Monmouth University recently announced the appointment of Dr. Janet Mahoney as the Dean of the Majorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies. Dr. Mahoney, who will succeed Dean Marilyn Lauria, has been a full-time member of the Monmouth University faculty since 1995 with experience gained as a teacher, a scholar, and, her previous appointment as the assistant dean of the School of Nursing and Health Studies (SONHe).

“I am very pleased that Dr. Janet Mahoney will be the new Dean of the Majorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies,” said Dr. Marilyn Lauria, current SONHe Dean. “I believe she is eminently qualified to lead the School of Nursing and Health Studies to new ventures such as those already planned, i.e., the new Health Studies and Physical Education major (starting in Fall 2010) and the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (scheduled for Fall 2011) and those yet to come.”

“Dr. Mahoney is an outstanding educator, administrator, and researcher,” said Dr. Thomas Pearson, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “We are thrilled she will be leading the School of Nursing and Health Studies.”

Dr. Mahoney received her diploma in nursing from St. Mary Hospital School of Nursing in Hoboken in 1976; her BSN from Monmouth University in 1987; her MSN from Seton Hall University in 1990; and her PhD from New York University in 1998.

Class of 2013 Get Orientated

In a collaborative effort to prepare the class of 2013 for the college experience the Student Services word First Year at Monmouth offices conducted the annual New Student Orientation program over the course of three weeks in July.

“We had two overall goals for our students during orientation: First to develop a realistic understanding of what college life will be like and Monmouth’s expectations, and second to create a sense of community,” said Dr. Judith L. Nye, the Associate Vice President for the First Year at Monmouth Office.

Just over a thousand new students participated in the two-day experience. In each of the six sessions that ran throughout July the students were divided into six small groups designated by colors. The reason for the separation was to coordinate the various activities that the orientation program was comprised of which included advising and registration; programming on safety, diversity, and Monmouth culture and traditions; tours of campus, college-level lesson taught by a Monmouth professor, skills addressing important college experiences and potential pitfalls, resident and commuter meeting, a Math Placement Test, and evening social activities, which included a service project to support Habitat for Humanity.

Some current students will remember that New Student Orientation used to take place the

Tribute to Alumni at Commencement 2009

The most recent class of University graduates was honored at the Commencement 2009 ceremony on Wednesday, May 20 at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel for their accomplishments.

The ceremony began at 1:30 p.m. and ended just before 4 p.m. More than 1,000 undergraduate and graduate students graduated, and each graduate received five tickets.

Mary Anne Nagy, Vice President of Student Services, said that there were approximately 9,000 people who attended, including students, faculty, and
Dear Monmouth Colleagues:

We have had a busy summer getting ready for your return.

The new Multipurpose Activity Center is open and waiting for you. I hope by now you had a chance to visit the center—at least the Bookstore that opened in late June.

The new residence hall’s construction has begun and will be ready next fall. You will see new tennis courts going just north of campus, as well. Several student support offices have been relocated to the lower level of Rebecca Stafford Student Center. Disability Services and Tutoring Services are out of the trailers and in new spaces on the main floor of Stafford. The Underground has been renamed “Shadows” and has been refurbished and converted to a late, late night “dining” venue.

This year we have the opportunity and responsibility to vote in the New Jersey gubernatorial election (November 3). Many of you have registered. Great. If you have not registered yet, please do. You can get registration forms at the Political Science Department, Bey Hall, Room 241 or the Service Learning & Community Programs Office, lower level Rebecca Stafford Student Center.

Fall sports await you.

Finally, take care of yourselves, and take care of each other.

Welcome to the new Class of 2013 and to all, welcome back.

Paul G. Gaffney II
President

New Dean Selected for School of Nursing Studies

After I graduated from a nursing diploma school, I came to Monmouth College in the mid 1980’s to further my education to earn a Bachelors of Science in Nursing Degree,” said Dr. Mahoney. “I am proud to be an alumna. Prior to working at Monmouth University, she worked at various medical centers including Jersey Shore Medical Center, Bayshore Health Care Center, Bayshore Community Hospital, and Riverview Medical Center.

“Every previous nursing position and experience I have had over my 25 plus years as a registered nurse has prepared me for the Dean position,” said Dr. Mahoney. “I worked as a staff nurse, a nurse educator, a nurse administrator, faculty, Associate Dean and professor. My mentors, Dean Lauria and Dr. Naik, have taught me well. In addition, my parents have always instilled in me the drive to preserve.”

In addition to the everyday operations for the SONHE, Dr. Mahoney’s new responsibilities will include building on the success the school has experienced since its inception in 1981.

“The scope and responsibilities will increase tremendously,” said Dr. Mahoney. “There will be opportunities to showcase the accomplishments of the faculty and students, more fundraising and grant opportunities, and developing the Doctorate in Nursing program (DNP), the first doctorate at Monmouth University. In addition, we will be recruiting students for the Health/Physical Education and the Health/Physical Education/Education Major that is slated to start in fall 2010.”

Dr. Mahoney expressed her high hopes to see the SONHE thriving and evolving to new heights. There is currently a shortage in nurses due to the overall population in the United States aging more nurses are needed to care for this age group. By 2030, 35% of the population will be over the age of 65. The baby boomers, those who were born between 1946 and 1964, make up a large portion of this group and many of the nurses who are baby boomers are planning to retire within the next 10 years. These retirees will also include nursing faculty, which stresses the importance of programs such as the SONHE that will help to prepare the next generation of nurses.

In addition, Dr. Mahoney noted that since September 11, 2001, there has been more interest in nursing and health careers. The waitlist to get into a nursing school, in some cases, can be years. In an effort to address the nurse faculty shortage in New Jersey, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded Monmouth University a four year 2.5 million dollar grant to education future nurse faculty.

“Writing for grants that will allow our students to further their education is a goal of mine,” said Dr. Mahoney. “To further address the needs of older people, the Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Gerontology Certificate was revitalized. This is an opportunity for students to develop skills and knowledge that treat senior citizens from a holistic, psychological, and economic health care issues that affect older people. Students who graduate with this certificate can increase their confidence in the healthcare field. They have a better understanding of the needs of older people. Students can do great things in the community, get a new job, and pass certificate examinations.”

“I like hearing good news about our faculty making presentations all over the world,” said Dr. Mahoney. “I like hearing that we have received grants and scholarships for our students. I like seeing our students do well after they graduate from Monmouth University and become leaders in their field.”

In her personal time, Dr. Mahoney likes taking walks or bike rides on the beaches and water fronts of New Jersey. She also recently became a grand mother and enjoys spending time with her grandson and family. Her advice to students interested in pursuing a career in nursing is that it is challenging and to succeed at anything in life one must work hard.

“It is a profession that will not make you rich, but will be extremely rewarding,” said Dr. Mahoney. “Helping people get better health wise and in some cases providing a good death – “good” meaning providing a comfortable transition, are just a few of the experiences nurses face. From birth to death, nurses are there to help and teach patients and families ways to live healthier lives and make informed choices.”

However, the job market in healthcare growing and the need for nurses and health care professional will continue to grow for decades to come. “Nursing has always been my love,” said Dr. Mahoney. “Who would have thought that 28 years after I graduated from nursing school that I would be Dean of the Marjory K. Unterberg School of Nursing & Health Studies. I am truly grateful for this opportunity.”
At Monmouth University we are committed to the principles of energy conservation and environmental sustainability. For many years we have proactively taken many steps, both large and small, to conserve energy and to reduce our impact on the local and global environment. We are excited to share with you the following list of some of the environmental sustainability initiatives that we have undertaken, and those that we are currently involved in.

Commitment to Sustainability

On January 6, 2009, Monmouth University entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The purpose of this MOU is to document Monmouth University's commitment as an environmental steward that pledges to reduce its carbon footprint and generally contribute to a better environment by partnering with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Under this MOU, Monmouth will participate in the following voluntary EPA environmental stewardship programs. A copy of the MOU and our first report of progress can be found on the Sustainability page of the University’s Website.

- GreenPower Partnership
- ENERGYSTAR® Building & Plant Partnership
- GreenScapes Partnership
- WasteWise Partnership
- Coal Combustion Products Partnership
- National Clean Diesel Campaign & Clean Construction USA
- WaterSense Products

Renewable Energy

- In 2006 we installed a 454 kilowatt solar photovoltaic system on four campus buildings: Bey Hall, Bodley Gymnasium, the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, and the Facilities Management Building. The system was the largest installation at an institution of higher education east of the Mississippi River when it was installed. The system produces approximately 500 megawatt-hours of electricity each year, and is projected to save the University at least $2.7 million over 25 years. In addition, the system’s solar-generated electricity to date has reduced emissions of carbon dioxide by over 1,000 tons. This emissions reduction is equivalent to planting nearly 291 acres of trees, or removing 206 cars from the road for a year, or not driving over 2,500,000 miles. The project was funded in part by a grant from the Clean Energy Program of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. The project earned Monmouth University the 2006 New Jersey Clean Energy School of the Year award.
- We have applied to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for funding support for a second solar photovoltaic system to be installed on the newly completed Multi-Purpose Activity Center. The proposed system will produce another 500 megawatt-hours of electricity each year.

Campus and Community Involvement

- In September of 2005, the Urban Coast Institute (UCI) was established as one of the University’s “Centers of Distinction” to serve the University and the public interest as a forum for research, education, and collaboration in the development and implementation of science-based policies and programs that support stewardship of healthy, productive, and resilient coastal ecosystems and communities.
- In January of 2009 we formed the Sustainability Advisory Council (SAC) to propose research and recommend energy and sustainability policy for the University. There is more on the SAC later in this letter.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions

- Of the primary motivations for our energy conservation and environmental sustainability initiatives is to reduce our carbon footprint. Before we can set our reduction goals and identify projects that will help achieve those goals, we must understand what our existing carbon footprint is and how the projects that we have completed over the past 4 years have contributed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This summer we began a greenhouse gas inventory that will identify our emissions from the electricity that we use, the fuel that our vehicle fleet uses, and the commuting miles of our staff, faculty, and students. The inventory should be completed before the end of 2009.
- In May of 2009, Monmouth University hosted a Carbon Inventory Training Workshop for community leaders, faculty, staff and students. The workshop was sponsored by Monmouth University’s Urban Coast Institute, Monmouth University’s Sustainability Advisory Council, Sierra Club Cool Cities Campaign and the Monmouth County Cool Cities Partnership.
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Energy and Water Conservation and Efficiency

- Monmouth University continues to promote energy and water conservation and efficiency through initiatives such as reducing domestic hot water temperatures; replacing or upgrading mechanical equipment with energy efficient equipment; installing occupancy sensors in public areas; addressing lighting through fixture upgrades, use of energy saving light bulbs, and use of LED exit sign lighting; using water conserving fixtures, shower heads and lavatories; and using a web based irrigation system.
- Monmouth University, through the New Jersey Clean Energy Program, has hosted two highly successful lighting fairs in conjunction where high efficiency lighting products were offered to the campus community and the local community at significantly reduced prices.

