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ABOVE, ALLAN BENNETT (FOREGROUND) AND SARAH OPAJSKY (BACKGROUND) ON A FIELD TRIP TO SANDY HOOK ON SEPTEMBER 24 AS PART OF THE PRINCIPLES OF MARINE BIOLOGY CLASS TAUGHT BY DR. URSULA HOWSON. NOT SHOWN, EMMA SIMON, WHO IS HOLDING A JUVENILE BLUE CRAB, CALLINECTES SAPIIDUS.
REMEMBERING LATTIMER

My wife Joyce and I are both graduates of Monmouth University. We both very much enjoyed the article about Mariagnes Lattimer. She is truly an inspiration to young people for what she has accomplished. I feel we have some connections, e.g., I worked for AT&T for 30 years (when NJ Bell was part of AT&T) after graduating from Monmouth. My brother Bill Kern lived in Fair Haven and he and his wife Nancy taught mathematics at Rumson-Fair Haven HS for many years. I’m going to ask Bill if he knew her.

We were wondering if it was possible if we could get an e-mail copy of this article. We would like to forward it to our children and grandchildren. Also, Joyce and I are graduates of Neptune High School (1956) and we keep our class together through annual class luncheons and an e-mail network. I know many of our high school classmates would also be interested in this article.

Richard Kern ’63 & Joyce (Holmes) Kern ’61

I read with interest your article, “Pioneering Educator Looks Back: Former Rutgers Dean Started at Monmouth,” in the fall 2010 issue, and realized although I had never met Dr. Lattimer, it is indirectly through her that I came to be a graduate student at Monmouth University. Several years ago, I had a conversation with her son Robert Lattimer, where I mentioned my interest in pursuing a masters degree in History on a part-time basis, but was concerned about the commuting time to Rutgers or Fordham. Robert mentioned his mother, although a retired dean at Rutgers, was a graduate of Monmouth University, which was right in my backyard and worth investigating.

Last year I took a course called “U.S. Women’s History” taught by Dr. Parkin, where we studied the many unsung heroes and little known pioneers of women’s history. I read the article and thought Dr. Lattimer could easily be one of the accomplished Americans we discovered in that class, beginning her education here at Monmouth just under 50 years ago. Her will to succeed and list of accomplishments made me think about my own goals and aspirations. If nothing else, the article on Dr. Lattimer was a wonderful story of a very inspiring person. How refreshing to know it is possible.

I was saddened to hear Dr. Lattimer passed away on January 4, 2011. I would have liked to have known her, but I feel inspired by her story and the fact that Monmouth University was proud of a most accomplished alumnus.

Mark Skesavage
Candidate for Masters in History
Monmouth University

SPLITTING HAIRS

Dear Editor –

I just read the article in the fall 2010 issue of the MU magazine, “Baldness at the Edge of Town,” and feel that I must point out an inaccuracy by my prior college roommate, Richard Strell.

It was not Axel that introduced me to Bruce, but rather Richard “Spanky” Spachner, class of ’71, or thereabouts. Spanky was the original manager of the bands Child and Steel Mill. I could tell you many interesting stories about Bruce, Tinker, surfing and other topics of 1969 Long Branch days. All good.

Gary S. Baum ’70

POSITIVE FEEDBACK

Having just read through the fall 2010 issue, I want you to know how impressed I am with your quarterly magazine.

This is truly one fine college publication. It is so well planned and executed, so diversified and interesting, and the story material so well written, and the color photography so sharp. As editor, you must be very proud to have your name on the masthead.

Continued good success.

Jim Lindemuth

WHAT AM I?

This small Monmouth College pin was spotted at the Collingswood Auction. Its purpose has mystified everyone who has tried to identify it. There are no markings to indicate affiliation with a fraternity, sorority, or academic honor society. Each of the two parts connected by the chain has a pin device.

Because the location shown on the pin is “West Long Branch,” it must date sometime after 1956.

The first reader to convincingly identify the origin or purpose of the pin will receive a copy of the handsome coffee table book, Great Steps, or a Monmouth University baseball cap.

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N.B.: Because of space limitations, we regret that we can publish only a small sampling of the letters we receive.

We apologize for the errors.
“This is a day of firsts,” said Robert B. Sculthorpe ’63, chair of Monmouth’s Board of Trustees at Monmouth University’s inaugural winter commencement ceremony on January 14. >>
“It is Monmouth University’s first winter commencement, it is the first commencement held in the Multipurpose Activity Center, known as the MAC, and it is the first commencement to be held on this campus since 2003,” Sculthorpe said.

“In 1963, as a business major at Monmouth, I, like you, completed my coursework in January, but I had to wait until May to receive my diploma,” Sculthorpe said.

“But today is not about the ceremonial aspects of graduation; it’s about you. This day of great significance in the culmination of your hard work, your discipline, and your sacrifice,” he said.

“You have enriched us by your presence, and each of you is a link in the long unbroken chain of alumni who have gone before you.”

Two seniors scheduled to graduate in May, Danielle Richards and James Saunders, began the ceremony with a lively rendition of the National Anthem, followed by an invocation by the Rev. Fr. Harold Cullen, Ph.D., pastor of St. Jerome Roman Catholic Church in West Long Branch.

President Paul Gaffney welcomed Stephen Flanagan, senior vice president and Henry A. Kissinger Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), as the keynote speaker.

Before presenting Flanagan with an honorary Doctor of Laws, President Gaffney told the undergraduate and graduate degree recipients, “This will be a memorable and dignified ceremony celebrating your accomplishments.”

He went on to commend the graduates on their “new standard of peer responsibility” and lauded the efforts of Monmouth faculty, staff, and administrators who feel "quite lucky to be able to work with future leaders like you."

Accepting the honorary degree presented by John Garbarino, treasurer of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Flanagan said, “Thank you very much for this tremendous honor. I’m truly moved by it.”

He added that after two visits to the Monmouth campus, he has “been impressed with the vitality and dynamism of this university…The Hawks are truly on the rise.”

Flanagan drew upon the advice of leaders to guide Monmouth graduates. He encouraged them to rise above the adversity they may face.

“As we approach this anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday, we should be reminded of his example from an earlier time, a time of maybe even greater polarization in this country, that we can pursue differing dreams and hopes with respect and tolerance and without violence.”

He encouraged graduates to use the “critical and analytical skills” gleaned from their professors while studying at Monmouth, urging them to “listen to what others have to say before rushing to judgment.”

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Twenty-nine year old Kara Connelly earned her bachelor’s degree in psychology, with the help of G.I. benefits she received after her husband, Brian Connelly, a combat engineer with Company A, 40th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, was killed in Iraq in February 2009. The New Jersey Bankers Association also helped finance her degree.

Connelly, who also plans on attaining her master’s degree at Monmouth, said coming to school helped her focus on the future where she hopes to become a school counselor.
Edward Kwiatkowski is not an average student. At 22 he has already worked full-time for five years, become the guardian of his sister, and completed his bachelor’s degree in three-and-a-half years. According to a recent article in the Star-Ledger, “at most New Jersey colleges and universities, freshmen have a less than 50-percent chance of earning a bachelor’s degree within four years.”

While Kwiatkowski’s academic success defies the odds for most college students, it is only one small measure of his talent and determination.

Kwiatkowski was raised, along with his younger sister, Danielle, in a rundown trailer in Long Branch. Their father, a postal worker, died in 1999, and their mother died of a drug overdose in the early morning hours of December 2, 2006, when Ed was barely 18.

A 2007 article in the New York Times by Michael Winerip noted, “School officials who arrived after the police answered the children’s 911 call were surprised at how bad conditions were in the trailer: no heat, a hole in the floor, frozen pipes, broken windows.”

“How is it that some children falter, even with all the parental support in the world, and Ed and Danielle Kwiatkowski just keep going?” Winerip asked.

But Kwiatkowski is humble, and he’s looking forward to a financial career in the near future. As part of preparing for his career in finance, he took the actuarial exam on January 31.

Asked how he avoided the path taken by his parents, he said, “It just made sense to do the right thing. But I had to grow up a lot quicker because of that.”

As Kwiatkowski embarks on his career beyond the nearby Dunkin Donuts where he toiled at graveyard shifts in high school and college, he encouraged current Monmouth students to “join clubs and take advantage of extracurricular activities,” an option that wasn’t a viable one to him while juggling an accelerated academic schedule with full-time work.

“I wish I could have done an internship. The job search would have been easier,” Kwiatkowski said.

But he has no regrets and continues to adapt to every situation he faces. When one door closes, he seems to always find another one to open.

In addition to getting a full-time job in his field this year, Kwiatkowski also plans to marry his high school sweetheart and prom date, Joanne Martinez, in July. The couple has been together since their days at Long Branch High School where Kwiatkowski was the number one player on the tennis team, had a perfect attendance record, and graduated seventh in his class.

Mentoring and supporting Ed and Danielle along the way has been Noah Lipman, adjunct professor at Monmouth and history teacher at Long Branch High School.

“I teach exactly for the reason of having people like Eddie in my class,” Lipman said. “I’m very proud of him. He’s done exceptional work. He’s on his way.”

Kwiatkowski’s 20-year old sister is in her second year of the nursing program at Georgian Court University and on track to attain a B.S.N. in 2013.
Flanagan also addressed the economic environment that the newly minted graduates will face. "You are coming into the world at a tough economic time; there is a sluggish recovery and considerable uncertainty about the future," he said. According to Flanagan, "the jobless rate for Americans with at least a bachelor's degree rose slightly to 5.1%.

"That might sound bad, but it is still half of the rate for those who only have a high school diploma, and three times lower than for those who lack a high school diploma," he said.

"Those diplomas that you have worked hard to earn over the past few years will certainly improve your employment prospects," Flanagan added. He also stressed the changing nature of America's role in the global economy.

Before joining CSIS in 2007, Flanagan served as director of the Institute for National Strategic Studies and vice president for research at the National Defense University (NDU) for seven years.

Flanagan has also held several academic and research positions, including senior fellow at the Institute for National Strategic Studies; faculty member at the National War College, NDU; and executive director, Center for Science and International Affairs and faculty member at Harvard University’s Kennedy School; international affairs fellow, Council on Foreign Relations; and research associate, International Institute for Strategic Studies. MU

STEPHEN ALEX >

Stephen Alex, who graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Political Science, was an active student with big plans. A member of the Debate Hawks and Model U.N., Alex was also in the Cycling Club and ran in the New York Marathon as part of Team Kortney to benefit research for pediatric brain tumors.

“One thing that truly stands out as I reflect on my years as a political science student is that every member of the faculty is more than willing to meet each student more than half-way if you are willing to put in the effort to get the most out of your education.”

Alex plans to attend Navy Officer Candidate School in hopes of becoming a U.S. Navy SEAL. SEALS are the U.S. Navy's principal special operations force, with one of the toughest training programs for special operations in the world, but Alex has dreamed of meeting that challenge for years.
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**At top seed**

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SWIMMING with FLIPPER

Erica Wisniewski ’08 has a budding career swimming with dolphins. She swims with the children and grandchildren of “Mr. Gipper,” the bottlenose dolphin that performed tail-walking stunts in the 1963 movie, *Flipper*. She not only swims with dolphins; she trains, feeds, cleans and cares for them—even on holidays and in scorching hot weather.

*PHOTO: DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER*
Despite the long hours and hard work, Wisniewski said she has wanted to work with marine mammals since as a child she saw the movie *Free Willy*. Her dream came true last year when she was hired as a trainer at the Dolphin Research Center in Marathon, FL.

"I’ve always wanted to do it since I was a little girl," Wisniewski said, adding that her parents were always supportive of her career path. She tragically lost her father, Alan, who was working in the World Trade Center when the 9-11 attacks occurred. She said some of her fondest memories of her dad are when she accompanied him to Take Your Daughter to Work Day.

Part of his legacy was instilling in his daughter a love for animals and an unwavering respect for conservation and the environment.

Following graduation from Monmouth in 2008 with a double major in English and Elementary Education, in the spring of 2009 Wisniewski completed a postgraduate certification in Marine Mammal Training at the University of North Carolina. That summer she interned at Theatre of the Sea in the Florida Keys.

"My Monmouth degree has helped me in so many ways," Wisniewski said. As marine mammal trainer, she must draw upon a wide range of talents. It may be one career where public speaking ability is as valuable as strong swimming skills.

When asked if she had a favorite professor at Monmouth, she said, "I liked them all."

Her education background has especially helped her with the Special Needs Pathways Program—a one-week recreational, motivational and educational program for children and adults with special needs. Many of the children involved are autistic.

The individualized program is designed to help those with special needs work toward personal goals by teaching them how to communicate with, or exercise, the dolphins.

"They’re like my second family," Wisniewski said of her fellow staff. There are about 80 employees working at the center.

The Dolphin Research Center is a not-for-profit education and research facility founded in 1984, and home to a family of Atlantic bottlenose dolphins and California sea lions. More than half of the mammals were born at the center, while the other members came from other facilities.

