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Monmouth University supports equal opportunity in recruitment, admission, educational programs, and employment practices regardless of race, color, age, sex, disability, religion, ethnic or national origin, or sexual orientation. The University also complies with all major federal and state laws and executive orders requiring equal employment opportunity and/or affirmative action.
President Rebecca Stafford was chosen by AICUNJ (Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in New Jersey) to serve as its newly elected board chair. "I am honored to be chosen to lead this highly respected and influential organization," said Dr. Stafford. "AICUNJ strives to improve higher education in NJ by bringing it to the forefront of deliberation among state decision makers. As chair I will continue to carry on this essential endeavor."

AICUNJ is the public relations, research and government liaison organization for 14 privately supported institutions of higher education in NJ. It was established to represent the interests of its members to the state's lawmakers, regulators and citizens. AICUNJ seeks to strengthen financial aid programs for students and bring about a greater understanding of the impact and contributions of independent colleges and universities in New Jersey. It also works with members to develop consortium programs that save time and money and enhance service.

"We are very fortunate to have Rebecca Stafford serve as our new board chair," said Robert J. Polakowski, vice president of AICUNJ. "She is highly regarded in her field and has a proven record of success at Monmouth University. We look forward to her guidance and leadership."

Dr. Stafford currently serves as a member of the Five State Regional Board of First Union National Bank and as a trustee of Monmouth Medical Center.

Eight students have been chosen as this year’s “Real Men and Women of Monmouth University.” These individuals were selected based on their commitment to making healthy choices regarding the use of alcohol and drugs, speaking out on violence in relationships, maintaining strong academic standing, and keeping a positive outlook on life.

This year’s “Real Men and Women of Monmouth University” are: Alice Arnts and Maxwell Omondi Marx, both of West Long Branch; Joe Vacchiano of Ocean Township; David Santamaria of Highlands; Susan Blair Fries of Mantoloking; Erin Collins of Marlton; Michael Goddard of Lebanon; and Terra Sarnacki-Royer of Johnstown, NY.

Students are nominated by submissions received from the entire University community. Once nominations are received, the candidates are sent applications to complete. The applicants are then reviewed by the Substance Intervention Programs committee that is made up of staff and students who choose the eight “Real Men and Women.” Once chosen, these students are photographed for a University poster that is distributed across campus highlighting their “Real Men and Women” status.

The “Real Men and Women of Monmouth University” program is run by the University’s division of student services, which is committed to a philosophy that students are responsible for their lives and are capable of making appropriate decisions in conjunction with a variety of academic, personal and student service resources. Emphasis is placed on the holistic concept of education that endeavors to enhance each student’s “sense of self” socially, as well as academically, as they progress through the college experience. This is achieved by integrating each student’s academic, social and developmental growth, while recognizing the diversity of each individual’s background and experience.
THE 17TH ANNUAL GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ISSUES AND THE FUTURE OF NEW JERSEY BEGAN ON JULY 9 IN POLFAK THEATRE. AS PART OF THE PROGRAM, STUDENTS ATTEMPTED TO COMPLETE 2,000 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

THE GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL IS A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE, PUBLICLY-FUNDED PROGRAM THAT MEETS FOR FOUR WEEKS IN RESIDENTIAL SESSIONS FOR INTENSIVE STUDY ON SEPARATE THEMES. MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY’S THEME IS PUBLIC ISSUES AND THE FUTURE OF NEW JERSEY. MORE THAN 90 STUDENTS FROM PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS WERE ENROLLED IN THIS YEAR’S PROGRAM. THESE SCHOLARS WERE DRAWN FROM EACH OF THE STATE’S 21 COUNTIES.

THE PROGRAM FEATURED LECTURES BY ACADEMIC EXPERTS AND LEGISLATORS, TOURS OF THE STATE CAPITAL, PERFORMING ARTS SHOPS, MOCK TRIALS AND CLASS DISCUSSIONS. THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER WAS GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL ALUMNA SUSAN MCWILLIAMS WHO ACTIVELY WORKS WITHIN THE POLITICAL ARENA. OTHER NOTED SPEAKERS INCLUDED PETER H. ART OF FAIR (FAIRNESS AND ACCURACY IN REPORTING) ON JULY 11, JON SHURE, PRESIDENT OF NEW JERSEY POLICY PERSPECTIVES ON JULY 16, AND NEW JERSEY SECRETARY OF STATE, DEFOREST SOARIES ON JULY 17.


FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CLAUDE TAYLOR, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ISSUES AND THE FUTURE OF NEW JERSEY AT 732-571-3496.

THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

TIMOTHY MANN ’65, MICHAEL A. PLOWDICK ’82, AND PAUL W. CORLIS HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY.

“We are very fortunate to have these dynamic business leaders join the Monmouth University family,” said President Rebecca Stafford. “We value their deep commitment to this university and its mission and look forward to their participation in this important capacity.”

Timothy Mann ’65, Orange Park, FL, is president and director of Swisher International Group, Inc., one of the largest manufacturers of cigars in the world that has been in operation since 1861. Mr. Mann joined Swisher International Group, Inc. in 1978 and served as director of business development, vice president of marketing and senior vice president of marketing to before being named president in 1986.

Prior to joining Swisher in 1978, Mr. Mann worked for the advertising agency of Cargill, Wilson and Acree. He is a board member of both the First Coast Workforce Development and Gateway Community Services, Inc., an organization that provides drug and alcohol rehabilitation services to the Jacksonville community.

Michael A. Plowdick ’82, Millldetown, is considered one of the top banking analysts on Wall Street. He is executive director of UBS Warburg, which was formerly Warburg Dillon Read. UBS Warburg is the investment banking arm of UBS AG, Switzerland’s number one bank. It specializes in debt and equity finance, advisory services, risk management, securities and foreign exchange. It also provides products, execution and transaction processing.

Before joining UBS Warburg, Mr. Plowdick worked for Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. as a senior vice president specializing in regional banks. Prior to that, he worked as a senior regional bank analyst at Salomon Brothers and he was managing director of CJ Lawrence Deutsche Bank Securities Corporation, a subsidiary of the Deutsche Bank AG of Frankfurt, Germany.

Paul W. Corliss, Wall Township, is a successful entrepreneur who pioneered the concept of “one-to-one marketing” in supermarkets. He served as president and CEO of the company he founded, DCI Cardmarketing, now a division of Catalina Marketing Corp. DCI Cardmarketing was formed in 1971 and offers a full-range of electronic marketing services to supermarket retailers and wholesalers. It is the industry leader in frequency marketing programs.

