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Classes of 2005-2008
Wilson Hall - Erlanger Gardens
6:00-10:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 12

Speed Networking
Location: TBA
7:00-9:00 PM

OCTOBER 3

Sports Hall of Fame Dinner
Wilson Hall
6:30-10:30 PM

OCTOBER 25

Homecoming 2008: Celebrating 75 years

NOVEMBER 6

Alumni Reception
Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort
Atlantic City, New Jersey
5:30-6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 19

Career Fair
Anacon Hall
12:30-4:00 PM

OTHER EVENTS

JUNE 11

Kislak Real Estate Institute
15th Leadership Excellence Award Dinner
Honoree: Carl J. Goldberg, Managing Partner,
Roseland Property Company
Wilson Hall
5:00 PM

JUNE 16

25th Annual Monmouth Athletics Golf Outing
Deal Golf and Country Club
Time: TBA

SEPTEMBER 22

1st Annual Monmouth Social Work
Department Golf Outing
Glenwood Country Club, Old Bridge
Time: 11:00 AM Registration, 12:00 PM Tee-
Off, 6:00 PM Cocktails/Hors d'oeuvres, 6:30
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2:00 PM & 7:00 PM (June 8, 15, 22)
Tickets: \$15-\$25

JUNE 27-JULY 13

The Way You Look Tonight by Niall Williams
8:00 PM (June 27-28, July 3-5, July 10-12)
2:00 PM & 7:00 PM (June 29, July 6, July 13)
Tickets: \$15-\$25

JULY 18-AUGUST 3

The Odd Couple by Neil Simon
8:00 PM (July 18-19, July 24-26, July 31-
August 2)
2:00 PM & 7:00 PM (July 20, July 27 August 3)
Tickets: \$15-\$25

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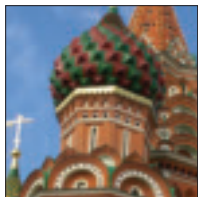
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Dr. Ursula Howson, assistant professor of Biology snorkeling off Eleuthra island in January as part of the *Tropical Island Ecology* class. She is holding a kings helmet (*sassis tuberosa*) and a sea biscuit (*clypeaster rosaceus*). Photograph courtesy of Professor John Tiedemann.

Correction: Page 6 of the previous issue erroneously identified 1964 as the year that Dean Edward Schlaefer died. He retired as president of Monmouth College on June 30, 1962. He died in January 1963.



REMEMBERING MONMOUTH

It was such a pleasure to read the “Humble Beginnings” in the University magazine.

I was in the graduating class of '38, and the article took me back to those years in an instant. (I shall be 90 on April 14.)

I'm so fortunate to be able to remember much of what is in the report!

Having graduated from Long Branch High School in February of '36, I entered MJC at once, so had 2 ½ years of preparation for Paterson State Teachers College—now William Paterson University (masters at Seton Hall).

My career was at the Radburn School in Fair Lawn (kindergarten).

The teachers at MJC were so dedicated and gave us such a great educational background.

They, also, were down to earth and friendly. When we students had a party, the teachers were there if their personal schedule allowed.

The acappella choir, led by Larry Dilsner, was “THE” organization to join. We traveled by car to many churches in the state, and presented Gilbert & Sullivan operettas locally. Also had lots of picnics.

We had a basketball team that also traveled around, but there was not a bus to transport them. Any team member who had a car, used it!

Jeanette (Levy) Kearns '38

It was exciting to receive the notices that Monmouth is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. To try to be a part of the Diamond Jubilee I thought I would share my background.

I enrolled at Monmouth Junior College in 1952 just after my graduation from Long Branch High School. My college attendance was then cut short when I joined the Marines and was sent to the Korean service front. Three years later I returned to Monmouth to continue my studies.

In order to afford my college education I had to work full time and attend Monmouth at night. Even though I was primarily a “night” student I tried out for the Monmouth basketball team (during my final year as a night student) and had the honor of being “cut” three times before I accepted Coach Boylan’s decision.

That was in the days before the Boylan Gym when we practiced in a nearby West

Long Branch school, and played our home games at Asbury Park’s Convention Hall. I did however, earn my “M” letter for golf. Aside from my limited “sports” participation, I was also the President of the International Relations Club.

I finally graduated in 1961 and my Monmouth grade average got me into Stetson University College of Law. After graduation from law school I passed the New Jersey Bar exam and was a trial attorney for several prominent Monmouth County law firms, before retiring from my own law firm and moving to Wilmington, NC.

I remained active with Monmouth and was President of the Alumni Association when *Annie* was filmed at the College. In addition to campus activities for the Alumni office I even provided some legal assistance that involved an infamous beer party on campus.

One of the highlights of my association with Monmouth was an invitation to the President’s residence in 1984 for a dinner gathering where I invited my future wife Cecile, daughter of Dr. Harry Brindle, former Chief of Staff at Jersey Shore Medical Center. Cecile and I were married in August of 1985.

I remember when the Athletic Hall of Fame was opened and Anne Kuhlman Novak was honored. Anne was a Monmouth supporter and had pushed for a school for nursing.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the celebration, due to prior commitments. But I thank Monmouth for my education and salute Monmouth University on its 75th ANNIVERSARY!!

Fred Blankenhorn '61

HONORING EDUARD HELLY

Your exciting essay on Eduard Helly is thought-provoking and uncovers a vital link in the history of Monmouth’s intellectual life. Helly’s example is an archetype for distinguished scholarship.

It would be fitting for Monmouth to commemorate him with a series of lectures, a scholarship, or by naming an area on campus in his honor. Given Helly’s life, work, and times, Monmouth should recognize his contributions as important to our history and commitment to humanistic values.

Howard Nitzberg, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus

THANKS TO THE WRITERS CLUB

I am not a writer or a poet but I was drawn into an earnest group of students who enjoyed each others’ company and enjoyed the art of writing. To me it was somewhat of a mystery how anyone could put together such well-crafted stories and poetry; I watched the process unfold and began to proofread and help organize the page layouts of *Monmouth Letters*. For me it was education beyond the classroom. Somewhere, in one of those journals, I’m listed as an editor. Fancy that, an editor of a literary journal whose contribution was essentially mechanical.

For three or so years, I rubbed shoulders with some really proficient members of our writers’ group. Those memories were revived when our group recently had a small reunion; once again I listened to some marvelous poetry. Steve Friedland (Brute Force) gave us a personal concert.

Our Writers’ group got together not only at our little space across Norwood Avenue, but at each others’ homes as well. At one of those homes I saw this lovely young girl and it was love at first sight, but she was holding a baby; damn, I thought, she’s already taken. I was most happy to find out the baby was her nephew. At this writing, Joan and I have been married for forty-five years. Thanks Writers’ Club.

Harvey Phillips '63



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celebrating 75 Years

Part 2: 1945 - 1955



Post War Boom

Michael Maiden

The history of Monmouth in the decade following the end of World War II is often captured in a single paragraph. Yet important academic and institutional milestones including incorporation as a non-profit, gaining the ability to confer Associate degrees, and accreditation from the Middle States Association were achieved in these ten years. These advances laid the foundation for the future of Monmouth University.

On April 12, 1945, President Franklin Roosevelt suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and died at Warm Springs, Georgia. Elected to four terms in office, Roosevelt served from 1933 to 1945, longer than any other president of the United States. After 12 tumultuous years, the reigns of power changed hands in Washington, D.C.

In Long Branch, New Jersey, Edward G. Schlaefter who began as dean of the junior college in 1933 remained at the helm at Monmouth. Schlaefter

would continue at the school, started as an emergency program under Roosevelt, throughout its tenure at the Long Branch High School and beyond.

Although now indelibly linked with Wilson Hall, the former Shadow Lawn Mansion, Monmouth Junior College had enrolled more than 7,000 students over nearly a quarter century before moving to the palatial estate in West Long Branch in 1956.

The day-to-day routine that allowed Monmouth Junior College to occupy the same building as the Long

Branch High School varied little from the privations of the Great Depression through the energetic growth following World War II.

"Desks must be cleared, rooms left blank and impersonal for whatever class the college might put in there," recalls Nancy Schlaefter Bruch '58. Bruch, daughter of Dean Schlaefter, remembers that the college's relationship with the high school was always a little edgy.

"For the most part, the high school teachers were not happy about having to clear out of the building by four in the afternoon, at which time the college would take over," she said.

"The janitorial staff had scarcely an hour to clean the building. One teacher of senior English who ruled the roost, and the principal as well, made dire threats should the upstart college interfere with her arrangements."

Returning veterans had saved Monmouth Junior College, but increasing



COACH ABE SCHWARTZ FIELDED THE FIRST MONMOUTH BASEBALL TEAM IN 1951. TWENTY-FIVE CANDIDATES RESPONDED TO THE CALL FOR PLAYERS. AFTER SCHWARTZ REDUCED THE SQUAD TO FOURTEEN MEMBERS, THE NIGHTHAWKS SWUNG INTO ACTION PLAYING BAYONNE JUNIOR COLLEGE, JERSEY CITY JUNIOR COLLEGE, MARYKNOLL, BERGEN JUNIOR COLLEGE AND OTHERS.

enrollment exacerbated tensions over limited space. In an editorial dated February 26, 1946, Dean Schlaefer observed that “the biggest education boom in our academic history has contributed to the growth of the junior colleges in the past year. Many of them were forced to close during the war and re-opened...doubling their enrollment.”

A later story in the October 16, 1946 edition of *The Outlook* cautiously celebrated a 200% increase in the student body. The “largest co-ed enrollment in the 13-year history of Monmouth Junior College has taxed the facilities of both faculty and building to the utmost and is correlated with the nationwide quest for education, particularly on the part of service men.”

Enrollment jumped from a “record high of 344 registrations” in March of 1946 to more than 600 students in February of 1948.

Academic Accreditation and Advancement

In late 1947, following years of effort seeking the privilege, the New Jersey State Department of Education

accredited Monmouth Junior College to award Associate in Arts (A.A.) degrees. Only the second New Jersey junior college granted such authority, the change meant that “there must be strict adherence to standards set by the State Department, and at least one-fourth of the teachers must hold the Ph.D.,” read a cover story in the October 3, 1947 issue of *The Outlook*.

Until then Monmouth had been limited to awarding diplomas and relying on transfer agreements with other institutions to validate the value of MJC academic credentials.

A different article in the same October 1947 issue noted that scores of students entered other colleges. With a steady increase in enrollment thanks to the new A.A. degree program, students who transferred away to other schools were seen as a source of academic and institutional pride rather than as contributing to a loss of revenue or decline in enrollment.

The State resolution of approving

Almost a third of Monmouth’s history happened outside the boundaries of our current campus.

MJC to grant official degrees, the 1947 *Outlook* said, “symbolizes the constant effort of Dean Schlaefer, who has unceasingly worked for the full recognition and growth of the college. It adds prestige to the credits of students seeking transfer. It has materially caused an increase in enrollment.” The first degrees were awarded in June 1948.

One hundred students, “the largest graduating class in the history of Monmouth Junior College,” received engraved diplomas in June of 1948. “To commemorate [the] occasion the office is procuring leather encased, engraved

diplomas, as well as engraved invitations to the exercises,” read a notice in the April 12, 1948 issue of *The Outlook*. Non-veteran graduates were required to pay a \$10 graduation fee.

The change in status wasn’t enough to overcome occasional complaints of lackluster school spirit, or muster the resources needed to publish a yearbook. Editorials, letters to the editor and even cartoons in *The Outlook* throughout 1947 and 1948 repeatedly called for a yearbook, or emphasized the Sisyphean nature of the task.

“After studying the problem,” a March 11, 1948, editorial declared, “*the Outlook* has come to the conclusion that the student body does not even know that M.J.C. has school colors. We have two, for your information, orange and black. The only way those colors could be changed to something more pleasing to the eye, such as scarlet and white...would be if a majority of students petitioned the Board of Directors to change them.”

The first Monmouth yearbook was finally published in June of 1949, 16 years after the first issue of *The Outlook* and two years after Monmouth earned the right to confer Associate in Arts degrees.

Although incredible by the litigious standards of the early 21st century, Monmouth did not officially incorporate until May 13, 1948, 15 years after opening its doors. Regulations to “incorporate associations not for pecuniary profit” had been on the books in New Jersey since 1898. Incorporation may have been a State requirement



A NEW SCHOOL SEAL, DRAWN BY STAFF ARTIST ALLAN MACILROY, APPEARED IN THE FEBRUARY 26, 1948 ISSUE OF *THE OUTLOOK*. LIKE ITS SUCCESSOR, THE SEAL INCORPORATED LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND TRUTH AS MOTTOES. THE MACILROY SEAL WAS USED IN *THE OUTLOOK* AND ELSEWHERE UNTIL A REVISED SEAL APPEARED IN THE SECOND MONMOUTH YEARBOOK IN 1950.

for granting degrees, or it may have reflected the newfound stability of the junior college.

In 1949 Monmouth began its sixth year of cooperation with the Monmouth Memorial (now Monmouth Medical Center) School of Nursing and the Ann May School of Nursing at Fitkin Memorial Hospital (now Jersey Shore University Medical Center) in the pre-clinical training of student nurses.

Monmouth gained further academic prestige in 1952 with accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Founded in 1887, the Association initially offered accreditation to four-year colleges and universities and traditional high schools. Not until the mid-fifties did Middle States introduce the ten-year cycle of accreditation that exists today.

Then as now, accreditation was vital to the reputation and survival of the school. "Accreditation by Middle States...gives everyone a sense of security in realizing that our stability is recognized," said one anonymous staffer in the May 13, 1952 issue of *The Outlook*.

The same article described Middle States as "the third and most valuable rating the college has received during its 19-year history. In 1940 it was granted

accreditation by the State Department of Education to award diplomas. In 1947 the state approved the college to award the Associate in Arts degree."

Growing Pains

"Until about 1950," remembers Bruch, "the college office was located in the former Teachers' Lounge of the High School. Don't know where the teachers fled to during those years. The room was long and so narrow that two desks could not be placed across it, making for a zig-zag course to the far end, and lit by a 10-12-foot window. A secretary-receptionist occupied the desk nearest the door. Behind her sat the bursar and maybe his secretary, then Dad [Dean Schlaefler] and Helen [Wardell]."



"It was a big day when the college was able to buy a house across Westwood Avenue and convert it carefully to meet their needs without relinquishing the ability to resell it as a home. The space was sorely needed for, after the influx of students after the war, the student body continued to grow, becoming just too great for half a dozen people to handle.

"About that time," Bruch said, "a counseling office was started under



MONMOUTH JUNIOR COLLEGE PURCHASED 422 WESTWOOD AVENUE AND MOVED THE OFFICES OF THE DEAN AND BURSAR TO THAT BUILDING. THE ORIGINAL OFFICE SIGN IS STORED IN THE UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES.

Albert T. Ball (indeed, a cousin of Lucille), an assistant dean was hired, and the secretarial staff increased. The finished room in the basement of the building gave the college its first locale for group meetings. It was soon scheduled tight with the various clubs, societies, even faculty groups.

Looking Forward

"From about 1945 on," remembers Nancy Schlaefler Bruch, "different large properties along the Shore were investigated as possible sites for a new campus. One evening, the Schlaefler family drove down Norwood Avenue and paused on the westward side at the gate of the drive to a tall, two- or three-story white stucco Italianate building with a red tile roof. What did we think about that as a site? We also looked at others through their hedges, including Shadow Lawn, which seemed enticingly out of reach as it was occupied first by a boys' military school, then a girls' school."

"Occasionally, Dad [Dean Schlaefler] would meet with Eugene Lehman, the proprietor of the for-profit Highland Manor School for Girls. For many years, not much ever came of these discussions except that both knew that the other was available."

In his *Early History of West Long Branch New Jersey*, former Monmouth College librarian Robert F. Van Benthuyzen wrote, "After 20 years of late afternoon and evening classes...the college needed more space and provision

Dr. Yolanda Mapp



The career of Yolanda Mapp, MD, FACP, and member of the Monmouth Junior College class of 1951 illustrates the unique role that Monmouth

Junior College played in the community following World War II.

After graduating from nearby Red Bank High School in 1948, Yolanda spent three years at Monmouth Junior College, where she earned her Associate in Arts degree. Yolanda was active in

Following a series of internships and fellowships, Dr. Mapp was appointed an instructor of Medicine at Hahnemann Medical School in 1962. She went on to become a professor and instructor at Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia and Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta.