Sustainable Landuse Practices

- We have instilled many sustainable landuse practices, including recycling beddng trays and plant containers, placing mulch over a plant’s root zone to reduce moisture evaporation and conserve water, Grasscycling-grass clippings are left in place when mowing, using an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program, using organic, bio-based, or slow-release fertilizers, and use of drought tolerant plants.
- In 2008 we constructed a rain garden to reduce rainwater runoff, and the area is to be upgraded in 2009.

Waste Management

- This spring, Monmouth University piloted a program that seeks to capture for recycling some of the textiles that, in the past, have left our campus as waste as our students have moved out of the residence halls. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, only 15% of consumer textile waste in our country is currently being recycled. Textiles that are still useful -- clothing, books and the like, were placed in collection boxes provided by Planet Aid, a charity which raises funds for use in underprivileged countries. The program not only diverted readily recyclable items from the University’s waste stream, but also helped our students to understand that even small actions on their part can help to alleviate suffering in underprivileged parts of the world; reduce pollution and help to combat the threat of global warming.
- Along with our food service vendor, we continue to evaluate food waste management technologies, including in-vessel composting and an organic waste decomposition system.
- Monmouth University continues to encourage and enforce recycling of glass, aluminum and bi-metal containers; paper; cardboard; and electronic devices.
- Our food service vendor uses 100% biodegradable disposable service ware and certain serving containers; instituted “tray less” service in one of the cafeterias, saving 3 cups of water for every tray, or 260 gallons of water per week; purchases all of their bread, dairy (including ice cream) and produce from local vendors.

Vehicle Fleet

- We have purchased 3 hybrid police vehicles and a solar powered golf cart
- All golf cart replacements are battery operated instead of gas powered
- Older, larger vehicles are being replaced with newer and much fuel efficient work vehicles

What You Can Do

As in all things, this University is committed to looking forward. Consequently, we recognize that there is much more work to be done, and we need and want your involvement.

The recently formed Sustainability Advisory Council is an interdisciplinary work group comprised of students, faculty, staff and administrators. The mission of the SAC is to promote environmental stewardship policies that encourage the development of an environmentally responsible and sustainable campus community in its operations, education, research, outreach and services. The SAC will propose and research energy and environmental sustainability policies and initiatives, and recommend specific policies and initiatives for the University to implement that will advance the University’s sustainability goals. The SAC has established a committee structure for its research, with committees for Finance and Procurement, Outreach, Academic Programs and Research; Energy, Land and Water; Waste Management; and Greenhouse Gas. We encourage your participation. If you are interested in becoming a member of the SAC, please send an email to Jim Ferris at jferris@monmouth.edu.

Every action we take influences our delicate ecosystem and the sustainability of our campus and community. Here are a few simple things that you can do to help.

- Turn out the lights when you leave a room
- Use the ample daylighting available in many of our buildings and don’t turn on the lights until it is necessary
- Turn off your TV, computer and other electronic devices when they are not being used
- Don’t leave the water running if you don’t have to
- Consider whether you really need to print that email or document, and print double sided when you can
- Close your windows when the heat or air conditioning is on
- Be a diligent recycler
- Walk or bike instead of using your car for a short trip, and carpool whenever possible

With your help we can make a difference!
Monmouth University 2009 Graduation

student guests.

Alumna Paige Sodano thought that the ceremony ran very smoothly and much faster than she expected.

Economist Lawrence Kudlow and “Annie” Actress Aileen Quinn were the two keynote speakers at the ceremony. Kudlow is host of CNBC’s The Kudlow Report, and also served as a chief economist on Wall Street firms.

Quinn portrayed Annie in the well-known 1981 film, and has currently been teaching musical theatre across the United States.

Nagy said, “Both Mr. Kudlow and Ms. Quinn gave marvelous speeches. [I’ll refer to Ms. Quinn’s singing as a speech.] They both clearly gave hope and encouragement to our graduates and I think if you look at where we are today, three months after the Commencement ceremony, things are getting better and brighter in this country although we still have some ways to go.”

Sodano also said that she enjoyed the keynote speakers. “My favorite part had to be Aileen Quinn singing “Tomorrow.” A lot of people in the audience got teary-eyed, which I thought was kind of cool because so many, including myself, enjoyed her performance,” Sodano said.

Other speakers at the ceremony included President Paul G. Gaffney and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Alfred Schiavetti. Senior class president Amanda Klaus also spoke on behalf of the class.

Sodano said that she felt a sense of accomplishment and sadness at the same time. “Shaking President Gaffney’s hand definitely felt like the final farewell,” Sodano said.

On her overall thoughts on the ceremony, Nagy said, “It is always wonderful to see that many students receive their degrees and accomplish this most important goal in their lives. It is also a great day for the University since so many people here work so hard to help our students achieve their goals.

Life after Monmouth is full of possibilities for Sodano. “My plans as of now are coming back to visit MU whenever I can, and just job hunting. I work at the Guess outlet at home, so that is my small income until I find a “big girl job.” I’ve been traveling a lot since graduation, enjoying my time before the real world hits,” Sodano said.

Nagy said that after the ceremony at the PNC Bank Arts Center, a large amount of students and their families came back to the University to take pictures.

“When asked to describe her college years in one word, Sodano replied, “summarizing my experience at Monmouth is a tough question, but if I had to answer I would say that it was absolutely fabulous!”

A group of seniors making their way into the amphitheater of PNC Bank Arts Center where the 2009 Commencement was held.

Photo Courtesy of Jim Rema
Summer 2009 Orientation

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weekend just before the start of school. According to Nye there were several reasons of the re- structuring that manifested in the current program. “Labor Day weekend just wasn’t working for Monmouth. The campus wasn’t particularly welcoming because everyone was away for the holiday weekend, and students were far more interested in settling in than they were attending orientation activities. Also, we were already bringing students to campus in July for advising and registration. It only made sense to consolidate these visits to campus and of- fer orientation at a time when the University com- munity would be on hand to wel- come students.”

“I believe that most folks are happy with how orientation is running these days... At this point we are mostly focused on ‘tweaking’ the programming to improve on the basic model.”

DR. JUDITH NYE
Associate Vice President for the First Year at Monmouth Office

Nye, is the student staff. “They are key student leaders from around campus who spend their summers welcoming our new stu- dents to campus. They train hard and work hard, and do a superb job of orientation.” This year’s student staff was comprised of 14 Orien- tation Leaders (OLs), who were responsible for the color groups and serve as mentors to the stu- dents while they are on campus, four Student Advising Mentors (SAMs), who assist with advising and registration, and two Orienta- tion Team Leaders (OTLs), who worked through the spring to help develop programming and materi- als, and worked behind the scenes throughout orientation.

According to Joey Contreras, a sophomore and Orientation Lead- er, “being an OL entails a long list of responsibilities. Our role as OLs is to show them what Monmouth is all about and to try to help them feel at ease before coming to be here. We are their personal guides to the University. The way we present ourselves may have an ultimate ef- fect on what they perceive the stu- dents here at Monmouth are.”

“One of the goals of the fall,” Nye said. 

With a new freshman class and new stu- dents joining the University community each year, orientation is an ongoing cy- cle. Both professional and student staff plan and train for orientation all year long “We start planning the next year right after we finish orientation,” and spend months developing resources, pre- paring materials, and training stu- dents staff,” Mitchell stated.

In addition to the First Year at Monmouth and Student Services offices, Residential Life, the newly created Center for Student Success, and Undergraduate Admissions are all involved in the orientation process. Each department is repre- sented in the Orientation Planning Group that works year-round to prepare each orientation.

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McCarthy also added that a new computer lab and new furni- ture will be added to accommoda- te the Honors students.

Mitchell said that none of the rooms will be renovated in Birch Hall because they were upgraded a few years ago. There are a total of 77 freshmen entering into the Honors School this coming fall. 92 resident stu- dents, including 56 freshman and 36 sophomores, will be living in Beechwood.

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Did you know... your cartoon or picture can be here next week! It can be about anything but should be related to the Monmouth community, student life, or something going on in the news that week. E-mail submissions to outlook@monmouth.edu

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Welcome to the fall 2009 semester at Monmouth University. Here is a list of several tips to follow in order to achieve college success. Good luck to all!

1. When you are planning your class schedule, be realistic. This isn’t high school; classes are accessible all day. If you are not a “morning person,” do not schedule a bunch of 8:30 a.m. classes. Monmouth University offers classes which can be taken very early or exceptionally late, until 10:05 p.m., in order to accommodate everyone’s busy lifestyle. If possible, I suggest trying to have a free, no classes’ day on either Friday or Monday. Give yourself a long weekend to get your work done, study, rest up and spend some free time with your friends.

2. Before classes even begin, be sure to order your text books online at an early date to ensure that you get the cheapest prices. All the books, new or used, are the same quality. They are all more than well enough to be studied from until the end of the semester, and then be sure to sell those text books back to the Monmouth University bookstore, on campus, to be used once more, by future students.

3. I know, for a fact, that Monmouth University campus offers a large selection of meal choices. If you have a Meal Plan, make sure to take advantage of it. The Dinning Hall provides a wide variety of nutritious and tasty selections to all students. Use it, don’t lose it; once the semester is over, you cannot get it back! Check out Java City, in the Student Center, I love their Mocha Avalanches, they’re to die for!

4. Be sure to take full advantage of your advisor. They are very knowledgeable about certain courses and Professors which ones would suit you best, so get to know them, so they know you! They’re here to help you, so make an appointment to meet with yours ASAP, so they are aware of your needs, your wants and can best serve you.