Mr. Corliss also founded CCI (Coupon Controls, Inc.) in 1979. CCI processes and redeems millions of manufacturer coupons. He is currently president and CEO.

Mr. Corliss is very involved with Monmouth University, specifically the Business Council that he joined in 1987. He served as a past chairman and is on its steering committee.

In addition to the three new board members, the University elected four officers to one-year terms. Charles T. Parton, Rumson, will remain chairman, Paul S. Doherty ’67, Hol-Hol-Kus, is the new vice chairman, Alan E. Davis, Fair Haven, remains as secretary, and Alfred J. Schiavetti, Jr., Fair Haven, remains as treasurer.
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Dick Benjamin

The One That Didn’t Get Away

BY MELANIE J. MARTIN ’00

Dick Benjamin is now 70 years old and is rightfully contemplating the love of tinkering that brought him to the level of success he's now attained. How he got started in what at the time was a brand new, cutting edge field, Electronic Engineering, he remembers, “I really had no idea what I was getting into. I just knew that I loved to tinker and work on things, creating things, and working with techniques and tools that others rarely dared to handle, so they offered him employment as an Electronics Specialist. Upon graduation, he was immediately snapped up as an Instructor, and he did that while attending night school in Newark. It was such a hot commodity and such a talent that Monmouth granted Benjamin tenure before he even obtained his Master’s in Engineering Science.

It was while studying for that Master’s degree that Benjamin and his wife, Phyllis, started their family. He recalls, “I had to find places to hide in my own home so I could get my studies done! Eventually I created a little desk space in the attic of my house, and I’d hide up there where the children couldn’t find me, otherwise I’d never have had time to work.”

But to say that all he’s done since then is teach is like saying that all a fish does is swim. Over his 31 years at Monmouth, Benjamin has authored or co-authored a dozen or so scholarly articles, served as dean, department vice-chairman, department chairman, contract administrator, and served as the chief negotiator for the administration in working out faculty contracts at Monmouth. He’s served on or chaired 40 committees at Monmouth and several as community service in the surrounding community.

So is Monmouth’s big fish going head out to calmer seas anytime soon? Well, he does enjoy sailing, something he learned with his wife a few years ago, and they get out whenever they can. And he likes to travel. He traveled in 1993 when he was on the search committee for a new president for Monmouth. The end result was the hiring of Rebecca Stafford. Benjamin smiles and says, “I was quite pleased to be part of that recruitment.” But when asked if he is going to retire soon, Benjamin shifts his tall frame a little and says, “I’d never have had time to work.”

And his talent has had on their hands. He’s taught in the labs fixing things, creating things, and working with techniques and tools that others rarely dared to handle, so they offered him employment as an Electronics Specialist. Upon graduation, he was immediately snapped up as an Instructor, and he did that while attending night school in Newark. It was such a hot commodity and such a talent that Monmouth granted Benjamin tenure before he even obtained his Master’s in Engineering Science.

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However, this year’s recipient of Monmouth University’s Vision Award (along with Mr. H.R. Young, profiled in the Spring 2000 issue of Monmouth University Magazine) is not being singled out for longevity alone. A gracious gentleman with quiet composure and a welcoming smile, Dr. Warters has a devoted allegiance to higher education.

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The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) elected Dr. Warters to the grade of Fellow for contributions to the understanding of wave propagation in multimode media and the development of millimeter waveguide transmission systems. His professional career moved him to diverse areas of the telecommunications industry. “Looking back at my career in physics the wages of many faculty members,” Dr. Warters observes candidly. “It is that balance of technology, science, and the arts that guides Dr. Warters’ personal life. Since 1953, home base for Dr. Warters and his wife, Margaret (Margot), has been the Lincroft area. His home connotes more than just the physical walls of his residence, though. He has an ardent interest in preserving open space in the peaceful surroundings and gentle rolling hills of this region and serves on the Monmouth Conservation Foundation, the Planning Board of Monmouth County and Middletown Township’s Planning Board and Open Space Board. “It’s important to preserve our farmland and leave open space available for such programs as those where physically, mentally, or emotionally challenged children gain confidence by having the opportunity to ride horsback,” he said.

Dr. Warters earned a Ph.D in physics from California Institute of Technology. It ushered him into the working world at a time when physics was a great major. Companies were willing to take someone with a bachelor’s degree in pure physics and train him in engineering disciplines. His career as a physicist at Bell Laboratories in Holmdel began in 1953 and extended over thirty-five years and various positions of responsibility.

“My best achievement was to be a research executive to systems company, from research executive to systems engineer, from director of the Satellite Transmission Laboratory to assistant vice president of the Network Technology Research Laboratory. Before his position at the time of retirement in 1988.

It was during the period when he ran the education department in human resources at Bell Labs that his association with Monmouth began. Many of his young assistant engineers were attending Monmouth night classes in order to further their educations. As much as he was ni from those years, to learn of their success and where their Monmouth background has taken them and added to the quality of their lives”

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In 1986 Monmouth University awarded William Dennis Warters an Honorary Doctor of Laws, citing his efforts to “build bridges of mutual support and respect between [the University] and the telecommunications industry.”

Three administrations later, Dr. Warters reflects on Monmouth’s continuing progress. An excellent faculty is a primary reason for the enhancement of Monmouth’s standing, according to Dr. Warters. “Looking back at my career in physics the wages of many faculty members,” Dr. Warters observes candidly. “It is that balance of technology, science, and the arts, and education. Dr. Warters eventually served as Chair from 1977 to 1984.

It is particularly rewarding now to see and hear from our many alumni from those years, to learn of their success and where their Monmouth background has taken them and added to the quality of their lives.”
Commencement holds much importance on any university campus. Bedecked with pomp and circumstance, and rites that harken back to medieval times, that time-honored ceremony witnesses the beginnings of so many chapters in so many lives. At Monmouth, however, the annual celebration of Founders’ Day each autumn rivals that importance both in ritual and the marking of new beginnings.

Observed on the second Wednesday of each October since 1983, this long-standing tradition was first held to mark the 50th anniversary of the school’s founding. Each year it is the first occasion when the freshman class is able to witness a formal, academic convocation, complete with faculty in full academic regalia and with the impressive protocol inherent in such a gathering.