In June of 2000 Dr. Mapp retired from Temple University School of Medicine as an associate professor of medicine. In 2003 she was named to the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame by the Red Bank Regional Education Foundation. She is now the namesake of the Dr. Yolanda Mapp Scholarship sponsored



THE 1951 GERMAN CLUB. FIRST ROW: YOLANDA (JONES) MAPP, JOHN DEVONSHIRE, BILL EVERS, GLADYS (ELXNAT) PETKO, EDWIN BOOREM. SECOND ROW: DR. ROBERT E. PIKE, MICHAEL KERESTAN, ROYAL FLIEDNER, JACK GOLDBERG, WALLACE OSBORNE, AUDREY M. SCULTHORPE, SHIELA HUNT.

virtually every club or association on campus including the Student Council, the Lambda Sigma Tau honor society, Cheerleading, the Women's Athletic Association, the French Club, German Club, Spanish Club, and the Psychology Club.

After graduation, she attended the New Jersey College for Women at Rutgers University, receiving a Bachelor's of Science in Chemistry and Bacteriology. After Rutgers, Yolanda continued her academic climb, ultimately earning her medical degree at Howard University College of Medicine.

by the Cherry Hill African American Civic Association. The educational opportunity offered at Monmouth Junior College was a vital link in the academic and medical career of a distinguished African American physician and educator.

Most people cannot say they practiced Kung Fu with monks in China, or speak Chinese Japanese, French, German and Spanish, but Yolanda Mapp '51 can. Read more about Dr. Mapp's life in an upcoming issue of the Monmouth University Magazine.

had to be made for day-time instructional hours. There was a growing demand for higher education, and the time was appropriate for expanding to a four-year program."

By 1953 it became apparent to the Board of Trustees that the high school was becoming inadequate for the operation of the Junior College. The Board



NIGHTHAWKS FLY AGAIN: "AFTER THREE YEARS OF INACTIVITY ON THE BASKETBALL COURT BECAUSE OF THE WAR, THE MJC NIGHTHAWKS WILL ENGAGE UNION JUNIOR COLLEGE OF CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY IN TWO HOME GAMES," READ THE COVER OF THE DECEMBER 14, 1945 ISSUE OF THE OUTLOOK.

began to investigate the purchase of a campus of its own.

An unpublished "History of the Acquisition of Shadow Lawn and Beechwood Campuses," written in 1976 by Dr. William M. Smith (former Chairman of the Board of Trustees), Milton Cranmer (former Monmouth College attorney), and Walt Withey (former Vice President of Business Affairs at Monmouth College), recounts the events culminating in the move out of Long Branch.

"The Board first visited the Liedesdorf estate on Norwood Avenue; another property which was considered was the broadcasting station of AT&T on Deal Road; at another time the estate or part of the estate of Mrs. Louis S. Thompson in Lincroft was considered. None of these sites was acquired."

Dean Schlaefer began to have more

Pollak, Bernard A. Sciple and Mrs. Ralph O. Wilgus.

The first meeting of the committee will be held at the chapter house Saturday, January 26, when plans for the coming drive will be discussed.

Hostesses for the weekly Thursday card parties for January will be Mrs. Alois, Mrs. William Ast, Mrs. Edward Brunis, Mrs. Ann Dolan and Mrs. Frank Fern. The annual holiday party followed the business meeting.

...brought home... review... home... game... support... Kin... Mrs... stalla... game... meeting... a gift... Heavy... stating... for... Saturday... Mrs... That... dis... Pack... the... Rankin... he... they... in... and... John... Stat... from... meeting... Monday... of... Ray... re... David... grade... Edward... Larson... Wood... Clark... in... Joyce... John... Clark... Robert... Helen... Betty... Moroso... manager... David... Regina... Wilkins... Carpenter... Bill... Patricia... 14... Mrs...

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Veterans planning to attend school at government expense are required by the Veterans Administration to have a Letter of Eligibility when they register. Any veteran wishing information concerning the Letter of Eligibility can receive full particulars at the Junior College office.

A. A. DEGREE

To Be Awarded By

MONMOUTH JUNIOR COLLEGE

Next June, for the first time in the history of Monmouth County, a college degree will be awarded to the graduates of a local institution. Monmouth Junior College is proud to bring that honor to the County.

In recognition of the high standards attained by Monmouth Junior College, the New Jersey Department of Education has authorized the awarding of the Associate in Arts degree to students completing two full years (64 credits) of prescribed college courses.

Established first in the United States at the University of Chicago in 1896, the A.A. degree has grown steadily in popularity and recognition. Since then nearly 200,000 such degrees have been conferred upon students throughout the country. Monmouth now brings to the county the honor of the A.A. degree.

ADVERTISEMENTS APPEARING IN THE NOW DEFUNCT RED BANK REGISTER IN JANUARY 1946, JUNE 1946, AND AUGUST 1947.



MAURICE POLLAK

frequent contact with Eugene and Elizabeth Lehman. He discovered that the Lehmans were considering the sale of the purchase contract for the Shadow Lawn Estate and adjoining real estate.

Bruch remembers, "In 1955, the pace stepped up to a come-hither-go-away process. There was an interest in selling; there was no intention of selling. A price was suggested -and then doubled -or withdrawn."

Robert Schlaefer '60 vividly remem-

bers waiting alone in his father's car for hours during one marathon negotiation session with Eugene Lehman.

Eventually, progress was made when West Long Branch and Maurice Pollak were persuaded to withdraw the deed restriction that prohibited boys on the property, the result of an earlier school for boys. Although at first watchful and cautious, Mr. Pollak became a firm supporter of the college. The eponym of Pollak Theatre, he became a Life Trustee in 1984 after serving on the Board for 26 years.

Protracted Negotiations

"The description of an event is frequently distorted by the passage of time and the interpretation of the one describing the alleged details," begins the chronicle of events surrounding the purchase of Shadow Lawn set down by Smith, Cranmer and Withey. The participants believed the details of the transaction were important enough to set down for posterity.

"By resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of West Long Branch, dated March 9, 1955, consent

was given to the assignment by Eugene Lehman to Monmouth Junior College of his purchase contract for the Shadow Lawn property. On March 11, 1955 Charles L. Morgan, Lehman's attorney, was notified of the intention of Monmouth Junior College to proceed with the purchase of the Shadow Lawn and Beechwood properties in accordance with the agreement dated February 4, 1955."

By agreement dated April 1, 1955 between Eugene H. Lehman and Elizabeth N. Lehman and Monmouth Junior College, the Lehmans agreed to sell and the College agreed to buy Lehman's purchase contract for the Shadow Lawn property and title to the Beechwood property.

Because the sale included the contents of both places, the College paid an additional deposit for a total of \$15,000.00. Even today, it is not unusual to find books stamped "Property of Highland Manor" while browsing the stacks of the Monmouth University Library. Like the name, "Woodrow Wilson Hall," the books are quiet relics of the Highland Manor School for Girls.



A BILLBOARD LOCATED NEAR THE LONG BRANCH TRAIN STATION PROMOTES STATE CERTIFICATION TO AWARD DEGREES INSTEAD OF DIPLOMAS.



DEAN EDWARD SCHLAEFER

Robert Schlaefer '60, son of Dean Edward Schlaefer, recently recounted the graduation ceremony that became tradition for many years while Monmouth Junior College was located in the Long Branch Senior High School.

"The full name of the graduation procession march that was used during all the years Monmouth Junior College was in the Long Branch Senior High School was "War March of the Priests" (from *Athalia*) by Mendelssohn.

I can guarantee that hearing this music again will fill the eyes with tears and the hearts of any Monmouth Junior College graduate with nostalgia. It is a beautiful slow march and is seldom heard today.*

Here is the graduation scene when the "Priest's March" was played: Long Branch High School Auditorium - evening - early June - The stage is lined with baskets of lilacs and peonies that are blooming at this time of the year. At seven thirty o'clock the double doors open at the corners of the auditorium adjacent to the stage and on cue an ensemble of several musicians sitting near the apron of the stage strike the opening notes of the "Priest's March". The musicians play a piano, 2 violins, a cello, and a bass. Students and faculty are in traditional graduation gowns.

Two lines of students begin to file in led on one side by Dean Schlaefer and the other side by a faculty member. Both lines file around the back of the auditorium and

down the center aisle and fill the seats in the front of the auditorium. Friends and family sit behind the students.

Dean Schlaefer proceeds to the steps of the stage and goes to his seat on stage. Accompanying him is Dr. Wesley Camp, faculty member, who will read each name on the A.A. diplomas before handing the diplomas to Joseph Erwin from the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Joseph Erwin (always dressed in a white suit and shoes) will hand each student his or her diploma.

The diploma covers are black with orange writing on the front. These are the college's colors at this time. Also seated on stage is a member of the clergy for the invocation and benediction, the guest speaker for the occasion, and a student speaker.

Dean Schlaefer will ask that applause be held until all degree recipients have received their diplomas. At the conclusion of the ceremony, everyone including the musicians goes to the gym for a reception. The gym is decorated with palms and streamers and the musicians play waltzes and fox-trots. Tables are arranged with cookies and punch made from ginger ale and raspberry sherbet. The reception lasts for about an hour. Everything is cleaned away in preparation for the Long Branch High School the next morning."

***To hear an enthusiastic version of the "Priest's March" by The Almost Perfect Fifth visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-EhpdR0CFO**

From February 4, 1955 to July 2, 1956 several contracts were drawn by Milton P. Cranmer, all representing matters agreed upon by Lehman and the College.

"Even though the initial contract embodied everything in agreement, Lehman refused to sign and insisted on additional items. This resulted in a second contract which Lehman again refused to sign," reads the record left by Smith, Withey, and Cranmer.

"This process was continued on several occasions, up to and including an all day session in the office of Milton P. Cranmer on Saturday, June 30, 1956, at which time Lehman, with pen in hand, suddenly changed his mind and stated that he would not even go through with the closing on July 2, 1956. He finally reversed himself and the closing was held."

Then came 1956. **MU**

RESEARCH IN PARADISE



Imagine spending two weeks planting mangrove trees, counting lionfish and collecting conch shells, with a crystal clear ocean and a cloudless sky as your backdrop. While other students were trudging through snow in January, a dozen Monmouth students were spending their time on the beach or snorkeling near schools of fish on Eleuthera, a 110-mile long island in the Bahamas.



ABOVE: AARON SHULTZ, OF THE ISLAND SCHOOL, SPEARS AN INVASIVE LIONFISH FOR DISSECTION.
TOP RIGHT: SOLAR POWERED FACULTY DORMS.
BOTTOM RIGHT: A "KING'S HELMET," (CASSIS TUBEROSE), A LARGE TROPICAL SNAIL.

Developed by Biology Professor John Tiedemann, *Tropical Island Ecology* is a two-credit course that enables students to study the ecology of the remote island and collect data to be used in Eleuthera and other environments.

After visiting many locales in the wider Caribbean, Tiedemann said “no other place fit the bill for the students’ experience as well as Eleuthera did. Through field work students interact with scientists in a location that offers a vast diversity of marine life.” Tiedemann is the assistant dean of the School of Science, Technology and Engineering as well as assistant director of the Urban Coast Institute at Monmouth University.

Although the atmosphere sounds idyllic, the research was serious and the conditions far from glamorous. On Eleuthera, as on many islands, there is a slim supply of groundwater. At The Island School where Monmouth students lived, fresh water is supplied primarily by rain collected by roof runoff which is then stored in cisterns.

In theory, students “learn to become conscious users of precious fresh water and keep track of usage rates.” In practice, this translates to judicious use of toilet facilities and a crash course in “navy showers.”

HOW TO TAKE A NAVY SHOWER

A navy shower allows for significant conservation of water and energy. The basic steps in a navy shower (or sea shower) are:

1. turn on the water
2. immediately wet the body
3. turn off the water
4. soap up and scrub
5. turn the water back on and rinse off the soap

The total time for the water being on is typically under two minutes.

Accuse not Nature: she hath done her part; Do thou but thine.

- John Milton



SENIOR ROBERT KNOELL EXAMINES A “SEA BISCUIT” (CLYPEASTER ROSACEUS) FOUND IN TURTLE GRASS (THALASSIA TESTUDINUM) BEDS OFF ELEUTHERA.

The *Tropical Island Ecology* class evolved as the University’s marine biology program was being developed five years ago. Tiedemann wanted his students to expand their horizons by studying a tropical marine environment, as well as the temperate region in New Jersey. When they return from the trip, students are required to follow up with course papers related to the experience.

Tiedemann expects research conducted by Monmouth students to build each year as a new group of students journeys to the island for further research on existing projects. Some students have made the trip both of the first two years of the program. Heather Tyrrell, a junior from Barnegat, has been to the island twice and is studying sponges, which were once commercially harvested off the island before many were killed by disease.

“The people of Eleuthera are trying to build a commercial sponge business again and, to do that, the sponges have to be harvested in a sustainable manner. That is what we are looking at,” says Tyrrell, who hopes to publish the

results of her research as well as use it for the basis of her honors thesis.

Tiedemann and the students work with Dr. Andy Danylchuk, director of research for the Cape Eleuthera Institute, and with the Cape Eleuthera Foundation. The Foundation is the parent organization of The Island School, which was built to be self-sustaining.

Monmouth students stayed at the Island School campus, which was designed and constructed using the principles of sustainability. It generates its own electricity using solar and wind power, saves rain for island water use, and grows its own food reusing the water from aqua-culture projects. The geography of Eleuthera creates a sheltered environment on the western side of the island that makes it ideal for marine research, as well as a beautiful place to live and work. Eleuthera remains unspoiled and residents speak English, two factors that weighed heavily in Tiedemann’s decision to take the students there.

“I fell in love with the island. The School and the Institute employ local people and give back to the local



TOP LEFT: MARCO WATSON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING BIO-DIESEL. **TOP RIGHT:** PROFESSOR TIEDEMANN WITH THE 2008 TROPICAL ISLAND ECOLOGY CLASS. **LEFT:** ENTRANCE TO THE ISLAND SCHOOL. **RIGHT:** STUDENTS LEARN HOW OOLITIC SAND IS FORMED. **BOTTOM:** MEMBERS OF 2007 CLASS SORT MANGROVE PROPAGULES BEFORE REPLANTING.





EXAMINING GROWTH OF MANGROVE TREES.

community. They – and we – conduct research that benefits the island community, and at the same time we are building Monmouth University’s research programs,” Tiedemann says.

The two groups of students who have gone to Eleuthera spent time planting mangrove trees to help recreate natural environments that provide habitat for fish and other marine life. They have collected data on lionfish, Nassau grouper and conch. The conch is a staple of the diet of Eleuthera inhabitants and is commercially harvested.

“The students examine the old piles of conch shells, known as middens, and by measuring the shells, they have found that juvenile conch are being taken at younger and younger ages, a situation that has to be addressed by the people there,” Tiedemann says.

Although most of the students who are part of the *Tropical Island Ecology* course are biology students, many with emphasis in marine sciences, students from other departments have taken advantage of the course as well.

Ed Hollema, a junior from Lacey Township, is a communications major. On the 2008 trip, he compiled more than 32 hours of video, documenting the students’ research. He then edited the footage down to a 20-minute documentary shown in the spring at the Ocean Film Festival, which was co-sponsored by Monmouth University.

For others, the field work itself

proved to be life-changing. Jessica Lisa of Long Branch is now a research assistant for the University’s Urban Coast Institute, doing, among other projects, microbial source tracking in local watersheds. A biology major with a concentration in marine and envi-



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ronmental biology, Lisa worked on the conch research on Eleuthera.

“We snorkeled a lot of different habitats and collected data that will be built on next year,” Lisa says. “My time there made me realize I love field work.”

As part of their work, students began collecting data on bonefish, an elusive fish prized by recreational fishermen, about which very little is known. They also transplanted sea urchins, which are important to the life of coral reefs, and they

will gather information next year to see if the urchins established themselves.

“The *Tropical Island Ecology* course focuses on investigations of plants, animals and natural ecosystems with emphasis on marine ecosystems, island ecology, resource management and sustainable development,” Tiedemann explains. “It allows students to be fully immersed in the marine environment for two weeks and to see firsthand what it means to live sustainably.

“It also allows them to develop an understanding of how the application of scientific research provides the foundation for development of effective solutions to coastal problems and marine resource management strategies,” he adds. “This is the type of work the scientists there are doing and the students can assist, first hand, in that effort.”

Students, who pay their own expenses of about \$2,000 apiece for the trip, have already brought back knowledge that can benefit the marine ecology of New Jersey. Most of the students are also studying the northern Atlantic coastal environment with the idea of making careers in related fields.

