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8 PM, Pollak Theatre

NOVEMBER 10

Chicago City Limits
8 PM, Pollak Theatre

NOVEMBER 18

Peter Wiley, Cellist
8 PM, Pollak Theatre

DECEMBER 1

Orchestra of Saint Peter
8 PM, Pollak Theatre

DECEMBER 2

Library Association 26th Annual Christmas Ball
Wilson Hall

MARCH 30, 2001

Wilson Hall Candlelight Dinner Tour
Wilson Hall

APRIL 26, 2001

Distinguished Business Leaders' Award Dinner
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PRESIDENT STAFFORD SELECTED AS BOARD CHAIR OF AICUNJ

President Rebecca Stafford was chosen by AICUNJ (Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in New Jersey) to serve as its newly elected board chair.

"I am honored to be chosen to lead this highly respected and influential organization," said Dr. Stafford. "AICUNJ strives to improve higher education in NJ by bringing it to the forefront of deliberation among state decision makers. As chair I will continue to carry on this essential endeavor."

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

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

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

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"REAL MEN AND WOMEN OF MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY"

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

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

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

The "Real Men and Women of Monmouth University" program is run by the University's division of student services, which is committed to a philosophy that students are responsible for their lives and are capable of making appropriate decisions in conjunction with a variety of academic, personal and student service resources. Emphasis is placed on the holistic concept of education that endeavors to enhance each student's "sense of self" socially, as well as academically, as they progress through the college experience. This is achieved by integrating each student's academic, social and developmental growth, while recognizing the diversity of each individual's background and experience.

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COMPETITIVE PROGRAM ENROLLS GIFTED HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FROM ACROSS NEW JERSEY

The 17th annual Governor's School of Public Issues and the Future of New Jersey began on July 9 in Pollak Theatre. As part of the program, students attempted to complete 2,000 hours of community service on behalf of the local community.

The Governor's School is a highly competitive, publicly-funded program that meets for four weeks in residential sessions for intensive study on separate themes. Monmouth University's theme is Public Issues and the Future of New Jersey. More than 90 students from public, private, and parochial schools were enrolled in this year's program. These scholars were drawn from each of the state's 21 counties.

The program featured lectures by academic experts and legislators, tours of the state capital, performing arts shows, mock trials and class discussions. The keynote speaker was Governor's School alumna Susan McWilliams who actively works within the political arena. Other noted speakers included Peter Hart of FAIR (Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting) on July 11, Jon Shure, president of New Jersey Policy Perspectives on July 16, and New Jersey Secretary of State, DeForest Soaries on July 17.

Four other universities in the state host Governor's Schools. They are: Governor's School in the Sciences, Drew University; Governor's School on the Environment, Richard Stockton College; Governor's School on International Studies and Governor's School in the Arts, The College of New Jersey. Established in 1983, Monmouth University runs the oldest of the four New Jersey Governor's Schools.

For more information, contact Claude Taylor, Interim Director of the Governor's School of Public Issues and the Future of New Jersey at 732-571-3496.

THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

Timothy Mann '65, Michael A. Plodwick '82, and Paul W. Corliss have been elected to the Board of Trustees of Monmouth University.

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

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

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

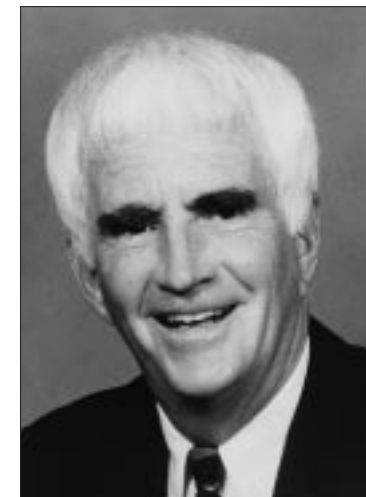


Michael A. Plodwick '82, Middletown, is considered one of the top banking analysts on Wall Street. He is executive director of UBS Warburg, which was formerly Warburg Dillon Read. UBS Warburg is the investment banking arm of UBS AG,

Switzerland's number one bank. It specializes in debt and equity finance, advisory services, risk management, securities and foreign exchange. It also provides products, execution and transaction processing.