Janet Fell, executive assistant to the university president, chairs the Founders’ Day Planning Committee that is responsible for the event. She noted that last year’s program followed a retrospective theme since it occurred in the final year of the 20th century. Now, according to Fell, in the year 2000 we begin to take a look forward.

The fall convocation ceremony in Pollak Theatre honored student leaders and honors program students for achieving academic excellence. Also, Dennis Turner ’69 ’73 received the coveted Distinguished Alumni Award, and led a morning panel discussion for students and faculty entitled “Computing: Past, Present and Future.” Two exceptional and dedicated trustees, H.R. Young and Dr. William D. Warters, were chosen to receive the highest honor Monmouth University bestows, the President’s Vision Award.

Symbolized by a beautiful Steuben crystal, this award lauds those who have made substantial contributions to the University and is given solely at the discretion of the president.

Of this year’s two Vision Award recipients, President Rebecca Stafford notes, “Since their election to the Board of Trustees, both of these gentlemen have demonstrated exemplary devotion to Monmouth University. They have given unstintingly of their time, resources, and wise counsel throughout their years of service.”

At the convocation President Stafford welcomed noted Harvard scholar Dr. Stephen Jay Gould as keynote speaker. Dr. Gould, whose unprecedented streak of 256 monthly essays in Natural History magazine and countless literary awards marks him as one of the country’s leading scientific thinkers, is a respected paleontologist and evolutionary biologist. He received...
an AB from Antioch College and PhD from Columbia University. Numerous accolades ranging from the National Book Award for The Panda’s Thumb to the Scientist of the Year award from Discover magazine attest to Dr. Gould’s eminent position as a respected author, lecturer, and researcher. Dr. Gould attended the Founders’ Day luncheon and a reception in Wilson Hall, following the ceremony.

Even though technology may be too far advanced for videotapes in 2033, the Committee hopes some enterprising individual will find the means to view “Monmouth at the Millennium,” a videotape produced in connection with last year’s Founders’ Day. The tape looked into the history of Monmouth with a pictorial essay of how the school evolved and showcased interviews with current alumni and faculty. Those who open the time capsule will also find numerous photographs of current students. Monmouth Magazine, the student newspaper The Outlook, various Board of Trustee resolutions, minutes and meeting books and printed materials from events that occurred during the year 2000. Guests at Founders’ Day received copies of two of the capsule items: a compilation of memories of Monmouth and predictions for the year 2033. When future inhabitants of Monmouth University examine memorabilia from Monmouth University of the past, it is hoped they will appreciate the vision of its founders, a vision that fostered an idea for a great institution and launched that vision forward into the next century.

Trolling on campus from historic Wilson Hall to The Club with its crisp, modern design, this year’s Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, Dennis J. Turner ’69 ’73, observes that Monmouth University has taken on many physical changes in the years since he took engineering classes in converted horse barns and the infamous chicken coops. Still there remain familiar intangibles that he appreciates about his association with Monmouth over the past thirty years.

Monmouth was part of the landscape in his early years when, at the age of seven, Turner moved with his family from his native Jersey City to Long Branch. After graduating from Red Bank Catholic High School in the early sixties, he eagerly began his college career at then Monmouth College.

Volunteering for his country’s service during the Vietnam War held up completion of Turner’s bachelor’s degree in electronics engineering. He served in the United States Army at Fort Devins, MA, and returned to Monmouth to graduate four years later and to attain his master’s degree in 1973. Continuing after graduation in a job that had helped him pay his way through school, Turner started his corporate career at Electronics Associates in West Long Branch, moving on to Frequency Engineering Labs in Farmingdale. One thing became clear as his professional credits developed, and it remains true today Turner says, “As a graduate of a small school with a good reputation, I was just as qualified as my colleagues who graduated from larger, more competitive schools.”

Turner attributes that accomplishment to one of the mainstays of Monmouth, a caring faculty that takes a personal interest in the success of its students. Two individuals come to mind as people who influenced Turner’s love of learning while he was a student at Monmouth. “I hated history with all its memorization and Dr. Kenneth Stunkel taught history. Right away, I saw his class would be different. He looked into the how and why of events, not just boring facts.” Math professor Dr. Gilfoyle made math fun. “He was passionate about teaching,” says Turner.

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After ten years in industry, Turner wanted to work for the federal government at Monmouth’s close neighbor, Fort Monmouth. In a remarkable career that placed him in the forefront of computer development, Turner held increasingly more responsible positions from Chief of the Software Engineering Division, Associate Director for Information Processing Technology, Deputy Director and Acting Director of the Software Engineering Center. While many of his contemporaries, educated in the 60’s, were trying to fathom their children’s fascination with all things computer, Turner’s two sons were being advised by a dad who had responsibility for software engineering support for everything from desktops to the battlefields.

The Trenton Falls resident looks back on a career that saw a gradual shifting of development work by over 2,000 government employees in multiple locations to more work being completed by support contractors. As a matter of fact, there is such a shortage now of software engineers, Turner says, “If all the students from all the majors in colleges suddenly switched to computer science, there would still not be enough people to fill all the jobs.”

Because of this growing need, Turner believes that the many high tech companies in and around Monmouth County will provide abundant opportunities for Monmouth graduates to build their careers close to home. Turner’s family includes grown sons, Chris, who serves in the United States Air Force at Barksdale AFB, LA, and Jay, currently a student at UMDNJ. Turner, a widower since the death of his wife Catherine in 1995, plans to wed Diann McConnell in January 2001.

Turner, who retired in May 2000, plans to do some consulting work for local defense contractors. He looks forward to further strengthening his close ties with Monmouth in Fall 2000 when he embarks on a new career as an adjunct professor of freshman math. Perhaps he will make a connection with a future Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.
During the first week of May the people of the western Bohemia region of the Czech Republic celebrated for several days in honor of the American soldiers who liberated them from Nazi oppression fifty-five years ago.

I attended these celebrations, and it was an unforgettable milestone on my journey that began at Monmouth University nearly three years ago. In October 1997 I enrolled in Dr. Jacqueline McGlade’s American Military History class as part of the graduate program in history. Dr. McGlade assigned us a research paper on the class’s topic. I had previously heard of the Third Army’s operations in western Czechoslovakia but I knew little about it. I decided it was a good time to learn.