“The research techniques the students are developing there, such as making conch commercially sustainable or finding better ways to handle bonefish for recreational fishermen, are applicable to the coastal and marine environment anywhere,” Tiedemann said.

Participants in the program have instituted ‘green’ practices at the University to promote sustainable living, as exemplified by the structure and lifestyle found at the Island School. Tiedemann hopes to further expand the biology and marine program offerings in conjunction with the Cape Eleuthera Institute and is collaborating with Andy Danylachuk of CEI to create an upper level research course. **MU**

ON THE FAST TRACK FOR BUSINESS:

Monmouth undergrads start real businesses in innovative new class



ROBERT SCHWEMER, CEO OF MUCE CAPITAL, LLC AND PROFESSOR DR. DANIEL BALL AT THE APRIL 30 DEBUT OF THE BLUE PEARL DISCOUNT DEBIT CARD.

A

chorus of excited voices fills the white-walled classroom in Monmouth University's Bey Hall. On the chalkboard, a half-erased business theory diagram remains from an earlier class. Students have moved their desks into small groups facing each other and they lean forward, straining a bit to hear each other over the din.

If you weren't privy to their conversations, their animation and fervor might lead you to believe they were discussing their recent spring break exploits or an upcoming fraternity party. But draw closer, and the subject matter is about as far from such frivolous matters as it can be, peppered with references to "production schedule," "research and development," and "sales strategy."

Registering for Professor John Buzza's class, *Entrepreneurship*, immediately turns students into start-up business owners. The course doesn't just parse theories of business launch and development. Instead, each class actually forms a real company, complete with products, services, profit and loss statements, and leadership hierarchy. The subject of the chatter this semester is the Blue Pearl Card, a declining balance card that will offer discounts when used at participating area businesses.

Back in the classroom, a tall young man with spiky hair rises from his seat and walks quickly to the front of the room. He is wearing a white sweatshirt and baggy camouflage shorts even though the temperature outside hovers at about 40 degrees. He raises his voice and his arms to get attention over the noise.

"If anyone wants to be in the commercial, meet us at Stephanie's house tomorrow at 2, or at Pier Village on Saturday," he says.



The announcement morphs into a classroom-wide discussion of the group's latest promotional flyer and then some clarification of the sales process. Although the faces turned toward the front of the room are fresh and unlined by any of the hard lessons that business inevitably delivers, you can't help but notice that they are serious beyond their years.

Starting Up

Buzza, a specialist professor in the Monmouth University School of Business, first taught a pilot class in entrepreneurship to see if students were interested in the subject. It was a lecture-format course that attracted 14 students. However, at the end, he felt something wasn't right. Lectures were adequate, but they didn't convey the fast-paced world of starting and running a business – a world in which he had lived and operated for decades – so, he decided to overhaul the format. When the class was offered the following semester, Buzza dug into his own pocket for a few hundred dollars of seed money. On the first day the students entered the classroom, they were in business.

The initial enterprise was a gift basket service. Nearly two dozen students chose the line of business, gathered products, planned and executed marketing strategies, delivered the baskets,

paid the bills, and engaged in the myriad other details involved in running a small company. Through trial and error, they refined their sales strategies, changed their product mix, and learned about the importance of maintaining proper inventory levels.

When the class concluded at the end of the semester, the venture had a net profit of \$1,400. Part of that paid back Buzza's seed money and the rest

Classroom Experience, Incorporated

So far, *Entrepreneurship* has launched eight business ventures, including:

- ➔ Fall 2004 Monmouth Boxes: Gift boxes
- ➔ Spring 2005 MU \$mart Card: A discount card
- ➔ Fall 2005 Blue Hawk Productions: Producers of an oldies concert
- ➔ Spring 2006 Nanina's in the Park: Pasta sauce
- ➔ Fall 2006 Rompos: Cheesecake
- ➔ Spring 2007 Better Baking Company: Organic snack cakes
- ➔ Fall 2007 Shore Scents: Morning Rush perfume and cologne
- ➔ Spring 2008 MUCE Capital, LLC: University debit card

was reinvested into the School of Business to fund the course. On the heels of this success, the next class launched a discount card targeted to university students, which offered discounts on the products and services of 20 area retailers. The next semester's class worked with a cheesecake manufacturer, getting the confections placed into more than 40 retail stores in northern and central New Jersey and Staten Island, New York.

Sweet Smell of Success

Nick Massari '06, owes his career to the class. Massari's Fall 2005 section of *Entrepreneurship* connected with Nanina's in the Park, a renowned ca-



NICK MASSARI '06 AT A LIVE TASTE TEST FOR NANINA'S SAUCE.

tering facility based in Belleville, New Jersey where Buzza used to work as the general manager. The chef at Nanina's concocted a delicious pasta sauce that was very popular with customers. It was a natural to take the sauce to market, and the Entrepreneurship class was just the team to do it.

Massari was in charge of product development for the venture. But as the students began to look for a production facility willing to work with a group of college students on assignment, they had their first taste of the challenges of entrepreneurship.

"You think everything will be smooth and easy, and it's not. We had problems finding a production company. They kept turning us down. We were beginning to think we couldn't accomplish what we had intended to do," he recalls.

Then Tipton, Pennsylvania-based DelGrosso Foods, Inc. stepped in, agreeing to help the students produce the line. The team's primary challenge was taking the recipe, which was usually prepared for dinners of 200 plates or fewer and extrapolating it to a 2,000 to 4,000-jar product run. Massari and his team of fellow students tasted batches

over a period of weeks until it was perfect. That wasn't just their opinion – retailers like ShopRite Supermarkets and Kings Super Markets, Inc., as well as a variety of gourmet shops began opening up shelf space to carry the premium pasta sauce.

After graduating in Fall 2006, Massari played professional baseball for a year. When that didn't work out as planned, he called his former professor and asked if the project with Nanina's was still active. It wasn't long before

Massari was their newest employee.

"I helped found the project. I knew everything there was to know about the sauce, about Nanina's, about Professor Buzza, and about the class," he says.

Today, Massari is director of operations for the company, responsible for day-to-day activities related to the sauce, which has expanded to four different varieties under the company's Nanina Gourmet division. With continued growth and line extensions, Massari is pleased with how the class turned into a key opportunity for him to develop new products. Nanina's gives a portion of proceeds back to the university in the form of scholarship donations.

Sniffing Out New Opportunities

Students Matt Losey and Jessica Ross, both '08, helped launch Shore Scents as their class company in 2007. The company created "Morning Rush" perfume and cologne by tapping the help of Monmouth University alumni working at nearby International Flavors and Fragrances in Hazlet, New Jersey, one of the country's largest developers of scents and flavors, to help get the scent started.

"Four of us sat down and smelled about 30 different perfumes in a day. My nose was hurting after that. We whittled it down to six or seven that we



MORNING RUSH PERFUME ON SALE AT PRODUCT LAUNCH.

liked and took them back to class,” he says. After the class chose their favorite, IFF donated enough oil to produce approximately 60 gallons of the scent, which is currently distributed through several area retailers.

Ross, who was the chief creative officer, came up with the name and packaging concepts. While she knew the class would be a little different from standard academic fare, what she wasn't prepared for was the response from her fellow students.

“I was surprised at how passionate the students were, and how everyone gave their all in the project. It wasn't just one person trying to push everyone. Everyone worked together and wanted the project to succeed,” she recalls.

Plans for the Future

With the successful track record of these class-based businesses, one persistent question emerged: What happens when the class is over? For products affiliated with companies, such as Nanina's sauces and the line of organic snack cakes, the answer was simply to hand control back over to the founding company. But for products that were conceptualized and developed solely by the class, it seemed a shame to shutter them at semester's end.

Buzza discussed the issue with Frederick J. Kelly, dean of the School of Business. Since there was more to be learned from these fledgling companies, Dean Kelly helped conceptualize and plan the follow-up class to *Entrepreneurship: Small Business Management*. This class allows students to remain involved and running their successful ventures. The first session, held in Fall 2007, was a lecture format. In Spring 2008, it took over operations of the perfume and cologne line.

As the department grows, Buzza plans to create a student group that will manage the businesses and direct profits to support the School of Business. In the meantime, he and the students are examining options for the future of the perfume business, which may include selling it for a very nominal price to the



PROFESSOR JOHN BUZZA AT THE MORNING RUSH PRODUCT LAUNCH.

student who submits the most creative and reasonable business plan for its future.

Nowhere is the promise of the future more palpable than in Buzza's classroom, however. He coaches the students and relays lessons from his own experiences, infused with occasional presentations from various entrepreneurs and, of course, their own division meetings to keep the company running.

“It's not easy to run a company on two hours of class time per week, but our students are committed and they do a lot on their own, and that's what they're going to have to do if they start their own businesses,” says Buzza. “But nothing in business teaches you the same lessons as being an entrepreneur — the ups, the downs. This class gives us the opportunity to give them a taste of what is possible.” **MU**



ABOVE: LINDA GAFFNEY IS A FAN OF NANINA'S GOURMET SAUCES. LEFT: THE BLUE PEARL CARD LAUNCHED IN SPRING 2008



GLOBAL HAWKS {IN RUSSIA}

Last May Dr. Thomas Pearson led an intrepid band of travelers to Russia, stopping along the way to meet with students at Moscow State University. Members of Pearson's group included faculty, staff, and alumni of Monmouth University.

Pearson, who is provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, is no stranger to Russia having visited many times before and after the collapse of the Soviet Union. Pearson's experience includes living in the Soviet Union in 1975-6, and a memorable visit that occurred just two weeks after the April 1986 Chernobyl disaster. The event remains the worst nuclear power plant accident in history and the only level 7 instance on the International Nuclear Event Scale.



ST. BASIL'S CATHEDRAL NEAR
RED SQUARE PHOTOGRAPH
BY ALAN ANDOLSEN

His most recent trip was charmed with better timing - the group arrived home just 16 hours before the FBI arrested four men conspiring to blow up jet fuel supply tanks and pipelines at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Despite – or maybe because of – her familiarity with Russian sights and symbols, arriving in Moscow shattered a number of Tepfenhart’s misconceptions about modern Russia.

“There is a big mall directly across from Lenin’s Tomb. I was imagining Red Square as it existed during the days of the Soviet Union.”

“Now the capitalism almost strikes



Dr. Pearson, who is fluent in Russian, is the author of *Russian Officialdom in Crisis: Autocracy and Local Self-Government, 1861-1900*, published by Cambridge University Press. Combining his academic insights and on-the-ground experience, Pearson developed a tour program blending sometimes turbulent current events with the rich backdrop of Russian history.

Alumnae Mariana Tepfenhart '05M and Sue O'Neill, '99AA describe the trip with contagious enthusiasm.

The exuberant response from Tepfenhart comes as a surprise when she reveals that she grew up in Romania during the era of grim Soviet oppression, followed by the regime of Nicolae Ceaușescu. “When I was in Romania, I hated everything Russian,” she said. “I only fell in love with Russian culture once I came to America.”

In 2005 Tepfenhart completed her master’s degree specializing in 19th century Russian history.

you in the face.”

Sue O'Neill also revealed surprising facts. “There are more billionaires in Moscow than in any other city in the world,” she said. “The rich are not hard to miss, and they like it that way.”

After observing an encounter among a well-groomed man wearing eel-skin Gucci’s and a custom-tailored Armani suit, his chauffeur, bodyguard and several female companions, O'Neill estimated that his cigarette lighter, a platinum Porsche mini-torch, “cost more than my whole vacation.” After Tokyo, Moscow is one of the most expensive cities in the world.

“Life in Moscow is not *Pravda*, it’s *Prada*,” joked O'Neill.

“Students at Moscow State University were guardedly optimistic about the future,” said Tepfenhart, who was also impressed by the direction and quality of the educational system. Dr. Pearson shared her assessment, describing the University as comparable to Harvard.



DR. THOMAS PEARSON, TATIANA FILIPPOVA, TEACHER OF ENGLISH AT MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY, AND MARIANA TEPFENHART '05M.

ABOVE RIGHT: TOUR GUIDE MARINA FOKINA RECEIVES MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY SWEATSHIRT DURING FAREWELL BANQUET.

LEFT: MONMOUTH MEETS MOSCOW. DR. PEARSON'S GROUP MET WITH THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST OF THE RIGOROUS RUSSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM DURING THEIR VISIT.

CENTER: THE RED ARROW FROM MOSCOW TO ST. PETERSBURG. PHOTO BY CREATIVE COMMONS LICENSE.



RUSSIAN IMPERIAL EAGLE AT TRANSFIGURATION CATHEDRAL IN ST. PETERSBURG. PHOTO COURTESY GEORGE SHULKIN.



SUE O'NEILL TRIES TO COAX MUSIC FROM A TRADITIONAL RUSSIAN FOLK INSTRUMENT - THE SAW.

Tepfenhart said the students were able to speak openly about the future of the country, and that “like most Russians, they like Putin because he allows them to make money. Most Russians value money and safety before political rights,” she said.

Dr. Pearson observes, “There are no fond memories of Yeltsin,” and “most people older than 25 value stability.” As in America, Pearson says, students can be simultaneously highly critical and politically apathetic.

Neither stance is hard to understand when a shot of vodka or a large beer costs about half as much as bottled water.

Both Tepfenhart and O’Neill were impressed by the students they met. O’Neill said the students believe that “their generation and the next one will make strides in treating people with individual rights and respect.”

Other destinations on the trip were removed from the conspicuous consumption of Moscow, but without sacrificing luxury. O’Neill said boarding the overnight train, *The Red Arrow*, to St. Petersburg “was like stepping back in time.”

“The train is new, but designed to look old,” she explains, “Burgundy and cream with metallic gold, and double-headed eagle insignias mark the exterior of every car.”

Tepfenhart remembers the same leg of the trip with equal delight. “The train was extremely elegant,” she said, “It rivals the *Orient Express*.” “There was no plastic—all the food was served on china with crystal glassware. The interior was draped in damask and velvet.”

Arriving in St. Petersburg, dubbed the “Venice of the north,” was a breathtaking experience for Tepfenhart, who led members of the group on a tour of Yusupov Palace, where Rasputin, the “Mad Monk,” was murdered in 1916.

O’Neill said that “although she is not easy to impress, she fell in love with St. Petersburg the “home of tsars and royalty, barbarians, conquerors, revolutionaries, scholars, performers, artisans, and demigods.”

Their hotel, *The Pribaltyskaya*, or “Pribal”, overlooks a spacious boardwalk, beach, and the Bay of Finland, an inlet of the Baltic Sea to the west. O’Neill said the nautical connection between St. Petersburg and the Jersey Shore region was unmistakable. “The smell of salt air, the sound of gulls, the breezes from the canals in the evening,” all reminded her of home.

St. Petersburg held just as many surprises for the travelers as Moscow. The city boasts several impressive records: the largest collection of French Impressionist art, the world’s second-largest cathedral, and a world-class collection of art by 17th century Flemish painter Peter Paul Rubens.

Like the double-headed eagle that is the former and current state symbol, Tepfenhart was intrigued by the dualities and contradictions of the Russian national character. Is Russia a European country? Is it an Asian country? Or a unique, multifaceted, combination of each?



MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY. PHOTO BY CREATIVE COMMONS LICENSE

When asked if she would return to Russia given the chance, Tepfenhart joked that she would *walk* across the Bering Strait for another trip. Although the members of the group admit that not every element of Russian life was comfortable, and drugs and prostitution were evident, the trip was truly a once-in-lifetime experience.

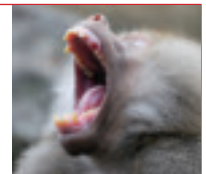
O’Neill said the trip was especially meaningful for her “with Tom [Dr. Pearson] as a guide and friend.”

Pearson, who has added coordinating ongoing reunions of the group to his social calendar, plans to return to Russia with a customized tour between May 29 and June 14, 2009. Kiev will be a destination for the next group of adventurers ready to experience the rich culture of Russia and to embrace new personal perspectives in global understanding. **MU**

For more information about the 2009 trip contact Dr. Pearson at (732) 571-3405.

SUE O'NEILL

Wild Animals at the Moscow Circus



“So many situations in Russia seem risky, even absurd, to Americans. At the Moscow Circus several brown bears were brought into the center ring without netting – or any barrier between them and the first row – just 15 feet away. One bear turned nasty and had to be subdued by three men. Probably they used a tranquilizer.

“During intermission I sat with a python wrapped around me. I felt it was a better choice than the fox or baby baboon. That’s right – you heard me – a baby baboon. Children of all ages were posing with these wild animals with their teeth very much intact.”

RANNEY SCHOOL HONORS GAFFNEY

President Gaffney was one of 13 new members selected to join the Ranney School chapter of the Cum Laude Society in March.