In addition to ensuring a healthy environment for the dolphins and sea lions, Wisniewski and the staff assist marine mammals in distress in the surrounding waters of the Keys.

Even though she gets to “play” with dolphins like Calusa and Rainbow every morning for about 90 minutes, Wisniewski’s job is not all fun. She spends the first two hours of each day counting vitamins and preparing meals of squid, herring, and other fish in buckets for dolphins and sea lions.

She is also responsible for cleaning out the habitats at least twice a day.

When she has tackled the less-glamorous requirements of marine mammal care, Wisniewski leads DRC guest in programs like "dolphin dip," where visitors interact in the water with dolphins or the “paint with a dolphin” program where dolphins create artwork using mouth-held paintbrushes.

After nearly a year at the research facility, Wisniewski said she loves her job.

For decades, the center operated as the southernmost member of the Marine Mammal Stranding Network. They rescued and rehabilitated whales and dolphins, providing expert medical attention for marine mammals transitioning from the wild.

This network also provided the Center with invaluable opportunities for critical research and data collection. The center is currently the only facility in the Florida Keys licensed by the Federal Government to assist manatees in distress.

Although it was a movie about a captive Orca that inspired Wisniewski to become a marine mammal trainer, the research center boasts its own dolphin-related show business connections.

Mitzi, the bottlenose dolphin that starred in the 1963 movie, *Flipper*, and the television series of the same name from 1964 to 1968, was trained at Flipper’s Sea School, the facility that the Dolphin Research Center occupies today.

A life-size statue on the grounds of the center commemorates Mitzi as “the original Flipper.” The daughter and grandchildren of her tail-walking stunt-double, Mr. Gipper, still live at the Dolphin Research Center.

Today, the facility is no longer the "jump through a hoop" showplace that it was during Mitzi’s tenure. The dolphins aren’t penned—they are free to swim out to sea at any time. Most, including Mr. Gipper’s descendants, seem to enjoy human interaction and decide to stick around.

Wisniewski’s advice for students who want to pursue a career outside a 9-to-5 office environment is, "Stick to what you want to do. Just follow your dream."
The Gift of Knowledge
Gala Supports Scholarships

The Holiday Ball on December 4 raised a record $218,395 in scholarship funds for Monmouth University students. For the second consecutive year, the cornerstone fundraising event enjoyed increased attendance and garnered higher proceeds to help make higher education a reality for the leaders of tomorrow.
A hallmark of the social season at the Jersey Shore, the black-tie dinner in majestic Wilson Hall has grown in recent years from a one-night fundraising event into a year-long effort to sustain and increase sponsored (annually renewed) scholarships of $1,000 or more.

Volunteers on the Holiday Ball Committee assemble and strategize for the effort early in Monmouth’s fiscal year with a “Christmas in July” reception. The successful campaign raised more than $100,000 in one-year scholarships. Helaine Perlman, chair of the record-breaking 2010 event, was supported by a dedicated team of committee members. “They have given their time, energy, and creativity with one goal in mind—to provide deserving students with a chance to reach their goals and fulfill their dreams,” Perlman said.

Sol '65 and Carin Greenspan served as co-chairs for the live auction, which raised $19,500; Diane Cusa chaired the silent auction, which raised $18,525. Karl Gordinier, Jr. '62 was again Master of Ceremonies for the event; Lou Parisi ’74 and his Smooth Sailin’ Orchestra returned to provide musical entertainment that spurred dancing throughout the evening.

Three hundred and thirty six guests contributed to the event in 2010, up from 320 in 2009 and 302 in 2008. Professional designer Susan Musica created the table centerpieces, and for the 18th consecutive year decorated festive trees in the Great Hall with ornaments selected from her personal collection.

Volunteers from Two River Community Bank helped to sell $6,160 worth of raffle tickets for a bounty of gift certificates for fine-dining restaurants in the Monmouth area.

Interested in sponsoring a scholarship or securing an invitation to the next Holiday Ball? Contact Jan Connolly, director of Special Events at 732-571-3509.

To view a gallery of photographs from the event, visit: http://monmouthuniversityspecialevents.shutterfly.com/pictures/8.
JANUARY

JANUARY 18 – MARCH 11
Gallery Exhibition: Scott Nickerson & Timothy W. Jahn
Visions of Wilson Hall
Rotary Ice House Gallery
Free

JANUARY 24 – MARCH 11
Gallery Exhibition: Edward E. Jankowski
800 Gallery
Free

MARCH

MARCH 2 – 3
Performing Arts: We Eat Chekhov
Woods Theatre
8:00 PM
$35/$42

MARCH 6
Alumni Event: Baseball
Hawks vs. Florida Atlantic Owls
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton Campus
Game Starts at 1:00 PM
Pre-game and post-game events for alumni, family, and friends
For more information call 732-571-3489

MARCH 9
Alumni: Speed Networking Event
Rebecca Stafford Student Center
Anacon Hall A
6:30-8:30 PM
Reservations required: 732-571-3489

MARCH 10
Distinguished Business Leaders Dinner
Honoring Gary Puma ’99M
President & CEO of Springpoint Senior Living, Inc.
6:00 PM
Free

MARCH 13
Best of the Met: Live in HD
Iphigénie en Tauride – Gluck
Woods Theatre
7:00 PM
$35

MARCH 17
Provost Film Series: No Man’s Land
Panelists: Dr. Marina Vujnovic and Dr. Bojana Bercic
Pollak Theatre (with reception to follow)
7:30 PM
Free

MARCH 19
Alumni: Wine Tasting
Wilson Hall
6:00-8:00 PM
For more information call 732-571-3489

MARCH 20
Best of the Met: Live in HD
Lucia di Lammermoor – Donizetti
Pollak Theatre
1:00 PM
$22

MARCH 22
Visiting Writers Series:
Andrei Codrescu
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
Free

MARCH 23
Visiting Writers Series:
Andrei Codrescu
Wilson Hall Auditorium
4:30 PM
Free

MARCH 24
National Theatre: Live in HD
Danny Boyle’s Frankenstein – a play by Nick Dear
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
$22

MARCH 25 – APRIL 1
Fine Arts: First Senior Exhibition
800 Gallery and Rotary Ice House Gallery
Opening reception: March 25, 7:00-9:00 PM
Free

MARCH 27
Performing Arts: In the Mood:
A 1940s Musical Revue
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
$35/$42

APRIL

APRIL 2
Performing Arts: Roger McGuinn
Pollak Theatre
8:00 PM
$33

APRIL 3
Best of the Met: Live in HD
Lucia di Lammermoor – Donizetti
Encore Rebroadcast
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
$22

APRIL 4
Music Workshop
Wilson Hall Auditorium
1:00-2:30 PM
$20, or free with Roger McGuinn ticket

APRIL 5
Provost Film Series: Crazy Stranger
Panelists: Dr. Marina Vujnovic, Dr. Mihaela Moscaliu and Marianna Tepfenhart
Pollak Theatre (with reception to follow)
7:30 PM
Free

Baseball: Exhibition Game
Monmouth Hawks vs. Lakewood BlueClaws
FirstEnergy Park in Lakewood. Gates open 5:30 PM, First pitch at 6:05 PM
General admission tickets $5
Monmouth students free with ID
Global Understanding Convention: Keynote Address
The Jack and Lewis Rudin Distinguished Speakers Series
MARY ROBINSON
Former president of Ireland and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Wilson Auditorium
Lecture is free, but reservations are required. RSVP to IGU@monmouth.edu or call 732-923-4666

APRIL 14
Alumni: Hawks in Hoboken
Wicked Wolf Tavern
120 Sinatra Drive
6:00-8:00 PM
For more information call 732-571-3489

APRIL 15
Performing Arts: “Two Monuments”
Pollak Theatre
7:30 PM
$22/$30

APRIL 16
Performing Arts: Colin Hay
Pollak Theatre
8:00 PM [preceded by a Q&A session at 6:00 PM]
$33

APRIL 17
Best of the Met: Live in HD
Le Comte Ory – Rossini
Encore Rebroadcast
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
$22

APRIL 23
Best of the Met: Live in HD
Capriccio – Strauss
Pollak Theatre
1:00 PM
$22

APRIL 25 – MAY 1
Fine Arts: Annual Student Show
800 Gallery and Rotary
Ice House Gallery
(opening reception May 1, 1:00-4:00 PM)
Free

APRIL 30
Best of the Met: Live in HD
Il Trovatore – Verdi
Pollak Theatre
1:00 PM
$22

APRIL 30
TKE/TKB Reunion
Wilson Hall
For more information call: 732-571-3489

MAY 6
Best of the Met: Live in HD
Capriccio – Strauss
Encore Rebroadcast
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
$22

MAY 14
Best of the Met: Live in HD
Die Walkure – Wagner
Pollak Theatre
12:00 PM
$22

MAY 22
Best of the Met: Live in HD
Il Trovatore – Verdi
Encore Rebroadcast
Pollak Theatre
7:00 PM
$22

JUNE 4
Alumni: Reunion
Wilson Hall
For more information call 732-571-3489

To verify scheduling information, and see other campus activities, visit: http://events.monmouth.edu/BrowseEvents.aspx
For information about Alumni events call Alumni Affairs at 732-571-3489
For information about Performing Arts and Opera events call the box office at 732-263-6889
For information about other events contact Special Events at 732-571-3509
MEET THE JERSEY JACKHAMMER

ILLUSTRATION: ALYSSA CARROLL DESIGN
Gallinari, who skates as the “Jersey Jackhammer,” says roller derby names are like alter egos. “They can be as crazy, or as mellow as someone wants,” she said.

The governing body of the modern incarnation of the sport, the Women’s Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA), explains; “Derby skaters customarily adopt an alias or ‘derby name.’ Initially meant to complement the over-the-top spectacle envisioned by the progenitors, the names have stuck even as modern roller derby quickly evolved toward pure competitive sport.”

“I chose my name because everyone already was calling me Jersey,” Gallinari said. “I put the Jackhammer on the end because I felt it had a good ring to it. I also thought that it was a tough name—because jackhammers tear through things—just like I like to tear through the derby pack!”

Originally from Wall Township, Gallinari earned her B.A. in Communication with a minor in Health Studies at Monmouth in 2001. She gained experience with several talent agencies before working her way up to the position of CFO for the Michigan-based modeling company, One Source Talent. The New Jersey native moved to Michigan for two years and then settled in Nashville in June 2006.

Although Gallinari competes professionally in Tennessee, she first discovered roller derby at the Jersey Shore. On a visit home in the summer of 2008 she attended a pool party hosted by a friend who is a referee for the Jersey Shore Roller Girls. Several members of the team, including a former high school classmate, were also at the party. Gallinari, who enjoys staying physically active, found the sport fascinating. “It was just different,” she said. “Where else do you get to see girls in fishnets beating each other up for fun?”

After researching the sport online, Gallinari discovered there was a competitive roller derby team back home in Nashville. Gallinari soon attended a practice, purchased her derby gear, and has been hooked ever since.

She said the first step for aspiring derby competitors is "newbie training,"

A mild-mannered financial officer by day, Angela Gallinari ’01 transforms into a hard-charging roller derby blocker on evenings and weekends. Her team, the Nashville Roller Girls, has skated to first place in Tennessee two years in a row—and ranks in the national top-20 of derby teams.
which involves learning how to skate properly, learning techniques specific to derby tournaments, team drills, and other fundamentals needed to play the sport skillfully.

Gallinari also used her initiation and training period to develop a sense of her unique role on the team. Although she plays mostly as a pivot, blocker, or jammer, Gallinari said, “It’s best to learn all aspects of every position,” because they are closely related.

Despite the lingering image of rowdy, “pro-wrestling” style roller derby matches from its roots in the 1950s, Gallinari says there are more than 30 pages of rules that govern teams who participate in the thoroughly modern WFTDA.

Gallinari explains, “You can’t throw elbows to block or hit another player. You can’t cut the track in order to get through the pack. You can’t push someone from behind. Basically, there are parts of your body you can use to hit and parts that you can’t.”

In addition to the athletic benefits of the sport, Gallinari enjoys the new sense of kinship she has with her teammates, who have become a second family to her. They travel long and far together, and the athleticism and competition build camaraderie. “The friendships and bonds that I have made becoming a skater are amazing,” she said.

“I love the level of dedication that the girls on my team put towards this sport and the amount of time and effort that goes into becoming a better skater. If you are serious about it, roller derby gives you another purpose in life.”

The Nashville Roller Girls competed in Philadelphia’s Roller Derby Extravaganza last June, which marked the first time that her parents were able to see her skate professionally. Gallinari says she was glad they got to see her “take a rival down to the floor.”

Of her days at Monmouth, Gallinari said, “My experience helped me to be a better person overall.” The people she met, including her Alpha Sigma Tau sorority sisters, shaped her experience.