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

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



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

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

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

FALL/WINTER SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 18	BIG APPLE BASKETBALL (<i>Exhibition</i>)	7 PM
Nov. 21	at Rider	7:30 PM
Nov. 25	PRINCETON	7 PM
Nov. 27	at Drexel	7 PM
Nov. 30 •	at Sacred Heart	7:30 PM
Dec. 2 •	WAGNER	7 PM
Dec. 7 •	LONG ISLAND	7 PM
Dec. 9	at Albany	7:30 PM
Dec. 16	ST. PETER'S	7 PM
Dec. 28	at Nevada-Las Vegas	7:30 PM
Dec. 30	at Gonzaga	1 PM
Jan. 6 •	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7 PM
Jan. 8 •	ROBERT MORRIS	7 PM
Jan. 11 •	at St. Francis (N.Y.)	7 PM
Jan. 13 •	at Wagner	TBA
Jan. 15 •	QUINNIPIAC	7 PM
Jan. 19 •	at Central Connecticut State	TBA
Jan. 27 •	at Fairleigh Dickinson	7 PM
Jan. 29 •	SACRED HEART	7 PM
Feb. 1 •	at Long Island	7 PM
Feb. 4 •	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	6:30 PM
Feb. 8 •	at Saint Francis (PA)	7PM
Feb. 10 •	at Robert Morris	7PM
Feb. 15 •	at Mount St. Mary's	7 PM
Feb. 17 •	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7 PM
Feb. 19 •	at Quinnipiac	4:30 PM
Feb. 22 •	UMBC	7 PM
Feb. 24 •	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	7 PM
Mar. 3-5	at NEC Tournament (Trenton)	

• Northeast Conference game

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 14	NETHERLANDS NATIONAL TEAM (<i>Exhibition</i>)	7 PM
Nov. 18	DELAWARE	3 PM
Nov. 21	HOFSTRA	7 PM
Nov. 25	at Seton Hall	2 PM
Nov. 29	at St. Peter's	7:30 PM
Dec. 2	MARYLAND-EASTERN SHORE	3 PM
Dec. 9 •	at Fairleigh Dickinson	2 PM
Dec. 13	at Stony Brook	7 PM
Dec. 28	at Denver	6 PM
Dec. 30	at Wyoming	2 PM
Jan. 4 •	at Sacred Heart	7:30 PM
Jan. 6 •	WAGNER	3 PM
Jan. 11 •	LONG ISLAND	7 PM
Jan. 13 •	at St. Francis (NY)	2 PM
Jan. 18 •	SACRED HEART	7 PM
Jan. 20 •	at Wagner	1:30 PM
Jan. 25 •	SAINT FRANCIS (PA)	7 PM
Jan. 27 •	ROBERT MORRIS	3 PM
Jan. 31 •	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7 PM
Feb. 3 •	at Saint Francis (PA)	3 PM
Feb. 5 •	at Robert Morris	7 PM
Feb. 7 •	MORGAN STATE	7 PM
Feb. 10 •	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	3 PM
Feb. 12 •	at Long Island	7 PM
Feb. 17 •	at Central Connecticut State	1 PM
Feb. 19 •	at Quinnipiac	7 PM
Feb. 24 •	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	3 PM
Feb. 26 •	UMBC	7 PM
Mar. 3-5	NEC TOURNAMENT (Trenton)	



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Meet
Oct. 28	NEC Championships (Stanley Quarter Park, New Britain)
Nov. 11	NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional (TBA)
Nov. 18	IC4A/ECAC Championships (Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, NY)
Nov. 20	NCAA Championships (Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa)

FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 21 •	STONY BROOK	1 PM
Oct. 28	TOWSON	1 PM
Nov. 4 •	at Albany	1 PM
Nov. 10 •	at St. John's	7:30 PM
Nov. 18	at Jacksonville	1 PM



FIELD HOCKEY

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 18	FAIRFIELD	3:30 PM
Oct. 22 •	at Siena	1 PM
Oct. 25	at LaSalle	3:30 PM
Oct. 29	NEC Championship	TBA

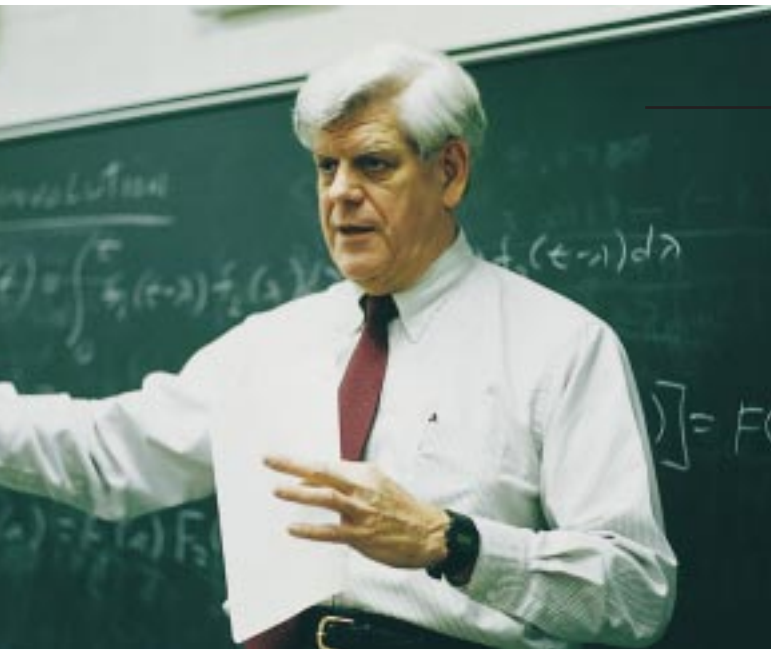
MEN'S SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 15 •	SACRED HEART	2:30 PM
Oct. 20 •	at Quinnipiac	3 PM
Oct. 22 •	at Central Connecticut State	3 PM
Oct. 27 •	LONG ISLAND	2 PM
Oct. 29 •	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	12 PM

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 15 •	SACRED HEART	12 PM
Oct. 18 •	LONG ISLAND	3:30 PM
Oct. 20 •	at Quinnipiac	TBA
Oct. 22 •	at Central Connecticut State	1 PM





Dick Benjamin

The One That Didn't Get Away

BY MELANIE J. MARTIN '00

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

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

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

So is Monmouth's big fish going head out to calmer seas anytime soon? Well, he does enjoy sailing, something he learned with his wife a few years ago, and they get out whenever they can. And he likes to travel. He traveled in 1993 when he was on the search committee for a new president for Monmouth. The end result was the hiring of Rebecca Stafford. Benjamin smiles and says, "I was quite pleased to be part of that recruitment!" But when asked if he is going to retire soon, Benjamin shifts his tall frame a little uncomfortably in his desk chair, folds and unfolds his arms and says, "My wife won't let me, not yet. She's afraid I'll just stay home and rearrange the kitchen cabinets!" It appears as if Monmouth won't have to reel in new talent anytime too soon, though, because Benjamin glances at the papers on his desk and then at his watch, remembering the next appointment he has to keep and adds, "Besides, right now I have too many irons in the fire." **MU**

Every time I was about to leave to take another job, they'd up the offer and find a way to keep me here!" That statement by Professor Richard Benjamin of the Electronic Engineering Department pretty much sums up his career.

First he attended Monmouth. Then he worked at Monmouth. Then he attended Monmouth and worked at Monmouth. After graduation he worked at Monmouth some more and they finally sealed his fate by offering him tenure after only three years of teaching. The sum of it is that from the day Benjamin first enrolled at Long Branch's new junior college back in 1956, with night classes held in the Long Branch high school building, he's never strayed anywhere else.