“Continue to do well and take advantage of your educational opportunities,” Gaffney said at the March 5 ceremony, “It will mean a place for you in the



RANNEY HEAD OF SCHOOL DR. LAWRENCE SYKOFF AND PRESIDENT GAFFNEY.

workforce—as a leader, in the front of the line, not just a worker.”

Ten Upper School seniors, two faculty members and one honorary inductee became the eighth “class” to be honored at Ranney School in Tinton Falls. Among this year’s inductees were musicians, writers, varsity athletes, equestrians, volunteer emergency medical technicians and translators.

The Cum Laude Society, founded in 1906, recognizes academic achievement in secondary schools for the purpose of promoting excellence, justice and honor. Membership is limited to the top twenty percent of a school’s graduating class. Cum Laude also recognizes excellence in teaching, allowing for members of the faculty and the administration to join their students.

ACCOLADES AND FEDERAL FUNDS FOR URBAN COAST INSTITUTE

The Urban Coast Institute (UCI) announced recently that it has received \$893,000 in federal funds for 2008.

“Thank you to our Senators Lautenberg and Menendez as well as our entire New Jersey Congressional delegation including Pallone, Saxton, Smith, Holt, and Frelinghuysen for supporting this important initiative which will help us make more informed decisions on how to manage our coastal and ocean resources,” said President Gaffney.

The funding will help UCI establish critical links necessary for integration and implementation of good policy and management decisions from the headwaters of coastal watershed to the ocean through three program areas: resilient communities and ecosystems; regional and coastal watershed management; and multidisciplinary research and ocean literacy.

“As a coastal state, New Jersey needs accurate scientific data to help shore communities protect themselves from rising sea levels, preserve their natural resources and promote smart growth,” said Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ). “I applaud the efforts of Monmouth University and the Urban Coast Institute for their work to keep our shore communities safe and prosperous.”

The UCI was established in September 2005 as an innovative Center of Distinction at Monmouth University. Its mission is to serve the public interest as a forum for research, education and collaboration that fosters the application of the best available science and policy to support healthy and productive coastal ecosystems and a sustainable and economically vibrant future for coastal communities.

“Monmouth University and the Urban Coast Institute provide valuable research that is instrumental in helping us sustain our coastal environment,”

said Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ). “Congress’ continued financial recognition of this program is a testament to the work that the Institute has been conducting since its creation three years ago.”

SOCIAL WORK RANKS IN TOP 100

Monmouth University’s Master of Social Work program was cited in the *U.S. News & World Report’s* annual list of “Best Graduate programs” for 2009.

The magazine ranks the Monmouth University program 82 in the Master’s North category—including Northeast institutions providing a full range of undergraduate and master’s programs.



The Social Work department’s central mission is to prepare its graduates for professional practice with a commitment to improving the quality of life of vulnerable individuals, families, groups, and communities on the local, national, and international levels.

The educational focus of the department is to prepare social work practitioners with a commitment to excellence and to the knowledge, skills, goals, values, and ethics of the social work profession. The curriculum supports this primary goal through three themes: a strengths perspective; an empowerment approach; and conceptualizing families within a global context.

The MSW Program offers two concentrations, one in clinical practice with families and children, and the second in international and community development practice.

PALLADINO PAIRS WITH TUFTS PROFESSOR FOR RESEARCH

Dr. Michael Palladino, associate professor in the Biology Department, is a co-investigator with Dr. Geoffrey Capraro, assistant professor at Tufts University School of Medicine, for a \$68,591 grant from Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Over the next year, Dr. Palladino and Dr. Capraro will collaborate on a project designed to investigate the use of near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) as an approach for improving the diagnosis of testicular torsion injury.

Dr. Capraro is studying the feasibility of using NIRS to detect torsion. Through this collaboration, Dr. Palladino and his research students will identify cellular and molecular damage created by torsion as hallmark indicators of tissue damage.

Testicular torsion is a clinical condition that causes reduced blood flow (ischemia) that leads to low oxygen levels (hypoxia) in the testis. Testis ischemia and hypoxia can cause significant cel-

lular damage and cell death in affected testes, including the loss of sperm production. Torsion, which is particularly prevalent in prepubertal and adolescent males, also can lead to impaired fertility or infertility in males.

Dr. Palladino teaches genetics, biotechnology, and endocrinology in cell and molecular biology. He has received several awards for research and teaching including the New Investigator Award of the American Society of Andrology, the 2005 Distinguished Teacher Award from Monmouth University, and the 2005 Caring Heart Award from the NJ Association for Biomedical Research.

He is also co-author of the undergraduate textbook, *Introduction to Biotechnology*, Series Editor for the *Benjamin Cummings Special Topics in Biology* booklet series and author of the first booklet in the series, *Understanding the Human Genome Project*. He recently joined the authorship team of W.S. Klug, M.R. Cummings and C.A. Spencer as a co-author for the undergraduate textbooks, *Concepts of Genetics, 9e* and *Essentials of Genetics, 7e*. He resides in Howell.

Dr. Capraro is a board-certified pediatric emergency medicine sub-specialist interested in the potential for emerging technologies to improve the diagnosis, treatment, and understanding of time-critical emergencies such as testicular torsion.

FASHION SHOW RAISES \$2,756 FOR ALYSSA'S ANGELS

Monmouth University's fourth annual fashion show, Creative Couture, raised \$2,756 for Alyssa's Angels of West Long Branch.

Alyssa's Angels is a non-profit organization whose mission is to assist children with disabilities and help their families lead happy and productive lives. The organization works to

lessen the financial burden by providing funding for therapeutic recreation and medical equipment.

The show, held on February 9 in Wilson Hall, was sponsored by Hawk TV, WMCX, *The Outlook*, CommWorks, and the Public Relations Student Society of America.

SCREENING BRINGS CAMDEN 28 ACTIVISTS TO CAMPUS

In collaboration with *P.O.V.*, the acclaimed independent series on PBS featuring point-of-view documentaries, Monmouth screened *The Camden 28* during the Global Understanding Convention.

Filmmaker Anthony Giacchino and *Camden 28* defendants Fr. Michael Doyle and Gene Dixon were joined by Rutgers professor Howard Gillette, author of *Camden After the Fall: Decline and Renewal in a Post-Industrial City*, participated in a panel discussion after the screening.

The 2007 film describes a 1971 raid by anti-war activists on a local draft board, and their subsequent acquittal. Supreme Court Justice William Brennan called the proceedings, "one of the great trials of the 20th century."

KEYNOTE FROM FORMER NPR REPORTER

Sarah Chayes, former NPR reporter, author of *The Punishment of Virtue*, and founder of Arghand, a nongovernmental organization that produces hand-crafted products in Khandahar, Afghanistan, delivered the keynote address for the Global Understanding Convention in April.

AMEDEO '90 NAMED TO COMMISSION

Trustee Jerome P. Amedeo '90 was appointed by Governor Jon Corzine in May to the School Ethics Commission. Amedeo is owner and executive director of Somerset Hills School, one of the largest schools for emotionally disturbed children in New Jersey.

The School Ethics Commission is a nine-member body that reviews, investigates and renders decisions on complaints against school officials alleging violations of the *School Ethics Act*. The Commission is established in the New Jersey Department of Education, and has the power to issue advisory opinions, receive complaints, receive and retain disclosure statements, conduct investigations, hold hearings, and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents as it may deem necessary to enforce the *School Ethics Act*.

Mr. Amedeo was elected to the Monmouth University Board of Trustees in July, 2007. He serves on the Monmouth University Annual Fund Volunteer Leadership team and is a member of the Advisory Council of the Juvenile Justice Commission. In 2005, he was honored as Humanitarian of the Year by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey.

UNSUNG HEROES RECOGNIZED

Five recipients of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unsung Hero Award were honored in January. The award is given annually to individuals who exemplify the spirit, life, teachings, and commitment to service of the slain civil rights leader. Recipients were Patricia Scinto-Krosnicki '77, director of the Long Branch Senior Center, peace advocate and Monmouth student Dante Barry-Williams, Monmouth professor Dr. Eleanor Novek, reporter Robin Martin, and Abe Chapnick, a concentration camp survivor.

HOGARTH EXHIBIT AND LECTURE



GIN LANE (1751) IS A FRANK WARNING ABOUT CONSEQUENCES OF ALCOHOLISM.

Professor Emeritus Donald B. McKenzie gave two lectures in March to compliment the display of original engravings by William Hogarth (1697-1764). Dr. McKenzie's talk "William Hogarth: Sin City," marked the opening of the exhibition. Items belonging to the University's permanent collection spanned the 800 Gallery and nearby Ice House Gallery.

Hogarth could be both biting sarcas-

tic and morally instructive, highlighting the follies in all classes of English society. Hogarth was also a pioneer in copyright law after his successful prints attracted many piracy copies. In 1735, the *Copyright Act* was passed by the House of Parliament and is generally known as the *Hogarth's Act*.

The collection is a 1972 gift from Dr. Elinor Judd and the late Dr. A. Bradford Judd.



L-R: HEATHER KELLY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES FOR MULTICULTURAL AND DIVERSITY INITIATIVES; ROBIN MARTIN, JOURNALIST; DR. ELEANOR NOVEK, DIRECTOR OF MASTER'S CORPORATE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM; PRESIDENT GAFFNEY, PATRICIA SCINTO-KROSNICKI '77, STUDENT PEACE ACTIVIST DANTE BARRY-WILLIAMS, AND ABE CHAPNICK.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS ENHANCE CONVENTION

Monmouth hosted two international scholars during the spring semester—Indonesian sociologist Imam Budidarmawan Prasodjo and Bangladeshi social scientist A.S.M. Atiqur Rahman taught classes, gave campus-wide and community lectures, and participated in the Global Understanding Convention held in April.

Dr. Rahman is a professor of Social Work at the Institute of Social Welfare and Research, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and the immediate past Dean of the Institute. He is a member of the Senate of the University of Dhaka; president of Nagorik Shonghoti (Citizen's Solidarity); the acting secretary general of the Bangladesh Association for the Aged and Institute of Geriatric Medicine (BAAIGM), an organization working for the benefit of the elderly people since 1960 throughout Bangladesh; editor of the *Bangladesh Journal of Geriatrics*; also a member of other non-profit community development organizations in Bangladesh.

Rahman is deeply committed to social development, social justice, human rights, and women's empowerment. His area of specialization is social gerontology, and he has published many articles on aging issues, social work education, and social service programs in Bangladesh, Bangladesh population, dowry, and dower money issues.

He is the author of two books on social research and statistics. At Monmouth University he taught a graduate course entitled "Social Work Research."

Dr. Prasodjo comes to Monmouth University on a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence grant. The program brings visiting scholars from abroad to lecture and teach at U.S. universities for one semester or a year and is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural



CHRISTOPHER J. CHRISTIE IN WILSON HALL

Affairs of the United States Department of State.

He is a sociology professor at the University of Indonesia and director and founder of Nurani Dunia Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides immediate assistance for victims and displaced persons in disaster and conflict areas. The foundation also engages in conflict resolution and prevention, and community development initiatives aimed at making Indonesian communities stronger, more resilient, peaceful, and prosperous.

In addition, Dr. Prasodjo is founder and director of the Center for Research on Intergroup Relations and Conflict Resolution (CERIC). CERIC network members have participated in providing curriculum development, research design, conflict resolutions and social mapping, and cooperative learning training across Indonesia.

The International Scholar Program at Monmouth University is organized by the Office of Academic Program Initiatives.

CHRISTIE TOUGH ON CORRUPTION

U.S. Attorney for New Jersey Christopher J. Christie addressed a crowd of public officials and law enforcement officials at a Leadership and Public Ethics seminar held in Wilson Hall this May. The appearance came weeks after former Newark Mayor Sharpe James was found guilty on federal charges including fraud and conspiracy.

Christie said corruption in New Jersey exists on both sides of the political aisle, in both the largest cities and smallest municipalities. He called New Jersey the third most corrupt state in the nation, after Illinois and Louisiana.

"My message to every mayor, councilman, legislator, school board member, county official and members of the governor's office should be pretty simple," he said. "Don't think we won't come after your case."

Christie cautioned New Jersey residents not to rely on the federal government to solve all corruption problems. "The only thing a political understands is losing," he said, adding, "The best corruption fighter is a ballot."

Public Policy graduate student Tracy Olski asked Christie if he planned to run for governor in 2009, after a new administration takes power in Washington. "When President Bush leaves, I may be out of a job," he said. "Running for governor is certainly one of the options I would consider."

NIH CANCER GRANT FOR DR. HUTTER



Dr. Dottie Hutter, assistant professor of Biology, has been awarded an Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for cancer research. The amount of the award, with direct and indirect costs included, will be close to \$200,000 over a three-year period.

“The grant will greatly enhance my ability to perform high-level research with undergraduate students,” stated Dr. Hutter.

The project, “Density-dependent regulation of MAP kinase pathways,” will study the potential role of one type of signaling proteins, MAP kinase phosphatases (MKPs), and the involvement of regulation of this class of proteins in contact-inhibited “normal” cells, and how/why the regulation is altered in cancerous cells. In addition to their potential role in cancer, MKPs have been found to be critical regulators of cellular signaling in cardiac injury following ischemia-reperfusion and inflammation. Having greater knowledge of the regulation of MAP kinases pathways by MKPs during density-dependent growth control and the stress response may lead to better understanding of the deregulation of these pathways in disease states.

AREA grants support individual research projects in the biomedical and behavioral sciences conducted by faculty, and involving their undergraduate students.

Dr. Hutter specializes in cell and molecular biology and signal transduction pathways. Current research includes the regulation of stress signaling pathways during cell proliferation and programmed cell death. Dr. Hutter received her doctorate degree from The Catholic University of America. She resides in Tinton Falls.

MATHBOR NAMED VP OF INSTITUTE

Dr. Golam M. Mathbor, associate dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, was elected vice president of the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS) in April.

AIBS is an association of institutions of higher learning in the United States aimed at promoting scholarly understanding between Bangladesh and the United States. Incorporated in 1988, AIBS provides senior and junior fellowships as pre-dissertation grants.

Another AIBS program offers Bangladeshi scholars the opportunity to visit the United States for joint research projects with U.S. scholars. Since its inception, affiliated scholars have investigated research topics including demography, politics, sustainable development, bureaucracy, anthropology, history, gender and minority studies, religion, rural and urban migration as well as banking and religion.

Dr. Mathbor currently serves as a commissioner of the Global Social Work Education Commission of the U.S. National Council on Social Work Education, and as an associate secretary general of the International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD). He is the founder/president of the Board of Trustees of the Long Branch Concordance, a 501(C)(3) Non-Profit Agency in Long Branch.

EMPLOYEE GIVING BREAKS RECORDS

Dr. Jeffery N. Mills, vice president for University Advancement, announced in late January that employees contributed \$201,010 to support Monmouth University during the 2007 calendar year, breaking all previous employee giving records.

“Giving rose by \$74,382,” a staggering 58% increase, “over the \$126,628 contributed in 2006,” he said. Dr. Mills also noted that 29 departments on campus had 100% participation rates, a higher percentage than for any previous campaign.



He said that 30 team captains, Monmouth employees representing all areas of the University, helped raise awareness and generate excitement for the campaign. “Support for the mission of the University from employees demonstrates that we are on the right track,” he added.

Jacqueline Bartley-Oxley, associate vice president of University Advancement, echoed the importance of employee giving to grant-makers who support Monmouth. “Employee giving is an important benchmark for many foundations,” she said. “Support from inside the University translates directly to greater support from outside the University.”

NJ HISTORY GRANT TO PRESERVE *THE OUTLOOK*

The New Jersey Historical Commission awarded a grant for \$13,860 to microfilm the catalog of *The Outlook*. An award-winning newspaper published since 1933 by the students of Monmouth Junior College, Monmouth College, and Monmouth University, the paper made its debut just weeks after Monmouth Junior College opened its doors on November 20, 1933.

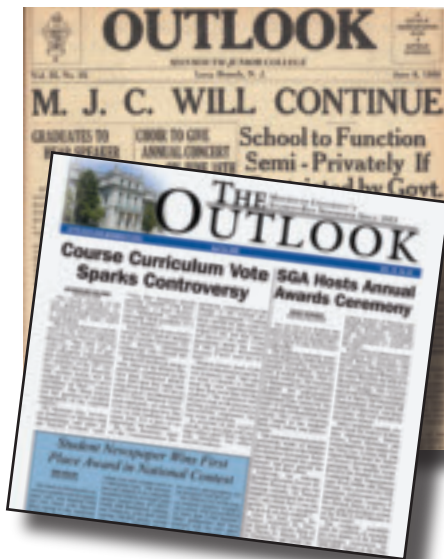
The proposal to microfilm every back issue will preserve “a unique, underutilized, and regionally important publication,” said Collections Manager Chris Ellwood, who wrote the grant.