As a student, Gallinari found that balancing many priorities—as a member of the Greek Leadership honor society, Order of Omega; the Communication honor society Lambda Pi Eta; the Student Activities Board (SAB); and Pan-Hellenic council—helped her stay focused and to learn time management.

Gallinari said the year she was busiest at Monmouth was also the year she earned her highest grades. “Now I have so many things and it’s keeping me focused and happier,” she said.

Gallinari remembers several professors fondly from her time at Monmouth. She took public speaking with Professor Rich, and though she initially found it intimidating, she said, “It broke me out of my shell.” She had a weekly show with friends on WMCX called “Dan the Man and Angel Eyes,” and took a TV Broadcast class, where she learned behind the scenes operations.

“I used to be shy in high school, but then I went to Monmouth and made amazing friends, was involved in many organizations, and really came out of my shell. It was a complete ‘180,’” Gallinari said. “I learned so much about myself and the person I want to be.”

Gallinari’s commitment to her team was rewarded recently with her election to the board of directors of the Nashville Roller Girls. Her responsibilities include directing sales, sponsorship, ticketing, merchandise, and fundraising.

The Nashville Roller Girls will face off against the Kansas City Roller Warriors at the Municipal Auditorium in Nashville for the home-opener on April 23. Gallinari anticipates “a pretty intense bout, because we’re trying to get to first place.” Nashville is now the third best team in the South Central Region and ranked 18th worldwide.

She added that roller derby has “had an impact on my life like nothing else. My senior quote under my high school yearbook photo was, ‘Live to the fullest and let nothing stand in my way.’” Mission accomplished.
HESS: BEST 300 BUSINESS SCHOOLS

The Leon Hess Business School is an outstanding business school, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company features the school in the new 2011 edition of its book, The Best 300 Business Schools.

According to Robert Franek, Princeton Review Senior VP-Publishing, "We are pleased to recommend Leon Hess Business School at Monmouth University to readers of our book and users of our site, www.PrincetonReview.com, as one of the best institutions they could attend to earn an MBA. We chose the 300 business schools in this book based on our high opinion of their academic programs and offerings, as well as our review of institutional data we collect from the schools. We also strongly consider the candid opinions of students attending the schools who rate and report on their campus experiences at their schools on our survey for the book."

The Princeton Review editors describe the school as "a boon to area professionals looking to fast-track their careers." In addition, the profile highlights the addition of a “full-time accelerated MBA program that can be completed in one year” and “the expansion of its selection course formats, adding hybrid courses with an online component to its roster of traditional classroom courses.”

BIG PRESS FOR LEWANDOWSKI

Research on the nature of successful matrimonial relationships by Dr. Gary W. Lewandowski, Jr., associate professor in the department of Psychology, garnered extensive national media attention in January. Tara Parker-Pope wrote about Lewandowski’s research in The New York Times, and an appearance on CNN followed soon after on January 5.

Dr. Lewandowski’s research studies how individuals use a relationship to accumulate knowledge and experiences, in a process called “self-expansion.” His research shows that the more self-expansion people experience from their partner, the more committed and satisfied they are in the relationship.

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To measure satisfaction, Lewandowski developed a series of questions for couples: How much has being with your partner resulted in your learning new things? How much has knowing your partner made you a better person?

Tara Parker-Pope of The New York Times suggests, “While the notion of self-expansion may sound inherently self-serving, it can lead to stronger, more sustainable relationships.”

Lewandowski explains, “If you’re seeking self-growth and obtain it from your partner, then that puts your partner in a pretty important position. And being able to help your partner’s self-expansion would be pretty pleasing to yourself.”

"People have a fundamental motivation to improve the self and add to who they are as a person,” Lewandowski says. “If your partner is helping you become a better person, you become happier and more satisfied in the relationship.”

To take Lewandowski’s relationship quiz visit: http://psychcentral.com/quizzes/sustainable_marriage.htm
Thomas Adair, a senior biology major, was named the Designated Driver HERO of the Year at the annual award ceremony on January 25. The 21-year-old Adair, who was a midfielder on the men's soccer team, is the second Monmouth student to win the award.

The HERO Campaign, a non-profit organization, was established by Bill Elliott '95M to promote the use of safe and sober designated drivers following the death of his son, Navy Ensign John Elliott, who was killed in a head-on collision with a drunken driver on July 22, 2000.

"It's all about students taking care of students," said Head Softball Coach Louie Berndt. "For someone so young, so full of life that saw the good in everyone, she was just a person who you wanted to be around. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family for their loss. This team is very close and our chemistry and the love that we have for each other shall be our strength during this time."

Moorehead, a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Corona, CA, was projected to contend for the leadoff spot in Monmouth's batting order this season. She was the first pitcher in Eleanor Roosevelt history to throw a no-hitter and also was a standout track and field athlete for the Mustangs.

"She was hard-working and goal-oriented," Berndt said. "She left the west coast and her family to experience all the great things Monmouth and the Northeast had to offer. She wanted to see and do it all. She loved challenges and thought this would be a great place for her to begin her next journey. We lost a great one."

"The entire Hawk family already misses Janelle," added Vice President and Director of Athletics, Dr. Marilyn McNeil. "In her memory, her 450 fellow athletes, their coaches and administrators will prepare each and every day to compete with her passion and love for the competitive experience. We send our prayers and heartfelt condolences to Janelle's family."

A moment of silence in Moorehead's memory was observed on January 8 before the start of the men's basketball game.
Jeff Hood, coordinator of Veteran Services at Monmouth University, marched with members of the student Veteran's Association in the New York City Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2010. The student veterans group, which was formed in 2009, now has more than 40 members.

The Veteran’s Association was established to promote growth, understanding, awareness and charity for all veterans attending Monmouth University. The group meets weekly with Hood, a retired first sergeant in the United States Air Force, who acts as their advisor.

Monmouth was recently named to the 2011 list of Military Friendly Schools by G.I. Jobs magazine in the top 15 percent of all schools nationwide.

The Veterans Day Parade is a ritual for hundreds of thousands of Armed Service Members, their families and tourists. The event, which is widely covered by local and national media, has always been a reflection of patriotism, community spirit and respect for all who served our country in the military.

Terrance Bodak, class of 2012, is the winner of the CDW Computer/Business Award for the 2010/2011 academic year. Bodak, an Honors School student with a double major in Political Science and History, and a minor in Information Technology, boasts a GPA of 3.81.

His academic achievements include membership in Phi Alpha Theta, the History honors society and the Political Science honors society, Pi Sigma Alpha.

The CDW Computer/Business Award is awarded to a student pursuing an education within the Computer/Business field. The laptop computer is to aid in his/her learning experience while at Monmouth. Monmouth alumnus Kristofer MacDermant ’98, a senior sales director at CDW in Eatontown, established the award with his company.
A 1948 graduate of Asbury Park High School, Professor Benjamin began taking classes in 1955 when Monmouth was still operating after hours at Long Branch High School. While working on his bachelor’s degree, he joined Monmouth’s workforce as an Electronics Specialist and in 1961 received his degree. That same year marked the beginning of his 40-year teaching career at Monmouth. He received an MS degree from Newark College of Engineering in 1966.

During his 40-year tenure, Benjamin was rewarded for his inspirational teaching in 1977, when he received both the Distinguished Teacher Award from Monmouth and the Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Student Chapter.

From 1981 to 1986 he served as the acting dean and dean for the School of Science and Professional Studies. His attachment to Monmouth continued with his job as the Special Assistant to the Provost for Collective Bargaining in 1986-1988 and as chair of the Electronic Engineering Department from 1992 to 1996.

His successor, Dr. Jim McDonald, who still leads the department, called him his “mentor,” explaining that Benjamin helped him transition from the business world at Bell Laboratories to an academic one. “His electrical engineering students loved him,” Dr. McDonald said.

In 2006, Benjamin was given the Distinguished Alumni Award for his many years of dedication to Monmouth. “I became kind of an historian for Monmouth College...Whenever a problem came up, we’d come up with a solution,” he said that year when he reminisced about the days when Monmouth was in its infancy, adding that he fondly remembered being asked to make up a list of general rules for the college.

“There are so many folks that have contributed so much to Monmouth,” Benjamin said. “It has helped with the University’s continuity...It was a grand experience.”

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Phyllis; brother, Robert; daughter, Anne; sons, Rick and Jonathan, and four grandchildren.
POLLSTER OF THE YEAR FOR MURRAY

Patrick Murray, director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute, was named the 2010 Pollster of the Year by PolitickerNJ. "The political scientist's polls on the 3rd, 6th, and 12th Congressional districts were all bull's-eyes, and his focus on the New Jersey races kept journalists hopping," wrote the political observers in their year-end review.

Murray also appeared as #43 in PolitickerNJ's "2010 Power List" of the 100 most politically influential people in the state. To compile the list, the editorial staff of PolitickerNJ combed through the ranks of government staffers, political appointees, attorneys, lobbyists, media, labor unions, party leaders and anyone else who moves and shakes in the Garden State.

“Murray has released all of the head-turning polls this election season...The pollster is also a go-to pundit helping to explain the races he's polling.”

KOS: POLLING INSTITUTE LEAST BIASED

Monmouth University’s Polling Institute was found to be the second most accurate pollster in the 2010 mid-term election by Steve Singiser of The Daily Kos, an online political community with 2.5 million unique visitors per month and 220,000 registered users.

Singiser’s analysis also found that Monmouth’s polls had the least amount of partisan bias among 15 pollsters active throughout the fall campaign. In the weeks preceding the November 2010 election, Monmouth conducted polls in five states on 10 different Congressional races.

POLLING RESULTS

The Monmouth University Polling Institute, a leading center for the study of public opinion on important state, regional, and national issues conducted a number of groundbreaking polls in 2010.

- During the 2010 mid-term elections, the Polling Institute tracked 10 Congressional races in five states and correctly predicted the winner in nine of those contests. The other race was too close to call.
- Two years after Barack Obama's election, the Polling Institute found that 1-in-3 New Jerseyans believe his presidency has helped race relations in this country, while 1-in-4 say that it has actually hurt them.
- More than 3-in-4 New Jerseyans think it is important that the state preserves its Revolutionary War heritage.
- More state residents (69%) planned trips to the Jersey Shore in 2010 than in 2009 (59%).

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 5

10th ANNUAL
Global Understanding Convention Keynote Lecture
MARY ROBINSON
Former president of Ireland and U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights
Presented by the Jack and Lewis Rudin Distinguished Speakers Series
Wilson Auditorium
Lecture is free, but reservations are required.
RSVP to IGU@monmouth.edu or call 732-923-4666
Michael Hughes, a senior majoring in Political Science, was sworn in on January 3 as East Brunswick’s youngest-ever council member. The 21-year-old Republican took office along with newcomer James Wendell and incumbent Camille Ferraro.

“I’m looking forward to getting up to speed with everything and getting a handle on finances before trying to push through any initiatives,” said Hughes.

The East Brunswick native had previously served for three years as a member of the East Brunswick School Board.

Hughes and his running mates swept the general election in November, ousting Democratic incumbents Ed Luster and Catherine Diem while edging out Democratic challenger Peter Grimando.

Ferraro was named the new council president while Hughes was named vice president.

Township officials said the only other council members who were in their twenties when they were elected were Michael Baker in 1983 and Christi Calvano in 2002.

Hughes works as a research coordinator for state Sen. Jennifer Beck and Assemblyman Declan O’Scanlon ‘86.

Hughes said he credits much of his success and ambition to pursue a political science degree with Professor Joe Patten: “He’s a great sounding board, and he could teach almost anything and make it sound interesting.” In 2009 Dr. Patten was named the Distinguished Teacher of the Year at Monmouth University.

In addition to reunion classes marking anniversaries from 50 years (1961) to 5 years (2006), a special invitation is extended to all fraternity and sorority members from the 1960s and 1970s.

Join your fellow Greeks for a fun-filled reunion on June 4. Enjoy cocktails on the roof of Wilson Hall (weather permitting) and dinner inside the stately mansion.

Look for event details online at www.monmouth.edu/alumni, or call 732-571-3489.
In July, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) documented Monmouth University’s reduction of its carbon footprint by 11,299 Metric Tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CDE) since the University and the EPA signed a voluntary agreement in January 2009.

The agreement establishes a comprehensive, open-ended, and public commitment to build a more healthy and sustainable campus and community, and outlines environmental sustainability commitments for land, water and air, and addresses such areas as energy conservation, renewable energy, water conservation, solid waste, recycling, construction practices, landscaping practices and campus and community involvement.

