Within the Division of Student Services, the Office of Conference and Program Services works with our internal and external communities. The department holds and confirms the use of non-academic rooms by internal constituents for University events. The department also provides an opportunity to external groups, either non-profit organizations or corporations interested in hosting educational programs, the use of University facilities.

Recent clients include several non-profit organizations, such as: New Jersey State Police Athletic League, who hold their annual state-wide Police Explorer five-day summer training camp; Monmouth Medical Center and Meridian Healthcare System, that held a series of six physician training workshops in 2004; and Artspower Field Trip Series, a non-profit theatre group that brings elementary-age students to the University for seven theatrical performances annually.

In the 2002-2003 fiscal year, the Office of Conference and Program Services worked with over 250 individuals and groups that brought close to 18,000 individuals to campus. In order to fully utilize Monmouth’s facilities and resources, the department strives to accommodate the external community. This practice achieves significant contributions to the University’s bottom line.

Marsha (Peles) McCarthy is the Director of Conference and Program Services. She joined Monmouth University two and a half years ago. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, with a concentration in Communications and Political Science. Marsha also attended Monmouth as an evening student for several years prior to working here. She worked long hours while commuting from Trenton, and recently completed her M.B.A.!

Marsha grew up in Atlantic County, and has lived in Cape May, Bergen, Ocean and Somerset Counties before settling in Monmouth County (Long Branch) last year. “I love living at the shore,” she says. Prior to working at Monmouth University, Marsha worked for NJN Public Television in Trenton. She was the Manager of Public Relations and was eventually promoted to Director of Special Events.

Marsha was married on August 28th, 2004 to Christopher McCarthy. “Chris is very laid-back, rolls with the punches and most of all, makes me laugh! Our ceremony was at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Monmouth Beach and our reception was on the beach at Surf Rider Beach Club. It was wonderful!” After their wedding, Marsha and Chris honeymooned in Hawaii. “We flew to Honolulu, and then boarded a cruise ship and sailed the islands. We visited the big island of Hawaii, as well as Maui and Kauai, but the most interesting was Fanning Island, which is part of the Republic of Kiribati. The small population of Fanning Island live in huts, and have no electricity or phones!”

Left to Right: Vivian Beltempo, Marsha (Peles) McCarthy, Ann Marie Sirianni.
WELCOME ABOARD!  
07/01/2004 - 09/30/2004

PROMOTIONS
Congratulations!  
07/01/2004 - 09/30/2004

Mustafa Aksakal  History and Anthropology  
Thomas Baker  Art and Design  
H. Kyle Barr  LCAC  
Neil Brown  Student Services  
Gloria Brown Wright  Chemistry, Medical Technology and Physics  
Bernadette Calver  Social Work  
Ilona Castro  Undergraduate Admission  
Brant Chapman  Chemistry, Medical Technology and Physics  
Craig Cicardo  Athletics  
Patricia Costts  Performing Arts Series  
Valerie D’Asaro  Educational Leadership and Special Education  
Henry Delo  University Police  
Shari Ferguson-Murtha  School of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Linda Foster  School of Education  
Matt Friel  Athletics  
Kristen Gillette  Institutional Advancement  
John Gisinger  University Police  
Raymond Gonzalez  Residential Life  
Stanton Green  School of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Katherine Henderson  Enrollment Management  
Colleen Hoherrak  Admission Processing  
Linda Horowitz  Mathematics  
Heather Kelly  Student Activities  
Kelly Korz  Undergraduate Admission  
Jeffery Kutac  Athletics  
Michael Lacy  Communication  
Ronald Lawson  Network Computing Services  
Ronald Lawson  Guggenheim Library  
Jamal Lundy  Athletics  
Kathleen Maher  School of Nursing and Health Studies  
Lesbia Marrero  Undergraduate Admission  
David Marshall  Mathematics  
Susan Marshall  Mathematics  
Robert McCourt  Athletics  
Steven Mervine  Network Computing Services  
Keith Olenik  Athletics  
Sue Polito  School of Nursing and Health Studies  
Marie Ramos  Human Resources  
Andrew Ribsam  Facilities Management  
Heidi Riemer  Division of Accounting  
Julia Riordan  Foreign Language Studies  
Carl Schuvio  Educational Leadership and Special Education  
Robert Scott  Communication  
Robert Scott, III  Economics/Finance  
Jennifer Shamrock  Communication  
Allison Shields  Guggenheim Library  
Stacey Slater  Athletics  
Deborah Smith  Provost  
Robert Smith  Enrollment Publications and Communications  
Jean Spears  Curriculum and Instruction  
Carolyn Supplee  Chemistry, Medical Technology and Physics  
Jaicun Wang  Software Engineering  
Jane Webber  Educational Leadership and Special Education  
Charles Willow  Management/Marketing  
Robert Youdin  Social Work  
Meng Yu  Computer Science  
Jing Zhou  Art and Design  

