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IN MEMORIUM

Peter M. Bazelmans, plumber in the Facilities Management Department, died this past fall. Peter was a plumber at the University for the past 20 years. Messages of condolence can be sent via email to foresh@ao.com.

IN THE NEWS

A NEW ON-LINE RESOURCE CENTER PROVIDES A FORUM FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Monmouth University welcomes the community’s feedback and participation in this exciting new initiative as it strives to build the foundations of hope, peace, and justice through a better understanding of national and global issues.

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT TERRORISM AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

A new on-line community forum enables visitors to ask academic experts specific questions about complex issues. The resource center, called Responses and Reflections, addresses issues related to the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The website is located at www.monmouth.edu/academic/understanding/understanding.asp.

The on-line resource center was presented by the Global Understanding Project, which was developed by Monmouth University to encourage and promote awareness of international issues and activities to the University community. The Project seeks to accomplish this through academic programs, field experiences, institutional relationships and exchanges, scholarship, and research.

The forum offers links to useful resources and information and provides a forum for public discussion. Visitors can also e-mail questions directly to Monmouth University faculty members who are experts in the areas of: American defense and foreign policy; terrorism and its impact on business and the economy; global perspectives related to politics, history, economy and society; world religions and cultures; media, propaganda and patriotism; civil liberties and security; and living with terrorism (managing fear, anger, and stress).

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Monmouth University selects new director of the Governor’s School

Dr. C. Michael Aho, of Long Branch, has been appointed the director of the Governor’s School for Public Issues and the Future of New Jersey.

“Dr. Aho was chosen to head our Governor’s School because of his specialization in economics and public policy,” said Thomas S. Pearson, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. “He is knowledge and expertise will be a true asset to the future success of the School.”

Before joining Monmouth University Dr. Aho was an independent consultant on global economics to corporations, government agencies, colleges and universities. Prior to that he was vice president and senior international economist with Prudential Securities, Inc. Dr. Aho has also held positions with the Council on Foreign Relations, former United States Senator Bill Bradley and the U.S. Department of Labor.

Dr. Aho is an advisor to the honors program at the University of Michigan where he received his Bachelor of Arts. He received his doctorate in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
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**ROACH EARNS ESPN/ USA TODAY FOOTBALL HONOR**

Tanday Jay Roach, Tom’s River, was recognized for his excellence as he was tabbed the ESPN/USA Today Division I-AA Special Teams Player of the Week in September. Roach got Monmouth’s 2001 campaign started in grand fashion as he opened the contest with a 93-yard kickoff return to stake the Hawks to a 6-0 lead vs. Northeast Conference rival Wagner. Monmouth would eventually prevail 23-15 in the contest.

The kickoff was notable on three fronts. The distance equaled the school record set by Kevyn Francis when he returned a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown vs. Mercyhurst on October 5, 1996. With the return, Roach also became the first Monmouth player to ever return two kickoffs for touchdowns in their career. Finally, it marked the second consecutive game, dating back to Monmouth’s 32-28 victory over Jacksonville on November 18, 2000, that Roach returned the games opening kickoff for a touchdown.

**MONMOUTH FINISHES EIGHTH AT ECAC GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Monmouth University finished eighth at the 26-team ECAC Golf Tournament. Monmouth recorded one-day total of 320 to finish 21 strokes behind team champion Washington State University.

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**DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR**

Arlene McNeil, director of Athletics, was honored as the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletes Administrators (NACWAA) NCAA Division I-AA Administrator of the Year. The Administrator of the Year Award is presented to NACWAA members for significant contributions made as an administrator of collegiate athletics. This award, recognizing administrative excellence, is presented annually to members in NCAA Divisions I-A, I-AA, I-AAA, Division II, Division III, NAIA/Junior/Community Colleges and Organizations. The 2001 Administrator of the Year Banquet, presented by Josten’s, was held on October 15 at the NACWAA Fall Forum in Wilmington, North Carolina.

“I am honored to receive this award,” said Dr. McNeil. “I am only able to receive this award because of the wonderful people of Monmouth University and the students I represent.”

Dr. McNeil, who was named Director of Athletics at Monmouth University in 1994, is one of just 26 female athletics directors in the NCAA Division I level. She is very active on the national level of collegiate athletics. Dr. McNeil is a member of the NCAA Division I Management Council, chair of the NACWAA Committee on Women’s Athletics, and serves as the Management Council Liaison to the National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She also served on the Committee on Student-Athlete Welfare, Access and Equity, and on the NACWAA Council Committee on Financial Aid and Amateurism.

A native of Canada, Dr. McNeil was awarded her Bachelor’s Degree in physical education from the University of Calgary in 1968. She continued her education at McGill University in Montreal, where she earned a Master’s Degree in physical education in 1974. She completed her formal education in 1993 after receiving a doctoral degree in higher education administration from Washington State University.

**STUDENT PRESENTS NASA RESEARCH TO SOCIETY FOR SPACE AND GRAVITATIONAL BIOLOGY**

Susan Koreen, of Long Branch, completed one of the world’s top undergraduate internships this summer with NASA and then presented research from her internship at the 17th annual meeting of the Society for Gravitational and Space Biology, held November 7 to 11 in Alexandria, Virginia.

The title of Koreen’s presentation was “The Effects of Artificial Blood Pressure Loading on the Carotid-Cardiac Baroreflex Response and its Correlation to Pulse Pressure.” The focus was on overcoming a reflex response that causes astronauts to pass out when they return from space to the Earth’s gravitational force.

Koren is a Monmouth Medical Scholar and member of Monmouth University’s biology honor society. She completed her internship with NASA in September. Koreen was selected for the biomedical research project as part of her NASA internship.

Koren is the second Monmouth University biology major to be accepted for the NASA internship. The other student was her brother, Larry ’98, who was recognized as one of the top undergraduates in the United States by USA Today.

**UPDATE ON CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION**

The NJ Department of Transportation has nearly completed construction of the pedestrian underpass. Traffic on Cedar Avenue (Route 71) has been maintained during the construction period. When the underpass is completed, it will eliminate the mid-block pedestrian crossing currently staffed by the University’s crossing guard. As part of the construction project, new lighting will be installed along the walkways, retaining walls and in the underpass. In addition, 4 closed circuit video cameras and 4 panic buttons that are linked directly to the University’s Police Department will be mounted throughout the underpass. The total cost of the project is estimated to be $4,000,000 and is funded by the federal government. When complete the underpass will allow safer passage from the main campus to the North Campus for students, faculty, and employees.

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MONMOUTH TOPPLES VANDERBILT TO REACH CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OF HAWAII-PACIFIC TOURNAMENT

This past November the Monmouth University Men’s Basketball Team became the first team in NEC history to defeat a member of the powerhouse Southeastern Conference. Monmouth University scored an 81-67 victory over Vanderbilt University in the semifinal contest at the Hawaii Pacific University Thanksgiving Classic at the Blaisdell Center. With the victory, Monmouth moved to the championship game of the tournament where it played the University of Notre Dame and finished in second place.

While Monmouth is well-known for its solid defense, the Hawks offense came up big in the Vanderbilt victory. The Hawks shot 50 percent (13-of-26) from the field in the first half in building a 32-29 halftime lead. Monmouth extended the lead to as many as 20 points in the second half as the Hawks shot 19-of-22 (86.4 percent) from the charity stripe down the stretch.