Now, three years later, I feel as though I know the story personally. As I stood watching the festivities my mind wandered back a half century ago. It was the spring of 1945, Allied armies swept across Germany as the Third Reich crumbled before them. On April 18, the 90th Infantry Division of General George S. Patton, Jr.’s Third Army reached the Czechoslovak border, cutting Germany in half. Within a few days, two other units of the XII Corps joined the division: the 2nd Cavalry Group and the 97th Infantry Division. Though elements of the 90th
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Division did send some patrols across the border, Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower turned Third Army’s advance to the southeast to prevent the formation of a rumored last-stand by fanatic Nazis in a mountainous area known as “the National Redoubt.”

For the next several weeks, Third Army advanced parallel to the Czechoslovak border. XII Corps units guarded the army’s left flank and conducted operations along the border. The 90th Infantry Division liberated the Flossenburg Concentration Camp and freed its surviving members from unimaginable horrors. Two weeks later, the division accepted the surrender of the 11th Panzer Division. The 97th Infantry Division liberated the city of Cheb and captured a nearby German air base. The 2nd Cavalry Group captured the town of Asch and later rescued hundreds of Allied prisoners of war and the famed Lipizzanne horses.

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All across western Czechoslovakia, exuberant Czech civilians rejoicing at their liberation from six long years of Nazi oppression greeted American soldiers. Czechs dressed in their festive costumes greeted their liberators with flowers, flags, food, and beer. The Americans received their largest welcoming in the city of Plzen with tens of thousands of people crowding the streets. Altogether, Third Army liberated some 3,485 square miles of Czechoslovakia and hundreds of thousands of Czech civilians.

German soldiers surrendered by the tens of thousands daily. Entire units were surrendering en masse. There was nothing to stop Patton from liberating Prague. Elements of both the 4th and 16th Armored Divisions actually made it to the vicinity of Prague. However, in accordance with Eisenhower’s deal with the Soviets, Third Army halted at the demarcation line and its units beyond the line were recalled.

The war ended on May 7, but Third Army’s work in Czechoslovakia was far from over. Though many units were withdrawn back into Germany, several divisions remained in Czechoslovakia to help the Czechs rebuild areas damaged or destroyed by the war and to assist in re-establishing their economy and democracy.

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After consultations with Dr. McGlade and my advisor Dr. Francis Dooley, I decided to write my Masters Thesis on the events in Czechoslovakia in 1945. My research took me to the U.S. Army Military History Institute Archives in Carlisle, PA and the National Archives II in College Park, MD. Through veterans’ magazines and association newsletters, I was able to meet, interview, and correspond with nearly 100 American veterans of the liberation. I attended a reunion of the 16th Armored Division Association. I was also able to correspond with several Czech civilians who had been liberated back in 1945.

Researching the liberation and preparing the thesis took over a year of hard work. Throughout the process, Dr. Dooley and Dr. McGlade provided much valuable guidance and advice. Finally, I completed my thesis and sent copies to them and History Department Chairman Dr. Kenneth Campbell for their review. After gaining their approval, I presented my thesis before a panel of three professors and History Graduate Program Chairman Dr. Fred McGlade. Several of my peers and family members also attended. My thesis was officially accepted, and I graduated with my Masters degree in History in 1999.

My involvement with the liberation of western Czechoslovakia did not end with graduation. Within weeks of graduation, I began writing a book on the subject. Then in January of 2000, I was invited by a friend from the 16th Armored to attend this year’s 55th Anniversary Celebrations.

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In the first days of May 2000, I flew into Frankfurt, Germany, rented a car and drove to what is now the Czech Republic. I visited Cheb and retraced the routes of the 97th Infantry and 9th Armored Divisions. Then I headed south for Plzen to attend the main Czech celebrations scheduled there.

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I consider myself most blessed for the opportunity to visit the Czech Republic and spend time with the American veterans and the people whom they liberated so many years ago. Due to the advancing age of these men, this year’s celebrations will probably be the largest and the last such celebration to include the American veterans. My long journey in the footsteps of the liberators continues to this day as I strive to write their story so that their sacrifices, bravery, and achievements may not be forgotten once they have left this world for the next.
Somewhere in life’s game of “one door closes and another opens” lies the essence of communication— a constant flow of exchanges we call everything from pillow talk to sitcoms, broadcast media to on-line networking. In between is silence, also communicative in its own right, even if there isn’t much of it in our chin-wagging culture. American doors are perpetually in motion.

Throughout his earlier life, Jules L. Plangere, Jr. kept watching for the doors as they opened, eager to see if they would reveal the lady or the tiger or some adventure he might take up. Opportunity always seemed to knock for him and still does, his latest “visitor” in the form of having a new building on the Monmouth University campus named for him.

The Jules L. Plangere, Jr. Center for Communication and Instructional Technology, which will likely be dubbed the Plangere CCIT, will be built on the site of the former C. Walt Withey building, which housed academic offices for the education, sociology, anthropology, social work and criminal justice departments. Before it was dedicated to Withey, the building had been the headquarters of the University’s School of Business Administration. Opening, closing, opening...
Although Mr. Plangere said never in his wildest dreams did he think he’d be able to contribute enough to have a building dedicated to him, he had been contributing significantly for a very long time. Like a good wine, the time has come.

“I had trepidation about it at first,” said the vital man, who will turn 80 in December, “but then because of my career in communications and wanting to leave something of a legacy, my family persuaded me to accept the challenge.”

“A lot of people will benefit from it,” said Jane Plangere, his wife since 1978, “because it had the best sports teams. I played basketball and tennis and made some great friendships. Asbury Park also had a great reputation in those days and great teachers who encouraged me. I was captain of the basketball and tennis teams, president of the Student Council, voted ‘the most representative boy,’ and won the Rutgers Cup for general excellence. My teachers encouraged me to go to college, but I was from a poor family, so I went to a local bank and borrowed $400 to go to Rutgers. I attended for two years, until the spring of ’42 — and World War II — when some of my fraternity brothers and I went to New York to join the Marine Corps. The line for recruitment was a block long. I’m not a patient person, so I went another threshold.

“At that time, the military government needed a housekeeping detail — housing, food, and transportation — in Korea. I got married just before I went into the service, and in 1944 we had a child (Jules Plangere, III). I saw him for a day before I was to take off for the Pacific. War correspondent Ernie Pyle was killed on Okinawa, in the last battle of World War II, and near there I had a gun platoon defending airstrips. I was a first lieutenant responsible for the training, discipline, and general well being of 80 men.

This was tremendous leadership experience at 23 or 24 years old. Having been a sports team leader in school, I was more mature and self-disciplined, and I could meet deadlines. But after V-J Day, I didn’t have enough points to get home.”