“The microfilm process will also pave the way for the digitization of *The Outlook* and subsequent distribution via the World-Wide Web,” said Ellwood. Vice President for University Advancement Jeffery Mills said the grant was “an important way to help preserve the history of the University,” and “very appropriate for Monmouth’s Diamond Jubilee.”

For much of its history, the paper was printed on unstable stock that is now highly acidic and brittle. In addition, the majority of back issues were bound in oversized volumes that inadvertently caused further deterioration of the newsprint.

The state grant will allow each issue to be reformatted to 35mm microfilm standards set by NJHC and New Jersey Division of Archives and Records Management (NJDARM).

After transfer to microfilm, complete copies of the records will be preserved in the New Jersey State Archives. The Monmouth University Library will also retain copies and make the content available through the New Jersey Library Network.

**HEALTH AWARD FOR DR. SWEENEY**

Monmouth University Trustee Dr. Monica Sweeney was again recognized for her efforts in the public health field when she received the Public Health Association of New York City’s (PHANYC) 2008 Public Health Advocate Award in May.

Founded in 1936, PHANYC is one of the oldest and largest affiliates of the American Public Health Association.

Sweeney, M.D., M.P.H., who has been a trustee since 2006, is Assistant Clinical Professor of Preventive Medicine SUNY Health Science Center of Brooklyn and Vice-President of Medical Affairs at the Bedford-Stuyvesant Family Health Center, Inc.

She is also serving her second term as a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on H.I.V./AIDS, where she chairs the prevention subcommittee.

In addition, she is an adjunct professor at the City University of New York Medical School and a clinical assistant professor at the State University of New York Health Science Center.

In October 1998 she was inaugurated president of the Medical Society County of Kings, becoming the first black woman president of the organization.

**WEBWATCH
C-SPAN INTERVIEW WITH
DR. YVONNE THORNTON**

C-SPAN’s new interview series, Q&A, which airs each Sunday night at 8:00 PM EST, recently featured an interview with Dr. Yvonne Thornton ’69. C-SPAN President and CEO Brian Lamb conducted the interview which aired January 6.

In the interview Dr. Thornton discusses her family’s life story described in her book, *The Ditchdigger’s Daughters: A Black Family’s Astonishing Success Story*. Dr. Thornton, a former Trustee of the University, was named Distinguished Alumna in 1984, and awarded an honorary doctorate by Monmouth in 1985.

Dr. Thornton, who is a double-board certified specialist in obstetrics, gynecology and maternal-fetal medicine, earned her medical degree at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons and went on to obtain a Master of Public Health in 1996 from the Columbia University School of Public Health.

A transcript of the interview is available at www.c-span.org/special/thornton.asp, or you can watch the program in streaming media by visiting

www.q-and-a.org/Program/?ProgramID=1159.

VISIT TO DISCOVERY DATABASE OFFICES



President Gaffney and William Hill, assistant dean of Placement & Student Employment, visited the Shrewsbury offices of The Financial Information Group, Inc last November. The firm boasts over 400 corporate clients, close to 2,000 individual users and a better than 90% customer renewal rate.

The impressive statistic behind the visit was the fact that almost half of the 40-member team responsible for flagship Discovery Database products are Monmouth alumni or interns. Virtually every area of the company from marketing to information technology has at least one representative Hawk.

William Hill said the company was growing tremendously and that he was "very pleased with the excellent relationship that has developed over the last three years between the company and the University."

Although President and CEO Nick Stuller is not an alumnus, Chairman of the Board and company founder Paul C. Chachko '84 holds a bachelor's degree from Monmouth.



Paul is also the chief executive officer of V12 Group, a provider of below the line (BTL) marketing services and sits on the Board of Infinata, Inc. Prior to V12, Paul was the CEO of Datagence, a multi-channel direct marketing services company. He was a 2005 finalist for Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

The Financial Information Group Inc. provides sales and marketing tools to mutual fund companies, broker/dealer firms, fund administrators, insurance companies, trust companies and banks. Their Discovery products are web-based databases of registered investment advisors, registered representatives, insurance agents, trust companies, banks and broker/dealers.

FIRST SEMESTER FOR KISLAK INSTITUTE

The first semester of classes for the new undergraduate program at the Kislak Real Estate Institute drew to a close this spring. The specialized program has enrolled 17 students from across the U.S. and as far away as Dubai, pursuing a BS degree in business administration with a concentration in real estate.

In its inaugural year, the Institute welcomed Amanda Osman to the program in September, said Dr. Donald Moliver, director of the Institute. Ms. Osman is an American student who spent the past 17 years studying in Dubai with students from more than 53 countries. She returned to the United States "for the sole purpose of studying real estate at Monmouth University," he said.

Osman says she is happy to be enrolled in the program. "Knowing the basics of business and having them focused on real estate offers more than any other degree," she said, adding, "These real estate courses make the connection to real life."

The program, one of only about 60 across the country, is the result of \$2 million in support from the Kislak Family Fund in 2006. The gift was made in honor of the centennial anniversary of the Woodbridge, NJ-based Kislak Organization.

Jay I. Kislak, chairman of the Kislak Organization, said, "Investing in real estate education has always been extremely important to our family and organization" and "this is an important moment for the Institute."

POLLING INSTITUTE EARNS HIGH MARKS IN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

The Monmouth University Polling Institute has been named one of the most accurate pollsters covering presidential primary races, according to a Pollster Report Card released by Survey USA.

The report card assessed the accuracy of 38 firms that polled one or more of the 36 presidential primaries and caucuses through February 5, 2008. The Monmouth University Polling Institute tied for ninth place.

The final pre-election Monmouth University/Gannett New Jersey Poll released February 3—two days before the primary—found Hillary Clinton leading Barack Obama by 50% to 36% in the state’s Democratic primary, and John McCain leading Mitt Romney by 55% to 23%.

When the poll was released, Patrick Murray, director of the Polling Institute, was quoted as saying, “Analysis of our internal poll numbers indicates that Obama may be able to close the gap by turning out large numbers of new voters. It does not appear that he will win the state outright, but he can rack up a good share of the delegates.”

Clinton ended up winning the state by 54% to 44%. The eventual margin of victory was larger than other state polls had indicated, but in line with

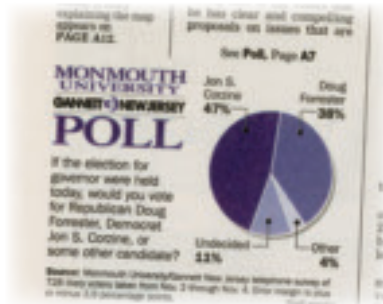
Monmouth University poll analysis. On the Republican side, McCain won the state with 55% of the vote to 28% for Romney.

Murray commented, “We were pretty confident that Clinton would have a strong win in the state since we did not see quite as much room for a late Obama groundswell as other polls did. To be recognized for the accuracy of our call by a fellow pollster, who is also a competitor, is an honor.”

The Polling Institute conducts and disseminates public opinion research to foster greater public accountability by ensuring that the voice of the public is part of the policy discourse. Many of the institute’s polls are released in partnership with the Gannett New Jersey newspaper group.

The Polling Institute’s activities include research services for government agencies and private organizations that assist with policy planning and assessment. The institute also collaborates with faculty and students to enhance research and training opportunities in survey research.

All of the Polling Institute’s reports can be found at www.monmouth.edu/polling/.



NEW ACADEMIC PACT WITH MEXICO

A new agreement between Monmouth University and National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) was signed October 9, 2007. The pact will establish academic, cultural, and educational collaboration between the two universities. The universities will work together on research projects as well as exchange students and professors.



Activities included a visit by UNAM students and faculty to the Global Understanding Convention in April 2008. Dr. Golam M. Mathbor, associate dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, will coordinate the partnership project. He recently led two different groups of Monmouth students on trips to the UNAM’s National School of Social Work and arranged for UNAM professors and deans to give lectures at Monmouth University.

“Monmouth University faculty and students will benefit greatly from this joint partnership with UNAM,” said Provost Thomas Pearson. “The exchange of ideas, culture, and research will benefit both universities.” As part of its 2004-2014 strategic plan, Monmouth has committed to providing more opportunities for students and faculty to have rich and rewarding international experiences and develop a deeper understanding of global affairs.

Attention alumni:
 Want to be in the loop? Please provide your email address to the alumni office and we will send emails about upcoming events. Go to www.monmouth.edu/alumni and follow instructions for creating a personal profile.

GIFT OF LANDAU ART WILL ENRICH CAMPUS

More than 300 prints, drawings and paintings by prominent artist and illustrator Jacob Landau were recently given to Monmouth by the Jacob Landau Institute of Roosevelt, New Jersey. Also included in the collection are brushes, tools and other materials that Landau used while creating his artwork.

“It is wonderful to know that his art has found such a fine and appropriate home in the Monmouth University galleries,” said David Herstrom, president of the Jacob Landau Institute.

Philadelphia-born Landau received an honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts from Monmouth University in 1996. His work has appeared in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. and the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York City as well as at the New Jersey State Museum in 1983 and the Woodmere Museum in 1999.

Director of Galleries and Collections at Monmouth University, Scott Knauer, said, “We are honored by this gift, one of the most significant collections of art that the University has received, which will be of tremendous benefit not only to our students and faculty but to residents of the surrounding communities as well.” Landau died in 2001 at 85.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Two students are the recipients of this year’s Alumni Association scholarship. They are Narissa Kanzler, daughter of Jill ‘82 and Ralph Kanzler ‘82, ‘94, and Kaitlin Poracky, daughter of Kathleen ‘80 and Dennis Poracky ‘79, ‘80.

The scholarships, which are available only to children of Monmouth graduates, are awarded for academic achievement, school and community service, and leadership. Each spring, alumni children who are current or incoming first years students are invited



I TOO WAS IN ARCADY (1969).

to submit applications for the award. Application forms, available from the Office of Alumni Affairs, are due by June 30th.

ALUMNAE MAKE THEIR MARK ON HISTORY



COL JAMES COSTIGAN RECOGNIZES FORT MONMOUTH HISTORIANS WENDY REJAN (LEFT) AND MELISSA ZIOBRO KOZLOWSKI (RIGHT) FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE POST AT HIS RETIREMENT LUNCHEON, 2007.

Melissa Ziobro Kozlowski (Hist./Poli. Sci. '05, M.A. Hist. '07) was recently presented with the Department of the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.

Kozlowski, who began teaching undergraduate History at Monmouth last fall, works with alumna Wendy Rejan (Hist. '04) as a historian at the U.S. Army CECOM Life Cycle Management Command, Fort Monmouth, NJ.

Rejan, shown at right receiving a writing award, is the Command Historian for the Fort. As part of Fort Monmouth's 90th Anniversary Rejan and Kozlowski have been busy collecting and archiving a variety of historic material including documents, films and recordings.

Recent projects written by the alumnae can be found at <http://www.monmouth.army.mil/historian/anniversary.php>. Topics include a diverse array of material including Sputnik

signal detection, peregrine falcons used to intercept German pigeon messages during World War II, and the incarceration of a member of Lucky Luciano's mob family at the Fort.



WENDY REJAN '04 RECEIVES A WRITING AWARD FOR THE ARMY'S KEITH L. WARE JOURNALISM CONTEST. THE AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO WENDY BY COL. STEPHEN CHRISTIAN, GARRISON COMMANDER, FORT MONMOUTH. PHOTO COURTESY OF FORT MONMOUTH.

GEISLER '68 IS LOYAL FRIEND TO YMCA



The Ocean County YMCA, which can boast having more than 10,000 members, wouldn't be what it is today without the help of Joel Geisler '68, many fellow volunteers have said.

For his more than 30 years of volunteering, 63-year old Joel received the first Ocean County YMCA Red Triangle Award last October. The triangle, part of the YMCA logo, stands for unification of spirit, mind and body.

Geisler began volunteering at the YMCA in 1978.

"My friend Anthony Graziano first got me involved at the Ocean County YMCA...As a kid I remembered going to play basketball once when there was a YMCA in Lakewood," Geisler said. He served on the Ocean County YMCA Board of Directors for six years.

Geisler has been a property manager since 1982. Previously, he was senior vice president and then president of First State Bank, which later became a Sovereign Bank.

In addition to his dedicated work for the YMCA, Geisler has also served on the board of Twenty-One Plus, a Toms River nonprofit agency that serves people with developmental disabilities age 21 and older, since the agency was founded in 1979.

He has also served for 20 years on the boards of the Community Medical Center in Toms River and the hospital foundation, its fundraising arm.

Geisler and his wife, Barbara, who have an adult son and daughter and two grandchildren, are residents of Toms River but spend much of their time at their second home in Florida. He still enjoys exercising, golfing, bicycling, and skiing.

DAVE LEWIS '81M HONORED AS TEACHER OF THE YEAR



MAX C. LEVINE / THE ATLANTIC COUNTY WEEKLIES

Philadelphia *Daily News*' Sam Donnellon has called him "a spiritual compass." Others have commended his indomitable spirit, incredible courage, kindness and dignity. Former students still come to visit him years after graduating.

Dave Lewis '81M has been teaching mathematics and business for the past seven years at Oakcrest High School in southern New Jersey to some of the most difficult students, a task he has whole-heartedly seized and has never taken for granted.

His strong work ethic and quiet dedication have earned him the label "Teacher of the Year" for 2008—an honor that most say is well deserved and a little overdue for the 58-year old educator.

"You meet very few great men in your life, and he's one of them," said Al DeCicco, vice president of the Alterna-

tive Program at Oakcrest and friend for the past eight years. "If people are paying attention, they can get a great life lesson from him."

The children assigned to the Alternative Program are generally considered "at-risk" children, with a wide range of backgrounds. Some have been classified due to behavioral problems, while others have recently been released from the criminal justice system.

But Lewis seems to be unrattled by the challenges he faces every day. Instead, he is thankful and anxious to do more.

"It's educational rehab," Lewis said, adding that his main goal is to get the kids back to the regular high school. "But they haven't had really good relationships with adults," he said, adding that gaining their trust is the most challenging part of his job.

DeCicco said, "This is fast-track

training for teachers because the kids will eat you alive." He added that the Alternative Program is not just about following a curriculum. DeCicco has been with the program since its inception in 1994.

When Dave is not teaching math, business, or general life skills, he's coaching basketball for the Oakcrest Falcons, a job which earns him even more fans. He has been coaching basketball since the early-80s and seems to love every minute of it. And the feeling is mutual as evidenced by a student who had been dismissed from the team and is now helping to coach the team.

His cousin and close friend, Dr. Ivor Lewis, said, "Dave was born with a basketball in his hands." He fondly reminisced about their days growing up together in Mahanoy City, PA. "He willed himself into being a basketball player despite his small stature. I see

that same spirit in what he's doing now with his cancer. He wills himself into rising above it."

"Many times Dave and I were in the middle of some kind of benign mischief and it seemed the teachers were on the look out for the Lewis boys. Even when I was the culprit, Dave was always there, ready to take the hit for me, no questions asked, no excuses," his cousin added.

But it hasn't always been easy despite his consistently calm and encouraging demeanor. For the past three years Dave has been battling with three bouts of cancer. He was first diagnosed with colon cancer, followed by multiple myeloma in November 2006 and now leukemia. He has undergone chemotherapy and blood transfusions, and in June 2007 he underwent a stem-cell transplant.

He was feeling better, but in December he suffered a relapse that landed him in the hospital for three weeks. As a result, he has been receiving transfusions once or twice a week since February.

Lewis said he remains very open with his students about his cancer so that it is not "scary" for them. "I have made it my mission to teach my students and players about cancer," he said, adding that he also teaches them "mental toughness."

On March 17 Lewis was rewarded for his efforts when he received the prestigious Charley Dinsmore survivor award in front of about 700 people at the tenth annual Philadelphia Coaches vs. Cancer Tourney Tip-Off Breakfast, an organization that has raised \$23 million since 1993.

"I was very honored. It was a tremendous day," Lewis said.

A couple weeks later Lewis was given "the Most Courageous Award" by the Al Carino Basketball Club of



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South Jersey. The long-time dream of founder Al Carino, the club was organized in the fall of 1962 with the help of *Courier-Post* sportswriters Charlie Schuck and Walt Burrows.

