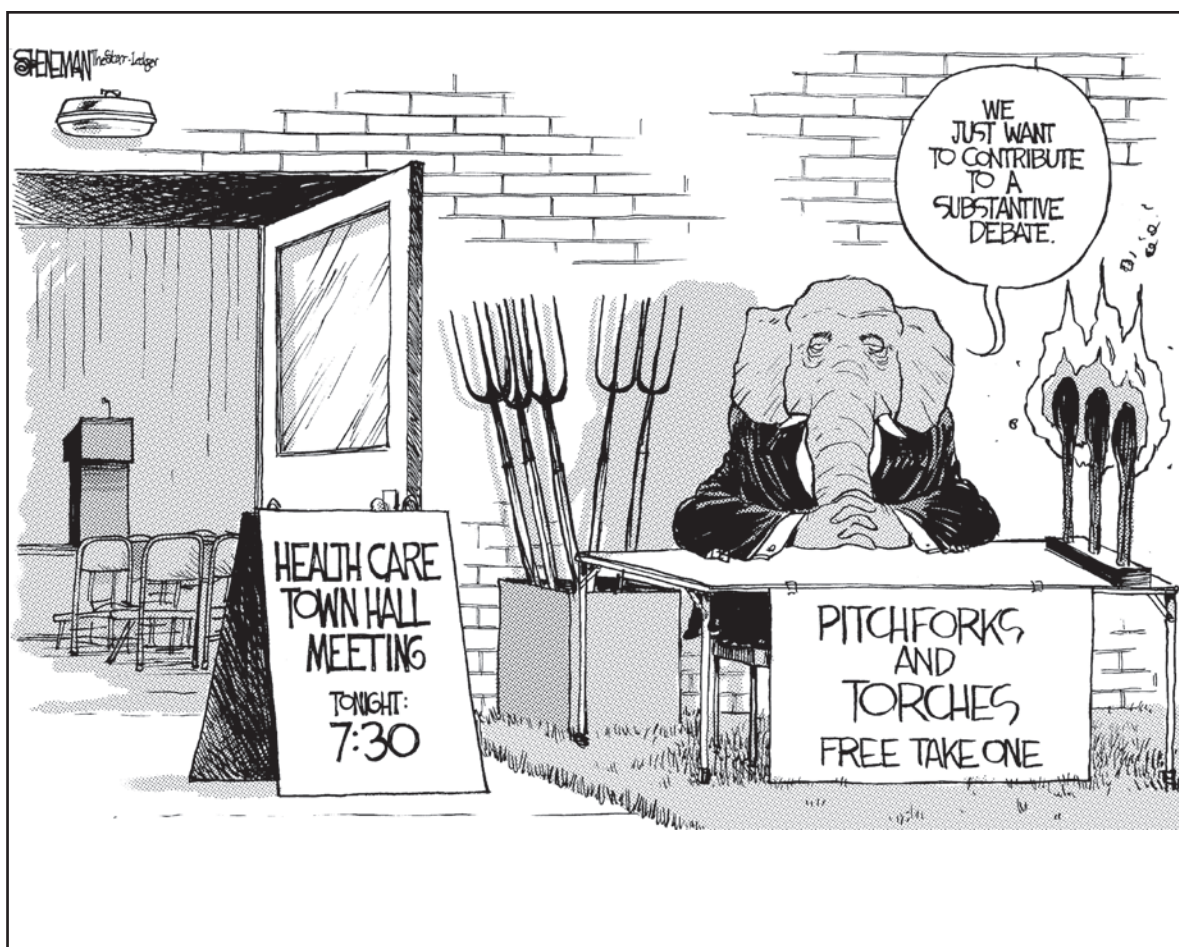
When plans for the speech were first announced, they included a "menu of classroom activities" from the Department of Education that suggested schoolchildren write about "how they could help the president." In a statement, Florida GOP chairman Jim Greer said he was "absolutely appalled that taxpayer dollars are being used to spread President Obama's socialist ideology." Greer could not be reached for comment Monday after the text of the addresses became public.