Monmouth’s CDE reduction is equal to the amount of emissions from any one of the following examples:

- Annual greenhouse gas emissions from 2,160 vehicles
- Carbon dioxide emissions from 1,270,979 gallons of gasoline
- Carbon dioxide emissions from 26,277 barrels of oil consumed
- Carbon dioxide emissions from the electricity use of 1,371 homes for one year
- Carbon dioxide emissions from 470,792 propane cylinders used for home barbeques
- Carbon dioxide emissions from 151 tanker truck’s worth of gasoline
- Carbon dioxide emissions from the energy use of 962 homes for one year

Professor John Buzza’s fall entrepreneurship class has developed an environmentally-friendly solution for on-the-go water consumption. Bevo Water, whose motto is, “I drink. I care. I change.” is building a business around delivering an alternative to plastic water bottles using 100% recycled paper.

“This can be revolutionary. We want to change the way the world drinks water,” said senior Mychal Mills, who is the CEO of Bevo Water.

Bevo Water wants to offer consumers a sustainable water bottle, made of paper, as an alternative to more ubiquitous plastic water bottles which contain the industrial chemical, Bisphenol A (BPA). BPA, an estrogen-like compound found in polycarbonate plastic, can leach from plastic containers into water causing serious health problems.

Discarded plastic bottles also end up in oceans, eventually washing up on beaches, creating potential health hazards when the components break down and leak toxic chemicals into the sea. BPA has been shown to interfere with the reproductive systems of animals.

For more information about the project, visit www.bevowater.com.
The Public Relations program in the Department of Communication earned certification from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSSA) in October. Monmouth is the second college in New Jersey, and one of only 28 colleges in the world to earn the distinction. Certification in Education is granted by the PRSSA to colleges with exceptional public relations programs.

“This achievement reinforces our commitment to Monmouth University’s mission of preparing students to meet workforce needs,” said Dr. Chad Dell, chair of the Department of Communication. “The Public Relations Society of America is the largest and most prestigious organization in the PR profession,” Dell said.

Dell credited Professors Kristine Simoes and Sheila McAllister-Spooner as driving the effort for certification.

“The CEPR Program not only recognizes that we can hold our own in this industry, but it means that it enables us to lead our students into fields that are constantly changing and merging,” Professor Simoes said. “Our CEPR certainly helps signify that we have a direction for our future development.”

Dr. McAllister-Spooner explained, “Certification in Education means that our program has a sense of criteria.”

“It speaks volumes to the qualities of our public relations curriculum. They examined our curriculum and made sure that we met their standards. While they are the Public Relations Society of America, they also set the global standards. Our curriculum meets global standards,” she added.

According to Dell, the Public Relations program’s certification signifies Monmouth’s commitment to the future success of its students. “This vastly improves students’ employment potential because they graduated from an accredited program. This achievement will help them throughout their career. I’m really proud of this program, and I’m proud to work in an institution that supports its students and its faculty.”

Dr. Allen E. Milewski, associate professor of Software Engineering, received a Bright Idea Award on November 8 for his research work on Global Software Development. The award is sponsored by the Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall University, New Jersey Business Magazine, and the NJPRO Foundation – the public policy research affiliate of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA).

Each year these organizations present awards for the best research published by the faculty at New Jersey's colleges and universities.

Dr. Milewski received the award for co-authoring the paper, “Occurrence and Effects of Leader Delegation in Virtual Software Teams,” published in International Journal of e-Collaboration. The paper’s other authors were Suling Zhang (Renmin University, China), Marilyn Tremaine (Rutgers University), Richard Egan (New Jersey Institute of Technology), Patrick O’Sullivan (Center for Advanced Studies, Dublin, Ireland), and Jerry Fjermestad (New Jersey Institute of Technology).

Milewski received his Ph.D. in experimental cognitive psychology from Brown University.
The annual President's Society brunch, held each year on the Saturday of the last home football game, welcomed two distinguished guests back to campus – President Emeritus Samuel Hays Magill and President Emerita Rebecca Stafford. Dr. Magill and Dr. Stafford earlier attended a meeting of the Society of Trustees. The event marked the first time that three living presidents of Monmouth have met together.

Samuel Magill served as president of Monmouth College from 1980 to 1993. Rebecca Stafford, whose tenure included a name change from Monmouth College to Monmouth University in 1995, served from 1993 to 2003. The photograph was taken in the president’s office in historic Wilson Hall, where each chief executive officer helped to shape Monmouth’s destiny.

The President’s Society was established in 2005 and recognizes individuals whose annual giving totals $1,000 or more in a calendar year.

Two Monmouth University professors were recognized at the New Jersey League for Nursing 95th Anniversary and 2010 Nurse Recognition Award Gala in November.

The President’s Award was presented posthumously to Professor Kathleen M. Maher, RN, MSN, CPHQ, CNE for her service to nursing. She taught at the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies from 2004 until her death in July 2010, after a long and valiant battle with cancer.

Dr. Janet Mahoney, dean of the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies, described Maher as “a warm and caring person whose enthusiasm for education and nursing was evident in all she did.” She added, “Maher impacted the lives of countless nurses during her 45 years as nurse administrator and educator.”

Dr. Laura Jannone, who has been with Monmouth since 2000, received the New Jersey League for Nursing 2010 Nurse Recognition Award. She is the coordinator of the School Nurse Program, as well as a tenured professor and director of the nursing graduate program. Dean Mahoney said, “She is committed to students in every aspect of her work as evidenced by her perennial nomination for Teacher of the Year. Dr. Jannone’s outstanding leadership skills and caring behaviors are displayed in her advocacy for her students and the nursing profession.”

In addition, Monmouth student Jacqueline Dibernardo received the Kathleen M. Maher Scholarship, and Florence Armour MSN ’03 received a 2010 Nurse Recognition Award. Armour coordinates the stroke, robotic prostatectomy APN and brain tumor center nurse practitioner programs at Monmouth Medical Center.

The New Jersey League for Nursing supports and implements the mission of the National League for Nursing to promote excellence in nursing education to build a strong and diverse nursing workforce at the constituent level.
Joining the iPhone application released last year, Monmouth has released a new “app” for smartphones on the Android operating system. Up-to-the-minute campus updates, athletic highlights, sports schedules, campus events, and Twitter feeds are available using the app.

Alumni will find an interactive campus map and links to Monmouth’s YouTube video channel. Parents and prospective and current students can listen live to WMCX and easily access application checklists, class scheduling information, and current campus weather conditions.

The Android app can be downloaded from the Android Marketplace. The app developed for the iPhone and iPad has been downloaded more than 1,300 times in 16 countries including Australia, India, Switzerland, and China.

CHAMPIONS OF THE OCEAN AWARDS 2010

The Urban Coast Institute (UCI) in October hosted the 6th annual Future of the Ocean Symposium and Champions of the Ocean Award Ceremony in the Versailles and Pompeii Rooms of Wilson Hall. The 2010 theme was “Marine Biodiversity.” Pictured from left to right are: President Paul Gaffney; John Wnek ’87 ’94M, vice principal of Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science, who received the Marine Educator of the Year Award; Dr. Carl Safina, president and co-founder of Blue Ocean Institute, who received the Champion of the Ocean Award; Steve Zeck, volunteer at Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve, who received the Volunteer of the Year Award; Joseph Kyrillos Jr, NJ Senator, District 13, who received the Coastal and Ocean Leadership Award; and Tony MacDonald, director of the UCI.

The UCI was established in September 2005 as one of the University’s Centers of Distinction. UCI’s mission is to serve the public interest as a forum for research, education, and collaboration that fosters the application of the best available science and policy to support healthy and productive coastal ecosystems and sustainable coastal communities.
ACADEMIC AWARDS FOR WOMENS/MENS SOCCER

For a 13th straight year, the women’s soccer team earned a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) College Team Academic Award for the 2009-10 academic year in December. A team GPA of 3.0 or higher is necessary to qualify for NSCAA Team Academic Award; the Hawks logged an overall GPA of 3.34.

“We have created a long standing tradition of academic excellence within our program,” said head coach Krissy Turner. “Receiving this award every year I have been at Monmouth has become a standard we have set for ourselves. We are very proud of our student-athletes for their commitment on the field and in the classroom.”

The men’s soccer team also earned a 2010 NSCAA College Team Academic Award for a second straight year, logging a team GPA of 3.10.

The men’s team finished the 2010 regular season ranked #11 in the nation in the NSCAA/HendrickCars.com poll, and captured both the NEC regular season and tournament titles.

MCCOURT: NSCAA REGIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

In December head men’s soccer coach Robert McCourt was named the NSCAA/Mondo North Atlantic Coach of the Year for the third time following another stellar year for the Hawks who ranked #4 in the nation in September, and finished the season #11 before falling to Dartmouth in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

In January, McCourt’s team was selected as the top team by BigAppleSoccer.com for the second consecutive year.

McCourt led the Hawks to a 14-2-4 record in 2010, claiming the program’s sixth straight NEC Regular Season Title and second straight league tournament crown. The Hawks also hosted their second straight NCAA Tournament first-round match on the Great Lawn.
ATHLETICS

NEC AWARD FOR FOOTBALL

The football team was named as the Northeast Conference’s selection for the 2010 Football Sportsmanship Award, league officials announced in December.

Instituted by league presidents in 2008, the sportsmanship awards recognize the team in each conference sport that, in the opinion of its peers, most closely demonstrates good sportsmanship based on the NEC principles of sportsmanship and standards of conduct.

"At Monmouth we have come to expect that all of our teams and student athletes will display good sportsmanship through respect for our opponents and all involved with competition," said Vice President and Director of Athletics Dr. Marilyn McNeil. "I am happy that the football team was recognized for its efforts and this award remains a point of pride for our program."

FOLSOM: FIRST TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT II

In December wide receiver Ryan Folsom was selected for the CoSIDA/ESPN Academic All-District II First Team, marking the 11th straight year in which a Hawk has garnered first team all-district honors.

"It's a great honor for Ryan to be named among the region's best academically and athletically," said Monmouth coach Kevin Callahan.

Folsom finished with a team-high 394 receiving yards and was second on the team with 34 receptions for an average reception of 11.6 yards per catch. His 69 yard touchdown catch against Central Connecticut State was the longest play from scrimmage for the Hawks. A tireless worker on the MU special teams, he finished the season with 13 tackles. Folsom finished his career with 51 catches for 595 yards while compiling 22 career tackles.

He converted to wide receiver before the 2009 season after playing quarterback during his first two years at Monmouth.

The fifth year senior earns his first CoSIDA academic award after earning a 3.47 cumulative GPA. Folsom graduated in January with a degree in business marketing.

GAITLEY SCORES 450

The women's basketball team defeated Binghamton University, 60-51 on December 31 in the Second Annual Hawk Holiday Classic. The win was a milestone for Monmouth head coach Stephanie V. Gaitley, who recorded her 450th triumph as a Division I head coach.

Gaitley, in her third season at Monmouth, and 25th season as a head coach said, "Winning a lot of games means you're getting old and you have had a lot of good players. I want to thank all of our current players and all my former players and assistants for being part of this milestone. You're only as good as those you surround yourself with."

PHOTO: RICH BARNES

THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM DEFEATED BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY, 60-51 ON DECEMBER 31 IN THE SECOND ANNUAL HAWK HOLIDAY CLASSIC.
SIX EARN ALL-NEC FOOTBALL HONORS

Six members of the football team were selected to the 2010 All-Northeast Conference football teams in November.

Seniors Dave Ogden, Shawn Wright and junior Jose Gumbs were named First Team All-NEC while seniors Kendall Haley, Jack Daniels and Joe Hurley took home second team all-league honors.

Wright earns his third consecutive First Team All-NEC nod, marking the fourth time he has been named to an all-conference team. Monmouth’s starting right guard finishes his career as one of the most decorated offensive linemen in school history after appearing in 45 games, starting in 41 of them. He joins John Nalbone ’09 and David Sinisi ’10 as the only Hawks to earn All-NEC on four occasions.

Gumbs, a safety, earned back-to-back first team recognition after leading the Hawks in tackles for the third straight season. The former NEC Rookie and Defensive Player of the Year finished his junior season with 76 total tackles including 53 solo stops. Gumbs also had nine pass breakups, three tackles for a loss, an interception, two recovered fumbles and a blocked kick.

Ogden, a defensive end, earned All-NEC status for the first time after finishing with a team-high nine tackles-for-a-loss this season, including 4.5 sacks. The senior finished fifth on the team in tackles with 55 takedowns, two forced fumbles and an interception, which he returned for a touchdown. Ogden completed his career with 11.5 career sacks, which ranks 11th in school history.

Haley takes home his second all-conference honor after being named to the 2009 first team squad. The senior safety was second on the Hawks in tackles with 69 stops, while picking off a team-high three passes in 2010. Haley had nine pass breakups and finishes his career with 188 tackles and six interceptions.

Hurley, Monmouth’s starting left guard, earned his first All-NEC selection after helping solidify an offense that ranked second in passing among the nine league members. The fifth year senior appeared in 35 career games for the Hawks, starting 33 consecutive contests.