Philadelphia Inquirer Columnist Sam Carchidi wrote about Lewis in January, calling him "a profile in courage" and "a role model for the ages, a man whose resiliency is off the charts, and a man who is teaching a lesson every time he attends a practice or game."

Despite the adversity he has faced, his positive attitude and strong character are still intact. Dave, who dropped out of Penn State when he saw the need to enlist in the Army during the Vietnam War, graduated with an M.B.A. from Monmouth 27 years ago. He has continued to prove that he is a survivor and an inspiration to his students and fellow teachers.

He spent much of his career in the healthcare management field, where he served as vice president for the Children's Seashore House, a medical care and rehabilitation facility now part of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for children with chronic illnesses and severe developmental disabilities.

Dave lives in Northfield with his wife, Beth, and their daughter, Emily, 13, and son, David, 10. David is regu-

larly seen sitting right next to his dad at the games. Lewis also has two grown daughters from his previous marriage—Rebecca, 33, and Rachel, 28—who also attend many of the games.

"Things are good. Things are moving in the right direction," Lewis said from a University of Pennsylvania Hospital room as he finished up the last day of his fourth round of chemotherapy.

He said he has had "a tremendous support system" from his family, church, and school, and he wants to continue to be healthy for his family. He also plans to diligently work with his basketball team this summer, hoping to improve their record next season.

His other wish is to walk his daughter down the aisle when she marries next year.

With these goals in mind, Dave returned to school the next day, lamenting about nothing and keeping the focus on his students.

Lewis sees cancer as just part of life, something he is not going to let interfere with living.

Donnellon seemed to echo what many others have said or thought: "He was a special guy way before the illness."

"Now he is a reflection of courage," his cousin said.

RIGGY GETS TRANSCENDENTAL

“In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks.”

—John Muir

Heather McCulloch Mistretta

“I don’t look up at the sky as much now,” Russell Anderson ’03 ’06M said in a recent interview. “The big dipper was amazingly easy to see in the dark, starry sky.”



Russell, who was nicknamed “Riggy” by his older brother Brian, isn’t your average 20-something. On March 23 of last year he embarked on a mission that few dream of attempting, much less completing.

For six months and two days he hiked more than two thousand miles along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Mount Katahdin in Maine.

He trudged through difficult terrains along 14 states, braving black bear and venomous snake sightings, and severe weather threats while nurs-

ing nagging shin splints, tendonitis and ankle sprains.

But at the end of his journey he was given the honor of being a “2,000 Miler.” He has a patch to prove it—he clocked 2,174 miles to be exact.

“I’m very happy I did it. I would recommend it to everyone,” Russell said.

“There were times when I didn’t want it to end,” Russell said, adding that there were also a couple of times he thought he might not finish.

The solitude didn’t seem to bother him though he missed his family and

friends and a regular shower. An occasional ankle sprain and persistent shin splints also hampered his progress at times.

Russell said he used the environment to heal his injuries. “I used roots to stretch my tibia, and I used the natural springs to ice my shins and knees.”

It’s in his blood, some might say. Russell’s father, who shares the same name, took a motorcycle trip when he was in his 20s with a friend to the Grand Canyon and then hiked all the way down to the bottom.

A generation later Russell found

“All that is gold does not glitter, not all those that wander are lost.”

—J.R.R Tolkien

himself in a similar situation on the other side of the Mississippi. One of the highlights, Russell said, was when his father joined him on his hike for about 70 miles leading up to Stratton Mountain.

The journey began just over a year ago at the 3,782-foot Springer Mountain where he was invited to sign a trail register at Amicalola before entering the wilderness of the Chattahoochee National Forest.

The first leg is a test of mental stamina, one which many hikers never complete. In fact, only between 10 and 25 percent of those who attempt the Appalachian Trail actually finish it.

Twenty-eight miles after the start hikers are greeted by Blood Mountain, which has an altitude of 4,461 feet. Other highlights include the Delaware Water Gap, the Green Mountains, Berkshires, Catskills, and Mount Washington, which is the highest point in the northeast.

Throughout the journey Russell snacked on protein bars and dined on cereals, dehydrated dinners and an occasional half dozen eggs he managed to find at a local market. He slept in a small light tent and tried to protect himself from the hot summer sun, mosquitoes and ticks.

His connection with the rest of the world was sporadic at best. He met other hikers along the way, carried a cell phone, and picked up occasional care packages left at post offices by his family and friends along the route. He even met up with fellow alumnus, Glen Keaton '04 and hiked with him for about 300 miles. Glen also became a 2,000 Miler. Russell said he still keeps in touch with five hikers he met along the way.

When asked why he spent half a year slogging along the Appalachian Trail, Russell said the idea came to him in



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RUSSELL AT THE 2004 NCAA TOURNAMENT GAME AGAINST MISSISSIPPI STATE.

2001. “What next?” he thought just after he and his basketball teammates captured two Northeast Conference titles and appeared twice in the NCAA Tournaments. Shortly thereafter, he read *A Season on the Appalachian Trail*, and was hooked.

In 2006, after earning his master’s in Corporate and Public Communication, Russell started working for the New York Sports Club in Marlboro as a certified strengthening and conditioning instructor.

“It was either now or never,” Russell remembers thinking. He adds that it has always been important to him to finish a project before going onto the next one.

According to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), more than 9,000 hikers have completed the trail since 1936. In 2006 there were 488 total hike completions recorded. ATC also estimates that three to four million visitors hike a portion of the trail each year.

Last year marked the 70th anniversary of the Appalachian Trail’s completion. The revolutionary idea of the trail was conceived in the early-1920s by Benton MacKaye, a forester

who wanted to provide people with an escape from “the din of war” and “general upheaval,” where they could renew themselves and escape “the high powered tension of the economic scramble.”

MacKaye, who objected to the “hectic-ness” of society, claimed his idea was born while sitting in a tree atop Stratton Mountain in Vermont.

“Cooperation replaces antagonism, trust replaces suspicion, emulation replaces competition. An Appalachian trail, with its camps, communities, and spheres of influence along the skyline, should, with reasonably good management, accomplish these achievements,” MacKaye wrote in a 1921 article in the *Journal of the American Institute of Architects*.

In 1923 the first section of the trail, from Bear Mountain west through Harriman State Park to Arden, NY, was opened. Two years later MacKaye organized a conference in Washington, DC, to further his idea. This resulted in the birth of the ATC, which appointed MacKaye as the field organizer.

But MacKaye’s fairly abstract and transcendental ideas muddled the proj-

ect and stalled its progress.

Several years later a retired judge named Arthur Perkins and his younger associate Myron Avery latched onto MacKaye’s original idea and developed it.

MacKaye objected to the commercialism associated with the new path, prompting him to abandon the ATC in 1935.

Avery wasted no time establishing a network of volunteers and worked with the government to build the organization of the ATC. Avery set the Trail’s northern terminus at Katahdin in his native Maine. Avery was also the first to walk the entire trail in 1936, though not as a thru-hike, which means in a single season.

Despite some setbacks in the late-30s and early 40s, the trail is thriving today in large part due to the ATC, renamed the Appalachian Trail Conservancy in 2005, and the more than 6,000 volunteers that work each year to preserve the wilderness. It is maintained by 30 trail clubs and multiple partnerships.

Russell, who believes strongly in the preservation of the trail, said he also plans to volunteer for the ATC at Bear Mountain in New York.

He is still enjoying working at The Edge Sports Academy Health Club and Elite sports physical therapy group, which share the same building.

When asked what feat he was going to tackle next, Russell said he tries not to look too far into the future. “I’m not satisfied, but I’m happy,” he said. **MU**



Russell wishes to dedicate this article to his best friend, Matthew Kelleher, who died earlier this year.

BOGLIOLI'S TEAM NAMED OLYMPIC HALL OF FAME FINALISTS

WENDY BOGLIOLI AT 2007
SPORTS HALL OF FAME DINNER

Wendy Boglioli, recently inducted member of the Monmouth University Sports Hall of Fame, and a member of the 1976 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay Team, was selected along with the team as finalists for the 2008 class of the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame by the United States Olympic Committee.

The public was invited to vote online through March 28 at usolympichallof-fame.com to determine the 2008 slate of inductees. Although Wendy and her team were not selected for inclusion this year, fellow Olympian nominees included Oscar de La Hoya, Brian Boitano, Karch Kiraly, Joan Benoit, Amy Van Dyken, and Lones W. Wigger, Jr.

Boglioli's 1976 Relay Team consisted of Kim Peyton, Jill Sterkel, and Shirley Babashoff. They captured gold at The Games in Montreal and set a new world record.

Boglioli was the American Record Holder in the 100-meter butterfly, the 100-meter freestyle and 100-meter



butterfly in 1976, 1977 and 1978. At the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, she received a gold medal in the 4x100 freestyle relay, which set the World and Olympic Records, and a bronze medal in the 100-meter butterfly.

MEN'S SOCCER DUO GETS SHOT AT
PROFESSIONAL RANKS

Two Monmouth University men's soccer players will get the chance to play professionally next season as former Hawks Tom Gray and Damon Wilson were drafted into two separate soccer leagues.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Tommy and Damon," said Monmouth Head Coach Robert McCourt, a three-time NEC Coach of the Year. Gray was selected by the Kansas City Wizards in the third round of the Major League Soccer (MLS) Supplemental Draft, while Wilson was selected in the first round of the 2008 Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) College Draft by the defending league champion Philadelphia KiXX.

Gray, who was added to the Hermann Trophy Watch List at the beginning of the 2007 season, led Monmouth to three straight Northeast Conference regular season championships, and an appearance in the 2006 NCAA Tournament. During his tenure with the Hawks, the program received its first national ranking, defeated two nationally-ranked opponents, and registered a 24-game unbeaten streak in conference play. Gray posted 53 points, on 14 goals and 25 assists.

Wilson, an NSCAA First-Team All-Region player in 2007, helped lead Monmouth to its third straight Northeast Conference regular season championship by topping the Hawks with 20 points, on seven goals and six assists. The forward finished 2007 ranked fifth in the league in scoring and goals, while adding two game-winning goals.

FOOTBALL CAREERS POSSIBLE FOR CASTELLANO AND HILL



MIKE CASTELLANO '06



MATT HILL '97

Two former Monmouth University football players will get the chance to continue their football careers after college next season. Matt Hill '97 and Mike Castellano '06 have joined on with the Canadian Football League (CFL) and All American Football League (AAFL), respectively.

Hill became the first Hawk to sign a professional contract with a team from the CFL when the Calgary Stampeders offered the safety a two-year contract recently. The Stampeders have the option to keep the 2006 First Team All-NEC safety on the roster for the 2009 season, but there is a two-month period when he can work out for NFL teams.

Hill ended his career with 265 tackles and nine interceptions, which ranks fourth and third all-time at Monmouth. After leading the Hawks in takedowns as a senior, Hill was named Sports Network Mid-Major All-American and First Team All-Northeast Region.

"There was a time I just wanted to play football professionally anywhere," said Hill. "The CFL is pretty much the second highest level of professional football, and I just want an opportunity to showcase my skills at the professional level."

Hill sent tapes all over and worked out for the Montreal Alouettes when a scout for the Stampeders happened to be in attendance. That scout then contacted some other clubs that had worked out Hill and decided to offer a contract to the former safety. The Hopatcong, N.J., native joins wideouts Will Holder (AFL's New York Dragons) and Miles Austin (Dallas Cowboys) as the third player in MU's history to sign a professional football contract. Hill will report to Stampeders' training camp in the last week of May.

Mike Castellano recently signed a one-year contract with the Arkansas team of the upstart All American Football League. The Freehold native was one of just 25 out-of-area players selected by Arkansas.

"I am really excited about the chance to keep playing football," said Castellano. "The opportunity to continue playing was always the most important thing to me. It was exciting to sit down and watch the draft and see my name come across the screen. It's a great feeling to know I'll be playing professional football."



NEC HONOR ROLL FOR HAWKS

An abundance of Hawks made the 2007-08 Northeast Conference (NEC) fall Academic Honor Roll, the league announced recently. All NEC scholar-athletes must earn a minimum of 60 semester hours, maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.20 and participate with distinction as a member of a varsity team.

Members from Monmouth's six fall sports, men's and women's cross country and soccer, as well as football and field hockey, made up the Blue and White's contingent of athletic scholars on the annual list.

The football team placed 16 members on the honor roll, with senior Jarrett Osborne Revis leading the way with a 3.83 GPA in business administration.

The women's soccer team, who won NEC regular season and tournament championships last fall, placed many members on the honor roll. Freshman Ali Kliment earned the only 4.0 GPA among all student-athletes last semester. Kliment is a student in the Honors School majoring in criminal justice.

The field hockey team also boasted a number of honor roll students, with freshman Morganne Firmstone, named to the NEC All-Second Team in her first year in the Blue and White, leading the way with a 3.89 GPA.

The cross country team featured sophomore Rachel Ruggiano for the women with a 3.78 GPA in business accounting, while Brendan McGoldrick paced the men with a 3.68 GPA in history/education. The men's soccer team placed three members on the honor roll, with junior Michael Pereira leading the way with a 3.76 GPA in marketing.

Outside the NEC roster, three members of the Bowling Club were named to the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association Collegiate All-American Teams.

Sophomore John Costello, an English major with a 3.80 GPA, graduate

student Heather Miller, who sports a 3.70 GPA and senior Nicole Packo, a communication major with 3.55 GPA, were all named 2007-08 Academic All-Americans by the organization.

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD 2008 NEC INDOOR CHAMPS

A team effort sparked the Monmouth University's women's track & field team to a win at the 2008 Northeast Conference Indoor Championships in Landover, MD. The men's team saw their three-year run as defending champions snapped but still managed a solid second place finish on the day.

Also, Joe Compagni took home NEC Coach of the Year honors for the women.

The 400m dash had sophomore Michelle Losey come away with a first place finish, crossing the line in 56.81. Losey was named MVP of the meet after a retabulation of votes from the league office. She led the charge as 15 Hawks earned All-NEC honors.

Hawks Illiana Blackshear and Brittany Gibbs took the third and fourth place spots, earning valuable points in the winning effort. Crystal Stein's time of 1:16.30 in the 500m dash was fast enough for second place and All-NEC honors.

Monmouth captured three of the

scoring spots in the mile, led by Cailin Lynam's second place finish (5:02.45). Freshman Christine Altland and sophomore Laura Embrey placed fifth and sixth, respectively. Losey took second in the 200m dash finals (25.40), with Stein coming in fifth with her time of 26.04.

Once again the relay teams came up big for the Hawks, with Monmouth winning the 4x400 and taking fourth in the distance medley relay. The 4x400 squad of Blackshear, Losey, Gibbs and Stein won the event with a time of 3:53.94, edging out LIU. The DMR relay team consisted of Tiffany McKenna Mary Wilks, Aracelis Lantigua and Laura Embrey.

Latasha Leake took third in the high jump (5' 2 1/4"), while Jenn Tarsan came in fifth in the same event, clearing the same height. Tarsan was also seventh in the triple jump to earn points for the Hawks, an event in which Gibbs placed fourth with her mark of 37' 8". Leake earned a fifth place finish in the 60m hurdles. Losey also earned a sixth place finish in the 60m dash, placing in her fourth event of the day. Lantigua's time of 2:22.32 in the 800m earned a seventh place spot for the sophomore. Altland finished in eighth place in the 5000m.

KELLER THROWS TO VICTORY



Monmouth University senior Christian Keller's 173-foot discus throw landed him in the NCAA East Regionals to be held later this year after taking first place in April at the Penn Relays, the nation's most prestigious track meet.

Also at the Penn Relays, Keller won the hammer with a heave of 173'11", and the women's 4x200 relay team ran a time of 1:41.48, which is the second fastest time in school history.

WOMEN'S SOCCER REACHES NCAA TOURNAMENT

The women's soccer team defeated Sacred Heart last November to win its third overall Northeast Conference Championship, but hopes were dashed when the team fell to No. 1 seeded Penn State in the opening round of the 2007 NCAA Tournament.

"It was a day to be remembered on the Great Lawn. To win the title in front of our home crowd and to have Christie Pearce Rampone serve as an honorary captain and address the team beforehand was a day that our players will remember forever," said Krissy Turner.



Monmouth last won the NEC title in 1996, when they earned their second straight conference championship.

JERSEY DONATED TO HALL OF FAME

Joe Gachina '49, former basketball team captain, donated his original jersey to the new Sports Hall of Fame at Monmouth University.

The Hall of Fame will be located in the Multipurpose Activity Center currently under construction on campus.