But other Republicans have taken a calmer approach. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia defended the idea of the speech, telling Fox News on Sunday: "It is good to have the president of the United States saying to young people across America stay in school and do your homework. It's good for America."

Monday afternoon, one critic issued a statement lauding the White House for posting an advance copy of the plan.

"Parents, teachers and local school leaders were not wrong to look with suspicion on a federally developed curriculum to accompany this speech," said Alexa Marrero, an aide to Republican Rep. John Kline of Minnesota, the ranking member of the House Education and Workforce Committee who initially was critical of the speech plan.

"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 consequences. It's a lesson we should remember as Congress looks to reform our education laws in the coming months and years."



Institute for Global Understanding

The Institute for Global Understanding (IGU) is a student-centered, dynamic, young, and new member of the university community. Our mission is 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 Ramu 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>.

School of Education

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.

We wish you a productive, enjoyable and successful school year.

Sincerely,
Lynn Romeo, Dean
School of Education

Political Science Department

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.

Residential Life

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.

BEST WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL SEMESTER!

Sincerely,

James D. Pillar
Assistant Vice President
Student Services

Pre-Professional Health Advisory Committee

The PPHAC would like to welcome all new students and welcome back all returning students. If you are interested in pursuing a career as a physician, dentist or other health care professional, please visit our website at http://www.monmouth.edu/academics/pre-professional_health. The PPHAC advises students from freshman year and continues through the application process to professional school acceptance.

We hope you have an exciting and rewarding academic year!



The Department of Music & Theatre Arts

Department Meeting

For Faculty and Students

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Woods Theatre—7:30 PM

ALL Majors, Minors and ALL

interested in the Fall and Spring

Musical and Theatre Productions

MUST ATTEND!



This Week Overseas...

Reflections from Cadiz, Spain

BRIANNA DIORIO
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As a Spanish major I felt it was necessary to study abroad in Spain. The best way to learn about any type of culture is to live in the country, eat the traditional food, and coexist with the native people of that country. I have been learning about Spain for six years now, since I was a freshman in high school and made the decision to take Spanish as my language. After the first week of studying aboard here in Cadiz I learned more about Spain and its culture and its history 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 seeing 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 Spanish, 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 everything did amaze me. Our Madre went out every day before lunch to get the bread we were going to eat with our meal; she bought fruit daily and made sure she used every piece of it before buying a new one. In America our portion sizes are ridiculous and we waste it all, here they cook only what is needed, and they don't throw out anything until it is all gone. Every meal was home cooked and fresh and not filled

with preservatives and ingredients you can't pronounce.

It did make me realize however how wasteful American's are with food and material things. People in Cadiz don't even understand the concept of stress; they don't live with stress and rushing

People in Cadiz really just slow down and relax, they are never in a rush or hurry to get something done. The entire town shuts down from 2pm until 6pm for siesta; I mean schools shut down, restaurants and stores. Everyone goes home and eats lunch, together as

exhausted and than by 9 I would be ready to go walk around in one of the beautiful plazas. People just really enjoy living life here, they really make the most out of each and every day, their appreciation for life really is amazing, and they know what really mat-

untreatable. The teachers here also don't demand your respect just because they are older; they respect you and treat you like an adult like a person, not just another student for the semester. The teachers here were so relaxed; it made me feel more comfortable in the class and with the teacher. We called them by their first names, they would come out for a drink with us, and they could give us a hug without being accused of having bad intentions. They have a way of teaching by not putting so much pressure on the students to get a good grade on a test solely based on facts, no they want you to actually learn the concepts, they want you to remember once you leave the classroom, and they did an excellent job of this! I didn't dread going to class, we got to actually have a real relationship with our teachers and they had one with us as well.