Daniels also earns his first all-league recognition after a solid senior season punting. The fifth-year senior finished second in the conference in punting average with 40.4 yards per punt, which was 25th among the nation’s punters. Daniels, who finished his career third among all-time Monmouth punters in total punts, punting average and punting yardage, had 11 of his 56 punts go for 50+ yards including a 70-yarder. He also had seven punts fair caught and 13 kicks inside the 20-yard line.

Monmouth ended the season with a 3-8 record (3-5 NEC), marking just the sixth losing season in the 18 years that the school has sponsored football. Monmouth suffered four one-point losses on the season.
Monmouth University Athletics can proudly boast that nine of its 19 Division I athletics programs during the 2009-10 academic year recorded perfect 1,000 Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores, as reported in the NCAA Division I 2009 - 2010 Academic Progress Rate Institutional Report.

The APR provides a real-time view of a team’s academic success by tracking the progress of each student-athlete during the school year. By measuring eligibility and retention each semester or quarter, the APR provides a clear picture of the academic culture in each sport.

"We expect every athlete to take his/her academic performance seriously," said President Gaffney. "This result says a great deal about the quality of our athletes and priorities of their coaches and athletic administrators."

The nine programs that earned a perfect score include men’s basketball, women's cross country, field hockey, women's golf, women's lacrosse, softball, women's tennis and the women's indoor and outdoor track and field teams.

Each Division I team calculates its APR annually based on the eligibility and retention of scholarship student-athletes. Teams scoring below 925 out of 1,000 can face penalties, such as scholarship losses and restrictions on practice and competition. Rates are based on the past four years of performance.

In 2009-10, the cumulative GPA of all 432 Monmouth University student-athletes was 3.07.

The men’s and women’s track and field finished fourth and fifth out of 36 schools at the Albany Great Dane Classic on January 21 at the Armory Track and Field Center. Monmouth’s men and women both recorded their best finish in several years at this meet; with the women earning four new Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division I qualifying marks.

"This was a competitive meet with many of the best teams in the East lining up," said head coach Joe Compagni. "In a lot of areas we responded to that well and stepped up with some great results."

A pair of field athletes led both squads as senior Vincent Elardo posted two first place finishes in the shot put and weight throw, while freshman Rachel Aliotta climbed the ranks in the Monmouth record books with her ECAC qualifying shot put mark.

Elardo set the new meet record in the shot put with his toss of 60’ 1”, which qualifies the senior for the U.S. Championships in Albuquerque, NM in February. The mark also moves him up to eight in the nation among Division I throwers vying for a spot at the NCAA Championships at Texas A&M in March. Elardo also registered a first place finish in the weight throw, registering a throw of 60’ 8.5”, making him the first Hawk to throw over 60’ in both events.

Aliotta recorded a throw of 45’ 9”, which sets the new Monmouth record, surpassing Lacy Johnson’s 1999 mark of 44’ 11.5”. Her throw also qualifies the rookie for the ECAC championships in March and the U.S. Junior National Championships in Oregon in June.

Sophomore Alison Day and junior Lindsey Walsh both qualified for the ECAC Championships in the high jump with a 5’ 7” mark. Day finished second overall, while Walsh took fourth.

Graduate student Christina Nelson recorded a time of 2:55.31 in the 1,000 meter run, good for second overall and qualified for ECAC Championships.

Symmone Fisher, a junior, recorded a fifth place finish in the weight throw, with a mark of 54’ 10.25”, an ECAC qualifying mark.
Bryan Meredith and Ryan Kinne were selected in the 2011 Major League Soccer (MLS) SuperDraft on January 13. The Seattle Sounders FC snagged Meredith in the second round, while Kinne went to the New England Revolution in the sixth pick of the third round.

"I'm ecstatic; to have the opportunity to go to Seattle is great; they were my number one choice of places I'd want to play," said Meredith. "To be able to train with (former U.S. National Team keeper) Kasey Keller, who is one of the best ever at the position, is an honor. They have great fan support in Seattle, and I am thrilled with this chance."

"It really hasn't sunken in yet that I can be called a professional now," said Kinne. "I just want to constantly continue to improve myself and help the team."

When asked about the opportunity to play for his hometown team, the Nau- gatuck, CT, native added, "I grew up a huge Revolution fan. When I was a kid, we used to go to their games all the time. I am ready to earn a spot and contribute to the team."

Meredith claimed his second straight all-region first team honor in 2010 after being one of the nation's top keepers this season. He earned his first All-Northeast Conference First Team accolade this year after making the second team a season ago. The senior captain led the NEC in goals against average (0.70), save percentage (84.2%) and shutouts (11) this season. Meredith, who was named the NEC Tournament Most Valuable Player in helping the Hawks advance to the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season, ended his stellar collegiate career with 36 shutouts and a 44-7-10 record.

"We are so excited for Bryan and his family," said Monmouth head coach Robert McCourt. "He is obviously a talented player, but he is also a wonderful young man. This is a tremendous opportunity for Bryan. Seattle is one of the top MLS franchises and has unbelievable fan support. It is an ideal place for him to develop into a top-notch professional soccer player."

Kinne, who became the first Hawk ever to earn back-to-back NSCAA First Team All-American honors, earned his second straight Northeast Conference Player of the Year award this season, and was one of only two repeat selections among the 15 men's semifinalists for the highest individual award in men's collegiate soccer, the Hermann Trophy. He also earned his third straight all-region first team honor in January.

Kinne was the Hawks' most consistent and dynamic offensive force this season, leading the team in goals (12), points (29) and game-winning goals (4), while tying for the team-lead with five assists. The senior captain, who was ranked in the top-10 nationally in most major offensive categories all season, was also a three-time first-team all-league member.

"This is great news for Ryan," added McCourt. "He has obviously had an incredible college career; now he gets drafted by his hometown club in MLS. I don't think we could have scripted it much better. Ryan has been such a positive role model on and off the field for us these past four years. I look forward to watching him grow as a professional player."

Meredith and Kinne helped lead Monmouth to four straight NEC Regular Season Titles and back-to-back league tournament crowns. This past season, the duo also helped the Hawks stay in the NSCAA National Rankings all season long.

"It's pretty special for me to see these two guys go through this process; I've been able to learn just as much from them as a coach as they've been able to learn from me," added assistant coach Hugh MacDonald '07, who played for the New York Red Bulls after his career as a defender at Monmouth. "Hopefully, my experiences through this process helped them as they prepared for the combine and now get set to prepare for their first MLS preseason."
KLIMENT EARNs ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Senior defender Ali Kliment was named to the 2010 ESPN Academic All-America Women’s Soccer Third Team in November. Kliment, a team captain, was one of 11 student-athletes in the District II region to be selected Academic All-District First Team. Kliment, a two-time first-team All-Northeast Conference selection, was also a first team regional selection last season.

In January she followed the achievement by being named to the 2010 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Women’s Scholar All-America Soccer Team.

Kliment, who just concluded her career with the Hawks, while earning a pair of Northeast Conference Championships, is a 3.99 GPA student-athlete, majoring in political science.

"From the moment Ali stepped foot on campus she has epitomized the term student-athlete," said head coach Krissy Turner. "To be recognized as one of the top 33 student-athletes in the nation is a remarkable accomplishment and a true testament to her commitment to succeed."

Dr. Marilyn McNeil, vice president and director of Athletics added, "As a University, we embrace the notion of a true student-athlete and Ali reflects our commitment to this philosophy. We congratulate Ali for this outstanding recognition."

The center back was named first-team All-Northeast Conference, and the NEC Defensive Player of the Year in 2009, while also earning the distinction of being tabbed the Northeast Conference Women’s Soccer Scholar Athlete of the Year. As a junior, Kliment was added to the ESPN The Magazine All-District 2 First-Team, and named to the NSCAA All-Northeast Region Second Team. She was also added to the NSCAA Scholar All-East Region Second Team.

In 2010, Kliment helped the Hawks to a second place league ranking in goals against average (.80) and goals allowed (15), while captaining a backline that blanked a then #17 Rutgers squad and defeated 2009 America East Champion Boston University to open the season and earn Monmouth its first ever national rankings.

Kliment, who was selected as a candidate for the 2010 Lowe’s Senior Class Award, started each of the 66 matches she appeared in for the Hawks.

HAWKS LAND ON NSCAA ALL-REGION FIRST TEAM

Five members of the men’s soccer team, which finished the 2010 regular season ranked #11 in the NSCAA/HendrickCars.com National Top-25, have been named to the NSCAA North Atlantic Region First Team, tying a school-record, which was set last season.

Senior Hermann Trophy semifinalist Ryan Kinne, now a three-time all-region first team selection, headlines the Monmouth contingent. He is joined on the first team by senior captains Bryan Meredith and Anthony Vazquez, as well as juniors R.J. Allen and Max Hamilton.

"It is an amazing accomplishment to have all of these players make the first-team all-region," said Monmouth head coach Robert McCourt. "It is a true testament to the hard work and effort they put in all season. Their commitment to our program is reflected in our team’s success. I am extremely proud of these young student-athletes and their achievements."

Vazquez, a senior who has another season of eligibility after transferring from St. John’s two seasons ago, earned his first all-conference honor this year, making the second team. The defender helped anchor a unit that led the league in goals against average, while ranking among the top-10 in the nation all season long.

Allen earns his second consecutive NSCAA North Atlantic Region First Team after also earning All-NEC First Team accolades this season. An attacking defender, Allen scored two goals and added four assists this season. Allen, one of the team’s top all-around players, also helped lead a defense that ranked atop the league and among the best in the nation, allowing 0.70 goals per game.

Hamilton earns his first all-region honor after claiming his second straight all-league second team distinction this season. Despite only logging a pair of assists this season, Hamilton was an invaluable member of the Hawks midfield in helping to lock down the opposition’s top offensive players.
Monmouth soccer standout and Olympic team captain Christie Rampone received yet another honor in December as she was chosen for the inaugural Northeast Conference (NEC) Hall of Fame. Perhaps the most recognizable women's athlete in NEC history, Rampone parlayed her success at Monmouth into a spot on the United States National Women's Soccer Team, a distinction she has held since 1997.

"I am truly excited to be a part of the NEC Inaugural Hall of Fame Class," Rampone said. "Monmouth University was the right choice for me when I entered college. The people at MU gave me the foundation and skills necessary to compete and lead at the highest level in my profession. Monmouth and the NEC are blessed to have such a wonderful athletic director, staff, coaches and president. Dr. McNeil and President Gaffney understand the value of sports in society."

The NEC Hall of Fame was established as a means to recognize, honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to NEC athletics and have helped to bring recognition, honor, distinction and excellence to both the Conference and its Division I athletic programs.

"Christie is well deserving of this prestigious award," said Monmouth women's soccer head coach Krissy Turner. "For her to be a two-sport star at Monmouth and to prove herself on the national and international stage representing our country in women's soccer is special."

She took over as player-coach of the Sky Blue of the Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) league in 2009 and quickly turned around a struggling team and led it to the inaugural WPS championship. She was subsequently named WPS Sportswoman of the Year and was honored as "The Most Respected Mom in Sports" last year.

"We couldn’t be more proud of her legacy and her continued success, never forgetting her roots and her responsibility as a wonderful role model for all who follow," said Dr. Marilyn McNeil, vice president and director of Athletics at Monmouth.

The Philadelphia Eagles signed John Nalbone ’09 to a futures contract on January 11. Nalbone was a fifth-round draft pick in 2009 for the Miami Dolphins, making him the second Hawk, after Miles Austin, to play in the NFL.

Nalbone played two games this season for the Dolphins but was released in September. He later spent time on the practice squads of the Minnesota Vikings and Denver Broncos.

As a senior in 2008, the First Team All-Northeast Conference selection led the Hawks in receptions, yards and touchdowns with 42, 491, and five, respectively. Nalbone finished his career at Monmouth as a four-time all-conference selection (twice on the first team) with 101 catches for 1,079 yards and nine touchdowns, all records for Monmouth tight ends.

He was also the second Hawk to be selected to the American Football Coaches Association (FCS) All-America team.
Two former Monmouth athletes, football standout Miles Austin and basketball player Matt Morgan, have been immortalized in plastic as action figures released in late 2010. Austin joins Donovan McNabb, Tim Tebow, and Mark Sanchez as selections in series 23 of NFL players from McFarlane Toys.

In January, Austin marked his second consecutive 1,000-yard season with 1,041 yards on 69 catches. In his action figure, Austin appears in a "retro" uniform and is designated as a premiere-level collector's item by McFarlane Toys.

Before a Miles Austin action figure was officially produced by McFarlane, die-hard fans created their own customized versions using parts from other figures produced by McFarlane.

Matt Morgan, who was a member of the 1996 men's basketball team that advanced to the NCAA tournament, had his second action figure released by Jakks Pacific. Now a professional wrestler with Total Nonstop Action (TNA), Morgan was selected for series 3 of the "Deluxe Impact" TNA action figures.

Morgan's previous action figure, also by Jakks Pacific, was produced in 2004 when he wrestled for World Wrestling Entertainment.