ACADEMIC AWARDS FOR WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team has earned its tenth straight NSCAA Academic Team Award. College team academic award winners need a 3.0 GPA or higher for the 2006-07 academic year to qualify for the honor. There were 295 women's teams awarded, and Monmouth fell in the top-25 with a GPA of 3.43.

The Hawks had four players earn all-conference honors in 2007, led by NEC Player of the Year Amy Hoyer, Monmouth's second straight Player of the Year honoree. Joining Hoyer on the first-team were 2006 NEC Player and Rookie of the Year Andrea Lopez and Brittani Heller, the 2006 Defensive Player of the Year. Sophomore Shannon Rogers was named to the all-conference second team.

BRACH SETS STRIKEOUT RECORD

Monmouth University's righthander Brad Brach became the all-time leader in career strikeouts, with 246, in April. He also holds the school's career record with 24 wins and 284 career innings pitched.

The senior, who was named New Jersey Pitcher of the Year in 2006, is no stranger to setting records. He hurled a record 82 strikeouts in a single season in 2006.

1) Brad Brach	(2005 -)	246*
2) Mike Liola	(1993-1996)	219
3) Joe Aragona	(1995-1998)	204
Dan Severino	(1997-2000)	204
5) John Garrabrant	(1992-1995)	168
6) Glen Keeton	(2000-2004)	162
7) Andrew Palmieri	(2001-2004)	149
8) Brian Gismonde	(1998-2001)	148

*As of April, 2008



PRESIDENT GAFFNEY AND DR. MARILYN MCNEIL ACCEPT THE PROFESSIONALLY FRAMED JERSEY AT A FEBRUARY 23 CEREMONY.





RYLEE PLITZ



ANTHONY CAMPANILE

TURNER LEADS NJ OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Monmouth University head women's soccer coach Krissy Turner led the New Jersey State Olympic Development (ODP) 1991 team to a second place finish at the 2008 U.S. Youth Soccer ODP National Championships in March at Pizza Hut Park in Frisco, Texas.

The team, which is comprised of 18 of the best female players in New Jersey, traveled to Texas March 6-8. They captured the Region I title in June 2007.

New Jersey, the defending National Champions, beat California South in the semifinals, 1-0, before falling to North Texas in the finals. North Texas, the host team, topped New Jersey 2-1 in the title match.

Turner, the 2006 and 2007 Northeast Conference Coach of the Year, has been coaching ODP in New Jersey for 15 years and captured her fourth regional title with the '91 team.



PLITZ IS FOUR-TIME ALL-NEC PERFORMER

Senior Rylee Plitz became the school's first-ever four-time All-NEC golf performer in program history, as she finished in seventh place overall at the 2008 Northeast Conference Championships at the Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club. Monmouth University finished in sixth place overall.

Plitz, who earned all-conference honors with a sixth-place finish as a freshman, a ninth-place finish as a sophomore and was last year's runner-up, led the Hawks with a three-day total of 246 (83-81-82). Brigid Cahill and Julia Drygas each finished in a tie for 13th place overall at the three-day competition. Cahill carded a final round of 82 to finish with a 253, while Drygas shot a final day 81.

Lisa Rastede carded a 280 (97-88-95) to finish in a tie for 37th place overall, while Kelly Reilly finished in 43rd position (101-95-97=293).

Plitz finished in a tie with Sacred Heart's Jennifer Tierney and Lauren Foster, while Stephanie Switzer finished 10th with a three-round total of 248 (85-80-83). The tournament's top-10 finishers were awarded 2008 NEC All-Conference honors.

CAMPANILE WINS GOLF CROWN

Senior Anthony Campanile finished his career capturing his second individual title, as the four-time All-NEC performer carded rounds of 70, 71 and 71 en route to a three-round, four-under par 212. Campanile, Monmouth's first men's golfer to claim all-league status all four years, also won the NEC Individual crown as a freshman in 2005.

Monmouth, the defending NEC Champions, finished in fifth place at the 2008 Championships with a team total of 897, just four strokes out of second place overall.

Monmouth, which carded a program-best 287 at the NEC Championships in round two to stand in third place after 36 holes, carded a third round 304, as Campanile fired his third straight under par outing, carding a 71.

Junior Ryan Beck was Monmouth's next finisher, claiming a tie for 17th place overall with a 225 (75-70-80). Freshman Taylor Krug (79-73-78=230) and sophomore Michael McComb (80-75-75=230) each tied for 29th place overall, while freshman Andrew Hurley (84-83-83=250) rounded out the Hawks' scorers with a 47th place showing.

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HAWKS IN PRINT

Arcadia Publishing is the company behind the familiar sepia-toned books that cover almost every conceivable aspect of local history. With a catalog of more than 5,000 titles it is no surprise that Monmouth faculty, alumni and staff have written some of the titles from the popular Images of America series. While Monmouth University is the primary subject of one title, other parts of the University make appearances in several other titles. In addition to extensive coverage in Helen-Chantal Pike's *West Long Branch Revisited*, parts of the University campus are featured in *Township of Ocean*, by Marjorie Edelson and Kay Zimmerer, and *Eatontown and Fort Monmouth* by Helen Pike and Glenn D. Vogel.

It may be a surprise to see the former Guggenheim Cottage and original Shadow Lawn Estate in *Eatontown and Fort Monmouth*, but West Long Branch did not formally separate from Eatontown Township until 1908, five years after the original wooden "summer White House" was built by John McCall in 1903.

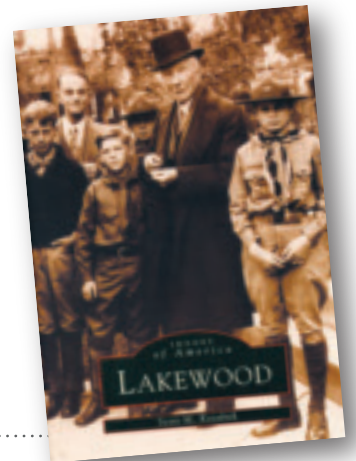
The *Township of Ocean* book shows the now demolished twenty-five room house known as The Willows, and later Brookside. The building, which decayed past the point of restoration, is now the site of the Doherty House, and the official residence Monmouth presidents since 1981.

LAKWOOD ▶

Scott M. Kozelnik '99M

Scott M. Kozelnik '99 M moved to Lakewood with his family in 1977 and lived there for many years. He graduated from Lakewood High School in 1991, ultimately earning a master's in American history from Monmouth University.

Kozelnik has published a narrative about his childhood town entitled *Lakewood*. From the early days of lumber mills and blast iron furnaces to the winter resort town it became, Kozelnik offers an extensive pictorial history of the New Jersey town nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and Metedeconk River.

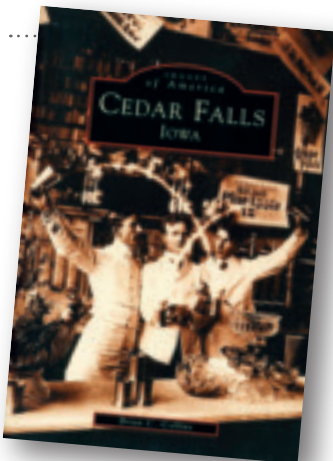


◀ CEDAR FALLS, IOWA

Brian Collins, '92 '94M

Cedar Falls, Iowa, is known as the "Garden City" because of its tree-lined streets and well-kept homes. Brian Collins '92, '94 offers a pictorial history with never-before seen images of this Midwestern town that transformed into a modern industrial city.

The history spans from the city's founding in 1845 by William Sturgis to 1925. Collins places much emphasis on the many buildings in Cedar Falls that were torn down or greatly altered to contribute to the city's "metamorphosis."



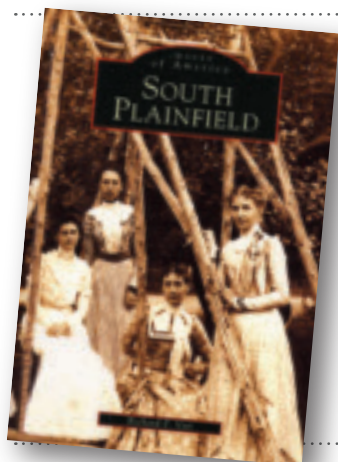
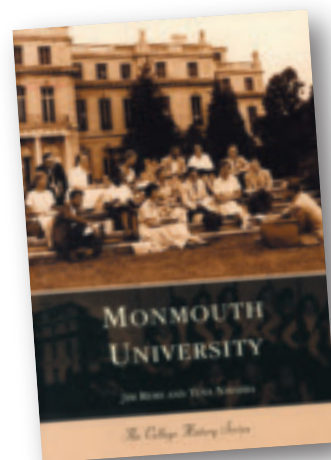
MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY ▶

Jim Reme and Tova Navarra

Monmouth University, written and compiled by Jim Reme and Tova Navarra, looks at the evolution of a junior college founded in 1933 to its leap to university status in 1995 and its continued growth into the 21st century.

Reme, the official University photographer and Navarra, a feature writer, collaborated to create a well-woven piece of history of an institution celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

Although now out-of-print, copies are available from the Monmouth University Bookstore.



◀ SOUTH PLAINFIELD

Richard Veit, Ph.D.

Monmouth University professor of history and anthropology, Richard Veit, Ph.D., has written and compiled *South Plainfield*.

Born, raised and still living in this central New Jersey town, Veit offers the reader vintage photographs, some of which have never been published, to enhance the rich historical text.

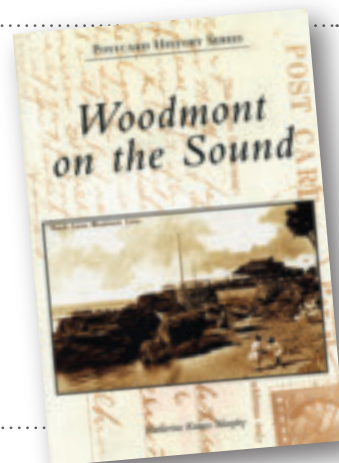
From its early history as “New Brooklyn” where agriculture was its mainstay to its current status as a thriving suburban community, South Plainfield is well depicted by Veit who has researched, excavated and written about many historical sites in New Jersey.

WOODMONT ON THE SOUND ▶

Katherine Krauss Murphy '73

A resident of Woodmont, Conn., for more than half her life, Katherine Krauss Murphy '73 has written a book about the town on the Long Island Sound entitled *Woodmont on the Sound*.

By using postcards from her personal collection and from friends and neighbors, Murphy offers the reader an insight into this small resort town that is often overlooked. “Mostly I hope the book will make people smile,” Murphy said.



◀ WEST LONG BRANCH REVISITED

Helen-Chantal Pike

West Long Branch Revisited is the follow-up book written by Helen-Chantal Pike to complement her first Arcadia book about West Long Branch.

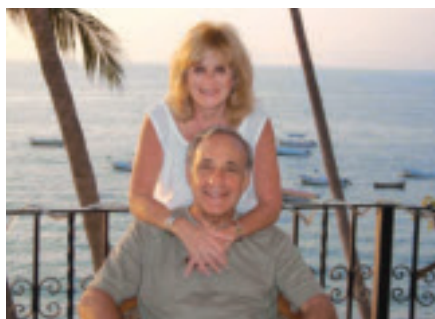
Home to most of Monmouth's campus, West Long Branch broke away from Eatontown Township in 1908 as its inhabitants realized they had more in common with the adjacent seaside resort town of Long Branch.

Pike, who is a university lecturer and academic writing instructor, is the daughter of the late Monmouth professor and author Robert E. Pike (see page 6). Pike's book offers an extensive pictorial history of “the town-and-gown community” including photos of the early days at Monmouth College.

These titles and other works by faculty authors are available online from <http://mubookstore.monmouth.edu>

CLASS OF 1965

ARNOLD BEMBEN (Ed./Hist.) (M.S.Ed. '73) came in third place among the professors who took part in Barron's Challenge investing contest from the end of October 2007 through March 2008. The education professor at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft bought gold stocks and shorted shares such as SOLF and Lehman. He lives in Eatontown.



MARILYN (EGOLF) ROCKY (Art) has been selected as an honoree for the 2008 Top 25 Distinctive Individuals in Monmouth County in recognition of her commitment to the continual growth of the county through leadership and charitable efforts. She retired as a founder and Executive Director of Childhope Foundation, an international development agency working in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Eastern and Central Europe. She is a member of the MU Communication Council, the Student Life Committee and the MU Scholarship Ball Committee, and is also winner of the 1997 Distinguished Alumni Award and president of the Alumni Association from 1981-1983.

KENNETH ROCKY (Bus. Adm.), husband of Marilyn, will be honored at this year's Monmouth Park Charity Ball, taking place in July at the Deal Golf and Country Club, for his long term, hands-on support of the Ball, and for his involvement with a number of community organizations, especially Monmouth University.

CLASS OF 1967

BARBARA (SOKOL) CONTRERAS LANDRUM (Engl.) has remarried and is now Barbara Contreras Landrum. She lives in Blacksburg, VA.

CLASS OF 1972

JOSEPH CIERI (M.S.E.) and his wife, Phyllis, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 29, 2007. They live in West Long Branch.

CLASS OF 1973

KATHLEEN (HAUGH) HALLGARTEN (Elem. Ed.) has completed a master's in education at Victoria University (Footscray Park Campus), Australia. Her thesis project was entitled "Deadly Playgrounds: Casual Relief Teachers and the Reporting of Bullying Incidents in Victorian Primary Schools."



CLASS OF 1974

M. KAREN THOMPSON (Engl.) was selected for inclusion in the Labor and Employment Law section of the The Best Lawyers in America 2008. She practices employment litigation and products liability defense law at Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A., in Somerville. She lives in Warren.



CLASS OF 1975

DONALD COWAN (Bus. Adm.) was recently certified by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants as a Personal Financial Specialist. He is the shareholder/managing director of Cowan, Gunteski & Co., P.A., and resides in Toms River.

CLASS OF 1977

CARY MCCORMACK (M.S.E.) has been appointed the new director of business development for NJSchoolJobs.com. He is responsible for building partnerships with schools and organizations while cultivating leads with potential advertisers to enhance the interactive website. He lives in Spring Lake Heights.

CLASS OF 1978

J. STEVEN SAMMARTINO (M.B.A.) was promoted to senior vice president and senior commercial lender of Colonial Bank FSB in Bridgeton. He lives in Vineland.

CLASS OF 1980

GERALD REEVES (M.B.A.) was promoted to president, CEO, and director of Sturdy Savings Bank in Cape May County. He lives in Cape May with his wife, Shirley, and six children.



ANDY RIDDELL (M.B.A.) was named president and CEO of CMH (Clinton Memorial Hospital) Regional Health Care System in Ohio last November. Riddell, who has been with CMH since 2003, will remain at this new post through December 2009. He lives with his wife, Carole, in Wilmington, OH. He has four grown children, 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

CLASS OF 1982

JOANN GILMAN (Bus. Acct.) will begin her new job as business administrator for Morris Hills School District on July 23, 2008. She had previously been the Jersey City Schools' business administrator.

CLASS OF 1985

SHARON MCCUDDEN (Psych.) was recently appointed as director of business Process Improvement and Compliance at the Keystone Peer Review Organization in Harrisburg, PA. She lives in Bloomsbury.

VICKI MORSE (Bus. Mrkt.) has been appointed assistant vice president and employee benefits officer at Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company in Glens Falls, NY. She lives in Fort Ann, NY, with her husband, Joe.

CLASS OF 1986



ROBERT BRUNNER (Bus. Mrkt.) and Anne Brunner are the owners of First Mountain Real Estate in Fairfield. Robert is also a guest lecturer at Seton Hall University's Stillman School of Business and teaches Fair Housing and Ethics for the North Central Jersey Association of Realtors. Robert and Anne live in North Caldwell. They have four children.

CLASS OF 1988

W. THOMAS FULTON (Bus. Acct.) joined Cowan, Guteski & Co., P.A., one of the leading accounting and profitability con-

sulting firms in New Jersey. He serves as a manager in the firm's Litigation Services and Business Valuation Group. He resides in Allenwood.

CLASS OF 1989

DAVID DIAMOND (Elec. Eng.) was named CEO of RockBlocks Group Inc. in Wayland, MA. RockBlocks is a provider of global trade management technology for the retail, consumer goods, apparel and footwear industries. He lives in Westborough, MA.

CATHERINE (ZIEGLER) JUNG (Sp./Comm./Theat.) has completed her master's of library and information science at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. She lives in Grand Rapids, MI, with her husband, David, and their three children.