5. If you are looking for extra income, check out the many jobs on campus, which Monmouth University has to offer its students. The campus jobs are all flexible with your class schedules, and they are obviously near by; you won’t need a car to get there. Make some money for your weekends!

6. Everyone should get involved in life here on Monmouth University’s campus; there are many sports, clubs and campus events which you all can be involved in, meet friends and have fun! If you don’t play a sport, cheer for the Hawks! The Monmouth University webpage has links to all campus activities and events. Get involved!

7. More information on life, here at Monmouth University campus, is presented regularly on the radio station, 88.9 FM, and Hawk TV, channel 12. These stations constantly offer student entertainment.

8. Last but not least, be sure to pick up the Outlook every week! The Outlook is always full of campus news, highlights, activities and opinions, if you have something to say, make a note of it and send it to Outlook@monmouth.edu or drop it off to the Outlook’s office, on the second floor in Jules Plangere. New issues of The Outlook come out every Wednesday and are accessible at many locations on campus; they’re hard to miss! Take a peek!
**Student Activities**

Welcome new and returning students! The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations is looking forward to a great year.

I encourage you to take advantage of the more than 80 student clubs and organizations on campus. An easy way to get involved is to take part in the Involvement Fair being held on Wednesday, September 23rd (raindate September 30th) outside of the Student Center from 2:30-4:30pm. This is a time for you to meet many of the club representatives and to get an idea of what our clubs and organizations do. There is something for everyone! Also, should you come up with an idea for a new club, it is easy to start one. Just come to the Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations to get started. All clubs and organizations are student run and recognized through the Student Government Association.

If you are interested in fraternities or sororities, you may also want to attend Meet the Greeks at 10pm on Tuesday, September 22nd in the Student Center Anacon Hall. While Meet the Greeks is open to all, remember first year students must have earned at least 12 credits to join. Also, the minimum grade point average required to join a fraternity or sorority is 2.5. Some organizations require a higher grade point average, so be sure to ask about their requirements. Take time to meet all of the fraternities or sororities to make the best decision for you.

The clubs, organizations, our office and other departments have put together a busy schedule of activities for the semester. Check your Calendar of Events and look for posters, electronic displays, and table tents giving you information about upcoming activities. The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations also sends weekly e-mails updating you about the events. Please be advised that a number of the events will be held in the lobby of Oakwood Hall and all students may attend.

Also, take time to check out the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. In addition to many departmental offices, you will find lounge space to relax and study, computers to use, many club and organization offices, the cafeteria, a convenience store, an information desk, meeting/event rooms and more. The Rebecca Stafford Student Center is here for you. Take advantage of all of the fraternities or sororities to make the best decision for you.

Best Wishes for a Great Year,

Amy Bellina
Director of Student Activities and Student Center Operations

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**First Year at Monmouth**

Dear Students:

The First Year at Monmouth Office would like to welcome the Class of 2013 and all returning students to the Fall 2009 semester!

First Year at Monmouth is a key resource for first-year students at Monmouth University. Overseeing first-year advising, career and major planning for first-year students and Freshman Seminar programs, First Year at Monmouth also works in cooperation with various University divisions to ensure that first-year students experience the challenges, opportunities, and support needed to succeed at Monmouth.

Our New Location:

We are now located on the lower level of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center in the Center for Student Success. You may stop by, email us at firstyear@monmouth.edu, or call us at 732-263-5701/First Year Advising: 732-263-5868 and we will be happy to assist you.

How Can I Utilize the First Year at Monmouth Office?

- All first-year students are advised in our office. You can meet with your First Year Advisor to discuss your schedule, summer classes, transition issues, career and major goals, as well as many other things. Your advisor’s name is located on Web Student under “Academic Audit.”

- If you would like to talk to an administrator about major and career resources, job opportunities for a particular major, or even the ideal minor to pair with a major for a particular career, please stop by to make an appointment for major and career planning.

- Be sure to continue to access “SOAR to 2013” on ecampus (http://ecampus.monmouth.edu) throughout your entire first year for important information, such as instructions on how to make an appointment with your First Year Advisor, your service project, as well as other information.

Upcoming Events:

- New Student Academic Orientation: Wednesday, September 9th, 2:30 p.m., Pollak Auditorium

- Alumni Barbecue: The Alumni Association welcomes all first-year students to a free barbecue at the Alumni House on Saturday, September 19th at 10:30 a.m. Learn the Fight Song, meet the Pep Band and cheerleaders, and reunite with your Orientation Leaders (OL’s) and Student Advising Mentors (SAMS) before our first home football game! RSVP by September 9th by emailing alumni@monmouth.edu or calling 732-571-3489. The rain location will be Anacon Hall.

Highlight on Student Success Stories:

- The First Year at Monmouth Office will be featuring student accomplishments in future issues of the Outlook as well as on our website. Please take note of our upcoming student highlights. Some of them include:
  - Senior Psychology major Jessica Stephan received a $900 Psi Chi grant to study relationship interaction, under the supervision of Dr. Gary Lewandowski.
  - Jessica Adamko received the Leadership Award from the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies.
  - Stay tuned for more highlights in upcoming issues…

Best wishes for a safe and successful year,

The entire staff of First Year at Monmouth

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**Office of the Bursar**

Welcome new and returning students!

The Bursar’s staff is available to assist you and your parents with your student account. If you have any questions, you may reach us at 732-571-3454 or email us at Bursar@monmouth.edu. We are located on the first floor of Wilson Hall, Room 110. Our hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8a.m.-5:00p.

Please note that in order to speak about a Student’s account, with anyone other than the student, a FERPA release e-FORM must be completed on your WebAdvisor. FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of student’s financial/educational records.

Visit our web page for all Bursar information, including our frequently Asked Questions section. You may also want to familiarize yourself with our withdrawal Refund Policy.

Please note these additional services that you can access 24hours/days a week from your own computer.

- You can view your account online as follows:
  - o www.Monmouth.edu
  - o WEBstudent
  - o Account Summary

- You can also pay your account online by electronic check, credit card or savings account by:
  - o logging into your WebAdvisor account and selecting “Ac count Summary.” If you have a balance due, a button will appear at the bottom of the screen to allow you to make an online payment.

Please be advised that it may take up to one business day for a payment made over the web to be posted to your student account. Therefore, please allow 24 hours for your transaction to be posted.

Have a wonderful year!!!

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**Center for Student Success**

Welcome Students – there is something new at Monmouth University! The CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS (CSS), formerly the Life & Career Advising Center (LCAC), has been established to provide students a more comprehensive set of resources within one location. The CSS works with all campus departments and offices to assist students with academic, personal and career matters. You will find us on the first floor and the lower level of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center (RSSC):

Office Location Telephone Number
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First Year at Monmouth Lower Level 732-263-5868
Articulation, Transfer, and Undeclared Services Lower Level 732-571-3588
Experiential Education Lower Level 732-571-7522
Cooperative Education Lower Level 732-571-3582
Service Learning and Community Programs Lower Level 732-571-4411
Monmouth’s Early Warning System Lower Level 732-571-7522
Placement Office Lower Level 732-571-3471
Student Employment Lower Level 732-263-5706
Dept. of Disability Services First Floor 732-571-3460
Tutoring Center First Floor 732-263-5721
Writing Center Lower Level 732-571-7542

In addition, we work closely with the Mathematics Learning Center located in Room 530, Howard Hall (732-263-5305).

Please visit the Center for Student Success to see what resources are available.

If you have any questions, please contact me at judge@monmouth.edu.

Best wishes for a great academic year,

JEAN M. JUDGE
Interim Dean
Center for Student Success
School of Social Work

Welcome back social work students!

It is our pleasure to welcome back our undergraduate and graduate social work students! Things are always changing and there are always new happenings here in the School of Social Work. You will see three new faces on the faculty and you will notice two missing. We send many thanks and our best wishes to Dr. Morris Saldov in his retirement and to Professor Laura DiGiovanni who has moved on to another position. We welcome aboard to the full-time faculty Kathleen Dell, a long time Adjunct Professor in the School, Christa Hogan, also a long time Adjunct Professor in Social Work and lastly, Rebecca McCloskey who is brand new to Monmouth. We are confident they will deliver exceptional instruction consistent with our high academic and professional standards.

Please make note that the first meeting of the Social Work Society will be September 23rd at 3:00pm in MIL 326 so please come on by. Also, the annual Teach-In will be on November 10th, which seems far off, but the planning for this year will get going right away! If you have the room in your schedule, Dr. Kelly Ward will be teaching a new 3 credit Freshman Seminar course focusing on issues faced by children and adolescents (SW 198) which will be a great class for social work majors as well as a way to expose the wider student community to some of the issues addressed by social workers.

We expect a great year! As our profession continues to grow and adapt, so does our program. Like our profession we remain vibrant and ever more critical as more and more people become vulnerable and need to seek services from professional social workers. We welcome you back and at the same time congratulate you on your decision to commit your professional life to serving those in need. It is an awesome commitment and one you should take great pride in. We do.

Facilities Management

Facilities Management’s mission is to provide quality customer service by maintaining a safe, reliable, healthy and aesthetically pleasing environment in which students, faculty and staff can function and accomplish their academic and research objectives. We clean, preserve and operate the University’s buildings and grounds. Facilities Management personnel respond to a variety of service needs as well.

Routine (non-emergency) maintenance problems may be reported by completing an on-line Facilities Management Service Order form. This on-line form can be found at www.monmouth.edu/serviceorder. On the Service Order, please give a clear, concise description of the maintenance or repair need, including the building and room number in which the problem is located. Please include your name and telephone extension in case there’s a question about your request.

Report emergency maintenance problems in campus buildings ASAP by calling the Facilities Management office at ext. 3425 (Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) or the University Police at ext. 3472 all extension in case there’s a question about your request.

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In anticipation of a significant upcoming influenza season, we are encouraging everyone to protect themselves by getting a flu shot. This year will be quite different from previous seasons as two types of flu strains, the seasonal flu and H1N1 flu, are predicted to have an effect on the northern hemisphere and our campus.

There will be a seasonal flu vaccination clinic for the campus community on September 23rd. Please look for upcoming e-mails and notices. The H1N1 influenza vaccine may be out as early as mid to end of October. When this becomes available to our campus, Health Services will be providing vaccination clinics for the campus community.

In the interim, remember to eat a healthy diet, get plenty of rest, pace your academic work and wash those hands!