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“At that time, the military government needed a housekeeping detail — housing, food, and transportation — in Korea, he explained, “and we went to Seoul in 1945. My troops and I rode out a typhoon in the China Sea, and there after took over two hotels in downtown Seoul. I was billeting (housing) officer. Mr. Park, a Korean engineer who graduated from the Military Academy, asked me to take over a flock of turkeys that had developed a life-threatening disease. In 1939, Withey left the estate and returned to the school after a 15-year career as general superintendent for the Seaboard Ice Company in Red Bank, and as a driver training instructor and post safety director at Fort Monmouth.

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She said come home. It was a pivotal decision for me to return to the States. I was then out of the service and needed a job, so I worked as a beach manager in Spring Lake in the summer of ’46. It turned out that James Forsyth had been in the same medical detachment in the service with my father, and I went to him for advice. I suggested banking, but he said banking was good for titles but not enough pay. Instead, James sent me to Wayne McMurray, who with Ernest Lass published The Asbury Park Press. Wayne hired me, and I collected bills, sold advertising, reported, wrote editorials, and did production tasks until I worked my way up to general manager. H E and Ernest were two of the best guys to work for, and they taught me so many valuable things. I’m glad I turned down the opportunity I had to go to the Perth Amboy Evening News as general manager. Don Lass and I ended up buying that paper in 1995, merged it with the Home News in New Brunswick and it became The Home News & Tribune.

Mr. Plangere added that McMurray, who had no children, offered to leave his half of the Press to his nephew. The nephew appreciated the offer, but he told his uncle he was perfectly happy to work as an engineer and live in California. McMurray decided to make Jules Plangere, Jr. his heir. It was a gracious and fateful choice, and Mr. Plangere speaks of that “door” as another lucky break.

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Introducing the Class of 2004: Record Enrollment and High Scores

BY CATHERINE MOSCARELLO

E very adolescent remembers the old fear of wondering “What if you held a party and nobody came?” Monmouth University’s incoming class for Fall 2000 presents the exact opposite quandary, namely, a record enrollment that may well meet or even exceed numbers from peak enrollments thirty years ago.

A noticeable and consistent growth is evident in all three University populations, graduate, full-time undergraduate, and part-time undergraduate, according to Miriam King, vice president for enrollment management. “This growth,” says King, “shows primarily that Monmouth University is increasingly the first choice for students.”

Continuing a trend that began several years ago, the increase in the number of applications is also an indicator of the positive position Monmouth holds since achieving university status in 1995. By fulfilling enrollment goals on May 1, 2000, for the seventh year in a row, Monmouth joins an elite group of United States colleges and universities. According to a report by the National Association of Admission Counselors, fewer than 9% of the nation’s schools “make class” by May 1 and even fewer achieve that goal in successive years.

The University is prepared to welcome about 200 more first year students over the usual 800 to 850 of previous years. However, sheer increase in numbers does not paint the full picture of this year’s successful response. An increase in the average SAT scores and GPA’s of not only regular admits but also of students applying under the agisc of Schlafer School or EOF (Educational Opportunity Fund) shows that better students are choosing Monmouth. In addition, students sent in deposits earlier and were not swayed by acceptances from their second and third choice “safety” schools. More than half of the class visited the campus for recruitment events such as Open House, Saturday Information Sessions, Campus Tours, and Interviews. Many of these same students attended multiple events, indicating that they have a high level of enthusiasm for, and identify strongly with, Monmouth.

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While final figures were not available at the time of writing, trends are evident that increases in graduate enrollment can be expected and may exceed last year’s number of nearly 1500.

Education programs in particular show evidence of an increasing number of “career changers”.

Average age of graduate students appears to be going up with a 10-15% increase in applications from students over 40 and an even greater increase from students over 50.

More international students are coming from referrals and frequently in clusters from undergraduate institutions.

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There are indications of an increase in the geographical reach of Monmouth’s graduate programs.

There is also an increase in the number of advanced standing MSW applicants along with an increase in the number of international concentration applicants in that program.

Graduate certificate programs show a marked increase, particularly in Information Technology, a program new in last spring’s curriculum.

Former Monmouth University students account for a dramatic 19.5% increase in graduate applications.

With eighteen graduate degree programs and twelve certificate programs, the graduate enrollment at Monmouth continues to grow setting new records each year.

About 9% of the incoming freshman class and 10% of the full-time transfers have parents or other relatives who are alumni of the school. King acknowledges that Monmouth alumni can be justifiably proud of their own efforts in recruiting this exciting group of students thanks to many initiatives. First and foremost, the wonderful reputation of successful M.U. alumni enhances Monmouth as a popular and visible presence on the higher education horizon in New Jersey. In a more active role, many alumni continue to participate in college fairs and recruiting events. They offer ongoing support in the form of written testimonials on behalf of students, calling prospective students to help with questions they or their parents might have about opportunities at Monmouth, and notably by recommending Monmouth to friends and family.

“Continued assistance from alumni in all these areas is vital,” says King. Building upon these successes is the goal of everyone involved with planning for next year’s class. Alumni are especially valuable in this effort and can participate on many levels from writing letters or e-mails to current seniors in high school to volunteering to represent the University at recruitment events. Come catch some of the excitement at Monmouth! M.U.
A LOOK BACKSTAGE:

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES & COUNCILS OF MONMOUTH

BY SHARI MYCEK

Whether people visit Disney World in Florida, Disney Land in California, or simply shop the ever-growing number of Disney retail chains popping up around the country, they invariably comment on the friendliness of the Disney staff. “How pleasant they are...how much they smile.” It’s true. Disney “cast members” do smile a lot. And they are pleasant. Their pleasantness, in fact, is part of Disney’s magical “onstage” Mickey-Minnie-Donald experience.

But behind the scenes of the multi-million-dollar conglomerate, is a highly orchestrated “backstage” — an amazing underground of secret tunnels, entranceways and avenues available to students...and the more the university can expand buildings, programs, curriculum. The idea seems simple enough, but increasing a school’s endowment and reaching out to potential donors can be complex.

“Man times a donor wishes to be philanthropic, but other than an outright gift (which he or she may not have), doesn’t know how to craft a gift,” says Norman Buckman, chairman of Monmouth University’s Planned Giving Council, and investment advisor with Prudential Securities Incorporated. Buckman also serves as a member of the Monmouth University Board of Trustees and vice president of the University’s Development Committee.