Gilda Agacer  Associate Professor, Chair  
Mary Kate Azcuy  Lecturer  
Sheila Baldwin  Associate Professor  
Noel Behinski  Instructor  
Mary Brennan  Lecturer  
Ariel Brizuela  General Maintenance Mechanic  
John Buzza  Instructor  
Robert Carsey, Jr.  Manager of Unix Administration  
Joseph Coyle  Associate Professor, Co-Chair  
Christopher DeRosa  Assistant Professor  
Heather Dunn  Instructor  
Dena Ebert  Asst Director of Undergraduate Admission  
Ronald Frangipane  Associate Professor  
Cara Fraser  Associate Professor  
Aaron Furgason  Assistant Professor  
Elizabeth Gilmartin  Lecturer  
Letitia Graybill  Lecturer  
Jingzi Huang  Associate Professor  
Bradley Ingebrethsen  Lecturer  
Mildred Kohnbrink  Instructor  
Jamie Kretsch  Instructor  
James Leslie  Instructor  
Biuye Liu  Associate Professor, Co-Chair  
Douglas Mattson  Patrol Officer IV  
Elena Mazza  Instructor  
David McCurry  Associate Professor  
Robert Mika  Instructor  
Jamie Mitchell  Associate Director of Graduate Admission  
Peter Noble  Patrol Officer II  
Fernando Padro  Associate Professor  
Michael Palladino  Associate Professor  
Anthony Pasanelli  Computer Systems Analyst  
Michael Patterson  Assoc. Dir. of Student Act. and Student Cntr Ops  
David Paul  Associate Professor  
Richard Rella  Specialist Professor  
Daniele Rosca  Associate Professor  
Rebecca Sanford  Assistant Professor  
Saliba Sarar  Professor  
Karen Schmelzkopf  Associate Professor  
Brion Sever  Associate Professor  
Maria Simonelli  Instructor  
Pasquale Simonelli  Director of the Schlaefer Program  
Michaeline Skiba  Assistant Professor  
Thomas Smith  Associate Professor, Co-Chair  
Sherry Sukienik  Instructor  
Danuta Swajkajzer  Lecturer  
William Tepfenhart  Associate Professor  
John Tiedemann  Assoc. Dean of the School of Science, Tech. and Eng.  
Merle Treusch  Instructor  
Laura Valenzuela  Instructor  

TRANSFERS
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Mary Lee  Business Manager  
Jacqueline-Ann Bass  Ed. Leadership and Special Ed.  
Jane Calderone  Provost  
Jennifer DeTullio  Provost  
Frances Gradzka  Provost  
Michael Jaworski  Provost  
Lecturer  
Interim Writing Cntr Coord.  
Residential Life Administrator  
Administrative Assistant  
Writing Center  
Residential Life  
English
The Employee Activity Committee was happy to participate, along with Student Services, in The American Heart Association “Heart Walk” in Belmar on Sunday, September 26th. We had over 200 student/employee walkers who enjoyed coming together for a very good cause on a beautiful day.

We are heading back to Peddler’s Village in Lahaska, Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 13, 2004. The “Village” is 42 acres of landscaped gardens, and 18th century style wood and stone structures. You can take a whirl on their colorfully restored 1922 Carousel, enjoy a relaxing lunch in one of their eight restaurants and browse their 70 specialty shops. You will receive a coupon book and map for both Peddler’s Village and Penn’s Purchase. Cost per ticket is $15.00. Please visit their websites at www.peddlersvillage.com and www.pennspurchase.com.