Kathy Maloney
Director of Health Services

Health Services

Health Services

Welcome back returning and new, incoming students!! On behalf of everyone in Health Services, we are looking forward to keeping Monmouth University healthy this academic year!

If you have been awarded a Federal Work Study grant be sure to visit our placement office at ext. 3425 (Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) or the University Police at ext. 3472 all other times.

Please accept our best wishes for a great academic year!

Office of Affirmative Action, Human Relations and Compliance

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The Annual Fund and The Student Phonathon welcomes back our Hawks Callers! Thanks for your continued support and for all of the hard you have done in raising money for the University!

Annual Fund

Office of Affirmative Action, Human Relations and Compliance

Students:
The Office of Affirmative Action, Human Relations and Compliance welcomes all new and returning students. Monmouth University provides equal opportunity to all students and employees.

Our office monitors the University’s compliance with laws and regulations regarding Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity, and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972. If great needs and students have a right not to be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, gender, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, liability for service in the Armed Forces of the United States, disability, or status as a disabled veteran of the Vietnam era.

Monmouth University has appointed Mr. Raymond Rodriguez, Director of Affirmative Action, Human Relations and Compliance, as the ADA/504 and Title IX Coordinator.

Any member of the Monmouth University community may report incidents of discrimination/sexual harassment to the offices listed below.

Mr. Raymond Rodriguez
Director of Affirmative Action,
Human Relations and Compliance
(732) 571-5777

Mrs. Patricia Swannack
Facilities Management
(732) 571-3546

Mrs. Mary Anne Nagy
Student Services
(732) 571-3417

Dr. Thomas Pearson
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
(732) 571-3545

Placement and Student Employment

Dear Students,

Greetings from the staff of the Office of Placement and Student Employment. Welcome back! We hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer. Be sure to visit us in our new offices located on the lower level of the Student Center. We are now part of the “Center for Student Success.”

Our office provides many services that can assist you in your career including but not limited to:

• Help with resumes and interview preparation
• Access to lists of full-time and part-time opportunities
• Assistance finding a job on-campus using you Federal Work Study (FWS) award
• Invitations to career days where you can meet in person with hiring employers
• Meetings with professionals to discuss career plans and job hunting strategies

Our office especially encourages those preparing to seek full-time professional employment - such as seniors and graduate students – to avail themselves of our services. Staff can assist you to prepare a resume, hone your interview skills, and advise you about the best way to seek out that important first job. Watch your email for weekly jobs lists and for announcements about upcoming workshops, seminars, career days and other related events. Feel free at anytime to call our office at 732-571-3471 and speak to a staff member or to make an appointment.

If you have been awarded a Federal Work Study grant be sure to visit our offices for help with locating a job on-campus. FWS students may also explore opportunities off-campus at various community service organizations, such as the YMCA, United Way, Planned Parenthood, and others. If you don’t have a FWS award, don’t despair! About 40% of MU’s student workers last year did not have a FWS award. Over one third of our students worked off-campus last year in a great way to earn extra cash, make new friends and important contacts with faculty and staff. Almost every department at Monmouth hires student workers. If you want to work on campus, just be sure you’ve completed and filed a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. See a staff member for more details.

For more information about our office visit us on the web at: http://www.monmouth.edu/academics/CSS/placement_office/

Best wishes for the coming year.

The Staff of the Office of Placement and Student Employment
Welcome back to all our majors from the Department of Chemistry, Medical Technology and Physics! We hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

I have been appointed to replace Dr. Topper as the department Chair. Please feel free to stop by if you have any concerns or if I can be of any assistance. My office is located in the Edison Science Building, 2nd floor, E243. If you are a new chemistry or med tech major, I would be delighted to meet you.

Our Seminar in Chemistry course will be featuring guest speakers, and all students are welcome to attend. The Chem Club will be planning their activities, and we hope that you will join them at their next meeting (to be announced by email).

Have a wonderful fall semester.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Schreiber, Chair

Assistant Professor, Chair

Chemistry, Med Tech & Physics Department
Dear Students:

To the newest members of the Monmouth University community - the Class of 2013 - and to our new transfer students, a hearty welcome. To all our returning students, welcome back. It's great to have you with us again. I hope your summer was productive and fun, and you are ready for an outstanding year here at Monmouth.

Over the course of the summer, there have been many projects undertaken - all to improve your experience here as a Monmouth student. The MAC, is about to open to keep you fit, healthy, and involved with the campus. Cedar Hall has been renovated and a brand new residence hall is under construction. The Underground in Elmwood Hall has been renovated to serve the late night kinds of food ("s" hat sandwiches, fries, etc.) that you crave! Visit it when you get a case of the late night munchies since it will be open until 1:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and until 2:30 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

You will also find a wealth of opportunities to get involved in the life of the campus. New clubs will welcome your participation and the Greek life system is always looking for strong students who want to form a common bond. Come out and cheer all the student-athletes who represent you and the University so well. Take advantage of the outstanding performing arts, theatre, and film schedules. All of this is here for you – but you must choose to take advantage of them.

I want you to be challenged by your experiences here. Stretch your comfort zone. Commit yourself to being the best student and member of this community that you can be. Open your eyes to new opportunities. Get to know new people and appreciate the unique experience and talents we all bring to this community.

Finally, I want you to be healthy and safe, using the knowledge you already have and the knowledge you will gain to make good decisions as you are confronted with the typical temptations of the undergraduate experience. Remember that you are an important and valued member of this community. Take care of yourself and each other. Make that commitment this year.

We are all here to help you, to support you, to cheer you on, and to challenge you to be the best. Again, welcome to campus! Please do not hesitate to contact us at anytime.

Sincerely,
Mary Anne Nagy
Vice President for Student Services

Off-Campus and Commuter Services

Dear Off-Campus and Commuter Students:

Welcome back to campus after what I hope was a great summer break. As you have probably seen, a great deal of work has taken place on-campus this summer. The MAC is finished and it includes the new Bookstore and Fitness Center. Progress on the new residence hall is moving along and the new tennis courts, located just north of Pinewood hall, are nearing completion.

As we welcome in a new school year, I hope you will all find some time to become more connected to the programs and services that Monmouth University has to offer. I know that have very busy schedules. I also know, however, that getting involved outside of the classroom can make an important difference when it comes to your academic success and satisfaction. Whether you join a club/organization, find a campus work-study job, attend a program, help a professor with some research, or even get a meal-plan, the time you spend on-campus outside of the classroom can prove quite valuable. In most cases, you can include those out-of-class experiences on your resume, which in turn can help you get into graduate school or get your first “real” job.

As the 2009/2010 school progresses, I also hope that you will contact my office should you have any questions related to your off-campus or commuter experience. Feel free to also take a look at my office’s website: www.monmouth.edu/commuter where you will find a variety of information about commuting, living off-campus, and the local communities. I also encourage you to keep an eye open for the upcoming programs from OCCS.

Living Off-Campus 101
• Tuesday, September 15 @ 6:45 pm
• Wednesday, September 16 @ 1:00 pm
• Thursday, September 17 @ 5:00 pm

New for 2009/2010 Commuter Connections – a series of brief information sessions for busy commuter students that will discuss a number of practical subjects to include personal finances, car care, living green opportunities, tenant rights/responsibilities, and more!

Welcome to the Neighborhood, Student Rental Visits – For the past 9 years OCCS has visited all of the student rentals in Long Branch, Ocean Township, Deal and West Long Branch to begin a new school year. This year, student rentals in Long Branch, Ocean Township, Deal, and West Long Branch to begin a new school year.

Looking for OCCS, members of SGA and representatives from the local communities during the month of September as we welcome MU students into the local communities

FREE Ice Scraper! Stop by the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services and pick up a free ice scraper (while supplies last). OCCS is located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center.

Living Green Off-Campus e-letter: Are you an environmentally kind of person? Are you interested in learning more about this important topic? Even though you are renting an apartment, you can still recycle, cut down on water consumption and much more. Look for OCCS’s regular installment of Living Green Off-Campus on your email account.

Sincerely,
Vaughn Clay
Director, Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services

Welcome back and good luck in the coming semester

Tutoring Center

As another academic year begins, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to Monmouth, and for new students to familiarize you with the Tutoring Center and the FREE services that we provide to all students.

Do you need some assistance with a particular course?
• Individual or group tutoring sessions available
• Be connected with a Faculty Master Tutor or a Student Peer Tutor
• Have difficulty with the overall rigor of college level work?
• Meet with a Master Tutor or attend a workshop
• College Success Skills Workshop topics include: Time Management, Textbook Reading Strategies, Test Taking Skills, College-Level Vocabulary Development and Study Skills

Requesting a tutor is very easy!
There are two (2) options for filling out the Tutor Request Form: I. Stop by the Tutoring Center
II. Location: Rebecca Stafford Student Center, 1st Floor
• Hours: Monday – Friday 8:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
OR
II. Visit our website at: http://www.monmouth.edu/academics/CS/tutoring_center

Contact information: Barbara Rubert, Director Tutoring Center
• Email: brubert@monmouth.edu
• Phone: 732-263-5721

It is recommended that you request a tutor as soon as you realize that you are in need of help. By acting early, you will greatly increase your chance for academic success!

We look forward to helping you to work toward your academic goals.

Sincerely,
Barbara Rubert
Director, Tutoring Center

Service Learning and Community Programs

Dear Students,

Welcome back! We’re here to help you get off to a great start and there’s no better way to meet people, have fun, and learn about careers than volunteering. The office of Service Learning and Community Programs is now on the lower level of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. Please stop by or call to find out how you can get involved in the community. You can also check the volunteer directory on the Monmouth University website, keyword “volunteer directory”. Whatever your schedule, whatever your interests, the right volunteer opportunity is waiting for you.

Here are some suggestions:
• A food drive for the St. Vincent DePaul Society
• A barbecue for residents of Manna House, a housing facility for homeless women and children
• Pop-Top Tab Collection for Ronald McDonald House
• Fundraising for the SPCA
• Adopting a family for the holidays
• A food drive for the St. Vincent DePaul Society
• Serving lunch at Meal on Noon on Saturday from 11:00 - 1:00
• Making a “no sew” blanket for a child in a hospital or homeless shelter

Contact: Marilyn Ward, Center for Student Success, 732-571-4411 or volunteer@monmouth.edu

****Please note that volunteering does not meet the Experiential Education requirement

September 9, 2009

The Department of English

Anam Khan and Brian Sudel have been named as the winners of the 2008 - 2009 First-Year Composition academic essay contest for EN 101 and EN 102 students. The First-Year Composition Committee of the English Department and the Monmouth Review, Monmouth University’s literary and art magazine, sponsored the competition. Winning essays will be published in the Monmouth Review. During the 2009 – 2010 academic year, faculty will again nominate their students’ essays.

