Dear Monmouth University Neighbor:

It has been a pleasure to get to meet many of you at University social functions, during athletic events, at our arts venues and “out and about” in Monmouth County. Linda and I have enjoyed our introduction to the region and look forward to the spring weather.

My administration understands the value of establishing and maintaining positive relationships between the University and its neighbors. At the same time it is clear that several projects need to be completed in order to remain competitive and to improve the quality of the University while not increasing the capacity. I have discussed our concepts openly. Also, I have become specifically aware of concerns, in some municipalities, over student residents.

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I aspire to make Monmouth better in every regard. I intend to make our graduates and our neighbors proud of the University. We have capped freshman enrollment again this year, and we plan to continue to increase incoming student qualifications.

Monmouth anchors the classic beauty of our larger neighborhood. I invite you to please enjoy our events and our campus at your leisure.

Paul G. Gaffney II
President

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West Long Branch

History Quiz

Created by Professor Richard Veit, Department of History and Anthropology, Monmouth University

1. The first mayor of West Long Branch was?
   A. Monroe V. Poole  
   B. Thaddeus Schenck  
   C. Charles Poole  
   D. Edward M. Beach

2. This famous minister preached twice in what would become West Long Branch?
   A. Jonathan Edwards  
   B. A. Monroe V. Poole  
   C. William Tennent  
   D. James Caldwell

CONGRADS TO ANN ACCERRA!
Ann Accerra, winner of our last quiz, received two tickets to John Gorka and Greg Brown at Pollak Theatre.

WIN A PRIZE!
The fifth person to send an e-mail to neighbor@monmouth.edu or call 732-571-3526 with the correct answers will win a spectacular Monmouth University prize.

Individuals interested in learning more about the history of West Long Branch are encouraged to read Helen-Chantal Pike's bestseller published by Arcadia Press in its Images of America series.

Things to Do on Campus

Monmouth University
Performing Arts Series at the Pollak Theatre
Call 732-571-3483 for more information.

May 2
2:00pm
Trout Fishing in
America/Children
$10

May 2
7:00pm
Trout Fishing in
America/Adult
$30

May 8
8:00pm
Paul Taylor 2 Dance
$30

Basketball Players
are Champions on the Court and in the Community

Thank you to our West Long Branch neighbors for cheering on the Hawks this year. The men’s and women’s basketball teams qualified for the finals of the Northeast Conference Tournament Championship. The men’s team, in front of a cheering crowd in Boylan Gymnasium, won the championship of the Northeast Conference, advancing them to the NCAA Tournament.

In addition to being champions on the court, our athletes are champions in the community and enjoy volunteering at West Long Branch community events. In the spring, basketball players participated in the READ TO ACHIEVE program at the Frank Antonides Elementary School. During the event, the Hawk along with basketball players Blake Hamilton and Bridgette Byrum assisted children in the obstacle course and basketball challenge as well as took part in the book fair.

In April, basketball players Niamh Dwyer, Brian Boxler and the Hawk volunteered at the West Long Branch Sports Association Recreational Basketball program, helped first and second graders with their skills and gave a demonstration to the cheering fans.

For more information on how your community group can take advantage of having the Hawk and athletes volunteer at an event, please call the Department of Athletics at 732-571-3415.

BIG EVENT
is a Big Success!

Monmouth University Volunteers Help Clean up Yard at Frank Antonides Elementary School

Monmouth University employees and students helped clean up the yard at the Frank Antonides Elementary School during the third annual “Big Event” on March 27th. This year more than 300 students and employees volunteered at this one-day community service project sponsored by the Student Government Association. Students and employees spent the day performing service projects, like painting, cleaning and clearing brush, or visiting senior citizen centers and working with school children, as a way to express their gratitude to the surrounding communities for their support and allegiance to Monmouth University.

Olympic Champion

Wendy L. Boglioli will Receive Distinguished Alumni Award

Monmouth University will honor Wendy Lansbach Boglioli with the Distinguished Alumni Award at Founders Day on October 13, 2004. In 1976 at the Montreal Olympics, Ms. Boglioli brought home the gold medal in the 4X100 freestyle relay (world and Olympic Record), defeating the renowned East German team, and the bronze medal in the 100-meter butterfly. Today, she gives back to the community in many ways by volunteering her time to the Special Olympics as a spokesperson, as a swim instructor for children and as a motivational speaker for various organizations such as the Girl Scouts of America and the Boys and Girls Club. The Distinguished Alumni Award is the prestigious award presented by the Monmouth University Alumni Association to alumni who have distinguished themselves by contributions made in their own particular fields of work, professional or personal, or in the betterment of humanity. The recipients of the award are an inspiration to the next generation of graduates and to the community at large. Wendy attended Monmouth University from 1973 to 1976. She is married to Monmouth University alumnus Bernie Boglioli, Jr.