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Painter previously served as director of Hudson County Visits and manager of Clinical Leadership for Bayada Nurses. Her 22-year career includes 19 years with the VNA of Central Jersey. She is also a member of the New Jersey State Nurses Association and National Honor Society for Nursing.

Painter is also pursuing a Ph.D. in Nursing from Rutgers University, which she anticipates completing in 2015.

Ann M. Painter '06, M.S.N. '08, graduate professor of Health Informatics at Monmouth University, was appointed president and CEO of the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Somerset Hills in October.

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Brenda Terrell ’75M was one of 10 women profiled in “The Joy of Giving,” in the December 2010, issue of In Jersey magazine. “These women work behind the scenes and would rather be outside the limelight… They truly make a difference in theirs and others’ lives, and we salute them,” wrote staff writer, Nancy Shields.

The In Jersey article lauded Terrell’s volunteer efforts at St. Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church in Asbury Park, where she has helped run the St. Vincent de Paul Conference, which helps people with their rent, utilities, burial expenses, and makes referrals for food and clothing needs. She was president for 12 years and is now vice president.

“Volunteering just ran in the family – that was the thing to do,” Terrell told In Jersey. “You had to help someone other than yourself,” she said.

For most of her adult life, Terrell worked in education, first as a teacher at Ridge Avenue Elementary School and then as supervisor of curriculum and instruction, until retiring six years ago.

Her husband, James L. Terrell ’71M, is a retired assistant superintendent of the Neptune School District.

Their daughter, Brenda Terrell Walker ’94M, is an elementary school teacher, and son, Jerard L. Terrell ’04M, is the principal of Summerfield Elementary School in Neptune.

“She’s a really terrific leader of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Peter Claver,” said the Rev. William McLaughlin, rector of Our Lady of Providence Church of Neptune.

The Rev. R. Bentley Anderson ’86M, S.J., Ph.D., the Loyola Chair in History at Fordham University, was elected as a trustee of Loyola University of New Orleans with a term beginning in August 2010. More recently, he was elected to a three-year term as a member of the Executive Council of the American Catholic Historical Association, beginning in January 2011.


Anderson earned his master’s degree in History at Monmouth while serving as a captain in the United States Army, acting as Aide-de-Camp to Major General Robert D. Morgan, the Commanding General of the Communications Electronics Command at Fort Monmouth.

He went on to earn an M. Div. from Regis College at the Toronto School of Theology at the University of Toronto and his Ph.D. from Boston College.

Provost Thomas Pearson, who was Anderson’s advisor during his studies at Monmouth, said, "Bentley was an outstanding student in my classes and in the M.A. in History program. He was also a great participant in the first tour group that I led to the USSR in 1986."

"For obvious reasons I take great pride in his academic success, his great leadership and his important spiritual mission," Pearson said.
COLOR COVERS THORNTON

Dr. Yvonne Thornton ’69 was featured on the cover of the October 2010, issue of Color Magazine. The article, “Something Proven: The Legacy of Dr. Thornton,” by Brigit Brown, chronicles Dr. Thornton’s life journey and the motivation behind her third book, Something to Prove: A Daughter’s Journey to Fulfill a Father’s Legacy.

Something to Prove picks up where Dr. Thornton’s national bestseller, The Ditchdigger’s Daughters, left off. The Ditchdigger’s Daughters was translated into 19 languages and adapted into a made-for-television movie.

“My entire life,” Thornton told Color Magazine, “was in that first book, but there were so many people asking for another book. Over the years I wanted to be like Margaret Mitchell with Gone With the Wind or like Ralph Ellison with Invisible Man – one book and that’s it. Then my kids grew up and they’re doing well now, and one person said, ’you have to tell us how you raised your kids,’ and that was why I wrote this one.”

As part of Vanity Fair magazine’s “Writers Reading” series, Dr. Thornton recorded an excerpt of her book in December which can be heard by visiting: http://tinyurl.com/4rccbf.

Dr. Thornton is a maternal-fetal medicine specialist (high-risk obstetrician) who has delivered more than 5,500 babies. She is currently clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at New York Medical College and a perinatal consultant at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, NY.

“Never be satisfied with what you are doing right now,” Thornton told Color Magazine when asked about keys to success, “Always try to do better.” For a complete schedule of her speaking engagements, visit: www.doctorthornton.com/upcoming.

3M AWARD FOR RICCIARDI

Richard Ricciardi ’86M was one of 25 individuals nationwide to receive the 2010 3M Community Volunteer Award for his efforts at Monmouth University.

Ricciardi, who retired from 3M, is vice chair of the Monmouth University Business Council and government affairs manager for Graceway Pharmaceuticals, LLC. The Business Council, operating in concert with the Leon Hess Business School, encourages and promotes a healthy business-to-University and business-to-business relationship.

Robin Torgerson, vice president, 3M Community Affairs, said, “The 3M Community Volunteer Award allows us to thank those outstanding volunteers who go above and beyond for others.”

Ricciardi participates in a wide variety of University events including the Business Leaders Dinner, the annual H.R. Young Lecture Series, the Holiday Ball Committee, and Estate Planning Seminars. He is also a familiar face at less formal events like basketball games, Homecoming, and the annual Candlelight Dinner Tour, which helps introduce non-alumni to the educational community.

As a result of Ricciardi’s recognition, the 3M Foundation donated $1,000 to Monmouth University, which was Ricciardi’s nonprofit of choice. St. Paul, MN, based 3M is a $23 billion diversified technology company with leading positions in electronics, telecommunications, industrial, consumer and office, health care, safety and other markets.

In addition to being honored at a November 30 event sponsored by 3M, Ricciardi was recognized by President Gaffney at the December meeting of the Business Council.
GOLDEN ELECTED SHERIFF

Shaun Golden ’99 was elected as Monmouth County Sheriff in November, and sworn into office on January 6. Golden was named as acting sheriff last January when the previous sheriff, Kim Guadagno, became New Jersey’s first lieutenant governor.

Golden is the chief executive of the 609-member, $67 million agency, which consists of three divisions: law enforcement, communications and corrections. He is also an adjunct professor in the Monmouth University Department of Political Science and Public Policy.

“I am both humbled and honored to have won the election and look forward to serving the residents of Monmouth County as sheriff,” Golden said. "I am even more excited to do so as an alumnus and professor at Monmouth University."

Prior to his appointment as acting sheriff, Golden served in the role of undersheriff where he ran the Monmouth County Regional 9-1-1 Communications Center and the operations of communications and computer networking equipment for county and municipal agencies. He was a career law enforcement officer for 18 years, starting out as a police officer with the Colts Neck Police Department, before moving on to the Toms River Police Department in that same capacity.

Golden also worked as a certified paramedic for MONOC, serving Monmouth and Ocean Counties, and was a volunteer firefighter and EMT. He holds a master’s degree in Administration from Seton Hall University and is a New Jersey Certified Public Manager.

FLASHBACK FOR FRIEDLAND

In October, Sony/Bar None Records re-issued an expanded edition of the 1967 Columbia Records debut of Stephen Friedland ’63 who performs as “Brute Force.” Friedland’s album, 1, Brute Force-Confections of Love, has been described as “one of the strangest and strongest albums of 1967,” and “quite possibly the greatest album you’ve never heard.”

Friedland is best known today for his 1969 song, "The King of Fuh," which was arranged by George Harrison and admired by John Lennon. After a short press run of 2,000 copies on The Beatles’ Apple Records label, the single was quashed from further distribution by Capitol/EMI executives, making Brute Force the rarest artist on Apple Records.

Before his solo album, Friedland was a keyboardist and songwriter for The Tokens, known for their hit, “The Lion Sleeps Tonight.” He also wrote The Chiffons’ 1965 hit “Nobody Knows What’s Goin’ On (In My Mind But Me).” His version of the song appears as a bonus track on the re-issue of Confections of Love.

At Monmouth, Friedland wrote a column for The Outlook, “From Behind the Beard,” and Monmouth’s literary review, Monmouth Letters, now called the Monmouth Review.

Friedland continues to perform regularly, most frequently at The Players, located in a Greek Revival townhouse facing historic Gramercy Park in New York City, with his daughter and frequent collaborator, Daughter of Force, aka Lilah Friedland.

Razor Films, an independent feature film development, production, and finance company based in Los Angeles, is developing a documentary film project about Friedland.
COMMUNICATING LOVE
Stephanie Bennett, Ph.D. ’01M
[2010, Linus Publications, Inc. $24.00]

*Communicating Love* is a guide for those wishing to improve their relationships by honing their personal communication skills without the involvement of modern technology like texting and emailing. It offers specific suggestions for those looking to strengthen their relationships in the face of a media-saturated society.

Dr. Bennett is an associate professor of Communication and Media Studies at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, FL. She is also director of Communication for the Media Ecology Association, Division Chair of Communication Studies for the Religious Communication Association, a member of the National Communication Association and a member of the International Jacques Ellul Society. She released her first original music project in 2005, “Toward the Lamb.” Married to her musician/drummer husband, Earl, since 1983, she is the mother of three grown children and grandmother of two.

LIFEGUARDS OF THE JERSEY SHORE
Bernard Olsen ’69, Edward Olsen ’09M, Michael Fowler ’77

*Lifeguards of the Jersey Shore*, which includes many photographs, is a compelling story of how and why modern ocean lifeguarding emerged on the New Jersey Shore. A state-wide perspective of beach patrols, from Sandy Hook to Cape May, emerges. Lifeguard gear, from then and now, reflects how technology has enhanced ocean rescue’s effectiveness.

The authors are all Jersey Shore natives. Michael Fowler has been lifeguarding every summer since 1964. Bernard Olsen is also the author of *Upon the Tented Field* and *A Billy Yank Governor* as well as many articles. Edward Olsen is a health and physical education teacher and coach who serves as a lifeguard captain in Long Branch.

SHAGGY SIX: TRIBUTE TO A FALLEN SOLDIER
Mike Manger ’70
[2010, Vantage Press, $14.95]

*Shaggy Six* is an account of one soldier’s brutal, and at times, life-changing experiences in Vietnam as part of a 125-member squadron, including his involvement in the Tet Offensive. He dedicated his memoir to the late Colonel Lawrence H. (Pete) Johnson, who was his superior officer in the 7th Squadron 17th Air Calvary.

Manger was drafted in 1966, serving in Vietnam as a door gunner and crew chief for 650 combat missions until 1968. He later worked in the electric utility industry for many years, including as a Second Class Tester at First Energy.
THE COMPLETE REFERENCE GUIDE TO ME: THE WORKBOOK FOR HER AND THE COMPLETE REFERENCE GUIDE TO ME: THE WORKBOOK FOR HIM
Candice Huddy ’94, T.P Kenny
(2010, CreateSpace, $19.95)

The two reference guides, which are now in their fourth editions, are designed to help couples improve their communication with and appreciation for each other. Following a workbook style, The Complete Reference Guide to Me presents questions to each partner and then invites the two to exchange their answers.

Huddy has been a creative director and strategic marketing consultant for Fortune 500 companies, small businesses and professionals for the past 16 years.

THE DECOY ARTIST: AMERICA’S LAST HUNTER-CARVER
David F. Giannetto ’90
(2010, Pelican Publishing, $27.74)

The Decoy Artist showcases the work and the life of Vincent Giannetto III, one of America’s world-class decoy carvers. Sixty-two photographs of decoys capture the essence of his work, while the text recounts his unique life as a river rat and hunter-carver active along the wetlands of the Delaware River.

Giannetto has been a guest at the White House, where his work was displayed on the White House Christmas tree and subsequently placed in the Smithsonian Institute. His story is an elegy for a vanishing way of life.

David F. Giannetto is an award-winning decoy carver and wildlife photographer, as well as an apprentice to his father, Vincent Giannetto III.

BROKEN BULBS
Eddie Wright ’05
(2009, ’86 Newman, $12.95)

Broken Bulbs is a novella telling the story of Frank Fisher who is involved in a twisting mystery full of addiction, desperation and self-discovery. Described as cult fiction, Broken Bulbs explores the raw emotions of a character learning how to survive.

Wright, who also adapted Broken Bulbs into a screenplay, lives in San Francisco. He also writes about cult and underground movies. He is a member of Backword Books publishing collective.
**CLASS OF 1962**

KARL D. GORDINIER JR (Ed.) and his wife, Vera, celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary on November 17. Gordinier is a career consultant at Monmouth University. He was president of the Alumni Association from 1971 to 1972 and received the association’s Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1984.

**CLASS OF 1963**

STEPHEN FRIEDLAND (Psych.), who performs as “Brute Force,” had his infamous song, “King of Fuh,” included on a new anthology, Come and Get It: The Best of Apple Records. Friedland’s song is one of 21 chosen to represent the history of the music label launched by The Beatles in 1968. Friedland is in good musical company with other artists including James Taylor, Billy Preston, and Badfinger. The anthology was released in October 2010.