Current EN 101 and EN 102 students are encouraged to sharpen their writing skills in order to be considered for the studentship in Long Branch, Deal, and West Long Branch. To make an appointment with a Professor, contact Barbara Rubert (brubert@monmouth.edu), Sue Blair (sblair@monmouth.edu), or Virginia Samaras (vsamaras@monmouth.edu). Best wishes for a successful year!

Sincerely,
The Department of English

Help Desk - Network Computing Services

The Monmouth University Help Desk, part of the Office of Network Computing Services, is dedicated to providing prompt, courteous, and effective service to the students, faculty, and staff of the Monmouth community.

We are located in Howard Hall room A-8. You can contact the Help Desk ext. 4357 or 732-923-HELP (4357) Monday through Friday - 8:15 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Should you need assistance outside of our normal business hours, leave a message on the Help Desk extension. From 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. M-F and weekends a technician will be paged and your call returned as quickly as possible.

You can also e-mail: helpdesk@monmouth.edu.

A few quick reminders:

You should NEVER respond to an email request to supply any personal information such as User ID, password, Social Security Number, account numbers, etc. Don’t reveal a password to ANYONE!

Back up your files. Your M drive is a good place to do so.

Check to make sure you take your flash drive, thumb drive, disc etc. with you after working in a lab or classroom.

Lastly, please remember that once you are no longer a REGISTERED STUDENT, your email and data will no longer be available to you from Monmouth University.

Therefore, if you think you might need or want your email and/or data files, back them up to another media such as a flash drive.

Welcome back and good luck in the coming semester

The Outlook

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Kappa Delta Pi Inducts 38 New Members

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CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Are you an education major that would like to be recognized for your accomplishments and expand your experiences in the School of Education? Does your resume need a little extra on it?

If so, you should consider joining Kappa Delta Pi. This International Honor Society in Education (KDP) was founded 98 years ago and continues to uphold high standards in education with Monmouth University as a proud supporter to the Na Tau Chapter on campus. This society recognizes high academic achievement, promotes educational service to the community, and establishes a professional network. In the ever-competitive job market today, becoming an active member of Kappa Delta Pi will assist in highlighting your dedication to the education profession and is certainly worthy of including on one’s resume.

The 2009 induction ceremony was a wonderful event that honored 38 Monmouth students, Dr. Mary Lee Bass for her immense contributions to the field of education, as well as two AVID programs and is certainly worthy of including on one’s resume. To become an inductee, an overall GPA of 3.2 is needed, as well as completion of 9 semester credits of education courses at Monmouth. Furthermore, educational related community service is required and helps to promote and develop one’s contributions to the field. The executive board, members, and faculty sponsors of KDP are delighted to promote new activities and increase involvement within the upcoming semesters. The following events will be discussed further at meetings (dates and times listed below), but a KDP contact is also provided for immediate questions or concerns. One such activity includes a KDP team for The Big Event taking place October 17th. If you have any questions please contact Megan Pakalik at s06608914@monmouth.edu.

Another proposed activity includes tutoring at local schools; this experience will allow KDP members to work with students during their after-school hours, gain an understanding of current curricula in the area, and make professional connections while volunteering their time. Please contact Amy Smither at s0655534@monmouth.edu with any questions/concerns.

A new initiative this year is to work in conjunction with The School of Education to commence a Peer Advising Mentoring Program. This exciting endeavor will assist in highlighting your dedication to the education profession and is certainly worthy of including on one’s resume.

The inductees, honorees, Professor Brennan, Dr. Groff, and Dean Romeo at the Induction Ceremony March 22nd, 2009 in Wilson Hall.
Welcome Back Everyone! The Student Council for Exceptional Children is a student organization which is part of the Council for Exceptional Children, a national professional organization which supports the education of individuals with special needs. The Monmouth University student CEC will be holding many events and meetings this year involving individuals with special needs. Our first member meeting will be Tuesday September 15th at the location in TBA. Our meetings are held monthly. Flyers announcing Student CEC events and meetings will be posted in the student center and McAllen Hall. For more information email s0603523@monmouth.edu.

SOCIOLGY CLUB
Hey fellow student! I hope that every- one had a wonderful summer and you are all ready to work hard once again! Last school year, the Sociology Club had a wonderful and informative year. We hosted many events including social dinners to help others, and we also successfully raised money to donate to The Weinman Children's Rehabilitation Hospital, in South Jersey. We had a wonderful year! We hope to make this year just as rewarding, if not even better than last, for the club and for others! We meet regularly, in Hey Hall, so look out for posts about the first meeting! The Sociology Club is a very social and active club to be a member of, so if you enjoy helping out the community, with your friends, come out! We hope to see you all there.

ITALIAN CLUB
Welcome Back Students and a special welcome to incoming fresh- man! Here at Monmouth University, along with our advisor Prof. Ma- ria Simondoli, II Circulo Italiano is dedicated to sharing and promoting Italian Heritage with the Monmouth community. The Italian Club is a great place to come if you want to learn about the culture and experience the Italian culture. We encourage students to at- tend our meetings and participate in our events. We welcome all students regardless of nationality. Italian is in the spirit, not the blood!

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STUDENT COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
Monmouth University Commu-
nity, welcome back to all returning students! And all of you new students welcome to Monmouth, there is so much information coming at you at once it can be very overwhelming. I wanted to tell you and returning students who might not know about Colleges against Cancer. Colleges against Cancer (CAC) is a club de- signed by the American Cancer So-
ciety for colleges and universities to host at their schools. There are over 300 CAC chapters around the coun-
ty fighting the fight against cancer. Our CAC chapter has four points to it: Cancer Education, Survivorship, Mission/Advocacy, and Relay for Life. You may have heard about Re-
lay for Life or even have been a part of it. For those who haven’t, Relay for Life is an overnight grassroots event to raise money to find a cure for can-
cer. The Relay for Life of Monmouth University is in its third year and is continuously growing. Hosted at the practice field next to Keister Field, we raised almost $60,000 and over 60 teams. Besides Relay for Life, CAC also hosts cancer awareness programs such as volunteering at the breast cancer walk on the Pt. Pleasant and host at the CAC and럽 경인 창세일 종래 du to visit cancer patients at Hope Lodge in NYC. The CAC chapter and Re-
lay for Life committee are always looking for more help.

Delta Phi Epsilon
Welcome back from sorority! The sisters of Delta Phi Epsilon will be back in your dorm rooms again for Psi Chi announcements. This year, we will be back to another fabulous year at Monmouth University! We look for-
ward to seeing many new and fal-
mier faces this fall. Good luck with your classes and hope to see you at events. 

HPMC
SO YOU WANNA BE A DJ?!? Then check out one of our meetings at 11AM-3PM, Stu-
dent Union - for our first meeting this semester! We will be planning the upcoming semester’s events and REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED!

Zeta Tau Alpha
Zeta Tau Alpha welcomes back everyone to the fall semester! ZTA’s at Monmouth University is a great of a summer as they did. But the sisters of ZTA are looking forward to a great year ahead. ZTA looks forward to working hard this upcoming semester to raise money for their philanthro-
ny, Breast Cancer Awareness and Education. Save the date of October 10th to come to ZTA’s Think Pink Volleyball Tour-

REPUBLICAN CLUB
The College Republicans Club is the student branch of the principles of the Republican Party; aid the election of republican candidates through get out the vote and assist in the organizing and nominating of the Republican Party at local, state, and national level-
ts; and develop political and leadership abilities among students as preparation for future service to the party and community. For more information, please contact Kevin Franken at 732-2653825 or Gerard Scharenberger at 732-571-3440

HILLES
Come join the MU Hillel - Jewish Student Union - for our first meeting of the semester on Sept. 23, 2009 at 4PM in the Heavy Room: Student Center 202A. We will be planning the upcoming year and registration for the conference will be open. On behalf of the Monmouth University Hillel Executive Board, we hope to see you there.

Psi Chi
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As if this summer did not afford us with enough rainy days and celebrity deaths, DJ AM, also known as Adam Goldstein, can be added to the list of untimely deceased superstars who passed at the young age of 36. On Friday, August 28, it was Goldstein’s missed flight to Los Angeles that provoked his friends to check up on him at his Soho apartment with no success. A call was made to 911 shortly after voicing concern that they had not seen their friend in days. Upon entering the apartment, paramedics found a lifeless Goldstein lying in bed with pill bottles and other drug paraphernalia. A New York City official told the Associated Press that there were six undigested prescription pills in Goldstein’s stomach and one still lodged in his throat, believed to be OxyContin. This begs the question whether or not Goldstein’s death was a suicide.

Goldstein was a recovering drug addict who had been sober for just about a decade, yet his single relapse resulted in a final ending. Nearly a year ago to date Goldstein cheated death in a plane crash with good friend Travis Barker of Blink-182, who has been using his Twitter page as a platform to pay homage to his deceased friend. Barker tweeted on August 29, “I’ll never forget everything we’ve been thru and every time I play the drums I’ll think of you. You were an amazing friend/DJ/human being.”

A few days before his sudden death Goldstein was seen at Cit Field throwing out the first pitch for the Mets and had just wrapped up filming a new reality show for MTV slated to be named Gone Too Far. The series ironically followed Goldstein as he arranged interventions with teen drug addicts, hoping to deter them from wandering down the same dangerous path he had. Goldstein’s professional accomplishments include being a member of the band Crazy Town, best known for their hit single “Butterfly” in 2001 but more recently for his skills on the turntables at trendy venues. He was also linked to dating singer Mandy Moore and being formerly engaged to socialite Nicole Richie.

Goldstein was laid to rest on September 2, at Hillside Memorial Park in West Los Angeles. A memorial service was held the following day and was staged similar to a 12-step Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. Guests were instructed to “adhere to the tradition of anonymity and let what they hear, and who they see there, stay there.”

Goldstein may be gone, but his music is what we will have forever.
Summer movie season 2009, version 1 - wretched. Everything seemed to be based on a comic book, video game, some aging TV franchise, an action toy, or was a re-make of a lovely old movie. Lots of noisy films with little humanity.