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Enter Monmouth University’s Planned Giving Council, a hand-appointed (by the Board of Trustees) group of lawyers, accountants, investment and insurance advisers working to solve potential gift-giving problems.

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Gifts may be as simple as giving appreciated stock all the way up to and including charitable trusts. Although the Council was established only four years ago, it has already helped to realize several million dollar in gifts for Monmouth University.

Business Council

Established in 1984, the Monmouth University Business Council is the school’s oldest advisory council, serving as an important link between the Monmouth University School of Business, faculty, and students and the “real” business world. Members are all highly respected business executives and entrepreneurs in the local community.

“The Business Council is a hands-on, active, and very engaged group,” says Jan Smith, senior development officer at Monmouth University. “This council has made a significant difference in the life of the University and Business School.”

An example in 1999, Monmouth University School of Business Administration received the prestigious AACSB accreditation. It was the Business Council that helped make the accreditation a reality by providing the financial support necessary to enhance the school’s business offerings—thus meeting the stringent criteria for the accreditation. “This Council is about the private sector and the University working together to meet the business demands of tomorrow,” says Smith.

The Council provides academic scholarships to business students. In addition, individual Council members are engaged in students’ lives — lecturing in the classroom, sharing case studies of their businesses with students and serving one-on-one as mentors.

Business maverick Susan Meagher Traino ’91 still holds both the Business School faculty and its guest lecturers near and dear to her heart. “They offered a real-life perspective of the business world,” she says. “The insight they gave was invaluable.”
Communication Council

One of Monmouth University's newest backstage entities, the Communication Council, was established only three years ago to support the Communication Department. The department encompasses television, radio, print journalism and a master's program.

The Communication Advisory Board is now but I think it will help students in all walks of communication, including the business of communication," says Advisory Board member Richard Scudder, whose largest newspapers include the Los Angeles News and Angeles News.

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It already has. Last summer, for example, several Monmouth University Communications students went off to Los Angeles to intern with New Line Cinema, the movie company known for Austin Powers. Prior to his recent death, Al Shapiro '65 and former New Line Cinema President had been an active Council member.

Aside from helping to provide valuable student internships, the Council is currently supporting plans to build a much-needed communication building on campus. (see Cover Story page 20)

“The Department of Communication is one of the fastest growing majors,” says Don Swanson, chair of the Department of Communication.

Science Technology Engineering Advisory Council

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“The Council is extremely helpful in forming a task force to review the possible establishment of a bachelor of science in software engineering,” says Dr. Lutz. Monmouth University then commissioned a marketing study and advisory members helped interpret the results of the study — advising faculty on specific curriculum development.

Advisory Council members meet once a year and are from around the country, representatives of major telecommunications companies—Lucent Technologies, AT&T, Fort Monmouth—home to the U.S. Army’s Center for Electronics Communications; high-tech defense contractors; and pharmaceutical companies. Two years ago, the Council provided funding to sponsor the American Society for Engineering Education conference on campus — providing opportunity for other engineering educators to join Monmouth faculty.

“The Council gives us an external validation of new curricular and initiatives,” says Dr. Lutz. “Members have the technical expertise to help us determine what’s going to be important in the next five to ten years.”

But long-time workers in the fields are not the School’s only advisers. A Student/Alumni Science, Technology and Engineering Advisory Council is also in place, providing direct input on the programs and curriculum from students and recent graduates.

Real Estate Institute

Eight years ago, when Don Moliver, now director of the Real Estate Institute (housed at Monmouth University) called a meeting of executive-level real estate professionals, he had no idea what to expect. The execs — real estate bankers, lawyers, appraisers, engineers, developers — however, helped him out.

Moliver’s outreach effort was in response to an overwhelmingly strong message that the state of N.J. was in critical need of executive-level real estate education — that there was no form of such expertise to help us determine what’s going to be important in the next five to ten years. “

Real estate attorneys obviously knew real estate law,” says Moliver. “But nothing about finance. Real estate bankers, of course, knew finance, but had no clue how to read a lease or anything about the development process.”

Moliver anticipated as a 15-minute session turned into a serious, 90-minute grilling. “[Participants] made it abundantly clear that real estate was a profession, not a vocation. And that educational opportunities were lacking far behind the advances the profession had made,” says Moliver. “People in all walks of real estate life—with experience in the field knew what they were doing — wanted to know more about other functional areas, round out their portfolios.”

Today, more than 300 executive-level real estate professionals have passed through the Real Estate Institute’s doors. And a special advisory board, of high-ranking professionals in the field, continuously help Moliver to guide the Institute’s future direction.

Each year, the Institute holds New Jersey’s premiere real estate event — LEAD (Leadership Excellence Award Dinner)— attracting upwards of 500 people and honoring an individual who’s made a distinctive contribution in the field. A past recipient includes Arthur Greenbaum — known as the “dean” of New real estate law in New Jersey — who developed the form used in New Jersey when purchasing a home.

“Every year, I get undergraduate students knocking on my door, wanting to know what courses they can take. Ultimately we hope to offer graduate and undergraduate courses to young men and women who want to learn about real estate fresh.”

To date, former Real Estate “alumni” have spilled onto the Monmouth University campus, enrolling in MBA courses, teaching, securing internships for students and contributing scholarship monies. But there’s been no mainstream link to Monmouth University undergraduates and graduates.

Moliver, however, is optimistic that will soon change. “Every year, I get undergraduate students knocking on my door, wanting to know what courses they can take. Ultimately we hope to offer graduate and undergraduate courses to young men and women who want to learn about real estate fresh.”

He hopes to start at the graduate level — as part of an MBA, with specialization in real estate.
Dear Alumni –

"What the heck do you guys do?" This was a recent question from a friend of mine (and alumni) regarding your Alumni Association. I asked if he received this magazine. He told me that he did but somehow didn’t make the connection between the events and activities profiled here with the Alumni Association. So let us look at what the heck we do.

All good organizations have to have a mission statement. Of course we do too. “The mission of the Monmouth University Alumni Association shall be to serve and promote the University and its alumni in a manner that enriches the lives of its members and the quality of the institution.” That’s a pretty tall order. I truly believe, however, that your Association, with the key aid and support of the University’s Office of Alumni Affairs, is fulfilling this mission.

We enrich our members by reaching out to them. We have located many, many lost alumni in the past few years and have increased the number and quality of our communications. Strengthening the bonds of alma mater, I believe, is enriching in and of itself.