We will be hosting our third annual trip to Rockefeller Center on Saturday, December 11th. This is your opportunity to plan your own day in the City during “the most wonderful time of the year.” Cost per ticket is $15.00.

We will continue to offer coupons for shopping and local restaurants when we can obtain them. Thank you for your support of our EAC events and please feel free to offer any suggestions or comments.

~ HELP MONMOUTH GET NATIONAL MEDIA VISIBILITY ~

Recently, Monmouth University employed Halstead Communications, a public relations firm in New York City that specializes in national media visibility campaigns for colleges and universities around the country. They have been learning about our faculty and staff expertise, as that expertise is often a valuable resource for reporters, whether it’s a professor explaining scientific phenomena, an administrator talking about issues in the recruiting process, or a faculty member interpreting events in the Middle East. Both Halstead and Monmouth’s Public Affairs department are also looking for interesting learning experiences, visually interesting classes or extracurricular activities, outstanding student achievements and even quirky hobbies that define an aspect of American life.

If you have a good story idea, contact Petra Ludwig, Director of Public Affairs by emailing pludwig@monmouth.edu or by calling 732-571-3526. Together with Halstead, the office will develop and pursue national media placement. Sometimes the placement is a mention in a national magazine article, an interview on National Public Radio or a feature in the Chronicle of Higher Education. If the subject lends itself to placement on the opinion pages of national papers, they might work with you in writing such a piece, providing guidelines upfront and helping edit the piece for length and style, if needed.

Please help us raise Monmouth’s profile to where it belongs.
MONMOUTH’S ENHANCED REPUTATION

- Monmouth is now ranked in the top tier of Master’s universities in US News Rankings
- Five years ago, Monmouth University was ranked in Tier 3. A year later, Monmouth moved to Tier 2 where it remained for two more years

How did Monmouth move up in the rankings over the last five years?

- SAT scores for the middle half of the class (25th to 75th percentile) increased on both sides by 50 points to 980-1140 between 1999 and 2003
- The SAT score for students, excluding Schlaefer, increased to 1080
- Freshman retention has moved from a low of 70% to 73%
- The six-year graduation rate has increased from 47% to 52%
- The acceptance rate has improved from 87% to 66%
- Members of the class in the top 25% have increased by 4%
- The percentage of alumni who give to Monmouth University increased from 9% to 11%
- The reputation score increased
- Monmouth also was listed in the “Best in the Northeast” by the Princeton Review

Enrollment Report

In Fall 2004, Monmouth University had a record 6,329 students enrolled, an increase of 120 students! The growth in enrollment is attributed to enhanced retention in the full-time undergraduate population and increasing numbers of accepted students choosing Monmouth as a first choice.

Undergraduate enrollment increased as well, totaling 4,502 students with 4,034 students studying full-time. The freshman class has a population of 945; thirty-one percent of these students are in the top twenty-five percent of their classes! In addition, the students who met regular admission standards have an average SAT score of 1084, surpassing the class of 2007, who had the highest average score in Monmouth’s history of 1060!

The University admitted only 65% of applicants this year. Students hail from 18 states with most residing in New Jersey. The percentage of students with Hispanic/Latino heritages increased to 4% of the class.

There was success in Monmouth’s graduate enrollment, too. There are 1,827 graduate students enrolled in the University’s graduate degree and certificate programs. Of these, 674 are new to their graduate programs. The MAT, MSW, MEd, MBA, MSN, and MA in Psychological Counseling programs had the highest new student enrollments.
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY DEPLOYS WIRELESS NETWORK FOR CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Network Operations is pleased to announce the release of our wireless network for the campus community. During our pilot of the wireless network we initially identified some security-related concerns. To address those concerns we have implemented a solution which allows us to securely share the wireless network with the campus community. If you currently have a Hawkdom2 or Monmouth0 domain account then you are capable of accessing the wireless network. Not all wireless enabled devices will be compatible with our wireless network. Typically, if your wireless enabled device has a web browser, it should be compatible.