I think studying abroad is something that everyone should do in their lives; I think it's imperative in order to take your maturity to the next level. It really makes you realize how strong of a person you are. Living away for six weeks with a family who only speaks Spanish and surviving in a completely different country is really showing you can step out of your comfort zone. It really is quite the accomplishment to say you did this on your own and you did this for yourself. It made me realize how strong of a person I am and that you should never second-guess yourself go with your instincts, don't doubt your emotions or feelings on a subject matter. I also learned that you can learn more by observing than doing in certain situations, and I think this is something people often forget. Sometimes when things would get uncomfortable or I would second-guess myself I would take a step back and observe and I realized I got more out of the experience by doing this.

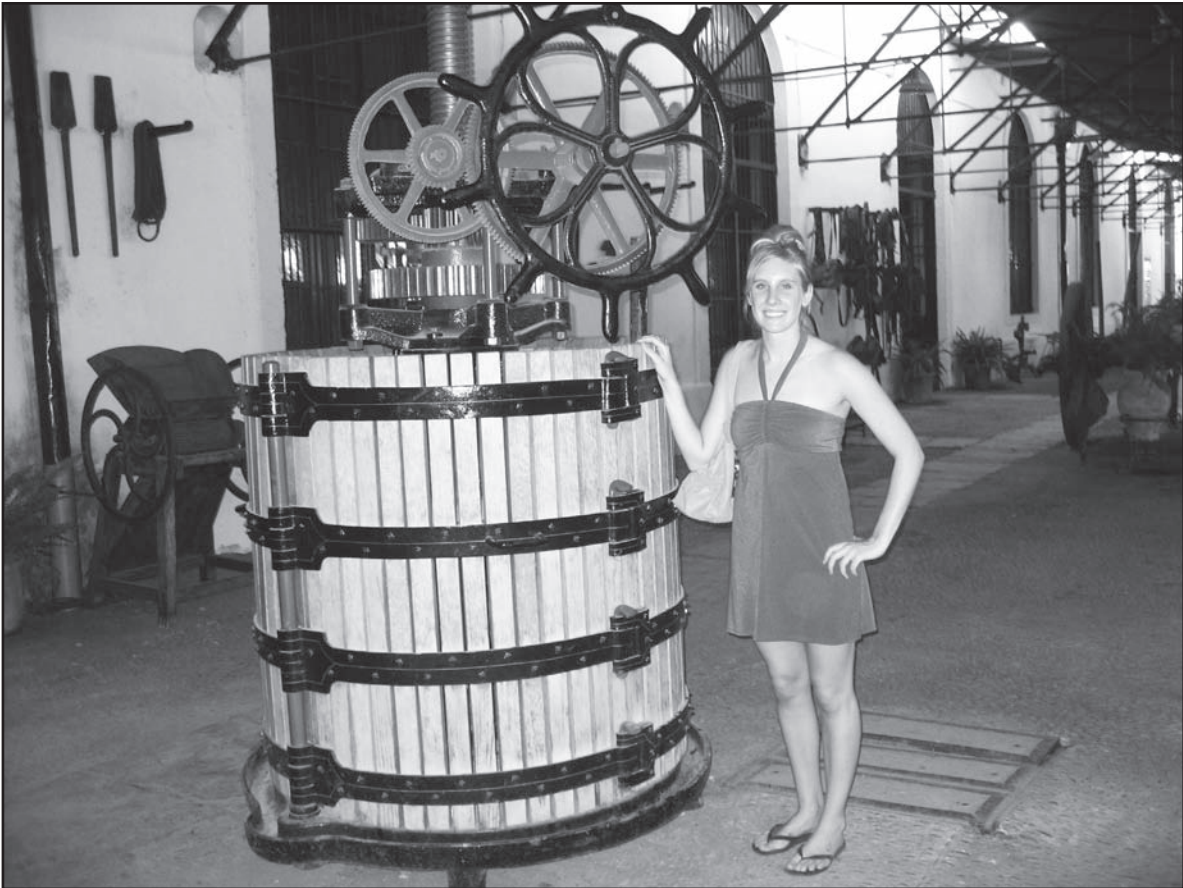


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Diorio, a junior Spanish major, during her stay in Cadiz, Spain in the summer of 2009

around and hectic schedules. People here really know how to live life, how to enjoy and appreciate every day as if it was the most important day. They don't judge you because you don't have a Prada bag; they enjoy your company simply because you are a good person. Material objects aren't important here; they understand that the most important things can't be bought like happiness. The air just feels positive here there is no sense of negativity.