The Hawks’ offensive arsenal was spearheaded by 2001 Northeast Conference Player of the Year Rahsaan Johnson who logged 30 points and seven assists. Johnson shot 10-of-17 from the field and 7-of-7 from the foul line on the evening. Jason Krzyz noted his steady play as he accounted for 16 points, five rebounds, three assists and four steals. Russ Anderson came in off the bench to contribute 14 points. Kevin Owens was the game’s leading rebounder with 11 caroms.

Vanderbilt had four players with double-digits in the scoring column, but managed just five points from its bench. Matt Freije and Sam Howard led the Commodore offense with 17 points each. David Probyzakowski logged 12 points and seven rebounds. Scott Hunterley chipped in with 10 points, five rebounds and four assists.

ON Campus

ALUMNUS FACULTY MEMBER WINS HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Dr. Saliba Sarsar ’78, Tinton Falls, received a humanitarian award from the Jersey Shore Chapter of the National Conference for Community Justice (NCCJ). The award was presented at its annual award dinner held on September 13 at the PNC Bank Arts Center.

The National Conference for Community and Justice is a human relations organization that is dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry and racism in America. The organization promotes understanding and respect among all races, religions and cultures through advocacy, conflict resolution and education.

Dr. Sarsar was chosen because of his work with Project Understanding, an organization that he co-founded in Monmouth County. Project Understanding brings Arab-Americans and Jewish-Americans together for open discussion and activities in an effort to foster peaceful coexistence.

Dr. Sarsar is the associate vice president for Academic Program Initiatives and an associate professor of Political Science at Monmouth University. Born and raised in Jerusalem, Dr. Sarsar is an American citizen.

MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY HONORED FOR ITS ENVIRONMENTAL BEAUTY

New Jersey Turfgrass Association selected Monmouth University’s campus as its 2001 Recognition Award Winner. The Award—which recognizes an individual or organization for exemplary achievements in turfgrass projects each year—was presented at the New Jersey Turfgrass Association and Landscape Expo on December 12, 2001 at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort in Atlantic City.

Monmouth University was chosen for the “remarkable strides” in its athletic fields development and restoration and campus beautification, with turfgrass improvement and management as a key element in the overall project.

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M O N M O U T H U N I V E R S I T Y
A Conversation with Trustees Harold Hodes ’65 and Cary Edwards

I am speaking of Harold Hodes ’65 and W. Cary Edwards, two of Monmouth University’s most celebrated Trustees. Mr. Edwards joined the Board of Trustees in 1990 and Mr. Hodes in 1996.

Mr. Hodes is a senior partner of Hodes, Shaw, Bodman, Gluck, LLC, the state’s largest lobbying firm, located in Trenton. He also serves as chairman of DKB, a public relations and advertising agency. Mr. Edwards is partner of his own law firm: Edwards and Caldwell, in Hawthorne. He is also a member of New Jersey’s state commission of investigation, which combats organized crime and official corruption.

Prior to their careers in the private sector, Mr. Hodes and Mr. Edwards were two of the most influential powerbrokers in New Jersey politics – but on opposite ends of the political spectrum. The two met in 1979. “Cary was a legislator on the Republican side and I was chief of staff to a Democratic governor,” said Mr. Hodes. “We crossed paths all of the time.” Despite the differences in their political philosophies, they formed a strong friendship that still exists today.

“Part of his responsibility was to get Governor Byrne’s policies and programs through the legislature,” said Mr. Edwards. “Even though the Democrats had the majority in the legislature there was a need to have interaction with the minority party which I was a member of,” he said. “So we worked together on some issues and that is where I first met Harold.”

Two key initiatives they worked on were the creation of New Jersey Transit and preservation of the Pine Barrens. It was then that they formed a bond. However, their history goes back even further. Mr. Hodes is an alumnus of Monmouth University and Mr. Edwards attended Seton Hall. Mr. Edwards’ fraternity (Tau Kappa Epsilon) had a chapter at Monmouth and he would often come to campus to visit.

It was during the establishment of the New Jersey Governor’s School that Mr. Edwards became involved with Monmouth University. “I thought Monmouth was one of the unpolished gems of New Jersey and had incredible potential,” said Mr. Edwards. “When I left public office I had an opportunity to join the Board of Trustees and I felt that maybe I could help.”

“And he did,” said Mr. Hodes. “I was an alum and I was always here,” he said. “When I was asked to join the Board I said ‘absolutely.’ And then Cary and I formed this alliance. Monmouth University is a jewel right now and we need to let legislators and people know about it and understand what its economic impact is on Monmouth and Ocean Counties.”

As we step outside to the patio of the Samuel H. Magill Commons, the two gentlemen whom I escort wonder aloud if there will be cookies at the meeting that will follow our interview. Listening to their tongue-in-cheek banter and good-hearted teasing, anyone can tell that these two men go back a long way. What one might not know is that the duo was responsible for some of the most important legislation and initiatives that have ever been achieved in New Jersey.

ABE LINCOLN, MICKEY MANTLE AND A RUMPLED, GRUMPY POLITICAL GENIUS

A Conversation with Trustees Harold Hodes ’65 and Cary Edwards

BY FRANK DI ROCCO, JR.

You are both on opposite ends of the political spectrum. How do you explain this?

Hodes: “Just by choice. I came out of a Democratic household. My history was always with the Democrats. I worked for the Mayor of the city of Newark.”

Edwards: “And I grew up in Bergen County which was dominated by Republicans. If you had an idea that you wanted to get involved in, you needed to pick a side. You either picked the Republican or Democrat side. Because I wanted to make a difference and the Republicans in my little world were in control at the time, I picked the Republican Party. Plus my family was Republican. I come from the moderate wing of the Republican Party and that’s not that far away, philosophically, from some of my good friends on the Democrat side.”

Hodes: “The thing to remember here is that you always need to build coalitions around issues to achieve whatever is in the best interests of the State. So that is where we developed a camaraderie and we carried it through on this board. We were able to show Monmouth University the benefits of having a good relationship with local, state and federal officials and how it
benefits the school. And we were able to put a program together, with Dr. Stafford as a spokesperson in Trenton, Washington and everywhere else.

Edwards: “And the whole State. And Dr. Stafford has developed a great administration. She came in with some new ideas and organized them in a very effective way. Then you can take volunteers like Harold and me and start using our resources and those of the other board members. I feel very good about the years that I have been involved here, particularly involving Harold here.”

What made you decide to get into politics?

Edwards: “He wanted to make a difference and I wanted to make a difference. I started out running elections. That is how I became involved in politics. My whole history has been in the political arena, not so much the elected office. I am in the back room politics. That is what I enjoy doing.”

Edwards: “I like to work with policy. I like government itself. What Harold does and what he likes is a necessary thing that I have to go through to get to do what I like, which is programs and policies. I don’t think there were many things that we worked on together that we were not able to get the results that we set out to get.”

Edwards: “We were at the right place at the right time and the issues were the right issues. There are things you can point to that people today wouldn’t believe were possible such as the creation of the Meadowlands and casino gambling.”

Edwards: “It doesn’t matter if you are a Republican or Democrat. The reason you run for office is to do something positive. You wind up putting your politics aside to get things done. Harold was somebody I could always talk to and I could always trust. When I became counsel to the Governor (Tom Kean) there was a Democratic legislature in place and we had a Republican administration and I needed people who could help carry a message quietly for me from time to time by people who had credibility and Harold could do that.”