Please contact the Information Systems helpdesk at 732-923-HELP(4357) or send an email to helpdesk@monmouth.edu with any questions or problems related to using the wireless network.

Visit our Wireless Hotspots web page frequently to see where wireless coverage is currently available at http://www.monmouth.edu/resources/wireless/hotspots.html

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why has wireless networking been installed on campus?
Wireless networking has been a growing trend among college campuses. It was both out of the basic necessity of convenience and as a strategic move to stay competitive with other college campuses. We are actually latecomers deploying this type of technology.

When was the wireless network installed?
We have been evaluating the technology and deploying our wireless solution over the past 12 months. As of the beginning of this semester, we finally feel the wireless network is ready for primetime.

Where can I access the wireless network?
The wireless network is available in a number of different locations throughout the campus and continually being expanded. Our most recent expansion includes the addition of the Esplanade hotel lab and the Club conference rooms. You can visit our Wireless Hotspots web page at http://www.monmouth.edu/resources/wireless/hotspots.html to see where wireless coverage is currently available.

How can I access the wireless network?
You will need a laptop computer, tablet computer, web enabled PDA with either an 802.11g or 802.11b wireless adapter. Our SSID (wireless network name) is advertised so your wireless device should pick it up. Once associated with one of our wireless access points you will need to authenticate via a web browser using either your HAWKDOM2 or MONMOUTH0 domain account. The first time you open your web browser you should be redirected to the authentication web page.

What kind of equipment is being used?
The wireless network is comprised of multiple Cisco Aironet 350 Series and 1200 Series access points distributed throughout the campus. We utilize a ReefEdge authentication solution on the backend to securely share the wireless network with the campus community. The wireless network currently supports the 802.11g (54Mbps) standard which is backwards compatible with the 802.11b (11Mbps) standard.

Who suggested the wireless network?
Both students and employees have been inquiring about our wireless network offerings over the past few years. David J. Bopp, Associate Vice President of Telecommunications and Network Operations has been the driving force behind our initiative.

How will the wireless network affect the campus of Monmouth University?
Convenience is the major quality of life change. Being able to instantly access the Internet, check your email or instant message your buddies while eating your lunch or sitting outside on the grass all without wires.

Who should we call for assistance with accessing the wireless network?
The Information Systems helpdesk can be reached at 732-923-4357 to assist with any questions or problems you may be experiencing.

Save-the-Date: Friday, December 17, 2004

25th Annual Employee Holiday Gathering

President and Mrs. Paul G. Gaffney II will be hosting the 25th Annual Monmouth University Employee Holiday Gathering on Friday, December 17, 2004 in Wilson Hall. Don’t miss this wonderful, Monmouth tradition! Your spouse/guest and children are welcome.

Please look for further details in campus-wide announcements.
Stanton W. Green

Stanton was appointed Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences as of July 1, 2004. Stanton comes to Monmouth University following his appointments at Clarion University in Pennsylvania as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He holds a Ph.D. and an M.A. in Anthropology from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of New York at Stony Brook.

Noah Hart, Jr.

Noah joined Monmouth University as Assistant Dean of the School of Business Administration as of May 10, 2004. He most recently served as Assistant Dean and Director of Admissions and Student Services for Rutgers University’s School of Social Work. Noah holds an Ed.D. degree in Educational Theory from Rutgers University as well as a Master's degree in Divinity from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also attended The College of New Jersey, where he obtained a Master's degree in Education with a specialization in Student Personnel Services and a B.A. in Literature from Livingston College of Rutgers University.

Shari Ferguson-Murtha

Shari became Assistant Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences on July 6, 2004. Her most recent position was that of Academic Advisor and Instructor for the College of Saint Elizabeth in Morristown. Shari earned her Master's Degree in Counselor Education from The Pennsylvania State University, holds National Board Certified Counselor and Licensed Professional Counselor credentials, attended Montclair State University’s post degree program for Teacher Certification and obtained her Bachelor’s degree in Sociology from Glassboro State College.
Campus Safety Information

The University Police Department provides vehicle, bicycle, and foot patrols on campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Faculty, administrators, staff, and students are encouraged to immediately report all crimes, suspicious activities, and emergencies to the University Police at 732-571-3499. Routine business calls or calls for non-emergency assistance should be placed to 732-571-3472.