Summer movie season 2009, version 2 - loved it! Hollywood finally producing movies people want to see. Let's keep it up! Lots of CGI. Plenty of cool films populated with recognizable characters. A perfect popcorn summer.

Want to reconcile these two versions? That's about as likely as the passage of a coherent national health-care bill. The fact is, now that Hollywood has discovered the joys of successfully converting pop-culture artifacts into movies the joys of successfully converting pop-culture artifacts into movies, the passage of a coherent national health-care bill is about as likely as the "Borat" follow-up.

FRANK GOGOL
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The recently released Hallowe- en 2, directed by Rob Zombie and starring Dylan McDowell, Scout Taylor- Compton, and Tyler Mane, continues the franchise's re- birth started by Zombie with 2007's "Halloween." Unlike its progenitor, however, Hal- loween II fails to deliver the same character depth and in- telligent plot.

The film picks up right where the first movie left off with Laurie (Scott-Camp- ton) having just survived the massacre committed by Michael My- ers (Mane) and four others in the house, Halloween II fails to deliver the same character depth and in- telligent plot.

The film breaks continui- ty a little hard when a flash- back scene shows a young Michael and his mother, Deborah My- ers (Sheri Moon Zombie), in the institu- tion where he was sent. The film kills off most of his family at age 11. Debo- rah gives Michael a gift of a white horse statuette, which provides some of the basis for what happens in the movie and is a significant plot device.

The problem with this film is that it felt forced because live viewing the first film the viewer is led to believe that they've gotten the en- tire story, but this is found to be untrue, and in a movie where a great deal of the plot is felt forced, it would have been nice to see this important plot element integrated more organically.

There is an interesting corre- lation between Michael's mask and the brutality of his murders.

The more deteriorated the mask, the more violent he becomes. In the first film a con- siderable amount of attention is paid to the mask he wears it shows that he almost classed it for it. In this film it seems that he needs the mask less and the devil be- hind him shows more and more of the film progresses.

Zombie uses dreams and hal- lucinations heavily in this film, which makes the plot somewhat ungrounded and unrelatable. There are times it is very unclear whether the scene being depict- ed is real or not and it is difficult to tell which char- acters are actually present and who might be dead.

The penultimate scene of the movie ever-negative shadows any good qualities the film might have had. With a full-out police presence, that included helicopters and sniper rifles, in what is supposed to be a small town, the almost random appearance of Laurie the scene really feels to get unrealistic and breaks the little illusion the movie had left by the end.

The film also lacks suspense overall. It is very straightforward. There's a big scary killer and he kills people.

The violence and gore also get to be a bit much at times. In one of the scenes there is probably too much blood and gore. That alone makes the one in the room could have produced.

The film is not a total loss, however. It's ambitious and is an interest- ing follow-up. Also the character design for Michael is very rugged and real- istic. The camera angle is almost distracting and a bit unclear at times, successfully emulating the way the viewer is feeling in the respective scenes they are feeling in them.

This film receives one and a half out of five starts. It's clear the Zombie has grown as a di- rector and a visionary, but with a plot that is far below sub-par in a franchise we've been watching for 30 years and simply bad act- ing, there's just not enough to redeem this film.

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The Star Trek franchise - Brought back from the dead, thanks to J.J. Abrams. And we just love the new Speck and Kirk. Live long and prosper, fella.

Meryl Streep - Really. Who wouldn't want to see her as Julia Child?

Neill Blomkamp and Sharito Copley - Six months ago, no one outside of South Africa had heard of the director of "District 9." Now, thanks to the film's terrific reviews and smash opening. "Dis- trict 9" made back its production costs in three days. Blomkamp and Copley are at the top of everyone's "let's take a meeting" list.

Quentin Tarantino - Thanks to Brad Pitt, solid reviews and a smart marketing campaign, "In- glourious Basterds" opened with a $37 million gross, the best in Taran- tino's career. Killin' Nazis never looked so attractive.

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Funding for New Jersey’s State Universities Remains a Debated Issue among Gubernatorial Candidates

DIANA CAPPELLUTI, Political Editor

On November 3, 2009, New Jersey will hold a gubernatorial election that is of particular importance to many college students enrolled in New Jersey’s public universities, as state funding for education remains a contentious issue among the candidates.


Gov. Corzine’s campaign is being endorsed by President Obama, and the governor is in full support of the president’s plan to incorporate the stimulus package into higher education. The governor is already taking action to promote his awareness of the struggles that New Jersey’s colleges and universities are facing in such a deflated economy.

On Monday, July 27, Gov. Corzine signed the latest New Jersey economic stimulus package, which enables private and public institutions of learning to form coalitions so that private colleges will be able to fund future ventures.

Immediately following this bold move toward revamping New Jersey’s system of funding for higher education, Gov. Corzine paid a special visit to colleges in order to spread the word, including Montclair State University, which will now be able to afford new residence halls, technology labs and theaters for students involved in the arts.

Although the governor hopes to use this tactic to advance New Jersey’s economy, critics question the longevity of the benefits of such development. While jobs will be created for New Jersey workers, and higher education will be made a bit more affordable, critics are questioning the sustainability of this economic boost after the completion of the projects.

However, Gov. Corzine insists that higher education in this state would benefit greatly by being a part of the stimulus package. In addition, grants will be given to state schools in order to fund expansion projects.

Still, sceptics of the governor’s plan to implement a stimulus package for New Jersey colleges criticize the business plan of this bill, believing that it acts as a hand-out to New Jersey workers and developers and will ultimately deplete state tax revenue.

Opposition to Governor Corzine, as well as to Chris Christie, does not support the introduction of a new federal investment in higher education.

On Wednesday, July 29, the president released a speech in which he admitted that the plan of the White House in what is emerging as a critical period for Obama. The president also promised to reform our education laws in the near future.

WASHINGTON — Conservative activists blasted as socialists. Worried parents called for boycotts. School administrators struggled over whether to let students hear it.

But in the “back to school” speech President Barack Obama plans to give Tuesday, he will do what American presidents have done before: urge students to work hard, stay in school and follow their dreams.

“If you quit on school, you’re not just quitting on yourself, you’re quitting on your country,” Obama will say in the speech, which is loaded with similar exhortations. The White House released a transcript of the president’s remarks Monday afternoon, saying that those who have charged he was promoting a political agenda.

But, the truth is, being successful is hard. You won’t love every subject you study. You won’t click with every teacher. Not every homework assignment will seem completely relevant to you. But in the “back to school” speech, Obama will say in the speech, telling Fox News on Monday that it’s good to have the president of the United States “back to school” and do your homework. It’s good for America.

Monday afternoon, one critic issued a statement lauding the speech, saying, “If you’re not going to work hard, stay in school and follow your dreams, I think you’re not going to be any of the successful that American presidents have been.”

“Major candidates for governor are New Jersey incumbent Dem. Jon Corzine and his opponent Rep. Chris Christie”

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White House Releases Transcript of Obama’s Planned Speech to Schoolchildren

TOM HAMBURGER, TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU / MC

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Obama’s speech draws on his own experience — and those of his wife, Michelle, to argue that education is the key to personal success and to the success of the nation.

“You’ll need the knowledge and problem-solving skills you learn in science and math ... to be shown on the Web site and on C-SPAN.

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Institute for Global Understanding

The Institute for Global Understanding (IGU) is a student-centered, dynamic, young, and new member of the university community. Our mission is to raise global awareness and understanding through various programs and by engaging in public service in local and global communities. Our new initiatives for 2009-2010 include a mentorship program involving Monmouth University students with Asbury Park High School through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth County. Our fall plenary lecture will feature Ramu Damodaran, Deputy Director of Outreach Division of the UN-DPI. This lecture, covering academic impact of the UN, is titled: “Ask Not Only What the UN Can Do For You, But Also What You Can Do For the UN.” This talk will be on Monday, October 19th, at 2:30 p.m. in Wilson Auditorium. Everyone is invited. Entering in its 9th year, we will continue to offer our weeklong, interdisciplinary global convention in the spring (April 5-8, 2010); our theme is “Change and Stability in Global Environments.” Students and others wishing to get involved in our programs and events, or to volunteer, please stop by Bey Hall 101A, or e-mail igu@monmouth.edu. To become a friend of IGU on facebook, please visit: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Monmouth-University-Institute-For-Global-Understanding/109452703965.

School of Education

The School of Education would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning students. We hope you have had an enjoyable, relaxing summer and are ready to beginning your courses and field experiences in the area schools during the fall semester. We wish you a productive, enjoyable and successful school year.

Sincerely,
Lynn Romeo, Dean
School of Education

Political Science Department

The department of Political Science and the Sociology Program welcome everyone and wish you all a very productive, healthy, safe, and exciting year ahead. We are happy to announce the creation of a new debate club, continuation of the Model United Nations program, the pre-law fraternity, Political Science Club, and the Sociology Club. We will be offering many of our traditionally popular courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as new courses such as “Policy Debate,” and a brand new Special Topics course, “Trials of the Century,” taught by Professor Jack Ford, of formerly Court TV. The department also helps students find placements in legal and political offices in local municipalities, county and state government, and in Washington DC (through the Washington Center). To find out more about the department and how to get involved in our many dynamic and exciting programs, please contact Dr. Rekha Datta, Bey Hall, 243, rdatta@monmouth.edu or extension 4438.

Residential Life

On behalf of the Office of Residential Life, I would like to welcome you “home”. We are excited about the 2009-2010 Academic Year. The Residential Life Staff has planned a variety of activities and programs for you – I hope you participate in these events and get to know the Staff.

I am sure you have noticed the changes to the Residential side of campus. The new hall is well underway, “Shadow’s” Underground has an exciting new look and an enhanced new menu, and the Hawk’s Den has added features for your work-outs.

As a reminder, the Office of Residential Life is located in Pinewood Hall. Linda Ganghamer, Housing and Office Coordinator, and Bob Noren, Residential Life Assistant, are in our main office and available to assist you between 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or visit the office. You may also email our office at reslife@monmouth.edu.

BEST WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL SEMESTER!