Standing over 6 feet tall with a ready smile and relaxed manner, Benjamin is indeed the big fish that lucky Monmouth managed to hook. And they weren't about to let this one get away!

Dick Benjamin is now 70 years old and is rightfully contemplating the love of tinkering that brought him to the level of success he's now attained. How he got started in what at the time was a brand new, cutting edge field, Electronic Engineering, he remembers, "I grew up during the Depression. I remember my family worked and scrimped in order to buy my first bike. I was 10, and that bike had to last me a long time. I tinkered, fixed, repaired — it all just seemed natural — and I've been doing that ever since."

In fact, Dick Benjamin has only had 3 places of employment in his entire life — the National Guard, the U.S. Postal Service ("It was my summer job in high school, delivering mail on that same first bicycle throughout Spring Lake"), and finally at Monmouth. It was while finishing up his bachelor's degree that Monmouth discovered

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william d. warters: Communicating the Vision

BY CATHERINE MOSCARELLO

In a culture where commitments lasting more than a few years are rare, Dr. William D. Warters' thirty years of service on Monmouth University's board of trustees is a milestone event.

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

"I was a geek in high school," Dr. Warters chuckles. It is difficult to justify that label today for the charming and intelligent 1949 Harvard graduate. The product of a Des Moines, Iowa prestigious high school thought he might test out of taking a required freshman English course. But it was precisely in that English class where a lifelong passion for learning and communicating was nurtured. "I learned the most amazing things!"

His tall, angular frame holds the heart and spirit of a person with a well-rounded approach to life. A lively interest in arts and music led to Dr.



Dr. Warters and his wife, Margaret.

Warters's role as the founding president and trustee of the Monmouth Arts Foundation. Besides wielding administrative expertise, he often rolled up his sleeves to join fellow Foundation members in the mundane tasks of hammering, painting, and generally repairing the former Carlton (now Count Basie) Theater in Red Bank, home to the Arts Council. He was instrumental in developing prizes and awards for young, gifted musicians and artists to encourage their talent.

It is that balance of technology, science, and the arts that guides Dr. Warters' personal life. Since 1953, home base for Dr. Warters and his wife, Margaret (Margot), has been the Lincroft area. Home connotes more than just the physical walls of his residence, though. He has an ardent interest in preserving open space in the peaceful surroundings and gentle rolling hills of this region and serves on the Monmouth Conservation Foundation, the Planning Board of Monmouth County and Middletown Township's Planning Board and Open Space Board. "It's important to preserve our farmland and leave open space available for such programs as those where physically, mentally, or emotionally challenged children gain confidence by having the opportunity to ride horseback," he said.

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

"I've always held to theory that after four or five years, most of what you know you've learned in those last few years and you need to move on to something else and learn new stuff," he said. (Fortunately for Monmouth University, Dr. Warters let that theory slide.)

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) elected Dr. Warters to the grade of Fellow for contributions to the understanding of wave propagation in multimode media and the development of millimeter waveguide transmission systems. His professional career moved him to diverse areas of the company, from research executive to systems engineer, from director of the Satellite Transmission Laboratory to assistant vice president of the Network Technology Research Laboratory, Bellcore, his position at the time of retirement in 1988.

It was during the period when he ran the education department in human resources at Bell Labs that his association with Monmouth began. Many of his young assistant engineers were attending Monmouth night classes in order to further their educations. As much as he was

"it is particularly rewarding now to see and hear from our many alumni from those years, to learn of their success and where their Monmouth background has taken them and added to the quality of their lives"

able, Dr. Warters advocated summer employment at his company to supplement the wages of many faculty members. In 1970, a trustee who was completing his service with the board, recommended Dr. Warters to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees because of his interests in science, the arts, and education. Dr. Warters eventually served as Chair from 1977 to 1984.