We enrich by sponsoring events where alumni can renew bonds and friendships. Whether reaching out to families, younger alumni, older alumni or to all, we try very hard to form a menu of diverse activities throughout the year.

We enrich by sponsoring scholarships, new graduate awards, and the Student Alumni Association; by identifying alumni for what we believe to be truly prestigious awards; and by assisting with career development and the campus Greek system. As for serving and promoting the University, Alumni participation is at record levels on various committees and boards advising the administration. Alumni were key to the success of the Kresge Challenge and your Association continues to assist in fundraising, friend raising, and student recruitment. Most of all, your Alumni Association is your voice by assisting with career development and the campus Greek system.

I look forward to another year of your Alumni Association enriching, promoting and serving. I look forward to your continued support and growing involvement. Please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs if you would like to do more. Please partake in our events this year, and please support the University through the Annual Fund and by staying informed.

Regards,

Tom ‘82 ‘86
Alumni Association President
Thomas Paskieiev ‘82 ‘86
On June 10, 2000, Alpha Phi Omega, Omicron Theta chapter, held its 35th anniversary at the Club on the University grounds. Webster Trammell ’69 ’70 ’73 and Peter J. Zurica ’75 chaired the event for the more than 70 Brothers from the classes of 1969 through 1991 that attended. In addition to the reunion, the Brothers feted the many advisors that played an important role in their collegiate life. More than $10,000 was pledged in honor of all the advising of APO and there will be a plaque attached to a room in Edison Science Building in their honor.

Sean Collins
Continuing the Family Business

Instilled with a serious work ethic and drive to succeed at the highest levels of competition, Sean Collins, a 2000 Monmouth University graduate, is always looking for new challenges. “To be a Collins means to strive to be your best, to compete, but also to give back to the community,” Sean says as he prepares for his new job as a sixth grade teacher and football coach.

“I come from a family in which encouragement, achievement, and leadership are stressed, values which I hope to instill in my students and players. I welcome the challenges that await me,” he says.

Armed with a BS in Elementary Education, Sean will be following in the footsteps of his parents, Jack and Betsy, and sister Rebecca as he joins the family teaching fraternity. Come September Sean will begin his career as a Social Studies and Language Arts teacher at the Pittsgrove Middle School, and assistant football coach at Arthur P. Schalick High School, his alma mater where he was a three sport star before coming to Monmouth on a full basketball scholarship.

“I love to compete and to be a part of building something special,” Sean says. “That’s why I had a long desire to attend Monmouth. The school was embarking on becoming a well-respected university, and the basketball program was establishing itself as a power in the Northeast Conference. To enter the teaching and coaching worlds, I knew Monmouth was the best place to get my training.”

Considering that he comes from a family of teachers, and that his father, who now serves as Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, is a South Jersey Hall of Fame basketball player and coach from Glassboro State College (now Rowan University), the expectations for Sean are very high.

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A proud father, Jack Collins painted his barn on the family farm in Elmer, New Jersey with “Go Monmouth” when Sean joined the Hawks basketball team. “Like any father, I wanted to show my pride and support for Sean, his teammates and school. The barn became quite a conversation piece.”

Sean will also keep a hand in the family farm, having recently purchased his first two Mastiffs which he intends to breed, with the hope of starting a kennel.

“I’m living my dream,” Sean says. “And I can’t impress upon my fellow Monmouth students that doing what you love is the most satisfying feeling in the world.”

OFFICE OF ADMISSION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Help the Office of Admission reach out to prospective students. Volunteer to join other alumni for a night of phoning prospective students. Admission staff will prepare volunteers to speak with students who have been accepted to Monmouth but have not yet committed to attend. Alumni are invited to participate one, two or all three nights from 6 PM — 8 PM Feb. 13, 14, and 15. Calls will be made from campus. Contact the Alumni Office to respond.

Come Home to Monmouth
October 21, 2000
for Homecoming Weekend

Alumni NEWS

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GEORGE NORSIE is a director at the CLASS OF 25, 2000.

DR. THOMAS J. GOODMAN died June

CLASS OF 1959

LOW ELL D. POWELL resides in Lima, OH. He is a CPA and secretary/treasurer at Ohio Decorative Products, Inc.

CLASS OF 1955


CLASS OF 1957

JOHN J. ROSENFIELD was named general manager of community and customer relations for Central New Jersey. Prior, John served as manager for business development at GPU Energy.

CLASS OF 1962

GEORGE NORSIE is a director at the Monitor Group in Cambridge, MA. He resides in Dallas, TX.

CLASS OF 1966

MARYANN (CAPPELLA) FARRELL was named the Teacher of the Year at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. She is chairman of the school’s remedial studies program and teaches English.

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Control Commission. Marilou serves on the executive board for the NJ Travel Industry Association and is on the Ocean County Tourism Advisory Council.

**CLASS OF 1988**
SHERRI ANDERSON is a teacher in Orange County, FL. Her daughter, Caitlyn Michelle, was crowned 2000 Florida Preteen Hostess on August 6 in Tampa. Sherri resides in Orlando, FL.

NANCY (WYZKOWSKI) DEAN announces the birth of her first son Caleb James, born May 30, 2000. Nancy is a freelance writer.

MICHAEL FARRAGHER has joined the staff of the Irish Voice, one of the largest Irish-American newspapers, in the role of Staff Music Writer commenting on the Irish/Irish-American rock scene.

**CLASS OF 1989**
ROBERT GAROFALO was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the West Windsor Police Department.

IRIS KAPON-HADAR lives in Switzerland where she works as an artist. Iris has had several exhibitions throughout Europe of her etchings and engravings.

GEORGE TOBIN, JR. is a business manager for IBM Global Services in Somers, NY. George resides in Freehold Twp.

**CLASS OF 1990**
STEPHEN J. NICHOLL was appointed Vice President of Customer and Community Relations for GPU Energy, headquartered in Morristown.

**CLASS OF 1992**
Word had been received of the untimely passing of JENNIFER FRUCHTMAN. KELLY (MARTIN) ROE died September 1998.

**CLASS OF 1993**
ERIN BROWN married Brendan O’Mara on August 8, 1999. The couple honeymooned in Tortola, British Virgin Islands and resides in Danbury, CT. Erin is the buyer of liquor, wine, and beer for World Duty Free and Brendan is a senior program manager for Ryan Partnership. Attending the wedding were Monmouth alumni ANNAMARIA (Mastrocola) SILVA ‘93, JAGRUTI VAGHASIA ‘93, JENNY (Pasola) AKINS ‘93, LISA CHRISTIANO ‘93, NANCY (Plinio) PORTAS ‘92 and RYAN ROBERTS ‘93.