**CLASS OF 1965**

HAROLD L. HODES (Poli. Sci.), a life trustee of Monmouth University, appeared on PolitickerNJ’s “2010 Power List” of the 100 most politically influential people in the state. Clocking in at #76, PolitickerNJ describes him as a veteran lobbyist who has “shown tremendous staying power in a business known for turnover.”

**CLASS OF 1966**

JOHN A. CASADIA (Bio.), a member of the South Jersey Coaches Association’s Hall of Fame, is a speaker for the American Swimming Coaches Association. A swim coach and biology teacher for more than 40 years, Casadia won 19 straight conference championships and holds the state record of 402 wins as the swimming coach for Vineland High School. He started the swim program in 1973. Casadia still coaches during the summer at Dolphin Swim Club in Vineland and is the recipient of the Rotary Club’s Paul Harris Award.

JOHN W. KELLEY (Elem. Ed.) (M.S.E. ’72), CEO of MicroFone InfoService, was named Cambridge Who’s Who Professional of the Year in Communications & Technology. Only two male and two female members of each discipline are selected as professionals of the year. Kelley spent the majority of his career with the Edison Township School District, where he became the first school teacher to bring computer training into the classroom in 1984.

PAUL E. KOVACS (Bus. Adm.), senior counsel at Armstrong Teasdale, was named as the “St. Louis Best Lawyers Legal Malpractice Lawyer of the Year” for 2011. He concentrates his practice in litigation, primarily in the areas of construction, commercial and products liability. Kovacs has tried more than 200 cases to a jury verdict and has been involved in some of the largest cases tried in Missouri.

WILLIAM J. SETTE (Socio.) was honored in October with an Ann Klein Advocate Award by the Community Health Law Project (CHLP). He is president and CEO of Preferred Behavior Health of NJ. CHLP is a statewide nonprofit advocacy and legal services organization, which honors state residents for their contributions to improving the lives of those with disabilities.

**CLASS OF 1969**

LINDA (MEEKER) SCHOTTLAND (Ed.) is retiring from Rumson Country Day School in Rumson after 50 years of service. She first started as a coach in 1959 while earning her degree from Monmouth. She later became a teacher in 1965 and then the school’s business manager in 1982.

DR. YVONNE THORNTON (Bio.) was interviewed on the Leonard Lopate show on WNYC on January 6. The interview can be seen online at http://www.wnyc.org/shows/lopate/2011/jan/05/something-prove. Dr. Thornton is touring to promote her new book, Something to Prove. For a complete schedule of her speaking engagements visit: www.doctorthornton.com/upcoming.
CLASS OF 1970

RICHARD BRUER (Hist.) and his partner, Peter Bonfa, won the national 60 and over U.S. Tennis Association-sanctioned men’s doubles championship on December 5, 2010. The tournament was held at the Longboat Key Tennis Center in Sarasota, FL. Bruer lives in Clearwater.

Dr. Nancy (Weston) Levy (Hist.) was remembered by her best friends, Jeanne (Copeland) Chambers (Elem. Ed. ’70), Meryl (Barontuch) Gross (For. Lang. ’70) and Susan (Johnson) Seroff (Lib. Studies ’68), following her death from cancer on October 18, 2010. Levy was a professor of Art and Art History at St. Cloud State University, MN. She also designed and taught a course, “Holocaust and the Visual Arts.” She is survived by her husband, William; sons, Larry and Seth; granddaughter, Isabelle; and her sister, Susan.

CLASS OF 1971

JOHN BUZZA (Bus. Adm.) received the 2010 Alumni Service Award for his outstanding leadership and dedication to Monmouth University. He was presented with the award in October of last year at Homecoming. Buzz is a specialist professor in the Leon Hess Business School and the director of the Monmouth University Center for Entrepreneurship.

DR. LAWRENCE A. DOBRIN (Bio.), the Chief Forensic Dentist for the five boroughs of New York City, spoke to students interested in careers in forensics, dentistry, and biology on December 7, 2010, at Monmouth’s H.R. Young Auditorium in Bey Hall. Dr. Dobrin has been prominently involved in the identification of victims of disaster including the World Trade Center attacks, U.S. Air flight 405, American Airlines flight 587, and in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. He spoke at the invitation of Alpha Phi Sigma, the Criminal Justice honor society.

CLASS OF 1972

STEPHEN M. MARZ (Ed.) is the new Delaware State Archivist and director of the Division of Public Archives, an agency that preserves valuable state and local government records and ensures ready access to those records in a variety of forms. He had been the deputy director of the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs since 2005. He lives in Long Neck, DE.

RONNIE SPIEWAK (Engl.) was the focus of the first solo exhibition presented by the City Gallery in Washington, D.C. Her show, “Leaves, Words and Screens,” debuted in January. Spiewak, who works at Passageways Studio in Riverdale, MD, specializes in collage artwork.

BEVERLY G. THOMPSON (Sp./Comm./Theat.), an adjunct for New York University’s School of Continuing & Professional Studies in the Writing and Speech Program, was nominated for the...
Maxwell Medallion by the Dog Writers Association of America for excellence in writing from more than 600 entries. The nomination was for the Winter/Spring 2010 newsletter, The Ruff Times, which she originated and edited for St. Vincent’s Hospital in New York City as the Pet Services Program Coordinator on behalf of the donors and volunteers.

CLASS OF 1977

DEBBIE REDDEN (Ed./Art) exhibited her artwork, “The Coastlines,” at The Guild of Creative Art in Shrewsbury from November 14 through December 8. Redden’s work, which included watercolors as well as her recent oils, complimented the works of Anthony Migliaccio, who also had his acrylics and oils on display. Redden was a professor of Methods of Teaching Elementary and Secondary Art at Monmouth University from 1988 until 2006. She also taught art locally for 25 years, with her last job at Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School.

CLASS OF 1978

CHARLES MULLER (M.B.A.) is the new business administrator for the Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District. He had previously been the school business administrator for Atlantic and Cape May Counties.

CLASS OF 1981

ANNE HRUZA (Bus. Mgmt.) and DENIS HRUZA (Chem. ’68) recently took a trip to Croatia, which included a voyage aboard a small ship exploring some of the 1,185 islands along the Dalmatian coast of Croatia. Hvar, famous for lavender, and Korcula, birthplace of Marco Polo, were two of their favorite spots. In photograph, Anne and Denis overlook Dubrovnik harbor.

ED KIVIOR (Bus. Adm.) joined Buffalo, NY-based M&T Bank as a vice president for business banking. He previously worked at Xenith Bank, Bank of America, and Wachovia.

CLASS OF 1982

SUSAN DOOLAN (Bus. Acct.) was featured in the "Working Woman" section of the Asbury Park Press in November. She and her sister, Joanie, now run their parents' business, Doolan’s, which was started in 1954. Now called Doolan’s Shore Club (www.doolans-shoreclub.com), the 60-room hotel, restaurant and banquet complex in Spring Lake Heights recently underwent a major renovation.

CLASS OF 1986

ROBERT DAVIS (M.S. Comp. Sci.) was named vice president of business development for SRA International’s National Security Sector, where he will establish and lead an integrated team of senior business developers, capture managers, technical solutions architects and proposal managers. He had previously worked for 22 years at Lockheed Martin Corp.
JOHN MAYER (Bus. Fin.) is a sales team leader for LEASENET, the technology finance subsidiary of Huntington Bank in Columbus, OH. He has previously held leadership roles with such firms as CHG-Meridian US Finance, IBM Global Financing, Comdisco, General Electric and AT&T Solutions.

CLASS OF 1990
PATTI KOTUSKY (Bus. Mgmt.) was hired as the operations manager for North Mill Capital in Princeton. With more than 20 years of experience, she most recently served as an account executive for Sovereign Business Capital. Kotusky recently also was appointed as first vice president for 2011 for the Philadelphia Chapter of the Commercial Finance Association.

ANNA (MURPHY) SMALL (Engl./Anthro.) and Bookstrand Publishing are releasing Small’s second romance novel, Taking A Chance on Forever, in March 2011. Her first novel, Tame the Wild Wind, was released by The Wild Rose Press last May.

CLASS OF 1993
ERIN (BROWN) O’MARRA (Bus. Fin.) and her husband, Brendan, welcomed son, Brady Pierce, November 29, 2010. He joins big sister, Kayla (5), and big brother, Garrett (2 1/2). The family lives in Bethel, CT.

CLASS OF 1994
FRANK HALLORAN (M.S. Comp. Sci.) is the principal engineer at Scientific Research Corp., an advanced engineering company that was founded in 1988 to provide innovative solutions to the U.S. Government, private industry, and international markets. He had previously been an engineer at Lucent.

CLASS OF 1996
NICOLE NETELKOS-GOETCHIUS (Engl./Ed.) owns Om Baby Yoga and Movement Studio in Point Pleasant Beach (www.ombabyyoga.com) where she teaches yoga, dance, music and art to all ages. She is married to Alexander Goetchius, an engineer with Antenna Software in Jersey City. Nicole, who has two children, Lukas, 7, and Noelle, 1, is enrolled in a master’s program in Holistic Health at Georgian Court University.

RICHARD O’MALLEY (M.A.T. Psych. Couns.) (M.S.E. ’99) is the new superintendent of Edison School District, which has about 14,500 students. He had previously been the superintendent of the Matawan-Aberdeen school system.

CLASS OF 1998
ANTHONY BELTEMPO (Comm.) was the 2010 Homecoming parade grand marshal in October. Beltempo, who is the creator of the reality television show, Jersey Shore, is the producer of VH1’s top-20 weekly video countdown show.

ANTHONY GRIECO (Sp. Ed.) is the new director of special services for Elmwood Park School District. He was previously the athletic director and assistant principal at Elmwood Park Memorial High School. In his new role he will supervise 510 students, both in and out of the district.

CLASS OF 1999
CLINTON M. MARSHALL (Bus. Fin.) is a sales representative with Vantage Pointe, Inc., a specialty surface finishing and plating company in East Brunswick. He was previously a financial analyst for a Fortune 500 company.

DANIEL A. JIMENEZ (Comm.) recently opened a private law practice, the Law Office of Daniel A. Jimenez, P.C., in Bohemia, NY. His practice focuses on estate litigation, estate planning, special needs planning and guardianship. He graduated from Touro College, Jacob J. Fuchsberg Law Center in 2007.

STEPHEN C. KAUFMAN (Bus. Mgmt.) is engaged to marry Jennifer Thiemann in May 2011. He is a consultant at Verizon Communications, and his fiancé is a senior associate at KPMG in New York, NY.

AMY YAO (Hist.) (M.A.T. ’01) has a care package/baking business (amysbaked-goods@gmail.com), where she makes homemade baked goods to send to college students, military personnel and others. She also works at Project Extend in Ocean Township at Wana Massa Elementary School.
CLASS OF 2000

GABOR HODACS (Comp. Sci.) married Courtney Foust September 2, 2010. He works in inside sales. The couple lives in the Atlanta, GA, area.

RACHEL (STRANGE) MORRIS (Comm.) and JONATHAN MORRIS (Comm. '00) welcomed son, Owen Montgomery, July 24, 2010. The couple has been married since August 7, 2004. Jonathan is a 10th grade social studies teacher in Philadelphia. The family lives in Phoenixville, PA.

EMILY PRZYBYLINSKI (Interdisc. in Lit./Music) is engaged to marry Rory Nugent, a graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology and New York University Telecommunications Program where he is an adjunct professor. The couple plans to marry at a DIY Network wedding in late summer or early fall in Ocean County.

CLASS OF 2002

STEPHANIE LAGROSSA (Bus. Mrkt.) married Kyle Kendrick November 13, 2010. Three-time Survivor contestant and former MU captain of the lacrosse team, LaGrossa is one of the owners of GIGI Restaurant & Lounge in Philadelphia. Kendrick is a pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies.

GREGORY L. ACQUAVIVA (Hist./Poli. Sci.) has joined Gibbons P.C. as an associate in the firm’s Business and Commercial Litigation Department. He lives in Bloomfield.

JAIME CANNICI (Comm.) is engaged to marry Ryan Walters, with a November 12, 2011, wedding planned. She is the editor of a weekly newspaper at North Jersey Media Group. Her fiancé works in in-office sales in Oakland. They live in Boonton.

CLASS OF 2003

LAUREN MCCORMICK (Acct.) married Micah Anderson October 2, 2010. She is a senior accountant at Tech Data in Clearwater, FL. They live in Tampa, FL.

SCOTT MCPHERSON (Crim. J.) (M.A. Crim. J. ’05) married Lindsey Warner August 20, 2010. Alumni in the wedding party included best man, Stephen McPherson (Bus. Adm. ’05) and groomsmen Robert Ogorzat (Bus. Mgmt. ’07) and Marc Hutchinson (Elem. Ed./Comm. ’06). There were many other Monmouth alumni in attendance. Scott is an associate at the law firm of Escandon, Fernicola, Anderson & Covelli in Allenhurst. Lindsey is a speech-language pathologist at the Hawkswood School in Eatontown. The couple lives in Middletown.