a family, and just relaxes; it's a beautiful thing. It's amazing how much more enjoyable your days can be without stress and always being on the go. The days here are so long, you can get so much done in a day; the sun doesn't even set until 10:30. At first dealing with the duration of the day was challenging. Since the days were so long there was so many emotions evoked throughout a single day. At 10 in the morning I would be happy but then by 4 I would be

ters at the end of the day.

The thing I enjoyed most about Spain was the relationships we developed with our teachers. Teachers here aren't so much authority figures as they are friends. I feel like a lot of teachers in the United States only care about teaching to collect their paychecks, they don't have their heart in it, and sometimes they don't even like kids. There is such a barrier between students and teachers in the U.S. that it often makes teachers feel

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where can I go?

Monmouth University currently offers three semester programs. You can choose to study abroad in London, England, at Regent's College, and/or in Sydney, Australia, at Macquarie University and/or in Florence, Italy at Lorenzo de' Medici (fall only). The England & Italy semesters run along similar times as our own. In Australia, the fall semester begins in late July and runs through late November; the spring semester begins in late February and ends in late June.

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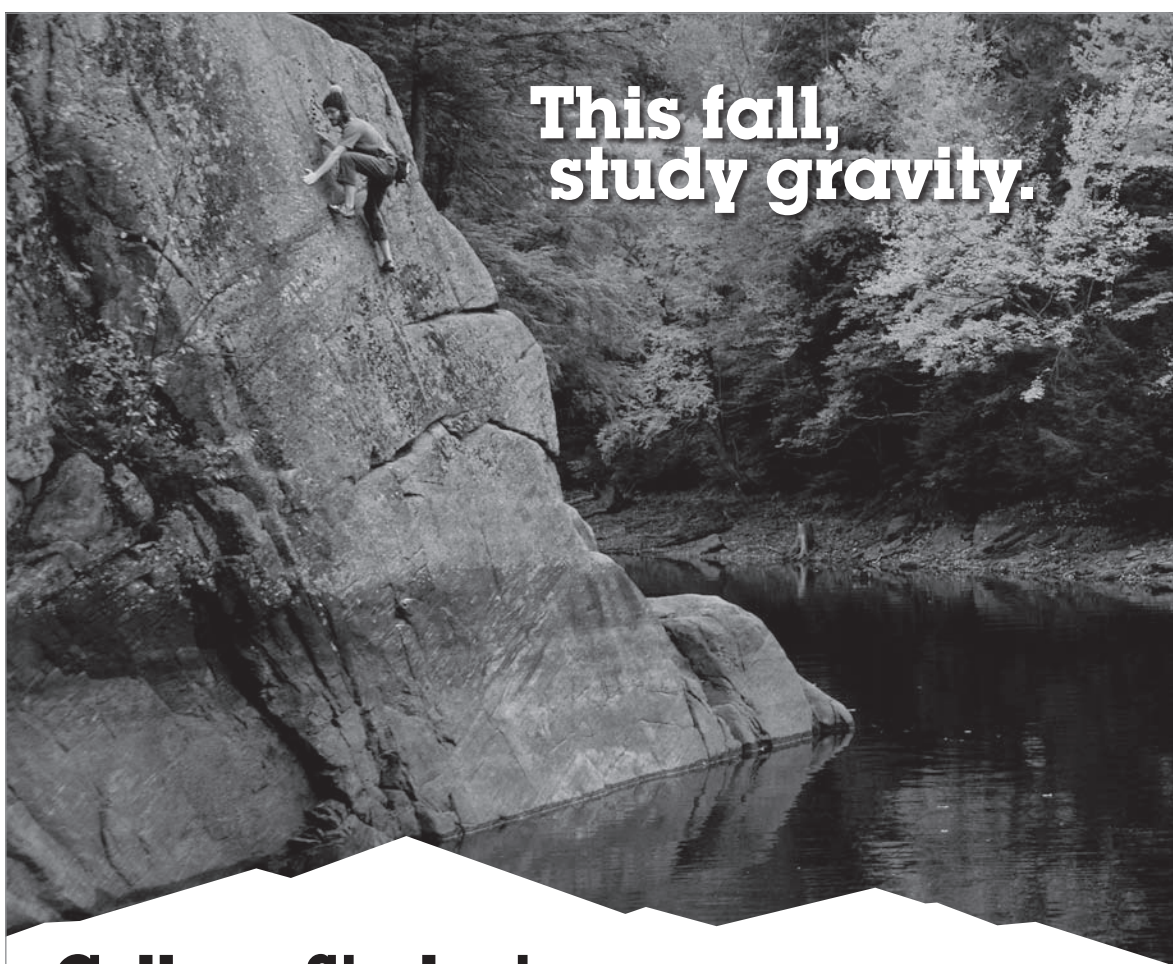
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The most recent incarnation of Shadow.