Three administrations later, Dr. Warters reflects on Monmouth's continuing progress. An excellent faculty is a primary reason for the enhancement of Monmouth's standing, according to Dr. Warters. "Looking back at our efforts to develop Monmouth as a hallmark of higher education, it is particularly rewarding now to see and hear from our many alum-

ni from those years, to learn of their success and where their Monmouth background has taken them and added to the quality of their lives. They are a real credit to the dedication of the faculty who were not often very well paid," Dr. Warters observes candidly.

Dr. Warters also credits the contributions of past presidents Schlaefer, Stonesifer and Magill with developing the academic reputation of Monmouth, despite some difficult and challenging times. He commends current president, Rebecca Stafford, and her considerable skills as a pro-active problem solver. When Monmouth recently faced the prospect of an overflow Fall 2000 class she worked tirelessly to guarantee a positive college experience in every way for those students who will be living in off-campus housing.

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

Throughout the entire campus there is a feeling of great respect and affection for Dr. Warters. President Rebecca Stafford gives voice to this admiration when she states, "This year marks Dr. Warters' thirtieth year of service on the Board of Trustees. He is not only one of the longest serving trustees but one without whose vision and forward thinking the Monmouth University of today would not exist." MU

FOUNDERS' DAY 2000: THE PLACING OF THE TIME CAPSULE

BY CATHERINE MOSCARELLO



Commencement holds much importance on any university campus. Bedecked with pomp and circumstance, and rites that harken back to medieval times, that time-honored ceremony witnesses the beginnings of so many chapters in so many lives. At Monmouth, however, the annual celebration of Founders' Day each autumn rivals that importance both in ritual and the marking of new beginnings.

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

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

The fall convocation ceremony in Pollak Theatre honored student leaders and honors program students for achieving academic excellence. Also, Dennis Turner '69 '73 received the coveted Distinguished Alumni Award, and led a morning panel discussion for students and faculty entitled "Computing: Past, Present and Future." Two exceptional and dedicated trustees, H.R. Young and Dr. William D. Warters, were chosen to receive the highest honor Monmouth University bestows, the President's Vision Award. Symbolized by a beautiful Steuben crystal, this award lauds those who have made substantial contributions to the University and is given solely at the discretion of the president.

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

At the convocation President Stafford welcomed noted Harvard scholar Dr. Stephen Jay Gould as keynote speaker. Dr. Gould, whose unprecedented streak of 256 monthly essays in *Natural History* magazine and countless literary awards marks him as one of the country's leading scientific thinkers, is a respected paleontologist and evolutionary biologist. He received

an AB from Antioch College and PhD from Columbia University. Numerous accolades ranging from the National Book Award for *The Panda's Thumb* to the Scientist of the Year award from *Discover* magazine attest to Dr. Gould's eminent position as a respected author, lecturer, and researcher. Dr. Gould attended the Founders' Day luncheon and a reception in Wilson Hall, following the ceremony.

Time Capsule, sealed during Founders' Day Celebration, October 11, 2000 to be opened in 2033."

The Year 2000 Committee endeavored to include all the stakeholders of the Monmouth University community in this snapshot for the future. Among the artifacts the capsule contains are a current academic catalog defining the present day curriculum, a campus phone book listing all employees and



Even though technology may be too far advanced for videotapes in 2033, the Committee hopes some enterprising individual will find the means to view "Monmouth at the Millennium," a videotape produced in connection with last year's Founders' Day.

Students, trustees, alumni, staff, and friends of the University were privileged to be part of a very special addition to this year's celebration of Founders' Day. The campus Year 2000 Coordinating Committee worked diligently over the past year and gathered many artifacts and mementos to include in a time capsule sealed at a special ceremony and destined to be opened in 2033, the 100th anniversary of Monmouth University.