CLASS OF 1992

JIM GOODMAN (Bus. Mgmt.) (M.B.A. '97) was named broker-in-charge of the Intracoastal Realty Corporation Oak Island office in North Carolina. He and his wife, Pat, relocated to St. James Plantation in North Carolina in 2001.

CLASS OF 1993

FRANK RIZZUTO (Hist.) was promoted to lieutenant for the Long Branch Police Department. He has been with the department since 1996. He and his wife, Julie, and their children, Isabella, Frankie, and Vivien, live in Colts Neck.

JENNIFER (STAUFFER) SHERROD (Bus. Adm.) was promoted to director of customer marketing for Prudential Financial in Newark. She lives in Eatontown with her husband, John, and son, John Robert.

CLASS OF 1995

RAYMOND FARINA (Bus. Adm.) retired as vice president of Stulz-Sickles Steel Co. He and his wife, Tricia, have moved from Middletown, NJ, to Taos, NM, where they bought a stainless steel

flatware company known as Taos Twist (taostwist.com).

BARBARA (PAWLIKOWSKI) GROWNEY (Bus. Adm.) (M.S.E. '04) and her husband, Sean, welcomed son, Connor Daniel, December 5, 2007. He joins his two-year old brother, Brooks, and two-year old sister, Amanda. Also, Brooks Patrick Growney was born into Barbara and Sean's hearts on December 18, 2005. Two years, three months and 28 days later he is finally home forever as Brooks' adoption was finalized April 16, 2008. Barbara is the director of admission processing at Monmouth University. The family lives in Tinton Falls.

KEVIN HYNES (M.A.T. Ed.) was recently inducted into the Point Pleasant High School Hall of Fame. He teaches eighth-grade physical science at Memorial Middle School in Point Pleasant and coaches boys basketball at the high school. Hynes is also involved with the Challenger Program, working with boys and girls who have different mental and physical disabilities.

CLASS OF 1996



VICTORIA ALI (Crim. J.) and other alumnae of the Beta Omega chapter of the Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority gathered in April at The Mill in Spring Lake Heights for a reunion. Named the 2008 Sister Brunch, former Beta Omega Chapter President Ali organized the event that brought together sorority sisters from all over the country.

CLASS OF 1997

FRANCISCO FILLICETTI (Hist.) and his wife, Heidi, welcomed twins, Francesca Anne and Luciana Marie December 1, 2007, at only 23 weeks. On December 12 Francesca died due to complications from the very premature birth. Francisco and Heidi participated in the March of Dimes' March for Babies April 19 in support of their children and others affected by birth defects and premature births.



JENNIFER JONES (Bio.) is the president of DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen of Falbrook, CA. She specializes in design, construction and renovation of residential kitchens and baths. She lives in Falbrook.



JENNIFER (ORT) LILLEY (Comm.) was featured in the March 2008 issue of *Women's Health Magazine* because she lost about 80 pounds from August 2006 to February 2007. The article can be found at www.womenshealthmag.com.

THEODORE RANKL (Psych.) is expected to marry Lisa Basile in August. He is a manager at The Pour House Restaurant in Tinton Falls, while his fiancé is a fourth-grade teacher for the Beers Street School in Hazlet.

JENNIFER (GOLDRING) RAPP (Comm.) and her husband, Bryan, welcomed son, Jacob, May 30, 2007. The family lives in Springfield.

CLASS OF 1998

CHRIS APRIL (Bus. Adm.) and his wife, Beth, welcomed daughter, Emily Elizabeth, February 18, 2008. Chris is a senior accountant at Hess Corp., while his wife is a streamwatch coordinator at Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association. The family lives in Robbinsville.

NICOLE (BRUCKMANN) BARRECA (Comm.) (M.A.T. '01) and her husband, Philip, welcomed son, Henry Dominick, February 24, 2008. The family lives in Shrewsbury.

CHRISTOPHER DAY (Bio.) and his wife, Marisa, welcomed daughter, Alison Grace, March 20. The family lives in Hillsborough.

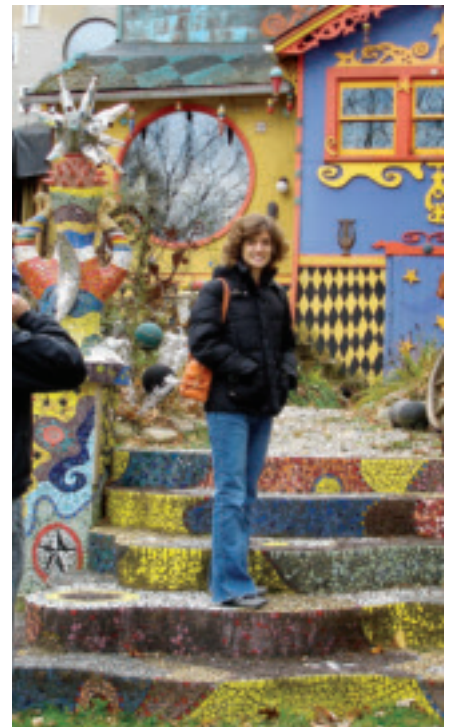
CLASS OF 1999

CHRISTINA (DEPIERO) FRANCICA (B.S.W.) and her husband, Anthony (Comm. '99), welcomed their second child, Lia Grace, November 23, 2007. She joins sister, Anna, 3. The family lives in Park Ridge.

MOLLY MCCLUSKEY (Engl.) (M.A. Comm. '02) now lives in Red Bank and works full-time at IEEE. She also had her first full-length play, which was a comedy, published in London last year as well as several short plays.

TIMOTHY SALMON (Bus. Adm.) married Leah Miller September 22, 2007. He is a park ranger for Lake Perris Parks and Recreation in Perris, CA. She is an independent sales representative in the

sports industry in San Diego. They live in Carlsbad, CA.



VIVIAN TAORMINA (Comm.) continues to successfully own and operate TaoMassage, a therapeutic massage practice in Ocean Township. She recently added Doug Elman (Mrkt. '87) to her staff of massage therapists. TaoMassage, which can be accessed at www.taomassage.com, is also offering Shake Your Soul movement classes in Monmouth County and for local retreats.

JAMIE WEISS (Comm.) married Michael Sein November 7, 2007. The couple lives in Philadelphia.

CLASS OF 2000

JULIE BROYLES (Sp. Ed.) and John Hertzog were married September 15, 2007. She is a special education teacher for the Metuchen Board of Education, while her husband is a chef at Sunrise Senior Living Brighton Gardens in Middletown. They live in Middletown.



KARA LOTT (Comm.) married Brock Butler June 9, 2007. She is a support specialist for Marathon Data Systems in Tinton Falls and is pursuing her master's in public and corporate communication at Monmouth. Her husband is a product development group manager for Spirent Communications in Eatontown and is pursuing an MBA at Rutgers. They live in Ocean Township.

JAMIE TERRANOVA (Comm.) is expected to marry Matt Girty in June. She is a marketing coordinator with Arquest Inc. in Cranbury, while her fiancé is a financial analyst with Contemporary Healthcare Capital LLC in Shrewsbury.

CLASS OF 2001

VICTORIA (CANNON) ANGIOLINO (Ed.) and her husband, Tom (Bus. Fin. '01), welcomed daughter, Taylor, January 7, 2008. The family lives in Monroe.

ALLISON BARROW (Sp. Ed.) (M.S. Ed. '06) married Barry HoAire June 29, 2007. She is a second grade teacher for the Howell Board of Education. Her husband is a fixed-income trader for Western Asset Management in New York. They live in North Brunswick.

STEFANIE (RICCO) LAMARCA (B.S.W., M.S.W. '02) and her husband, Lance, welcomed daughter, Gianna Isabelle, January 3, 2008. The family lives in Anandale.

MICHAEL MILLER (M.A. Crim. J.) married Jennifer Conine September 15, 2007. He is a police officer with the Toms River Police Department and a

command sergeant major in the Army Reserve. His wife is a director of office services and business process improvement for the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York. They live in Red Bank.

ELIZABETH WATTS (B.F.A.) (M.A.T. '06) and Brian Hoffman (Bus. Fin. '04) are planning to marry in July 2009. She is an elementary school teacher for the Keansburg School District, while Brian is an analyst in the corporate logistics department for the Atlantic Container Line in Woodbridge.

CLASS OF 2002



SUSAN CARNEVALE (Corp. Comm. & Pub. Comm.) married Raymond Fornicola September 15, 2007. She works for The Capital Group Companies as the manager of the Office Services Department. Her husband is a senior chief in the Navy. Susan volunteers as the Ombudsman for his Command. The couple lives in Norfolk, VA.

TOM GIRONE (Bus. Acct.) is expected to marry Kristen Bowers in August. He is a CPA with Withum Smith & Brown. His fiancé is a teacher for the Cranford Board of Education.

GEOFFREY MORITZ (Comm.) (Corp. & Pub. Comm. '06) married Sharon Jacobs April 28, 2007. They reside in Lakewood.

KRISTYN OBSUTH (Bus. Acct.) is planning to marry Eric Kuehnen in December. She is a certified public accountant and a risk analyst for FINRA in New York, while her fiancé is a compliance officer for Merrill Lynch. They live in Jersey City.



TARA ORLANDO (Comm.) and Jason Kolbe (Crim. J. '02) were married October 20, 2007. There were 12 Monmouth alumni in attendance, including the maid of honor, Jaclyn Orlando (Comm. '05), best men, Chris Handrahan (Bus. Adm. '02) and Brian Catapano (Bus. Adm. '02) and bridesmaid, Catherine Cerreta (Sp. Ed. '02). Tara is an elementary health and physical education teacher and is pursuing her master's in exercise science. He works as a technical specialist for Travelers Insurance. They live in Bedminster.

KATIE TURPIN (Comm.) married Will Lawlor June 8, 2007. She is a group account supervisor in the medical communications department at Fallon Medica LLC in Tinton Falls. He is a Spanish teacher at Colts Neck High School. They live in Manasquan.

CLASS OF 2003

ERICA BLUMETTI (Art) (M.A.T. '05) is planning to marry Doug Hawxhurst in 2009. She is a teacher at Applegarth Middle School in Monroe Township, while he is a regional director of personal training for Work Out World.

DEANA DEGREGORIO (Sp. Ed.) married Peter Campisi October 12, 2007. She is a special education teacher for the Wall Board of Education, while he is an account manager with Lifeboat Distribution in Shrewsbury. They live in Wall.

LUIGI LAUGELLI (For. Lang./Ed.) has become the principal of Lincroft Elementary School, making him only the fourth in the school's 50-year history.

JENNIFER MARSHALL (Crim. J.) graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in May 2007. She passed the NJ Bar Exam and has accepted an associate attorney position at the law firm of Jack Venturi & Associates in New Brunswick.



ERYN MUNCEY (Comm.) is engaged to John Braue with a December 2008 wedding planned. Eryn is an account executive at CNN.

Com in New York City. John is an inventory control manager at Sony also in New York City. The couple met in Belmar in June 2005.

CURTIS SCHICK (Comm.) is a reporter at Capital News 9 in Saratoga, NY. He first joined the station in May 2005 as the Saratoga County Bureau reporter.

CHERYL WROBLEWSKI (Sp. Ed.) and her fiancé, Keith Weise, are planning to marry in July. She is a special education teacher for the Howell Township Board of Education, while Keith is a sales representative for Frito-Lay Inc. in Toms River.

CLASS OF 2004



JENNIFER ACAMPORA (Comm.) married Michael Resetar Jr. November 17, 2007. She is an executive assistant for The Home Away From Home Academy in Aberdeen. Her husband is the owner of Resetar's Plumbing and Heating in Hillsborough. They live in Branchburg.



KIMBERLEY DRAPER (Sp. Ed.) married Marc McLaud July 7, 2007. She is a special education teacher in Ramsey, while he is a project manager for Central Pack Engineering in Hibernia, NY. The couple resides in West Milford.



SAMANTHA (FRYER) FARIAS (Sp. Ed) was married to Nicholas Farias April 28, 2007. Attending their wedding were bridesmaids, Jennifer Banjany (Comm.)

'03) and Megan McLane (Bio. '04), and guest, Frank LoConte (Bus. Fin. '03).

RACHEL TAFRO (Sp. Ed.) married Daniel Hoff November 3, 2007. She is a special education teacher at Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School, while he is an owner/chef at Dano's Authentic Italian Cuisine in Tinton Falls. They live in Tinton Falls.

CLASS OF 2005

RENEE BONEKER (Music/Ed.) and her fiancé, Jim Green (Music '04), are planning to marry in July 2009. She is a fifth-grade teacher at the Joseph R. Bolger Middle School in Keansburg, while he is a private music instructor for LionWhale Music in Neptune.

LUIS BROWN (Hist.) is planning to marry Andrea Signorelli in October. He is a Spanish teacher for Mystic Valley Regional Charter School in Malden, MA, where he lives. His fiancé is an architectural designer for Cubellis in Boston.

DENA EBERT (M.B.A.) is Loyola College's director of annual giving. She is also a volunteer field hockey coach at The Johns Hopkins University and pursuing a second master's in liberal studies at Loyola. She resides in Baltimore.



DEVON GOTTSALK (Comm.) and Greg Acquaviva (Hist./Poli. Sci. '03) were married September 14, 2007. Nine of the 10 members of the bridal party, including all three of the groom's brothers, are Monmouth alumni. Devon is a loan

officer at American Federal Mortgage in Flanders, while her husband is an associate at the law firm of Latham & Watkins, LLP in New York. They live in Bloomfield.

KIMBERLY NOLAN (Psych./Ed.) and Michael Woodman plan to marry in October. She works at the Lacey Township School District, while he is a computer scientist for the Army CECOM, Fort Monmouth.

CLASS OF 2006



ELISE BIALT (Comm.) and Peter Raspitzi (Comm. '05) are engaged to be married in May 2009. She is pursuing an elementary education teacher certification at

Rider University, while he is a financial planner for Ernst & Young.



LAURA BUFFUM (Comm.) married Joseph Pollio September 15, 2007. Other alumni in attendance were parents James Buffum (Bus. Adm. '72), and Kathleen Buffum (Psych. '72), and friends Laura Curtin (Hist./Ed. '06), Jessica Miller (Psych. '06), Lindsey Miller (Comm. '06), Nicole Abbatemarco (Comm. '06), Pat MacKaronis (Comm. '06), and Amanda Pease (Bus. Acct. '04). She is a public relations specialist at

Meridian Health, while Joe is an electrician for Cramar Electric in Manalapan. The couple lives in Toms River.

REBECCA LYTHGOE (M.A. CPC Corp. & Pub. Comm.) is planning to marry Keith Patton in July. She is a marketing specialist for Dominion Credit Union in Richmond, VA, while her fiancé is an account representative for Enterprise in Richmond.

CLASS OF 2007



STEVE BAZAZ (Comm.) is coaching Shore Regional High School's junior varsity basketball team in West Long Branch. While at Monmouth, Bazaz played for the Hawks and also did play-by-play for Monmouth's WMCX radio station, which earned him an honorable mention from the National Broadcasting Society in his junior year. He lives in West Long Branch.

in memoriam

ALUMNI

- 1959 VINCENT MCCUE (Elem. Ed.)
JANUARY 21, 2008
HECTOR DOWD (Bus. Adm.)
FEBRUARY 23, 2008
JOHN MURPHY (Engl.)
FEBRUARY 27, 2008
- 1964 CHARLES BORROMEIO JR. (Poli. Sci.)
JANUARY 19, 2008
JUDITH ICKLAN (Ed.)
APRIL 5, 2008
- 1965 ROBERT LOFTUS (Elec. Eng./Ed.)
JANUARY 27, 2008
- 1971 PATRICIA (GRAY) HAUKE (Elem. Ed.)
APRIL 10, 2008
- 1972 R. JUDITH LAMETTA (Socio.)
JANUARY 24, 2008
- 1973 OLIVER PETERSON (Bus. Adm.)
JANUARY 15, 2008
- 1975 JANIS PETERSEN (Ed./Bio.)
APRIL 6, 2008
- 1990 ANNAMARY (SMITH) LARKIN (Comp. Sci.)
APRIL 17, 2008
- 1993 ANDREW HOYT (Hist.)
APRIL 2, 2008

FRIENDS

- ELIZABETH COE
FEBRUARY 4, 2008 (member of the MU Library Association)
- PAMELA REO
FEBRUARY 4, 2008 (student in School of Nursing)
- HEIDI LYN SCULTHORPE
APRIL 25, 2008 (daughter of Trustee Robert Scultorpe '63 and former student in M.A. Teaching program)
- EDGAR SHERMAN
APRIL 15, 2008 (professor in the School of Business Administration, 1980-1991)

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