A Hawk with History

FRANK GOGOL
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

“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.

Throughout the years the Hawk has had a number of different appearances. 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.



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The Hawk in about 1987.



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The pop-eyed Hawk in 1985.

Ron’s West End Pub Where Halloween Lasts All Year Long

ANDREW SCHETTER
FEATURES EDITOR

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 dank wooden 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 floor so you can carve your 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 behind one table, staring at you as if they will steal your seat when you get up to use the bathroom, if you don’t call fives. Black and white pictures line the wall from the standard Frank Sinatra to the Honeymooners. A fish tank behind the bar holds a 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 to the bar to order a two dollar cherry bomb. If you’re simply looking to calm your nerves in the place, the cherry bomb is a

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good deal, as the cherries have been soaking in everclear.

Next to a standard touch screen bar game sits an oddly placed dentist chair underneath an unassuming deer head. “Don’t let the dentist chair distract you”, says Elyse, the bartender, who chose not to mention her last name. “I control the mouth of the deer, and its voice from a button and microphone in the back, people focus on the creepy dentist chair and then bam talking deer head; people get really spooked.”

The hairs on the back of my neck were standing up already. Inspecting some more I discovered a piano, with a mannequin head on top, watching whoever 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



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The sign outside of Ron’s West End Pub that welcomes patrons with its cartoon-like and eerie-looking letterface.

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 Thursday nights. All specials are good from four to midnight.

Sitting underneath airplanes made from old beer cans, I decided when in Rome, or the Crypt Keepers Lair, so I 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 dol-

lar 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 Thursday nights. All specials are good from four to midnight.

Dream, which is the perfect title for the benches on the deck of the outside foyer. The front of Ron’s may be 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 funky 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 Featherstone who is sipping on a “surfer 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 on Vacation 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.



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A few of the many carvings that have accumulated on the walls of Ron’s West End Pub over the years.



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A patron playing on the Sopranos pinball machine found inside the establishment.

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Academic Orientation • 2:30pm • Pollak
Ice Cream Social • 7pm • Res Quad (Rain site: Magill)
Living with Lyme • 2:30-3:30pm • 202A

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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Late Night Lounge • 10pm-12am • Oakwood

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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Pimp My Room Bingo • 8pm • Anacon

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Outdoor Movie: Star Trek • 8pm • Great Lawn, Rain site: Anacon