Do you miss serving in government?

Hodes: “You miss the excitement, the give and take, but you don’t miss the nastiness that it has now become, where people are facing personal destruction. Tom Kean and Brendan Byrne gave 16 years of continuity to the State. The political climate has changed over the years. People mingled together and got things done. Now it’s more of a stalemate.”

Edwards: “What we have been able to give to Dr. Stafford and her administration is much greater insight into the politics and what government’s role is and how Monmouth can be a partner with the State in various issues, programs and become much more active.

Hodes: “And take advantage of the State funding that we did not do before, using Dr. Stafford as the outside spokesperson guided by our knowledge and how to get it done. People have come to know and appreciate Monmouth University and you see that in the increased enrollment and you are seeing that everywhere else. And that is due to the hard work of the administrators and everyone on campus.”

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Life Trustee Richard Sambol walks out onto the patio and sits next to Edwards. He has arrived for the same meeting that they will be heading to.

Sambol: (joking) “Where is room 110? Does this look like room 110 to you guys?”

Edwards: “Are there cookies in room 110?”

Hodes: “This is Dick Sambol. He is a life trustee of Monmouth University and one of the people responsible for Monmouth University’s success.”

Question to Cary Edwards: Describe Harold Hodes in one sentence:

Edwards: “He is indescribable.”

Hodes: “He is an excellent dresser.”

Edwards: “He is a rumpled, grumpy, political genius.”

Hodes: “Hey, I like that.”

Edwards: “Because the dynamics of societal, governmental and political problems all came together at one time and he was the person who successfully dealt with it.”

Hodes: “The same reason.”

Is there one person that you looked up to in life?

Hodes: “The only two people that I ever looked up to were L.B.J. and Mickey Mantle.”

Edwards: “Kenedy kind of got me. Bobby Kennedy even more than his brother.”

Sambol: “The main problem with government today is that you do not get men like these to serve anymore. Monmouth University is very fortunate to have gentlemen of this caliber serving on its Board of Trustees.”

Question to Hodes and Edwards: Do you have any words of wisdom that you live by?

Hodes: “Yes, I live by two things: your word and integrity.”

Edwards: “Same thing. Honesty, your character and integrity. It is all that you have. In the final analysis it is not about money and it is not about fame.”

Hodes: “In our world you develop trust and people take you at your word. Later on, if they find out you only gave them half of the truth and they can get embarrassed, you are through. We have been doing this for 25 years and we both still have credibility on both sides of the aisle.”

Edwards: “When life is over we both want to believe we made a difference, we left the world a little better than we found it and we left it with character and integrity.”

Hodes: “And that’s it.”

Now where are those cookies?

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Sixty-five million households across America are connecting to the Internet. That's an increase of 8.4 million U.S. households in an eight-month period. In response to significant Internet trends such as this, Monmouth University launched its new interactive Website in September 2001. It features a major redesign of its overall “look and feel,” global navigation, and content... revolutionizing the communication process between the university and alumni, students, visitors, and friends.

Visit the new site today at www.monmouth.edu... we’ll see you online!
You've perfected your resume and honed your interviewing skills, but you still haven't landed that ideal job. You aren't alone; thanks in large part to today's economy, there are fewer jobs to be had and many more candidates for each available position than in recent years. Don't despair, though—there is something you can do to improve your position in the job marketplace, and it's called networking.

The old adage still rings true. Sometimes it really is "who you know" that makes a difference. Don't expect to be handed a job because you know someone who knows someone, but having and making use of a solid and widespread foundation of contacts can increase your chances of uncovering more job openings than you'd find by simply waiting to find ads in the newspaper or on the Internet.

So what, exactly, is networking? "Networking is the process by which individuals use professional and personal resources that they have at their disposal to enhance their marketability in the workforce," says William Hill, assistant dean of Placement and Student Employment at Monmouth University's Life and Career Advising Center (LCAC). You need to do whatever you can to give your job search a boost, and chances are that someone you already know will be able to help in some way, shape, or form—why not make use of those connections? More and more jobs are filled through word of mouth, so don't overlook these valuable resources. That means you'll be getting in touch with existing contacts (friends, family, former employers, etc.) as well as making new contacts in order to find new job leads or learn about a particular field in which you're interested.

"There are a lot of jobs that are never advertised; networking is precisely a way to tap into them," Hill says. "There's always a hidden job market, and when you're looking for a job, you network from the beginning."
Even leisure activities such as golfing can lead to networking, he notes. Clubs, sports leagues, parties, and the like are all useful for meeting new people. "Most people do unplanned networking in casual situations," Hill says.

"Find organizations that meet regularly," he suggests, "and keep track of everything. Take notes after the fact: "On [date], I went to a meeting sponsored by [name] and met [name], got business cards from [name]."

Feel a potential contact out to figure out if it's an appropriate time to network. "Throw the person a softball at first: 'You've got an interesting job, is there anything you can recommend?'" Hill says. "Look for visual cues, such as body language. You can ask if there's a better time to talk, or the person may give you a business card and ask you to call later."

"Always try to say something that's unique and appropriate when you meet someone," Hill says. "Something they'd remember what you referred to it when you follow up."

Establish the method of future communication before a potential contact leaves. Hill says, "Ask him or her how you should follow up: a phone call? E-mail? Letter?"

**ESTABLISHING YOUR CONTACT BASE**

You may not realize it, but you already have a foundation of contacts. Your friends, relatives, professors, and business associates can all be helpful. Anyone from your hairdresser to your best friend's mom is worth contacting. "Never overlook anybody," Hill advises, "because you never know what resources a person may have."

» Start by making a list of your initial resources—people you feel comfortable approaching for the names of additional contacts. If you're new to networking, it's probably easier to start with friends and family.

» Send a quick e-mail or note, or pick up the phone. Get the word out that you're looking for a job or that you're interested in learning about a new career, and indicate that you would welcome any advice or input. Give people an idea of what you're looking for and what you're doing before you call.

> Never, ever—regardless of whom you're contacting—ask for a job. When you're networking, you're searching for information, asking people flat-out for a job can make you seem desperate.

**EXPANDING YOUR CONTACT BASE**

Don't expect the first people you call to have all the information you need. But with any luck, they'll be able to offer the name of a friend, business associate, or someone else that they think would make a good contact. Here's where you want to start being completely organized—keep a careful list of the people you've contacted, and write down any information they give you on new contacts so that you can track of who referred you to whom. If possible, keep each person's name on an index card, along with his or her telephone number, e-mail address, company name, and who referred this person to you, etc. This will come in handy later.

Now that you've gotten your feet wet, don't stop with the people you know best. The rationale is simple: The larger your network of contacts, the better your chances are of turning up job leads. And, as Hill says, "everyone is fair game." For example:

> "Formally organized networks exist everywhere," he says. College students and alumni "can find the Student Government Association, an alumni network, faculty members, fraternities and sororities," he says. "There are already networks waiting for you."

> "(And, yes, current college students should be networking as well—you don't have to wait until you graduate. It's never too early to make valuable contacts that could come in handy at any time in your career.)"

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**MAKING USE OF REFERRALS**

You've made the initial round of calls and e-mails, and now you have a list of new contacts that have been referred to you. What next?