Police Escort Service:

The University Police Department offers an on-campus escort service 24 hours a day to all members of the University community. The escort service may be provided by a police officer or safety officer on foot, golf cart, or by police vehicle. All members of the campus community are encouraged to take advantage of this service.

Emergency Telephones:

There are 59 emergency telephones installed on campus. Either a blue light and/or “Emergency” labels identify these telephones, which provide direct contact to the University Police. In addition, regular telephones in all buildings have labels affixed to them which reflect the University Police Department telephone numbers.

EMERGENCY PHONE LOCATIONS

600 Courtyard
Baseball Field
Beechwood East
Beechwood Northeast
Bey Hall Elevator
Birch Hall
Boylan Gymnasium Lobby
Boylan Gymnasium Northwest
Boylan Gymnasium Pool
Cedar Hall
Edison Science Elevator
Elmwood Hall
Facilities Management
Garden Apartments
Great Lawn Apartments
Health Center/Library/Parking Lot #20
Howard Hall Elevator
Laurel Hall
Maplewood Hall Elevator North
Maplewood Hall Elevator South
Maplewood Hall North
Maplewood Hall South
McAllan Elevator
Norwood Avenue South
Oakwood Hall East
Oakwood Hall Elevator
Oakwood Hall West
Old Crosswalk Gate - McAllan
Parking Lot #7
Parking Lot #10
Parking Lot #13
Parking Lot #15
Parking Lot #16
Parking Lot #18
Parking Lot #23 North
Parking Lot #23 South
Parking Lot #25 (4 Locations)
Pinewood Hall
Plangere CCIT Elevator
Redwood Hall Elevator
Redwood Hall North
Redwood Hall South
Shadow Lawn South
Spruce Hall
Student Center Freight Elevator
Student Center Passenger Elevator
Student Center West
Underpass Northeast Side
Underpass Northwest Side
Underpass Southeast Side
Underpass Southwest Side
Willow Hall
Willow Hall Northwest
Wilson Hall Annex/"O" Circle
Wilson Hall Lobby
Wilson Hall Lobby Freight Elevator
While in Maui, Marsha and Chris went on a 20-mile downhill biking excursion. “We were at the top of a volcano, 12,000 feet up with no guard rails!” When I asked Marsha if she was scared, she replied, “I was nervous at first, but it was so amazing and beautiful you quickly get over that. We were riding through the clouds! The ride was two hours long and we ended up at 4,000 feet. The other exciting thing we did was snorkeling. This is a cross between snorkeling and scuba diving. You have a tank that floats in a raft above you with a 25-foot tube for breathing. We experienced the most breathtaking coral reefs and colored fish!”

Marsha loves to travel. She and Chris went to Paris and London two years ago. “Being a history buff, it was amazing to see the Tower of London, which is over a thousand years old. Visiting Paris was one of my life goals. We would like to go to Italy next.”

At home, Marsha and Chris like to relax with their nine-year-old dog Zeus, who is half-Rottweiler and half-Doberman. “He is very sweet. Chris adopted him when he was six months old from the SPCA in Georgia. Zeus lived with him in Chicago, too.” In her spare time, she enjoys taking long walks with Zeus on the beach, biking and spoiling her two nephews who are 10 and 12 years old. “Chris and I both come from very large families. I have 83 first cousins!”

Both of our families have wonderful holiday traditions. On Thanksgiving, we all go to Chris’ grandmother’s house. There are about 50 family members in attendance, from children to grandchildren to great-grandchildren! It’s a little crazy, but we all love it!” At Easter, Marsha’s family plays host. “We have a huge breakfast following Mass, and then an Easter Egg Hunt. My mom still hides our Easter baskets!”

“Here at Monmouth I have the best of both worlds; I love my job and work with wonderful people campus-wide! And, I am very excited about concentrating on my new life with Chris.”