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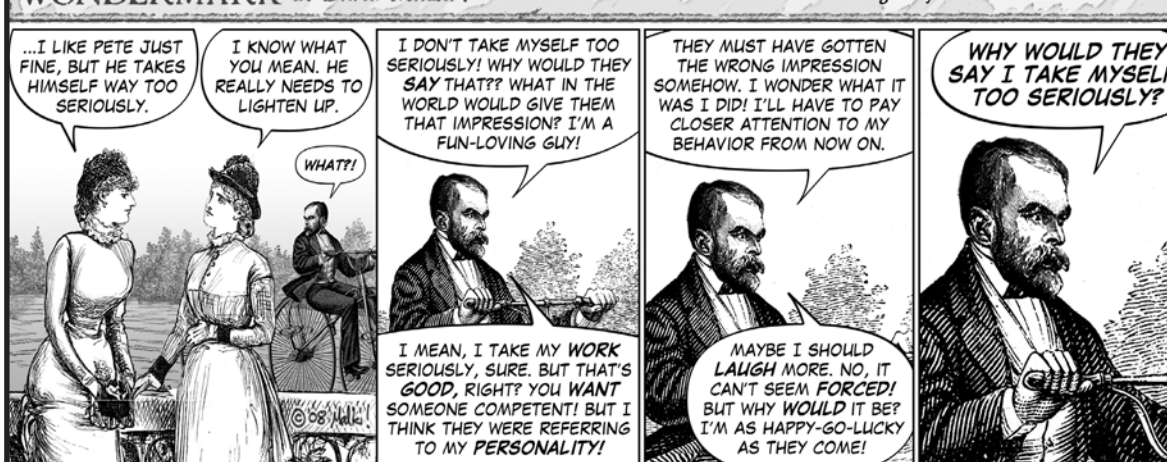


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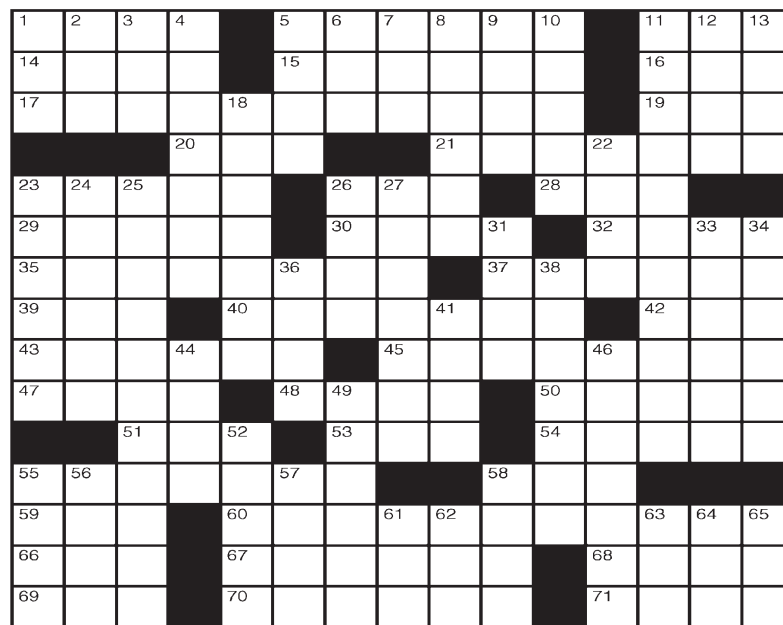
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THE END ZONE

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 a game and led the nation with 22 touchdowns. Sinisi also became 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 and returns to an offensive line that allowed just 9 sacks all 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 Pre Season All-NEC team and have their sights set on a three peat.

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 when they kick off the season on Saturday, September 5, on the road against Colgate University. The Hawks were brushed aside by Colgate 35-23 despite holding a two point lead at half time. Sinisi picked up right where he left off last year in a bright spot for












































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David Sinisi rushed for 102 yards on 26 carries and a touchdown in the Hawks' 35-23 loss to Colgate in the opening game of the 2009 season.

the Blue and White accumulating 102 yards on 26 carries with a touchdown. He also had three catches for 56 yards and a touchdown, including a 50 yard reception. Despite the loss Monmouth is in good shape as they have time to build momentum before the start of conference play. Next week the road trip continues as Monmouth heads to Coastal Carolina looking for their first win.