"Don't be afraid to approach people," Hill says. "Be diplomatic. Write a letter or an e-mail stating that you received this person's name through a friend or colleague, and make sure you offer the name of the person who referred you. Let the person know that you're job-hunting, and that you're interested in getting his or her input on the industry in general and, specifically, on his or her company and job. Ask to set a time to meet, and promise not to take up more than 20 minutes or so of the person's time.

Avoid being a nuisance, Hill says. "Being too aggressive is the quickest way to destroy a networking relationship," he recommends using the "three strikes and you're out" rule: If you've tried to reach someone twice with no luck, then try one last time, but bring closure to it as well—let the person know that you've tried to reach him or her twice and kindly indicate that you assume a busy schedule precludes him or her from meeting with you. Thank the person for his or her time and move on.

**COLD-CALLING**

While it certainly helps to have a direct referral, Hill says, "you can also just e-mail someone and say, 'I understand you're an authority in this area...'

Research companies that interest you, and find the names and contact information of people who are doing the job you want to do. Even though you may not know the people you're contacting, and you haven't been referred to them, chances are that they'll at least entertain the thought of helping you. "They're also creating a network for themselves as well," Hill points out. "A networker can become a networker at any time. No one is immune to needing advice."

No need to have reservations about e-mailing potential contacts, Hill says. "E-mail can be a much more efficient way of getting in touch with people you don't know," he points out. "E-mail isn't invasive, it goes past the secretary and right to the person you're trying to contact, and it's instantaneous and reliable."

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**NETWORKING INTERVIEWS**

Don't be automatically intimidated when it comes time to meet with the individuals you've contacted. "Most people won't bite your head off if you engage them nicely," Hill says. "Usually, people in professional positions have a fairly strong ego connection to their jobs and enjoy talking about it and about themselves. By asking for a person's advice or input, you're paying someone a compliment and reaffirming that he or she is doing something good."

"Take full advantage of the fact that this person is willing to assist you. Ask questions, get specific information about the field or the job, and leave an overall good impression. If all goes well, you should be able to ask for two or three additional contacts by the end of the interview. And your network just keeps expanding."

**GETTING STARTED**

No bones about it—networking requires a "go get 'em" attitude. If you're a shy person, it's well worth it to push yourself a little to reach out to people who may hold valuable job information. Networking is not about contacting one friend and waiting for him or her to call back with information about a potential job opening— it's about taking matters into your own hands and developing an entire useful network of contacts. Chances are that job tips aren't just going to fall in your lap—it's your responsibility to get out there and find them.

"It's not an exact science," Hill says. "When you want to network, you almost have to take on the persona of someone who works in advertising sales in that a successful salesperson can generate leads where none previously exist."

Don't expect the first people you call to have all the information you need. But with any luck, they'll be able to offer the name of a friend, business associate, or someone else that they think would make a good contact. Here's where you want to start being completely organized—keep a careful list of the people you've contacted, and write down any information they give you on new contacts so that you can track of who referred you to whom. If possible, keep each person's name on an index card, along with his or her telephone number, e-mail address, company name, and who referred this person to you, etc. This will come in handy later.

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> "Formally organized networks exist everywhere," he says. College students and alumni "can find the Student Government Association, an alumni network, faculty members, fraternities and sororities," he says. "There are already networks waiting for you."

> "(And, yes, current college students should be networking as well—you don't have to wait until you graduate. It's never too early to make valuable contacts that could come in handy at any time in your career.)"

> Classes, professional associations, and trade associations can be gold mines for making new contacts.
**How Monmouth University Can Help**

Thinking about entering a particular field—one with which you're not at all that familiar? Looking for a change of career? Consider doing informational interviews. "You're not looking for a job," Hill says. "You're meeting with people to find out about what they do, what they like about their jobs, what they don't like, etc." "College students, in particular, should be doing informational interviews," Hill recommends. "You should meet with several different people in the same profession. This will help you decide if this is the career you want." You're making contacts with people, albeit in a more subtle way, he explains. "If, for example, you see a professional directory that might be useful, ask the person where you can get a copy.

**Follow Up**

Just like with a job interview, it's common courtesy to follow up on a networking or informational interview. Someone has taken the time to offer you information or guidance, and you obviously want to show your appreciation. "Always follow up—no exceptions," Hill insists. "E-mail is okay, but a formal letter is appropriate almost anywhere, just like a good suit." However, he adds, don't send a relative a formal letter of thanks—if someone close to you has lent a hand, treat him or her to lunch. Now that you've invested all this time and effort, the last thing you want to do is fall all over all those cards with the names and information of the contacts in your newly expanded network. Networks are not meant to simply be discarded—you need to nurture them, if you will. Give contacts a heads-up if leads they gave you panned out, and thank them again for their help. Even if something resulted in a lead, let your contact know that you did follow up on the information he or she gave you. And every once in a while—even if it's only once a year—send a quick and friendly note to a contact you haven't spoken to in a while, just for the sake of keeping up good relations.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

As in the previous installments of the Backpack to Briefcase career series, we've tried to think of everything. Below is a short list of books (available at Barnes & Noble or Amazon.com) and websites that will get you on the path to successful networking and, ideally, help to land you the job that will make it all worthwhile.

**Books**

- *I Need a Job, Now What?*, by Janet Garber. (Silver Lining Books, 2001). A simple and straightforward handbook, with a chapter that addresses the fundamentals of networking, including professional meetings, informational interviews and even finding a mentor.
- *Job Hunting for Dummies*, second edition, by Max Messner. (IDG Books Worldwide, 1999). Talk about a one-stop resource: This installment of the popular for Dummies series offers two chapters on the ins and outs of networking, including getting started, developing a sales pitch, and handling networking meetings.
- *Knock 'Em Dead 2001*, by Martin Yate. (Adams Media). The *New York Times* business bestseller offers everything the motivated job-seeker needs, from tips on how to make contacts to exactly how to go about networking through letters, e-mails, and phone calls.
- *The Only Job Hunting Guide You'll Ever Need*, by Kathryn and Ross Petras. (Simon & Schuster, 1995). An in-depth guide to the four basic steps of networking, along with plenty of helpful tips to make the process even easier.

**Websites**

- **The Career Journal** ([www.careerjournal.com](http://www.careerjournal.com))
- **FlipDog** ([www.flipdog.com](http://www.flipdog.com))
- **The “Resource Center” section teaches you how to network through non-profit charitable organizations, and also links to plenty of other websites with numerous lists of associations, organizations, and more.**
- **MyJobSearch** ([www.myjobsearch.com](http://www.myjobsearch.com))
- **Check out the bookstore of networking-related publications, as well as lists of associations, a residential White Pages, and more—all at your fingertips.**
- **Monster** ([www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com))
- As usual, this favorite site delivers: Find everything from articles written by experts on the do's and don'ts of networking to a suggested timeline for networking.
- **WetFeet** ([www.wetfeet.com](http://www.wetfeet.com))
- In the “Managing Your Career” section, you'll find all sorts of handy articles on everything from following up after an informational interview to using the Net as a network.
- **Be a Part of the Growing Alumni Network**

Complete a career survey and share your experiences with others. Request the survey from the Office of Alumni Affairs.
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n a silver chain around her neck, she wore a silver black widow spider with a body of amber, the gem symbolic of the woman warrior. And on her hand one couldn’t help but notice a silver ring extending from the nail bed to the base of the finger, reminiscent of knight’s armor, segmented to make it flex as the finger flexes.