THEA CRELIN was promoted to Account Executive at the marketing/advertising firm of Edward Newland Associates Marketing and Advertising Inc. of Shrewsbury. Thea’s focus is pharmaceutical marketing and medical education.

ARTHUR SCHMITT and Tracy Buchanan were married on June 3, 2000 at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, West Brighton, Staten Island, NY with a reception in the Great Hall at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center, Livingston. Arthur is a senior analyst with the International Securities Exchange in New York and is a former professional baseball player. Tracy is a manager of branch operations for the Federal Aviation Administration’s Eastern Region Federal Credit Union in Clark. The couple honeymooned in Kauai, Maui, and Oahu Hawaii and resides in Brighton Heights, Staten Island, NY.

**CLASS OF 1994**
THOMAS HEN SHAW is the city administrator of Absecon and will oversee major road construction, senior housing, and added recreational facilities in that city. In a collection of projects expected to be completed in three to four years.

**CLASS OF 1995**
RONNIE GRECO is teaching social studies at Lincoln High School in Jersey City.

LISA ANN MACK was awarded a W.K. Kellogg Foundation Fellowship in Health Policy Research, one of only ten fellowships awarded nationally. The award will give fellows the quantitative tools to design and assess community-based health services. The fellowship program, leading to the PhD, will involve academic coursework, summer symposia, and attendance at national meetings. Lisa recently received her MS from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst where she was a graduate student in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology within the School of Public Health. She began her PhD work at the Joseph L. Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University in September.

**CLASS OF 1996**
DENISE K. REHRER is engaged to James L. Harper. The wedding is planned for April 2001. Denise recently completed her master’s in special education at Rutgers University and is employed by the New Brunswick School District.

**CLASS OF 1997**
MATTHEW HILL married Jennifer Alihouse on June 2, 2000 in St. Anthony’s Roman Catholic Church in Easton, PA. Jennifer is a quality regulatory compliance administrator for Malinckrodt Baker, Inc. and Matthew is an applications engineer for Alta Enterprises of Bethlehem, PA.

MICHAEL Liddy was awarded a law degree by Roger Williams University School of Law in Bristol, RI on May 20, 2000 and plans to practice law in Massachusetts.

CHRISTIE PEARCE, the focus of Monmouth Magazine’s cover story for fall 1999, has been selected as a member of the United States Olympic Women’s Soccer Team for the Sydney Olympics.

**CLASS OF 1998**
STACEY ANDERSON married Craig Schapiro on April 29, 2000. The couple took a honeymoon cruise from San Juan, Puerto Rico to the southern Caribbean. Stacey is an administrative assistant for Metro Wire Rope in Union and Craig is the Midwest regional sales manager for Sigma Corporation of Cream Ridge. Monmouth alumni CAROLEE STIRKOP ‘98 and TAMARA SALVO ’98 were co-maids-of-honor for the bride. Other Monmouth alumni in attendance were ANTHONY TESERIO ‘98, LOREN MILLER ’98, MELISSA LAHARRA ’98 KRISTIE FORD ’99 and ZOE CLAYSON ’00. The couple resides in Monmouth Junction.
JULIE ANN ASTARBI and ANTHONY GAROFALO were married at St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church in Rossville, Staten Island, N.Y. on May 26, 2000 with a reception at the Excelsior Grand in New Dorp. Anthony is attending Nova Southeastern Law School in Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Julie Ann was employed in data security for Chase Manhattan Bank in New York before the marriage. The couple honeymooned in Barcelona and Madrid, Spain and resides in Davie, FL.

CHRISTINE M. IANNINI is a medical social worker at CentraState Medical Center in Freehold. Christine resides in Brick.

JAMIE (FISHER) KIRKPATRICK married Kevin on August 28, 1999. The couple is expecting their first child in February. Jamie is the supervisor of Jungle Lasers in Allenhurst. The couple resides in Brick.

COLLEEN M. O’CONNOR is now an Associate Editor of The IPO Reporter, a publication of Thomson Financial Services in New York City.

KAREN SPURKA is engaged to Justin Laullahier.

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WALTER FLEMING is now working as an Associate Producer for the Ricki Lake Show in New York City.

CLASS OF 2000

DAVE GOLDBERG is a full time reporter for the Worrall Community Newspapers in Union.

CRAIG JEREMIAH has been hired as a police officer for the Manville Police Department.

MELANIE J. MARTIN is studying for a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology at the City University of New York’s Brooklyn College campus and is a Graduate Teaching Fellow at both Brooklyn College and Baruch College in Manhattan. In addition to studies and research, she will be teaching Introduction to Psychology and Experimental Psychology. Melanie is also the founder and executive director of SPAN, the Single Parent’s Advocacy Network, based in Red Bank.

DANIELLE PRIORE has been hired to work in the Resource Center at the Grandview School in North Caldwell.

JENNIFER VARITES married Peter Russo on March 18, 2000 at St. Joseph’s Church in Toms River and had the reception at the Grand Marquis in Old Bridge. The couple honeymooned by visiting Disney World and taking a cruise, and resides in Matawan. Jennifer teaches 5th grade at the Raymond E. Voorhees School in Old Bridge and Peter is an account executive for Vestcome International in West Caldwell. Monmouth alumni in attendance were KRISTIE ANDREWS ‘99 and JODIE DORFLAUER ‘00.

IN MEMORIAM

LEONARD ACKERMAN, EdD ‘55
DR. THOMAS J. GOODMAN ‘59
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Bonfire and Pep Rally - North Campus
Families Welcome

Friday, October 20
Fourth Annual Alumni Golf Outing
Suneagles Golf Course

Callahan's Corner
Lunch and the game plan with the Head Football Coach

Saturday, October 21
Reunion 2000
Classes of 1975 & 1990
Life Career and Advising Center Open House

Saturday, October 21 (cont.)
Bookstore University Merchandise Sale
Alumni Discounts (10%+)

Traditional Tailgating Parties and Contests, BBQ, Parade, Post Game Party

Football at Kessler Field
MONMOUTH vs. Stony Brook

Sunday, October 22
Alumni Volunteer Brunch

The Performing Arts Series presents
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