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

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With 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-win 2008 season, the Hawks are in a comfortable position to compete for their second NEC Championship in the last three years.

Head Coach Kristine Turner is especially confident in her squad, but explains that anything can happen in this well-rounded conference. “It has become a constant theme that no opponent can be taken lightly in the NEC, because as seen from previous years the gap can close very quickly from the first place team to the eleventh.”

The Hawks boast an extremely skilled and experienced core group of players returning to the field including recently announced co-captains senior Brianna Salvia and junior Ali Kliment as well as senior stand-out and member of the NSCAA/

Adidas All-Mid Atlantic Region Third Team, Andrea Lopez. “Losing only two starters, this year’s team is very mature. There are many veterans that know what it takes to win and who are willing to do anything to do so. We are looking to be a strong contender to take the title this year,” explained Lopez.

In addition to the returnees, Monmouth welcomes seven freshmen to help out their 2009 campaign. “The freshmen have been working hard throughout preseason. They all have positive attitudes and are willing to learn and do what they can for the rest of the team, so that in itself is exciting to see,” said Kliment. “All of them bring different skills and dynamics to the game and to our team, so we are looking for all of them to contribute in different yet important ways.”

The season kicks off Friday, August 28th against a solid William and Mary team, which will be a premier test for the Blue and White. “This will be a huge game for us. We need to come out and prove ourselves so that we can receive the respect from other conferences that we

deserve,” stated Salvia.

MU will have their hands full early on with several other prominent opponents as well including in-state rival Seton Hall. These games will shed light on where they need improvement before heading into conference play where they will have to be at their best so that they are in position to reach their main goal of conference champions.

With all of the lofty personal expectations that the Hawks players have, their start to this season has been somewhat rocky. With a close 3-1 loss to William and Mary, followed up by a 2-1 defeat to in-state rival Seton Hall, the Blue and White look to ride the momentum of their first win of the season which came against Rider, a 3-0 shutout. In response to the first victory of the young season, Turner said, ““It was good to score some goals and always great to get a shutout.”

The Hawks will look to make it two in a row when they travel to New Rochelle, N.Y., to take on Iona. The game is set to start at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11.

Men’s Soccer Opens Season with Three Straight Wins

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The Men’s soccer team is back to its old ways of winning games. The men of Monmouth had three games in five days facing out of conference opponents Seton Hall, Fairfield and NJIT. The Hawks went 3-0 and did something they haven’t done since 1985 when they faced off against interstate rival Seton Hall.

The Hawks faced off against Seton Hall on the first of September on the Great Lawn and had history against them. The last time the Hawks won against Seton Hall, the president of the United States was Ronald Reagan. However, the Blue and White weren’t willing to let the

due to Labor Day drivers.

Thanks to stellar goals from sophomore Cesar Blacido and junior Ryan Kinne and strong goalkeeping from Meredith who stoned five shots, the visiting Hawks defeated the Stags by a score of 2-1. A common theme thus far for the Hawks has been an outstanding defense along with a strong offense which indicates that a successful season is well within the realm of reality.

On Sunday the Hawks traveled to Newark, New Jersey, to face off against NJIT. This game was much of the same for the Blue and White, as they went on to win by a score of 2-1. The Hawks fell behind NJIT 1-0 when the Highlanders tallied a goal in the 19th minute. The visitors were



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Ryan Kinne scored the go-ahead goal against Fairfield to make the score 2-1 in favor of the Blue and White. The goal was Kinne’s first of the season, and second point of the year.

A Word on Sports

He’s Back: Michael Vick Returns to the Gridiron for the First Time in Over Two Seasons

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The NFL season has finally arrived and fans all over the country find themselves zealous and in a state of anticipation awaiting the regular season to kick off. There are several storylines worth discussing including a healthy Tom Brady and Brett Favre coming out of retirement, AGAIN! However, neither of these storylines is as intriguing as the comeback of former Falcon QB Michael Vick.