Ah, those make-you-inquire-even-though-it-seems-impertinent types of accoutrements! Hardly a shy damsel in distress. A woman of the theater, perhaps? A Heavy Metal fan?

He obviously enjoys her “stage presence.” His attire was unmemorably casual — her perfect foil — despite that his persona would put one in mind of the charming Victor Borge. His talk of “cinema verite” and well-appointed dver barbs revealed a modern knight whose armor got thrown in the costume trunk years ago. They sat side by side on the large sofa in their Little Silver Shangri-la-like home, with its secluded courtyard and lush landscaping. Picture lights accentuated the works of art on the walls. The Christmas tree glittered in the corner opposite the hearth. Yes, Kenneth and Marilyn E. Rocky created an inviting, cultured ambiance in which guests feel relaxed enough to tell a risqué joke or, as a legendary interior designer once put it, “go boom-boom-boom.”

The Rockys, both 1965 Monmouth University graduates, have gone boom-boom-boom. They certainly did take you to the altar! Ken interjected with a big grin, referring devilishly to Marilyn’s previous marriages. Ken said his mother encouraged him to stay single and have a good time for as long as possible.

“My first marriage was to a 1965 Monmouth grad,” said Marilyn. “It was a time when I did things for him and didn’t focus on my own goals, although at Monmouth I was one of the original eight people majoring in what was then called speech and drama, a new major when I arrived. At Carnegie Mellon I had majored in English in order to be a student of drama. All Monmouth had at that time was Pollak Auditorium and the Chapel Studio Theater, conducted in a former chapel discovered and transformed by Lauren Woods. With Woody, as he was called, we did everything we could do with theater, I was Lady Macbeth, I was in everything.

“After I graduated, I got married and moved to Seattle. During that marriage I taught fourth grade, sold real estate and worked at GMAC, the financing arm of General Motors — basically I took jobs where you had to type,” she said. “We also lived in Allenhurst, then Washington, D.C. I didn’t see the world, didn’t have a good time, and we split up after 12 years. That prompted my move to New York City, where I worked at menial and freelance jobs until I met people at Merrill Lynch, who offered me a job with their publications department. Essentially I did word processing and internal publications for the company, and I managed the schedule and activities. Then luck and opportunity came around the corner, and I started editing company reports. I realized I had a knack for making them palatable and interesting. That got the attention of senior management, after which I was massively promoted to senior financial analyst! I maintained 33 department budgets at Merrill, an overwhelming job at first, but I found out I could actually manage several things at once and worked well in upper management. I was the only woman doing that in the company at the time.”

Another life-changing event at Merrill, Marilyn said, was her assignment to coordinate a senior citizens’ Christmas call program on Christmas Day.

“Fifty seniors came in with 10 volunteers,” she explained, “to make free calls anywhere in the country. The program became really successful when I was able to bring to our One Liberty Plaza office more than 1,000 seniors the next year. We received a White House citation for that program. Then I knew I wanted to do something different.”

Meanwhile, Ken introduced his Monmouth experience as editor of the Outlook and brother in Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE, or “tek”) to his incurable travel bug.

“When I got to Monmouth, then referred to as ‘Rutgers Finishing School,’ I majored in business,” Ken said. “It was such an incredible social life, both in the business school and TKE, which is now a huge national fraternity. I was Brother of the Year one year. The camaraderie has endured for almost 40 years — I still feel...
the connection. I turned out well all because of going to Monmouth at a wonderful time. There was a warm, caring faculty. I used to play bridge with faculty members on Tuesday nights. I worked at the library, at the newspaper first as a reporter, then as editor, and got deeply involved in campus life. I needed that then. I loved the school, made wonderful friends I still know. After graduation I worked for the Federal Reserve, the fiscal agent for the government, in New York. There I processed tax returns for the government, in evaluation I worked for the Federal Reserve, and met some wonderful friends I still know. After graduation I worked for the Federal Reserve, and got into computers.

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"My job," he said, "was to assign Army personnel to Vietnam and elsewhere. I did that according to names I liked. My Army days ended, though, when my brother, a captain in the Air Force, was killed in Vietnam, and I became the sole surviving son, which constituted a deferment in those days. I went back to the Federal Reserve and got into computers as a program system analyst. This led to a job at IBM in San Juan, Puerto Rico. I wanted to work in the tropics, thinking how much I loved the tropics, the beach, boating. (There isn't an airline ticket I don't love.) IBM in San Juan was fascinating, but the only disappointment was that I really had to work. After a couple of months really working, I'd had enough. If the job description had been beach bum, it would have worked out better for me."

Koen returned to the States to work at Bell Labs in Piscataway, doing computer application research.

"That is, making computers do things they never did before," he said. "So far, computers had basically been used for accounting tasks. But we started things like computerizing the phone book and went from there. Today, we have more computer power in our bedrooms and family rooms than we had in the entire world years ago. While I worked for Bell Labs, I traveled to every Bell Telephone Company. I was on the road 70 percent of the time as an MTS— a Member of the Technical Staff. Then I got a job at AT&T, where I headed an operations review team that looked at how companies ran their data processing operations. We brought state-of-the-art stuff to the boondocks."

Ken went on to head technical education for AT&T and finally to management and leadership training. He retired in 1998. To date, he has visited 40 countries and intends to keep on traveling—with Marilyn, of course. Ken's mother lamented that in telling him to have a good time and wait to get married, she never envisioned this good of a time. Wed when they were both nearly 40, he and Marilyn are thoroughly enjoying being retired, which they're not; "There is no way they're not busy."

"A very good friend of Ken's at AT&T died two years ago, and Ken told the man's wife he'd be glad to help out in any way he could," said Marilyn. "The woman did call Ken to help her with a local charity project, and the next thing you know, there's Ken and 20 women. He now works with the Monmouth Park Charity Foundation, the Volunteer Center of Monmouth County and a member of the board of Family and Children's Services, in addition to her work at Monmouth University with the Scholarship Committee and as a non-trustee member of the Student Life Committee. She recounts her adventures as a career woman with engaging drama. One's attention easily leaves the spider jewelry and becomes riveted to the intricate web of her story.

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QUEST FOR KEY WEST
HOW JOHN ’75 AND JEAN ’78 DILLON LAID DOWN THE LAW
BY JOSEPH KARR

Monmouth College. “When we first came to Monmouth Beach when I was 12 years old, I loved it. Now I’m eager to move upstairs from Finnegan’s with our dogs, and if you are a lover of conch fritters and Jimmy Buffett, you’ll love Key West.”

The Dillons weren’t about to resist. Apparently, the island lifestyle makes him happy. They still poke and tickle each other like teenagers. Their manner is as relaxed as their t-shirts and shorts. "I moved from Philadelphia to Monmouth Beach when I was 12 years old," she said. "Now I’m eager to move into our condo, that’s almost finished being built in Boca Chica, which is not far from Key West. Our three children are grown; the oldest is in London, our daughter is in upstate New York, and the youngest is a senior at Muhlenberg in Pennsylvania. Right now, we’re living upstairs from Finnegan’s with our dogs, and if you are a lover of conch fritters and Jimmy Buffett, you’ll love Key West.”