Sincerely,
James D. Pillar
Assistant Vice President
Student Services

Pre-Professional Health Advisory Committee

The PPHAC would like to welcome all new students and welcome back all returning students. If you are interested in pursuing a career as a physician, dentist or other health care professional, please visit our website at http://www.monmouth.edu/academics/pre-professional_health. The PPHAC advises students from freshman year and continues through the application process to professional school acceptance.

We hope you have an exciting and rewarding academic year!

The Department of Music & Theatre Arts

Department Meeting
For Faculty and Students
Thursday, September 17, 2009
Woods Theatre—7:30 PM

ALL Majors, Minors and ALL interested in the Fall and Spring Musical and Theatre Productions MUST ATTEND!
Reflections from Cadiz, Spain

As a Spanish major I felt it was necessary to study abroad in Spain. The best way to learn about another culture and a person is to live in the country, eat the traditional food, and coexist with the native people. After high school, I have been learning about Spain for six years now, since I was a freshman in high school and made the decision to take Spanish as my language. After the first week of studying abroad here in Cadiz I learned more about Spain and its culture than I had ever learned in six years of Spanish study. I think studying abroad is a completely different approach to learning; it brings learning to life. It’s much easier to understand and remember something about a specific topic when you’re living it and eating it and it and breathing the air every single day.

I lived with a family that was an amazing experience. There is nothing more real and authentic than living in a household where the only language spoken is Spanish. The families were all so warm and the mother makes the food you eat. I have to admit at first getting used to the eating schedule was a challenge. We would eat two slices of toast for breakfast with marmalade and juice, for lunch and dinner we would have our meal served with bread and then followed by fruit at the end. The food that was actually served was not so much the surprise, but the freshness of everything did amaze me. My Madre went out every day before lunch to buy fresh produce to go with our meal; she bought fruit daily and made sure the milk and cheese was always fresh. Everyone bought fruit daily and made sure the milk and cheese was always fresh. An important day. They didn’t judge every day as if it was the most important day. They don’t judge on the amount of food you eat or drink, they judge on whether you respect the food you eat. In the United States, the amount of food you eat or drink can have a negative effect on your body, but in Spain it is all about the type of food you eat and how it’s made. They only waste what is needed, and they waste it all, here they cook all the food that is available and it is used to the maximum.

There was an amazing experience. It’s amazing how much more enjoyable your days can be without stress and always being on the go. The days here are so long, you can get so much done in a day; the sun doesn’t even set until 10:30. At first dealing with the duration of the day was challenging. Since the days were so long there was so many emotions evoked throughout a single day. At 10 in the morning I would be happy but then by 4 I would be exhausted and than by 9 I would be ready to go walk around in one of the beautiful plazas. People really enjoy living life here, they really make the most out of every day, and every day, their appreciation for life is really amazing, and they know what really matters.

People in Cadiz really just slow down and relax, they are never in a rush or hurry to get something done. The entire day goes from 2 pm until 6 pm for siesta; I mean schools shut down, restaurants, and stores. Everyone goes home and eats lunch, together as a family, and just relaxes; it’s a beautiful thing. It’s amazing how much more enjoyable your days can be without stress and always being on the go. The days here are so long, you can get so much done in a day; the sun doesn’t even set until 10:30. At first dealing with the duration of the day was challenging. Since the days were so long there was so many emotions evoked throughout a single day. At 10 in the morning I would be happy but then by 4 I would be exhausted and than by 9 I would be ready to go walk around in one of the beautiful plazas. People really enjoy living life here, they really make the most out of every day, and every day, their appreciation for life is really amazing, and they know what really matters.

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The thing I enjoyed most about Spain was the relationships we developed with our teachers. Teachers here aren’t so much authority figures as they are friends. I feel like a lot of teachers in the United States only care about teaching to collect their paychecks, they don’t have their heart in it, and sometimes they don’t even like kids. There is such a barrier between students and teachers in the U.S. that it often makes teachers feel untreatable. The teachers here also don’t demand your respect just because they are older; they have their hearts in the job of this! I didn’t dread going to class, we got to actually have a real relationship with our teachers; they had one with us as well.

I think studying abroad is something that everyone should do in their lives; I think it’s imperative to take your major to the next level. It really makes you realize how much of a person you are. For six weeks with a family who only speaks Spanish and surviving in a completely different culture is really showing you can step out of your comfort zone. It really helps you to say that you did this on your own and you did this for yourself. It made me realize just how strong of a person I am and that you should never second-guess yourself go with your instincts, don’t doubt your emotions or feelings on a particular course. You will learn something that you can learn more by observing than doing in certain situations, it is something that a lot of people forget. Sometimes when things would go uncommentable or I would second guess myself I would take a step back and just observe and I realized I got more out of the experience by doing this.

Hello & Goodbye

The Study Abroad Office would like to wish a HELLO & GOOD-BYE to all the students who have the courage to think outside the box and STUDY ABROAD!

Welcome back from England: (09 Spring)

Tara Boswell, Lindsey Cadman, Steven Gross, Renee Moe, Lauren Regele, Nancy Schechter, Karen Schwartz, Krista Vanore, Kevin Volbretch, Siera Werner

Welcome back from Australia: (09 Fall)


Welcome back from Spain: (09 Summer)


Good luck in Australia: (09 Fall)

Andrew Bachman, Luke Bell, Lindsey Chadras, Jessica Crane, Megan Dooley, Mathew Galgano, Taryn Goscinski, Kimberly Kephc, Court Harwood, Jessica Lang, Nikita Luberthazi, Carly Machir, Olivia Nobre, Erika Ortiz, pistis Jessica, Jacquie Reed, Jessica Ruth, Erika Santos, Jillian Shaw, Rachel Shuster, Jordanna Spaulding, Donya Soble, Meghon Thompson, and Chris Wiggins.

Good luck in Italy (Fall 09)

Heather Baccile, Durrel Canfield, Mark Cosentino, Carly Gibson, Ryan Glasgow, Sarah Grace, Breana Schadt, Amanda Truppern, and Eileen Zapatnis.
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“Bearcats.” “Bees.” “Bisons.” “Commuters.” “Trojans.” These were just five of the possibilities. Seventy years ago an integral part of this university’s history was decided, and from that an icon was born. The “Nighthawk” was voted as Monmouth Junior College’s mascot, winning by a mere six votes.

Flash forward to today: stickers, t-shirts, stuffed animals. Even painted on the patio outside of the Student Center is our beloved mascot. Just how did the Nighthawk evolve into the iconic “Shadow” we know today and what has his presence over the last seven decades?

The truth is, our mascot has evolved with our school. Back in 1939, Monmouth Junior College only offered night classes and for this reason, the nighthawk, a primarily nocturnal bird, seemed the perfect fit.

With the change to Monmouth College in 1956, the Nighthawk was move a little bit closer to the mascot we know and love today and became simply the “Hawk.” The moniker “night” was dropped because the school now offered daytime classes. A live hawk, named Phoenix, was featured from 1961 to 1962 as the symbol of our school at sporting and other events.

Throughout the years the Hawk has had a number of different appearances. A black and orange hawk, a hawk in an “M” shirt with a pennant, a bug-eyed bird, and several other incarnations of the Hawk have all symbolized this school over the years.

In the early 2000’s there was talk of changing the mascot back the “Nighthawk” because then-director of the Athletics Department, Dr. Marilyn McNeil, had pointed out that other schools were the Hawks as well and the change would revitalize a sense of unique identity. Ultimately, this proposal didn’t fly, but did catalyze a different change.

After a long and laborious process of research and development, the current face of the Hawk was created in 2003. The almost fierce-looking, yellow-eyed, think-browed bird with the two-tone beak had become our mascot. It wasn’t until 2005, however, that the mascot this generation of Monmouth University student is familiar with came to be complete. Like many schools across the nation, we had our mascot, but what we didn’t have was an identity for him. University of North Carolina sports teams are known as the Tar Heels, but their mascot is not just a dirty foot. They have “Rames” the ram as the face of their school spirit. Harkening back how the original mascot was chosen in 1939, a contest was held to name the Hawk and give him an identity. A fifth grade class in West Long Branch and a kindergarten class in the Elberon School titled our Hawk “Shadow.”

Shadow is more than just a mascot; he is symbol of the evolution of our school. For nearly three quarters of a century he has represented us and grown with us. He is the face of this school’s spirit. At the end of last year there were whispers that a new mascot uniform was being purchased by the Class of 2009. If this is true, the next step in the long evolutionary process of the Hawk will take place.
Ron’s West End Pub Where Halloween Lasts All Year Long

The atmosphere inside is similar to what eerie feelings must be felt when walking into the home of Leather Face from Texas Chainsaw Massacre. Most people consider of utmost importance when looking for a place to get a drink or six, on a Tuesday, Thursday, or any weekend night. However, ambiance is what you get when you walk through the maroon door at Ron’s West End Pub, located on 103 West End Avenue in Long Branch, and it’s not the type you would expect from a bar less than a mile from the beach.

The sign outside of Ron’s West End Pub that welcomes patrons with its cartoon-like and eerie-looking letterface.

“Ambiance is something many Monmouth students do not consider of utmost importance when looking for a place to get a drink or six, on a Tuesday, Thursday, or any weekend night. However, ambiance is what you get when you walk through the maroon door at Ron’s West End Pub, located on 103 West End Avenue in Long Branch, and it’s not the type you would expect from a bar less than a mile from the beach.

“The atmosphere inside is similar to what eerie feelings must be felt when walking into the home of Leather Face from Texas Chainsaw Massacre.”

A patron playing on the Sopranos pinball machine found inside the establishment.

Photo Courtesy of Yahoo.com

“Don’t let the dentist chair dis- tract you,” Jack’s El- yse explains, “I control the mouth of the deer, ask from a button and microphone in the back, people focus on the creepy, demonic air and bam talking deer head; people get up to use the bathroom, if you don’t call fives. Black and white pictures line the wall, something you’re not going to get when you walk through the bar door. If you don’t call fives, it’s just so good, and for only five dollars, it does the job.” Sitting outside on the front porch you can hear the train rumbling in the distance, but the noise is minimal at best. “It’s my first time here and I will be back, if Ron was here I’d thank him for this kooky place, which my girlfriend will probably never ask to come with me.”

So, is there really a Ron behind this weird watering hole? “Their absolutely is,” Elyse assu- res me. “However he is on Va- cation with his son, but, when they are here, they come down- stairs and cook for their guests.”