Due to his involvement in a dog fighting ring, Vick found himself serving a 23-month stint in prison and missing two full seasons of football. He finds himself in uncharted waters and his climb back to normalcy is one that his athletic abilities cannot rescue him from. Similarly, many critics aren’t focused on his on-field actions, they are more focused on what he does off the field. Vick got off on the right foot when he and the Humane Society of the United States decided to team up and campaign to eliminate dog fighting. Is the 29 year old Vick contrite and ready to move on from his past mistakes? That question is left to be answered and over time will we know.

His football career wasn’t the only thing put on hold. His fam-

ily life and finances also took a hard hit. While in prison for just over two years, Vick missed out on many prized moments a father would have with children, including the birth of his youngest daughter. To make matters worse while in prison Vick was losing an estimated \$12,000 a month to creditors. In a recent bankruptcy hearing reports were that Vick owes creditors around \$20 million. In order to repay the debt to creditors Vick has to hope that his athletic abilities were not lost during his hiatus from the NFL. He can only hope that he signs a contract close to the one he signed in 2004, to the tune of 10 years and \$130 million. However, he had to repay the majority of the money he received in the contract due to the prison stint. He signed a two year deal with the Philadelphia Eagles which could reach \$10 million if all incentives are reached.

Roger Goodell, commissioner of the NFL, has given Vick a conditional reinstatement into the NFL but will first serve a six game suspension during the regular season. However, recently reviewed by Goodell himself, Vick’s season suspension was lessened to only the first three games of the 2009/10 term. Goodell in a written letter to Vick said, “I accept that you are sincere when you say that you want to, and will, turn your life around, and that you intend to be a positive role model for others.” However, Goodell also

mentioned that Vicks’ “margin for error is extremely limited.” The important part is Vick is making all the right steps and has showed actual remorse for his past mistakes. Now the next step is in the eye of the public. Will he ever be forgiven for his past?

While emotions were running high regarding Vick’s return to football, with some Eagles fans boycotting with detrimental signs expressing their anger over the signing of the former Virginia Tech star, after the preseason games passed Eagles fans and NFL fans accepted Vick’s return to the Sunday spotlight as a bird of a different feather. Even Vick himself has shown remorse for his past actions and continues to behave well off the field, stating that all he wanted to do was get back out there and focus on football again, something he loves.

At 29 years of age, Vick finds himself in the crossroads and one mistake would end of all the progress he has made thus far. There are many questions left to be answered concerning Vick. Will he give fans those highlight reel plays that fans were guaranteed to see back in his old Falcon days? Only time will tell. But what’s most important is that Vick becomes a better person and becomes a law abiding citizen, not only now, during his playing days, but also well after his gridiron glory days have passed him by.

streak continue and thanks to a late goal from junior forward Chase Barbieri, it didn’t. Also, between the pipes junior goalkeeper Bryan Meredith proved to be the force many are used to seeing while shutting out SHU. Meredith’s shutout gives him a total of 12 for his career.

The Hawks left the nest and traveled to Fairfield, Connecticut, to take on Fairfield University.

The Hawks were facing a Stags team that qualified for the 2008 NCAA Tournament after winning the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference last season. It was challenging enough to face a team like the Stags, but the Holiday traffic made matters worse

finding it difficult to crack the defense of the Highlanders, as it took MU 76 minutes to get a shot past senior goalkeeper Ryan Sutherland.

The score was 1-1 and a little more than three minutes after their last goal Monmouth successfully converted a goal off a free kick from sophomore midfielder RJ Allen which was headed in by senior captain Daniel Bostock to give the Hawks a 2-1 lead. Bostocks’ goal proved to be enough as the Hawks went on to win 2-1 and record their third straight victory.

The Hawks next game comes Friday the 11th at the Great Lawn to take on the Blue Hens of Delaware.



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Daniel Bostock had the game-winning goal against in-state rival NJIT to seal the win for the visiting Hawks, 2-1.



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