And that’s when The Big KW lowered their hats for good. MU
Matt Mastorilli ’99 and Kevin Borkoski ’99 are an example of just how far you can go on $1,000 and a cellular telephone.

What started in 1999 with $500 contributions from each of the Monmouth undergraduates—and a cell phone they couldn’t really afford, according to the pair—became Night & Day, a 2-year-old Jersey Shore-based entertainment publication that is growing with every issue. With a readership of about 70,000, the paper is distributed as far as north as Manasquan, as far south as Point Pleasant, and as far west as Freehold, and Atlantic Highlands, as far south as Point Pleasant. The Outlook, a Los Angeles-based magazine, covers everything in entertainment from Woodstock to the Super Bowl. Night & Day also has its own entertainment newspaper or magazine for the Jersey Shore—"The Entertainment Newspaper for Success," said Borkoski. "It's something that wasn't being done." Morano said. "There really wasn't an entertainment newspaper or magazine for the area," said Borkoski. With the decision made and the direction of the paper determined, it took only one month for the first issue to hit the newsstands. On May 27, 1999, the first issue of Night & Day—"The Entertainment Newspaper for the Jersey Shore"—was presented to the public.

The initial issue was a no-cost, 20-page, tabloid-size newspaper. According to Mastorilli, Night and Day started with only 10 percent of its space filled with advertisements. As a free newspaper, mastorilli said, "We didn’t have any other help; we didn’t have any friends, but they were on their own for all of the content end from the people writing stories, having promotion nights, and giving out tickets to people, covering concerts and all that kind of stuff. As far as the ads go, that’s obviously an important aspect, and we’re kind of just fumbling our way through that."

But there have been very few fumbles by the Night and Day team. Only once have they been down enough where they thought it was over. It was September 1999. "It was six months after we started," said Borkoski. "I've never taken any business classes. I do all the accounting and the bookkeeping myself. I do all the sales calls. What we enjoy is putting out a good paper, making it look nice, writing stories, having promotion nights and giving out tickets to people, covering concerts and all that kind of stuff."

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"They both showed a lot of promise in journalism and were both very interested in the entertainment section."

Two years later, with graduation nearing, Mastorilli had an idea. "As juniors in the spring of 1997, they met in Professor Derek Barnes’ Discovery of Natural Science class, and immediately became friendly. They also went to The Outlook together. Terry Lipszetz, editor-in-chief at the time, said of the pair, "I thought they looked like they were knowledgeable, and I know how hard it is to start a new business, and I thought they needed a break."

Other advertisers came on board for that first issue, including Bar Anticipation in Belmar, Old Orchard Country Club in Eatontown, Outback Steakhouse, and the Jersey Shore Cats basketball team. For that first issue, Mastorilli and Borkoski wrote the majority of the stories and took many of the photographs themselves. They received some help on the content end from friends, but they were on their own for all of the other parts of running the business of Night and Day.

"We were just sitting on a bench on the street in Red Bank, thinking we were going to lose our three or four biggest advertisers, so to lose your three or four biggest, it was like, ‘Uh-oh,’” added Borkoski. "I do all the accounting and stuff, but I never learned how to use QuickBooks or anything like that, or make an invoice or anything, so it was all kind of learning as we went along.”

Mastorilli said selling advertising space was the worst part for him. "We’re not salespeople. We don’t enjoy making sales calls. What we enjoy is putting out a good paper, making it look nice, writing stories, having promotion nights and giving out tickets to people, covering concerts and all that kind of stuff."
change the way they (the ads) look. We weren’t expecting that. We thought we’d just get advertisers and that was it.” As time went on, said Mastorilli, “We got them all back.”

And then some. Now, the paper features 60 percent advertising, including nationally-known advertisers such as Coors, the Taj Mahal casino in Atlantic City, Smirnoff and Budweiser, while still catering to the local businesses, including Jack’s Rib and Ale House in Long Branch, Tradewinds Night Club in Sea Bright, and Shore-area radio station G106.3 FM. And according to the pair, they have increased their ad sales by 50 percent each issue since last summer.

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The Daily Miracle of Special Education: The School for Children Comes of Age

By Tova Navarra

Even before her graduation from Monmouth University in 1997, Jessica Grippaldi knew teaching children with disabilities was what she wanted to do. She even knew she wanted to teach them on her heart beat. Now in her fifth year as a teacher of 6-to-9-year-olds at the School for Children, Grippaldi searches her memory for a single outstanding student among all her unforgettable little ones.

“I had one student for two years who has a language disorder,” she began. “He’s very articulate, but he has problems understanding language and using appropriate tone of voice to a lawnmower outside that makes a lot of noise.”

Grippaldi knew teaching children with multiple disabilities and autism. Early on our success rate with autistic kids has been very positive.

When she threw a pencil at me, I wondered how was I going to get through to her,” said Fluhr, who teaches 8-to-14-year-olds. “Just seeing how much she really wanted to learn, I came to understand her needs and that her anger was just a way of venting frustration. I’ve gotten to know him, I realized I could help. Of course, this is just one little facet of academic learning, and directions had to be expected. Of course, this is just one little facet of academic learning, and directions had to be expected. Of course, this is just one little facet of academic learning, and directions had to be expected. Of course, this is just one little facet of academic learning, and directions had to be expected. Of course, this is just one little facet of academic learning, and directions had to be expected.

“My O.M. is to keep trying, and in the meantime, we have support staff to help out,” Grippaldi added. “You always need to look at things step by step, reflect on the whole event and situation, and recognize individual desires, needs, likes and dislikes, not to focus on behavior but on the cause—everything from a teacher’s tone of voice to a lawnmower outside that makes a lot of noise.”

No stranger to the daily miracle of special education, Executive Director Vincent Renda said he’s grateful for all the assistance and guidance Monmouth University has provided the School for Children over the last 25 years. Now that the school plans to expand and relocate from its current on-campus facilities in the summer of 2002, Renda emphasizes that Monmouth’s special education majors will enjoy increased opportunities to work with disabled children.

The School for Children currently enrolls 96 children ages 5 through 18 at two locations, 72 on campus, and 24 at Shore Regional High School. The new location, not yet determined at this writing, will accommodate students ages 3 through 21 and enrollment will nearly double to 200 students. Eight classrooms will blossom into 16, and the school that started out with two classrooms of 24 educationally disadvantaged and learning-disabled children will become a prime facility for children with multiple disabilities and autism.

“We get the most outstanding students. Monmouth University student teachers from the School of Education are specifically high performers, and the students are interested in the level of special education that involves children with moderate to severe disabilities,” said Renda, who became principal of the School for Children in 1978. “Other students are social work (BSW and M.S.W.) interns, master’s-level psychological counseling interns, and graduate teaching assistants, who have a unique role in the classroom. Not just teacher assistants, the graduates develop education plans, curriculum and work at a fairly high level. There are also the facilities of graduate assistants per year, one per classroom.”

Renda added that the school also hires undergraduate student help to serve as teacher aids 15 hours a week. These students who have expressed interest in special education and wish to explore the self-contained model of moderate to severe disabilities. He quoted from the teacher’s mission statement: “We are an intentional learning community. We value and nurture acknowledgement, contribution, curiosity, diversity, independence, joy, and leadership...We provide life lessons as positive role models in independence, joy, and leadership...We value and nurture acknowledge-

Vincent Renda, executive director of the School for Children

“...that our education programs continue to work with the school.”