Central Scheduling Assistant Ann Marie Sirianni, has been with Monmouth University for eight years. She earned a degree in Psychology from Nathaniel Hawthorne College in New Hampshire, and her first job out of college was working for the Monmouth County Probation Department as an investigator. “After that, I got married and was home raising my children, in addition to helping with the family business, Sirianni’s Friendly Cafe, and substitute teaching. I have always kept very busy!” Ann Marie advised me that she worked part-time during her first four years at MU. “I’ve worked in Humanities, Registrar’s Office, Residential Life, and the last two and a half years in Conference and Program Services.” Ann Marie told me she likes to be excited about her job. “I think it is a best practice to cross train and work in a variety of areas to be well-rounded. I took a graduate course last year in Communication because I knew it would help me do my job better.”

A life-long resident of Monmouth County, Ann Marie knows the area well. She and her husband Joe are native residents of Long Branch. “I just love this community. If you want to know something about the history of Long Branch or need a recommendation for a good restaurant, just call me!” Ann Marie and Joe will be celebrating their 23rd wedding anniversary this month. “I literally live around the corner (an eight-minute walk) from Monmouth in a neighborhood called Shadow Lawn.” They have two daughters: Alexandra, who is a junior at Ocean Township High School, and Andrea, who is a senior at MU. Alexandra enjoys lacrosse and loves to play piano. Andrea will have completed her Communication degree in three and a half years. “I am very proud of both my daughters.” Family is very important to Ann Marie. “Both Joe and I are very close to our families; we all live within a five-mile radius of each other! We have huge family dinners on Sunday and often go out to eat, too. My favorite restaurant this month is Tavolo’s in North Long Branch. You have to go there!” The newest member of the Sirianni family is “Louie”, their ten-month-old Shih Tzu. “I was very depressed when I lost two of my aunts last year, and Louie really got me through a tough time.”

Ann Marie is also very proud of her husband Joe, who is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, in Hyde Park, New York. “He has been a devoted Long Branch volunteer fireman and first aider for years. When that radio goes off, even if it is the middle of the night, Joe is out the door. He has a very demanding job as the General Manager of the Princeton Courtyard by Marriott. How he still manages to get up at 5:00 am and drive to Princeton is beyond me! Before that, he was the Chef of the Marriott Marquis in New York, and prior to that Joe was the Chef at Sirianni’s Friendly Café, which his family owned for fifty-three years in West End, Long Branch (now Jack’s Rib House). That is where we had our wedding reception and of course, he had to cook for that, too!”

In her spare time, Ann Marie likes to walk the boardwalk or just watch the ocean, whether it is winter or summer. “The ocean fascinates me. Shopping is also a great pastime that I enjoy. I’ll stay in a store until closing! I can’t sit still and am constantly on the go.” When asked what she feels is her most important accomplishment, Ann Marie responded, “raising my children and leading a good life. My mom was a teacher and my role model. She was widowed in her 40’s, yet she managed to send all three of her children to college.”

One of Ann Marie’s favorite family traditions is hosting Christmas Eve. “Being Italian, Christmas Eve is bigger than Christmas Day. We keep the traditional seven-fish night, but have modernized it to things our children and 25-30 guests will eat. We serve shrimp scampi, calamari, scallops, flounder,
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etc. It’s a lot of work but I love it.” She also always serves lamb on Easter Sunday, another Italian tradition!

During an employee fundraiser for Annual Fund last year, Ann Marie won the grand prize, dinner with President and Mrs. Gaffney at Joe and Maggie’s. “At first I was a bit nervous we wouldn’t have anything in common to talk about. As it turned out, President Gaffney is very interested in the community and local area, of which I am an expert! We really had a great time.” Ann Marie just took a Real Estate course and will take the exam next. “This will be my next adventure; I’ll be a realtor on weekends; after all, I love to talk to people!”

Vivian Beltempo, Assistant to the Director of Conference and Program Services, has been with Monmouth University and in this same department for almost eighteen years! Her responsibilities have grown over time. “I’ve always worked in this department and love it; my job is very interesting - I’m always meeting new people and am never bored!”