 Ron has also had a hand in con- tributing almost all of the oddi- ties that clutter up the place. “In his absence you kind of get the feeling he’s still here looking at you through the eyes of one of the pictures,” said Elyse. A fine bartender she is because, with that I need another drink.
Welcome new and returning students! The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations is looking forward to a great year.

I encourage you to take advantage of the more than 80 student clubs and organizations on campus. An easy way to get involved is to take part in the Involvement Fair being held on Wednesday, September 23rd (raindate September 30th) outside of the Student Center from 2:30-4:30pm. This is a time for you to meet many of the club representatives and to get an idea of what our clubs and organizations do. There is something for everyone! Also, should you come up with an idea for a new club, it is easy to start one. Just come to the Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations to get started. All clubs and organizations are student run and recognized through the Student Government Association.

If you are interested in fraternities or sororities, you may also want to attend Meet the Greeks at 10pm on Tuesday, September 22 in the Student Center Anacon Hall. While the Greeks are open to all, remember first year students must have completed at least 12 credits to join. Also, the minimum grade point average required to join a fraternity or sorority is 2.5. Some organizations require a higher grade point average, so be sure to ask about their requirements. Take time to meet all of the fraternities or sororities to make the best decision for you.

The clubs, organizations, our office and other departments have put together a busy schedule of activities for the semester. Check your Calendar of Events and look for posters, electronic displays, and table tents giving you information about upcoming activities. The Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations also sends weekly e-mails updating you about the events. Please be advised that a number of the events will be held in the lobby of Oakwood Hall and all students may attend.

Also, take time to check out the Rebecca Stafford Student Center. In addition to many departmental offices, you will find lounge space to relax and study, computers to use, many club and organization offices, the cafeteria, a convenience store, an information desk, meeting/event rooms and more. The Rebecca Stafford Student Center is here for you. Take advantage of all it has to offer.

If you have any questions about upcoming events or clubs and organizations, please feel free to contact the Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations at 732-571-3586 or visit our office located on the second floor of the Rebecca Stafford Student Center.

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1. Keats or Yeats
6. Betty with million-dollar legs
11. Ride the dust
14. Actress Teri
15. Ceremonial
16. Circulars
17. Good-bye Guido
18. Slangy okay
20. Stubborn
21. February 29th
22. Bikini top
26. Big... CA
29. In plain view
30. Silence sounds
32. Catch on one breath
36. Choice choice
37. Charge with gas
39. Gator tail?
40. Color bands
42. ROW possibly
43. TV controller
45. Go holders
47. Trampled (on)
49. Architect of St. Paul’s
50. Canine malady
51. Neighbor of Swed
53. Gummy shape
54. Uneasy feeling
56. FT.
58. “Silver” author Lewyn
59. Oolong or Earl Grey
60. Amy Tan novel, with “Th”
66. Squirmy catch
67. Have high hopes
68. Single lady
69. “Miniver”
70. Shirley and Martin
71. On the Aegean

DOWN
1. Crook of Duval and O’Meara
2. Flower’s need
3. Make a mistake
4. Having a triple character
5. Pluck
6. Make free (cf)
7. Nosher
8. Sack material
9. Fancy cloth
10. Inventor Howe
11. Woolgathering
12. Concept
13. Spot in a crowd
14. Most extensive
15. Sound of a well-tuned engine
16. Warhol’s movement
17. Dodge
18. Formal events
19. Burnsian hillside
20. Western spread
21. Jaguar attire
22. Wasp wounds
23. Afternoon china
24. Gush out
25. Preselect
26. Shades of brown
27. Obligatory stimulator
28. Cure-all
29. Key in again
30. Indian rulers
31. Flower supplier
32. Gazelle
33. Light meal
34. Cools down

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Monmouth Aims to Take another Step in ’09

ANDREW SCHETTER
FEATURES EDITOR

Monmouth is coming off their tenth winning season in program history, with a 7-4 record in 09. The Hawks look to better that mark this year and have already received some preseason praise as they are picked to finish second in Northeast Conference in the official coaches poll.

The Blue and White hope to live up to the hype with two players named to the All-NEC preseason team leading the way, in running back David Sinisi and offensive lineman Shawn Wright. Sinisi the defending NEC offensive player of the year enters his last season as at Monmouth, coming off a season where he ran his way into the Blue and White and NEC record books by rushing for 1,674 yards over 150 games and led the nation with 22 touchdowns. Sinisi also became Monmouth and the NEC’s all-time leading scorer with 330 career points. David has the chance to set the bar even higher for future Hawks this season and will be the key to the team’s success.

Paving the way for Sinisi is offensive lineman Shawn Wright. Wright was named to the All-NEC team at the end of last season. Wright along with the other 4 members of the line that allowed just 9 sacks all season. Wright was named to the All-NEC team and have their sights set on a three-peat. In order to pass Albany and become conference champions once again the Blue and White will have to replace last years starting quarterback Brett Burke and NFL tight end John Nalbone. With the 161st pick in the 2009 NFL draft the Miami Dolphins selected John Nalbone and although the Hawks lost one of their greatest players ever, the program itself took a huge step in showing that Monmouth football can lead to an opportunity at a career in the NFL.

The Hawks look to better that history, with a 7-4 record in 09. As a team to improve upon last year’s silver medal finish they will have to pass the defending champs for two years running the Great Danes of the University of Albany. Albany placed first in the coaches preseason poll and has gone undefeated in conference play for the last two seasons. The Great Danes have six players named to the Preseason All-NEC team and have their sights set on a three-peat. The outlook’s Weekly NFL Picks - Week 1

NEW ORLEANS - Entering the 2009 season, fellow Monmouth alum John Nalbone, is in good shape as they have put the team in a good place at running back while looking for their first win.

The impact that this could have on the team’s success and could do wonders in bringing attention to the gridiron on the Jersey shore. Monmouth looked to continue giving itself a good name when they kick off the season on Saturday, September 5, on the road against Colgate University. The Hawks were brushed aside by Colgate 35-23 despite holding a two point lead at half time. Sinisi picked up right where he left off last year in a bright spot for the Blue and White accumulating 102 yards on 26 carries with a touchdown. He also had three catches for 56 yards and a touchdown, including a 50 yard reception. Despite the loss Monmouth is in good shape as they have time to build momentum before the start of conference play. Next week the road trip continues as Monmouth heads to Coastal Carolina looking for their first win.

Outlook’s Weekly NFL Picks - Week 1

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Women's Soccer
Set to Soar in 09 After Bumpy Beginning

KEVEAN MARTIN
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

With the opening game right around the corner, the women's soccer team has been preparing vigorously for a promising 2009 season. After being selected third in the Northeast Conference preseason coaches' poll and coming off of a 4-12 win 2008 season, the Hawks are in a comfortable position to compete for their second NEC championship in the last three years.

Head Coach Kristine Turner is especially confident in her squad, but explains that anything can happen in this well-rounded conference. “It has become a constant theme that no opponent can be taken lightly.”

The Hawks boast an extremely skilled and experienced core of players returning to the field including recently announced co-captains senior Andrea Kliment as well as senior stand-out and member of the NSCAA/Adidas All-Mid Atlantic Region Second Team, Andrea Lopez. “Losing only two starters, this year’s team is very mature. There are many veterans that know what it takes to win and who are willing to do anything to do so. We are looking to be a strong contender to take the title this year,” explained Lopez.

In addition to the returnees, Monmouth welcomes seven freshmen to help out their 2009 squad. “The freshmen have been working hard throughout preseason. They all have positive attitudes and are willing to learn and do what they can for the rest of the team, so that in turn is is exciting to see,” said Kliment. “All of them bring different skills and dynamics to the game and to our team, we are looking for all of them to contribute in different yet important ways.”

The season kicks off Friday, August 28th against a solid New Rochelle team, which will be a premier test for the Blue and White. “This will be a huge game for us. We need to come out and prove ourselves so that we can receive the respect from other conferences that we deserve,” stated Salvia.

MU will have their hands full early on with several other prominent opponents as well including interstate rival Seton Hall. These games will shed light on where they need improvement before heading into conference play where they will have to be at their best so that they are in position to reach their main goal of conference champions.

Regardless of the lofty personal expectations that the Hawks players have, their start to this season has been somewhat rocky. With a close 3-1 loss to William and Mary, followed up by a 2-1 defeat to interstate rival Seton Hall, the Blue and White look to ride the momentum of their first win of the season which came against Rider, a 3-0 shutout. In response to the first victory of the season, Turner said, “It was good to score some goals and always a relief to win.”

The Hawks will look to make it two in a row when they travel to New Rochelle, NY, to take on Iona. The game is set to start at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11th.

Men's Soccer
Opens Season with Three Straight Wins

CHARLES KRUZITS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Men's soccer team is back to its old ways of winning games. The men of Monmouth had three games in five days facing off against conference opponents Seton Hall, Fairfield and NJIT. The Hawks went 3-0 and did something they hadn't done since 1985 when they faced off against interstate rival Seton Hall.

The Hawks faced off against Seton Hall on the first of September on the Great Lawn and had history against them. The last time the Hawks won against Seton Hall, the president of the United States was Ronald Reagan. However, Monmouth's Blue and White weren't willing to let the streak continue and thanks to a late goal from junior forward Chase Barbieri, it didn't. Also, between the pipes junior goalkeeper Bryan Meredith proved to be the force many are used to seeing while shutting out SHU. Meredith's shutout gives him a total of 12 for his career.

The Hawks left the nest and traveled to Fairfield, Connecticut, to take on Fairleigh Dickinson. The Hawks were a Stags team that qualified for the 2005 NCAA Tournament after winning the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference last season. It was challenging enough to face a team like the Stags, but the Hokie traffic made matters worse for the Hawks.

The important part is Vick is making all the right steps and acting like a man, so he will be forgiven for his past mistakes. Now the next step is in the eye of the public. “That one mistake will not count against him,” Turner said. Vick himself has showed actual remorse for his actions and continues to behave like a gentleman.

The score was 1-1 and a little more than three minutes into their last goal Monmouth successfully converted a goal off a free kick from sophomore midfield RJ Allen which was head- ed in by senior captain Daniel Bostock to give the Hawks a 2-1 lead. Bostock's goal proved to be enough as the Hawks went on to win 2-1 and record their third straight victory.

The Hawks next game comes Friday the 11th at the Great Lawn to take on the Blue Hens of Delaware.
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