As part of the expansion, the School for Children has operated as a self-sufficient, consolidated division of Monmouth University and will take on its own 501(c)(3) status.

Charles T. Parson HN’01, Monmouth University immediate-past Board chair-
man, said, “We will continue to mentor and champion the school’s efforts and wish them well in their future endeavors.”
Dear Alumni -

I recently attended a reunion of graduates from the classes of the 1980s. First, I am extremely pleased to report that no one from that group has changed a bit, added a pound or grew a gray hair. Of course, eyesight does diminish over twenty years. Nevertheless, I thought it might be interesting to consider how Monmouth’s course offerings have changed in twenty years, so I pulled out my dreaded “catalog of record.” Even someone as close to the University as I have been over that time was surprised by the changes.

Of course Monmouth has changed from a college to a university and graduate programs have exploded. From 10 programs in 1980, there are 29 tracks today. Most notably, there are now programs in Corporate and Public Communications, Criminal Justice, Nursing, Psychological Counseling, Social Work and Software Engineering joining the old stalwarts of Education/Teaching, History, Computer Science, and Business Administration.

Undergraduate programs unheard of on campus in 1980 include Clinical Laboratory Science, Software Engineering, Nursing and Fine Arts with specialization in Graphic Design. While courses are still taught in many of these disciplines, degrees in Physics, Electronic Engineering, Philosophy, and Military Science have given way to changing tastes and marketplaces.

The horrific events of September 11, 2001 have taught us that change is a constant. As society changes, so will the Monmouth curricula and student. What I am sure will never change, however, is that Monmouth will be a place where young (and not so young) people will learn, be firmly grounded in the liberal arts, and will form bonds that will last a lifetime. I know we all expect nothing less, no matter what occurs outside of the walls of the Shadow Lawn Estate.

Regards as always,

Tom Porskievies  ’82 ’86
President of the Alumni Association

Alumni subscribers to the Placement Job Newsletter (PJ N) recently were notified of a change in delivery method. Starting last month, subscribers began to receive the newsletter in e-mail. It is being sent as an attachment in MS Word format. William Hill, assistant dean of placement and student employment, says there are certain advantages to the e-mail method. Not only is it faster and more reliable, it is free, even for extended subscriptions. To be placed on the e-mailing list, e-mail your name, daytime phone number, major and class year to hillw@monmouth.edu.

HOW ARE YOU DOING?

In the wake of the terrible events of September 11th, many Monmouth alumni called or wrote to express concern for the safety and security of their fellow graduates. Being so close to downtown Manhattan, alumni knew it was inevitable that our university community would suffer losses. We waited with dread to learn the extent of them. In the days and weeks that followed we learned of most, if not all, and have published their names in this and the previous issue of Monmouth Magazine.

We are grateful that so many other alumni and extended Monmouth family members survived the attacks. So while we are grieving, we also celebrate life. We take stock of where we are now while reflecting on student days of the past and how our fellow graduates or helpers shape us into the people we are today. We think of former classmates, dorm mates, teammates, fellow committee members, our extended Monmouth family, and all making a difference in this world every single day in large or small ways, either quietly or with a lot of fanfare, and all indiscriminately bound up in our lives.

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Let us know about your self and, if you know about another Monmouth alum who you feel deserves to be recognized for having made a big difference in this world either professionally or personally, please let us know so we can share his or her story with the rest of the family.

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An 18-hour dance marathon benefiting the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation is generating all sorts of excitement on campus, and alumni are invited to help make it a big success. Here are some ways you can get involved: Serve on a committee, contribute money, goods or services to help the dancers stay on their feet or, if you and your partner are feeling particularly energetic, come dance the night away. For more information, contact Student Services at 732-571-3586. The marathon starts at 4PM on April 6 and ends April 7 at 10AM.

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The University has learned about more members of the extended Monmouth community who perished in the September 11th attacks. We are saddened to report the following:

**ALFRED J. BRACA, FATHER OF DEANNA (BRACA) WIRTH ’97**

Michael Jacobs, father of Jennifer Brady ‘02

**JASON CASEY, HUSBAND OF GINA SCHULSIGER CASEY ’93**

**LOUIS J. MODAFFERI, FATHER OF CHRISTINE MODAFFERI ’05**

Justin J. Molisani, Jr., husband of Jodi Skribner Molisani ‘84

Please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs if you know of others who died as a result of the attacks.

**CLASS OF 1965**

**DR. R. GREGORY QUIRK** was selected by the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials to receive this year’s Meritorious Service Award. He is the assistant superintendent for business for the Old Bridge School district. He lives in Middletown with his wife, Ellen. The couple has three sons, Peter, Michael, and Matthew.

**CLASS OF 1966**

**COLONEL J. D. HOWELL** received the A. Scott Crossfield award for aviator of the year. He also received the Crown Circle Award and was subsequently inducted by The National Congress on Aviation and Space Education into the Crown Circle for “evidence of extraordinary accomplishment in a leadership role in Aerospace Education.” He lives in Palm Coast, FL.

**ANTHONY J. SCHIAVO** died November 28, 2001. He resided in West Long Branch and was the proprietor of Peddler Bicycle Shop located in Long Branch. Prior to that, he was a teacher for Monmouth Beach Elementary and Asbury Park Middle School. His wife, Dr. Susan Young, a faculty member in the School of Education, three sons, Michael, Erin, and Lorin, survive him.

**CLASS OF 1970**

**ROBERT B. SIEGEL** is the president of Family Hearing Centers. He is married to Helen and has two daughters, Jessica, 18, and Stephanie, 15. The family lives in Marlton.

**CLASS OF 1974**

**DR. ROBERT H. LINDERS** was inducted into the Gettysburg College Athletic Hall of Honor. He is a 600-meter record of 1:50.8, set at Villanova Stadium in 1964, has been unsurpassed in 37 years. In June of ‘64 he represented the United States in a dual track meet against Great Britain in London, England. Bob also spoke recently to 80 businessmen at a retreat for alumni of Manhattan College. He is presently senior pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Doylestown, PA where he resides.

**CLASS OF 1981**

**NOEL L. HILLMAN** was named the Principal Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division’s Public Integrity Section in Washington, DC by Michael Chertoff, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice effective September 24, 2001. The Public Integrity Section oversees the United States Department of Justice’s responsibilities with respect to the prosecution of criminal abuses of the public trust by government officials, such as extortion, bribery, and criminal conflicts of interest, and supervises the Department’s nationwide response to election crimes, such as ballot fraud and campaign-financing offenses. Noel was most recently a Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey in Newark, New Jersey.

**CLASS OF 1985**

**JASPERDEAN W. CLEGG** died October 27, 2001. She resided in Kittatinny Point, ME and was in sales with Le Crueset. She is survived by her parents, Lisa and Lee Clegg, her brother, Campbell A., and her sister, Kimberly Clegg Beecher.

**CLASS OF 1986**

**JILL MUNDY COSSABOOM** is an assistant controller for Realty Income. She lives in Temecula, CA.

**CLASS OF 1987**

**DR. JANET MAHONEY** of Monmouth University School of Nursing and Health Studies, has been awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor. She also was the keynote speaker at a luncheon sponsored by Community Medical Center in Toms River to recognize excellence in Nursing.