Vivian is originally from Manhattan. “My husband and I were born and raised in Little Italy.” She and her husband, Anthony moved here 20 years ago and now live in Long Branch. “My family summered at the Jersey Shore since I was two years old. We just love it here and knew it was a great place to raise kids.” Vivian and Anthony just celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary. They have two grown children, Michelle and Anthony. Michelle, their oldest, attended Monmouth College for two years, and then nursing school for the next three years to become a registered nurse. Michelle and her husband have been married for five years, and have a daughter, Sela. Anthony graduated from Monmouth University in 1998 with a degree in Communication. He interned with MTV and has been with Viacom ever since. “Anthony is now a Segment Producer for VH1 Top 20 Countdown. Last year he taped one of the shows here on campus. He really plugged the University. President Gaffney even called me to say he thought the segment was done in very good taste.”

To relax, Vivian likes to cook. “I love to watch the Food TV network and collect recipe books.” One of her favorite pastimes is to have friends and family to dinner on Sundays. “I’m up at the crack of dawn starting my sauce.” Vivian shared that her family and friends are the most important things to her in life. “Anthony and I are very fortunate to have the same, dear friends for many years. Not a lot of people can say that. In fact, one of our close friends just gave Anthony an antique Mercedes car that he has always admired. He was going to leave it to him in his will, but decided he would enjoy watching him restore it. Pretty soon, we will be taking Sunday rides together on Ocean Avenue!” They are also looking forward to an upcoming reunion with friends they grew up with in Little Italy. “This is no ordinary reunion; it is also a Doo-Wop Concert, which is another thing we love!”

Vivian’s pride and joy is her two-year-old granddaughter. “It is wonderful to have a

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Do you have a question about benefits?

Just... Ask Angela,

Can you help me understand the Horizon Direct Access emergency care guidelines, so that if I am ever faced with a true medical emergency I will know what to do?

If you believe that your medical condition is a medical emergency, go directly to the nearest emergency room or call 911.

A true medical emergency is the sudden and unexpected onset of a condition in which delay in treatment would endanger your health or life. Examples of a medical emergency include, but are not limited to, difficulty breathing, burns, excessive bleeding, acute stomach pain, sudden change in mental state, unconsciousness, broken bones, suspected heart attack or stroke, wounds requiring sutures, poisoning and shock.

An emergency room copayment of $50.00 is required each time you receive treatment in an emergency room. If you are admitted as an inpatient, the emergency room copayment is waived.

Less severe medical problems and chronic conditions may be more appropriately handled by a participating physician in his/her office.

You are covered for emergency care, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Energy Saving Tips

Winter is just “around the corner” and with the energy costs rising on a daily basis, it’s time to start thinking about ways to keep warm without raising the thermostat. Facilities Management would like to make the following suggestions:

• Keep the thermostat set at 68 degrees. Keeping a constant temperature is a more efficient way to maintain the level of comfort in the office.

• Close and lock the windows. Wind can find its way through the slightest opening, causing an uncomfortable draft and lowering the room’s temperature. Submit a work order for broken windows to be repaired.

• Wear layers of clothing. As your body warms up, you are able to control the amount of clothing you wear. Keep in mind that comfort is sometimes a personal opinion, you may feel warm while your co-worker may feel cool. Wearing a sweater may be the simplest solution to this problem.

• Keep your clothing on a sunny day to enjoy the natural warmth of the sun.

Please help us save energy dollars by emailing your ideas to SaveEnergy@monmouth.edu.

Monmouth Review Call for Submissions

The Monmouth Review is the University community’s literary and art magazine, published twice a year. All employees are invited to submit for consideration poems, short stories, essays, fiction, drama, interviews, photography, drawings, computer-generated art, and other forms of two-dimensional art.

To submit literary works, please send each work as an e-mail attachment in to Professor Stanley Blair in the Department of English, at sblair@monmouth.edu. To submit artwork, please contact Professor Karen Bright in the Department of Art and Design at x3523. Please include information about how you may be contacted, as well as a brief biographical note of up to fifty words.

If you have any questions about the Monmouth Review, please contact Dr. Blair at his office, Wilson Annex Room 505, or phone x3619.

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