CLASS OF 2004

NANCY AHLERT (Sp. Ed.) married Michael DiGiuseppe November 28, 2010. She is a teacher at Banyan School in Fairfield, and her husband is a credit analyst with Merrill Lynch. They live in Lake Hiawatha.

PHOTO: SHAWN BARAN AT THEGARV.COM

TOM DEBLASS (Sp. Ed.) defeated Mitch Whitesell via unanimous decision on
December 3 in the Ring of Combat 33 in Atlantic City, which brought his professional record to 3-0-0. In December he hosted a self-defense seminar in honor of Ocean Gate police officer, Jason Marles, who was struck and killed by a drunk driver on Thanksgiving Day. All proceeds from the event, “Fight Against Drunk Drivers,” went to Officer Marles’ family.

KACI REDDING (Sp. Ed.) is the girls cross country coach for Holmdel High School, which won the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group II cross country championship in November. She was also one of nine coaches to receive “Coach of the Year” from the Asbury Park Press. Redding teaches first-grade at the Village Elementary School in Holmdel.

NOELLE DURETT (Ed./Comm.) married Luke Albrink on August 6, 2010. She is an eighth-grade language arts teacher for the Oceanport School District and recently graduated with a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in reading. Her husband is a finance manager for Honda Universe in Lakewood. The couple lives in Toms River.

STEVE G. MERVINE (Comm.) and his wife, Sue, welcomed their first son, Ben, on October 27, 2010. He is the manager of the Multimedia Center at Monmouth.

JENNIFER RESTIANO (M.S. Ed.) (M.S.E. ’06) married Michael Siverson July 9, 2010. She is a preschool teacher for the Neptune Township Board of Education at the Early Childhood Center as well as an adjunct professor at Monmouth in the Educational Leadership, School Counseling and Special Education Department. Her husband is the bakery manager at Wegman’s in Manalapan as well as the chief of the Neptune Township Fire Department. The couple welcomed their first child, Michael Todd, November 20, 2010. He joins older brother, Shayden (6). They live in Neptune.

CLASS OF 2005

JENNIFER (CARVALHO) BANJANY (Comm.) and her husband, Norman, welcomed daughter, Scarlett Dawn, October 4, 2010. She joins sister, Ava Isabella, who is three. The family lives in Jackson.

BLAKE HAMILTON (Bus. Mrkt.), 2005 Northeast Conference Player of the Year in basketball, is Monmouth’s Director of Player Development under Coach Calloway. The 2004 NEC Tournament MVP, Hamilton ranks 11th on Monmouth’s all-time scoring list with 1,433 points, also ranks eighth all-time in rebounds (508), ninth in blocked shots (58) and eighth in field goals made (445). Following graduation, Hamilton played professionally overseas for four years.

LAUREN HARMS (Graphic Des.) married MIKE KREIG (Bus. Mgmt. ’04) on November 14, 2009. Lauren is a Communications Design Specialist at Monmouth. Mike works in the Human Resources and Payroll Department at George Harms Construction. Many alumni and members of the Monmouth University community were in attendance including groomsmen Christopher Cashin (Bus. ’05), and bridesmaids Kathleen Dugan (Comm. ’05), Kelly Pepe (Comm. ’05), and Jennifer Taylor (Comm.’05 ’08M).

JASON RONAN (Hist.) is engaged to marry Meghan McCarthy in May 2011. He works for Jersey Shore Glass in Farmingdale, and his fiancé is a preschool teacher in the Long Branch School District.

PAMELA SARTINI (Bus. Acct.) married Christopher Smith November 12, 2010. She is a teacher with PS42 in Eltingville, NY. Her husband is a sanitation worker with the city Department of Sanitation in District 16, Brooklyn, NY.
JEFFREY BAKER (M.B.A.) is engaged to marry Jessica Moeller. He is a senior associate and CPA with KPMG, Short Hills. His fiancé is a manager and CPA with KPMG, Des Moines. Baker lives in Manasquan.

JEAN-MARIE CARUSO (M.S. Psych. Couns.) married William Delao on July 16, 2010. She has been a Student Development Counselor at Monmouth since 2007. Her husband, a graduate of SUNY Maritime College, is a Merchant Marine Engineering Officer and Navy Lieutenant. They live in Spring Lake.

NINA CHIMINEC (Music) is the director of public relations, sales and marketing at Bands on a Budget in Asbury Park. She is also the creator of “The Touring Musician’s Guide to Asbury Park,” a new resource for touring bands in this area. The guide, which is available at www.BandsOnABudget.com, will include such things as places for bands and musicians to play, like Asbury Lanes, the Saint and the Wonder Bar.

LAURA PERRI (Engl./Ed.) and JOHN TERLECKSKY (M.S.E. Principal ’04) were married July 10, 2010. Alumni in the wedding party were Cristina Iglesias (Comm. ’06) and George Tsambas (Bus. Fin. ’01). Lauren is an MU graduate student working toward a master’s degree in Educational Leadership. They both work at Ocean Township High School, where Lauren is an English teacher and JV Basketball Cheerleading Coach and John is the AP Literature teacher, Freshman soccer coach and Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.

NICOLE MCDERMOTT (Psych.) married Shawn McGinley October 2, 2010. Alumni in attendance included bridesmaid, Megan Stricker (Comm. ’06), Maya Shetty (Comm. ’06), Megan Reinertsen (Psych. ’07), Carmine Morgano (Fine Arts ’05) and Jessie Morgano (Graphic Des. ’05). Nicole, a mental health counselor, and Shawn, a dentist in Pennsylvania, live in Washington Township.

KATE MCDONALD (M.S.N.) received a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania this year and is currently pursuing a post-doctoral program at UPenn.

JENNIFER MURPHY (B.S.W.) (M.S.W. ’07) is engaged to marry Leonard Constanos in May 2011. She is a medical social worker at the Specialty Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch. Her fiancé is a union carpenter in Local 2250.

RYAN J. TETRO (Poli. Sci.) has joined Archer & Greiner P.C. in Haddonfield as an associate in the Litigation Department. Prior to earning his law degree at Seton Hall School of Law, he served as an intern in the White House Office of the Public Liaison. He lives in Jackson.

CATHERINE (HEREDIA) ARMINIO (Poli. Sci.) and her husband, Jerry, welcomed son, Anthony Angel, October 20, 2010. Catherine is a human resources generalist for the Superior Court of New Jersey, Monmouth Vicinage, in Freehold, where the family lives.

MEGAN HARVEY (Elem. Ed./Engl.) is engaged to marry Tommy Presutti in the summer of 2011. She is a fourth grade teacher at Central School in Warren Township. Her fiancé, a Stevens Tech graduate, is a mechanical engineer for Picatinny Arsenal. They live in Long Valley.
BRYAN INDERGRUND (Art) is awaiting a heart transplant. He was diagnosed with the heart condition, Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, while in his freshman year at Monmouth and is currently listed for transplant at The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. In the meantime, you can donate Type O blood (either positive or negative) at any Red Cross location and it will be sent to UPenn and stored until needed. A benefit, “A Heart for Bryan,” was held February 10 in Bloomfield to help raise money for medical and travel expenses. Bryan has a blog at http://hrt4bryan.blogspot.com.

MICHAEL J. LINCKS (Comm.) was accepted into the Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Financial Advisor Associate program. He has worked in the branch for six years, starting first as a Monmouth University intern and working his way up to the position of Registered Client Service Associate.

CLASS OF 2008

R. DAVID BEALES (M.A. Hist.), the photographer for the University of Hawaii system, is engaged to marry Nadia Carofalo. July 2, 2011, in New Jersey. They live in Honolulu, HI.

CHRISTINE DEWITT-PARKER (M.S.N.) is the new Education Program Development Specialist and Coordinator of the School Health Unit for the N.J. Department of Education.

AMY URRY (Comm.) and JUSTIN BRAUN (Crim. J.) are engaged to be married in September 2012. Amy, who is a member of Theta Phi Alpha, Alpha Chi Chapter, is an Implementation Specialist for Automatic Data Processing in Parsippany. Justin is the administrator of Premier Home Healthcare in Manhattan. While at Monmouth, he was the starting left fielder for the Hawks who won the 2007 NEC title going to the NCAA Regionals at Arizona State University.

CLASS OF 2009

REX D. GIDO (B.S.N.) was accepted to the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, with an expected graduation in 2015.

KIM KAMINEK (Bus. Adm.) is a new tax accountant at the accounting firm of Holman & Frenia, P.C. in Toms River. She is also in the first year of her M.B.A. at Monmouth.

MOLEEN MADZIVA (M.S. Soft. Eng.), who is pursuing her doctorate in sustainability education at Prescott College, was featured in the November/December issue of The Nation's Health. The article, “New Jersey Students Supporting Sustainability for Zimbabwe Village,” drew attention to Madziva’s fight to eradicate poverty in her hometown of Macheke. She leads the Macheke Sustainability Project, a public health initiative she started at Monmouth in 2008 while studying for her master’s degree in software engineering.

ANTHONY MEZZASALMA (Acct.) is engaged to marry Josie LoBianco, who is an accounting student at Monmouth scheduled to graduate in 2011. Anthony works at Johnson Lambert & Co. LLP, a regional accounting firm. Josie is working at PriceWaterHouse Coopers. The wedding is scheduled for late 2012.

JOHN H. STARK IV (Music) is engaged to marry Sarah Lee Rizzi in the fall of 2011. He is a support center agent at Wakefern Food Corp. in Edison. His fiancé is pursuing a degree in natural sciences education at Georgian Court University.

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VINCENT CRAPELLO (Theat./Comm.) is the new Artistic Producing Intern at the Playwrights Foundation in San Francisco, now recognized as one of the top six new play development centers in the country, and the only one of its scope on the West Coast, serving writers at all levels of career placement and artistic maturity. He lives in Oakland, CA.
NICHOLAS Perna (M.S. Soft. Eng.) is engaged to marry Lindsay Baumann, who is pursuing a master’s in nursing at Monmouth. A September 2011 wedding is planned. He is a computer engineer for the U.S. Army. Lindsay is a registered nurse at Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune.

ERIN SALARDINO (M.S.N.) married Christopher Furda August 14, 2010. She also received the MSN Leadership Award from Monmouth’s Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.

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ALUMNI

CAROL J. PERRINO [Ed.] DECEMBER 22, 2010

1964 BEN D. CONGER [Physics] (M.B.A. ’76) NOVEMBER 17, 2010
SOLVEIG F. FORTUNE [Elem. Ed.] NOVEMBER 10, 2010

STEPHEN A. PEPE [Ed./Eng.] DECEMBER 24, 2010

1968 ELIZABETH R. BERTELSEN [Engl.] DECEMBER 5, 2010
DONALD A. KIMBERLIN [Ed./Physic] [M.S.E. ’73] NOVEMBER 14, 2010


1970 GAVINO DECAPUA [M.S. Ed.] DECEMBER 4, 2010

1972 WILLIAM PULLEN [Ed.] DECEMBER 7, 2010
SUSAN SINGER [Elem. Ed.] OCTOBER 28, 2010

1973 MICHAEL D. KLAWETTER [Hist.] DECEMBER 5, 2010
DENISE [GUARINO] LOBIONDO [Ed.] NOVEMBER 22, 2010

ANNE MARIE MIDDLETON [M.S. Ed.] DECEMBER 10, 2010

1975 THOMAS M. CUSHANE [M.S.E.] DECEMBER 16, 2010
RAYMOND ROYSTER [Hist./Poli. Sci.] FEBRUARY 21, 2009


1982 MICHAEL ISRAELSON [Sp./Comm./Theat.] OCTOBER 28, 2010


ANTHONY T. WONSALA [Bus. Adm.] NOVEMBER 8, 2010


FRIENDS

AARON E. HARTWELL DECEMBER 26, 2010 [former employee]
ISAAK HENRY, JR NOVEMBER 16, 2010 [former MU chief of police]
Sisters Sharon Lasher Riddle ’81 and Christine Lasher Carpenter ’85 share many qualities: athletic ability, bright smiles, outgoing personalities, and a lasting connection to Monmouth University.

Sharon, a former basketball team captain, said, “I’m excited to be a part of the first installment of bricks on the Hawk Walk.”

“I’m proud to support the University, and to share a brick with my sister to commemorate our achievements,” said Sharon, who now serves on the Alumni Association Board of Trustees.

Christine, who was a Resident Assistant and played for the softball team said, “Purchasing a brick for the Hawk Walk just seems like a great way to give back to students, and at the same time become a lasting and permanent part of Monmouth’s legacy.”

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- 40th Reunion: 1971
- 35th Reunion: 1976
- 30th Reunion: 1981
- 25th Reunion: 1986
- 20th Reunion: 1991
- 15th Reunion: 1996
- 5th Reunion: 2006

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