**CLASS OF 1988**


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**JEFF FERDINAND** was awarded the prestigious Professional Sales Association Award by Lincoln-Mercury for being the number one sales person in the New York Region, which encompasses over 100 deals and over 1000 sales consultants. He works for Irwin Lincoln-Mercury located in Freehold.

**CLASS OF 1990**

**SCOTT JONES** is a computer consultant for Hilltown Systems. He has a one-year-old daughter, Laura Elena, and lives in Flanders.

**DEBBIE MAJER** is vice president for Cambridge Industries. She lives in Burlington Township.

**KATHLEEN (KRAUS) VANDERGROOT** have bought a new home in Howell, just in time for baby Michael Robert born September 12, 2001. He joins big sister Charlotte, 6 Mike is a former member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and works with The Mack Company in Ft. Lee.

**CLASS OF 1991**

**LISA MACCARTNEY** was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Madison (CT) Rotary Club. She was also a Harris Fellow by the Madison (CT) Rotary Club of Rotary International. Lisa is a partner in East Wharf Architects, Inc., an architectural and urban design firm located in Madison, CT where she lives.

**CLASS OF 1993**

**FRANK G. RUFFLEY** is executive vice president director of media for Active International located in Pearl River, NY. He married JAY NORWAY ’87 in September 1993 and lives in East Brunswick.

**CLASS OF 1997**

**JUDITH (Amico) FORDHAM** is an account manager in sales for Anixter Inc. She has two children, Heather, 4, and Matthew, 7. She lives in Howell.

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**CLASS OF 2000**


**ANNA SMALL**, along with her husband Walter, have started a construction company that does residential and commercial work called American Building Concepts Inc. The couple has a three-year-old daughter, Megan.
CLASS OF 1991
MISEE P. SURDEZ is a Human Relations Manager for Johnson & Johnson. She is married to LANCE SURDEZ ’90 and they have one child, Quinn, 2. The family lives in Neptune.

CLASS OF 1992
RICHARD DEAN has been promoted to manager in the Auditing and Consultants Department of the Amper, Politziner & Mattia certified public accountants and consultants firm. Richard is also a member of the M & M Manufacturing and W holeole D istribution Group. He lives in Middletown.

DAWN KENNEDY is a network/software engineer for AT&T Labs. She has two children, Marica, 12, and Shaughn, 3.


CLASS OF 1993


CLASS OF 1994

CLASS OF 1996
TALIN DEMIRJIAN married Joseph Nale, Jr. on April 21, 2001. Talin is a senior auditor with United Government Services in Valhalla, NY. The couple lives in Clifton.

CLASS OF 1997
JENNIFER LOW married TIM CANAVAN on April 28, 2001. The couple is expecting their first child in March. The couple lives in Tinton Falls.

BARBARA PEPE ’01 was elected to the Board of Trustees for Advocates of New Jersey History. She is a Historian and resides in Allentown.

CLASS OF 1998

CLASS OF 1999
LEA FARGANO is a teacher of the handicapped. She lives in Aberdeen.

CLASS OF 2000
JOHN N. ROSE JR. is a sales representative for Canon USA Inc. He lives in Englewood Cliffs.

DONA ROSENBAUM was promoted to director of training and development at Monmouth Medical Center.

CLASS OF 2001
AMY MARIE BROWN was married on September 29, 2001 on West End Beach.

ELIZABETH CAVERLY is a teacher for Belmar Board of Education. She lives in Belmar.

TARA J. KACZOR along with her husband, Jason, announce the birth of their son Andrew Ethan born February 11, 2001.

LAUREN VICIDOMINI is a property manager for E.W. Murray Associates, Inc. located in Howell.

Christina Soubasis is a licensed social worker for Catholic Charities. She was married on April 28, 2001 and honeymooned with her husband in Hawaii for two weeks. The couple lives in Freehold.

FRANCIS HERNANDEZ is an executive of public relations for Alan Taylor Communications. He got married on October 7, 2000 and lives in Red Bank.

DENISE SAN FILIPPO has a new job with NBC-TV. She lives in Montville.
CLASS NOTES

RACHEL J. SMITH is a graphic artist for International Flavors and Fragrances. She lives in Eatontown.

KATHRYN A. THOMPSON is a Social Worker for the Center for Behavioral Health. She lives in Toms River.

KIRK P. TUCKER is a registered nurse for the Riverview Medical Center. He lives in Neptune.

KELLY C. UMBACH is a high school teacher for Ocean Township Public Schools. She lives in Interlaken.

MARIE UZZO is a high school art teacher for the Wayne Board of Education. She is also the varsity lacrosse coach and field hockey coach. She lives in Pelham, NY.

JOSEPH VACCHIANO is a drug and alcohol counselor for the Discovery Institute. He lives in Wanamassa.

ROBIN M. VALLOCHI is an assistant scientist for Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals. She lives in Barnegat.

IN MEMORIAM

JASPERDEAN W. CLEGG '85
ANTHONY J. SCHIAVO '66

MONMOUTH ALUMNUS BRAVES THE WILD AS A CONTESTANT ON THE REALITY SERIES, SURVIVOR AFRICA

Stranded in Kenya's Shaba National Reserve, Kim L. Johnson '66 of Oyster Bay, New York, is one of 16 Americans who were chosen to survive the elements of the punishing environment as a contestant on the CBS primetime series Survivor Africa. Forced to endure malaria-bearing insects and dangerous predators, she and the others must band together to build shelter, find food, and compete in various competitions. Winners of these challenges are rewarded with supplies that make life in Africa a bit more bearable.

The contestants' objectives are to outwit, outlast and outplay each other, eliminating one survivor every three days. The ultimate survivor wins $1 million. Johnson is a member of the Boran Tribe, with the opposing tribe being named the Samburu Tribe.

Johnson received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. After graduation she went on to become an elementary teacher. She is lifetime member of Pi Beta Pi Sorority, the U.S. Tennis Association, and the U.S. Platform Tennis Association. Now retired, she has since worked as the league/tournament coordinator for an indoor tennis club and was the owner of a sportswear-clothing boutique.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Johnson grew up in Annapolis, Maryland and has lived in New York for the past 20 years. She is fluent in sign language and has volunteered her services over the years for the blind and deaf. Johnson is married and has three children and two grandchildren.

Bruce S. Compton '70 was “unique, a brilliant student” who may have wanted a career in politics, but his aspirations were cut short by his untimely death. Now, thanks to the generosity of his parents, Ruby, who majored in education at Monmouth when her children were small, and J. Crawford Compton, J. r., The Bruce Scott Compton Scholarship Fund will benefit an endless stream of Monmouth University students.

The Comptons’ decision to establish a charitable remainder trust to enhance the benefits of a scholarship that they established in 1994 following their son’s death was prompted by a suggestion from their other son, Brian.

“We hoped that we would provide an education for students who might not be able to afford one on their own,” said Mrs. Compton. “It’s so difficult when children have a desire to go (to college) and can’t find the money. Education is one of the most important things in life. This scholarship will benefit the recipients throughout their lifetime. We were happy to share our resources to make that happen. It was an easy decision.”
The Monmouth University Alumni Association cordially invites you to a

Wine Tasting Party

Saturday, March 2, 2002
6 pm – 8 pm
$25 per person

Reservations are Limited

For more information:
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