Designed to give the campus community of the future a snapshot of Monmouth in the Year 2000, the capsule will merit a prominent place in the New Academic Building. Measuring 16 x 16 x 30, the heavy gauge, polished stainless steel capsule bears a plaque reading "Our gift to the future, Monmouth University Millennium

staff now working at the University, and food service menus showing the sort of food items available to modern day students. The capsule also includes the University viewbook for prospective students, newsletters, and the millennium poster created for Monmouth. Employees of the University, graduating seniors from the recent Class of 2000 and incoming freshmen were all given the opportunity to sign a six-foot long scroll that will give testament of their presence to their colleagues of the future. The pictures throughout this article, documenting the year that was, are also included in the capsule for a future generation to enjoy.

Even though technology may be too far advanced for videotapes in 2033, the Committee hopes some enterprising

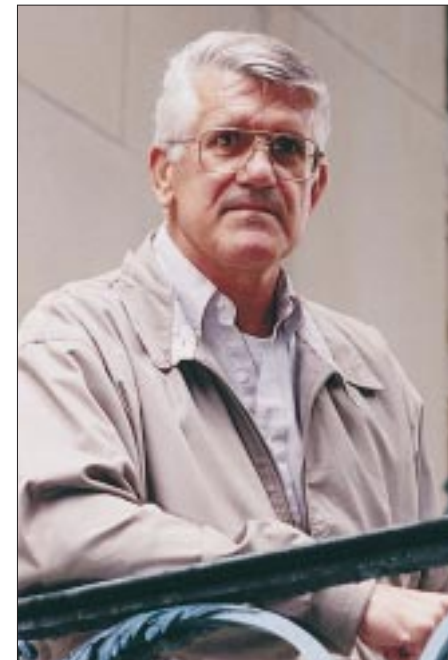
individual will find the means to view "Monmouth at the Millennium," a videotape produced in connection with last year's Founders' Day. The tape looked into the history of Monmouth with a pictorial essay of how the school evolved and showcased interviews with current alumni and faculty.

Those who open the time capsule will also find numerous photographs of current students, *Monmouth Magazine*, the

student newspaper *The Outlook*, various Board of Trustee resolutions, minutes and meeting books and printed materials from events that occurred during the year 2000. Guests at Founders' Day received copies of two of the capsule items: a compilation of memories of Monmouth and predictions for the year 2033.

When future inhabitants of Monmouth University examine memorabilia from Monmouth University of the past, it is hoped they will appreciate the vision of its founders, a vision that fostered an idea for a great institution and launched that vision forward into the next century. MU

- 1: *The dedication of the Lois Blonder Sculpture Garden.*
- 2: *The New Academic Building.*
- 3: *Presentation of the Alumni Service Award at Homecoming '99*
- 4: *President Rebecca Stafford and Chairman of the Board Charles Parton with the Honorary Degree recipients from Founders' Day '99.*
- 5: *The ribbon cutting ceremony for the New Academic Building.*
- 6: *The celebration of the planting of the Millennium Tree.*



2000 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

Dennis J. Turner '69 '73

thing became clear as his professional credits developed, and it remains true today Turner says, "As a graduate of a small school with a good reputation, I was just as qualified as my colleagues who graduated from larger, more competitive schools."

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

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After ten years in industry, Turner went to work for the federal government at Monmouth's close neighbor, Fort Monmouth. In a remarkable career that placed him in the forefront of computer development, Turner held increasingly more responsible positions from Chief of the Software Engineering Division, Associate Director for Information

Processing Technology, Deputy Director and Acting Director of the Software Engineering Center. While many of his contemporaries, educated in the 60's, were trying to fathom their children's fascination with all things computer, Turner's two sons were being advised by a dad who had responsibility for software engineering support for everything from desktops to the battlefields.

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

Because of this growing need, Turner believes that the many high tech companies mushrooming in and around Monmouth County will provide abundant opportunities for Monmouth graduates to build their careers close to home.

Turner's family includes grown sons, Chris, who serves in the United States Air Force at Barksdale AFB, LA, and Jay, currently a student at UMDNJ. Turner, a widower since the death of his wife Catherine in 1995, plans to wed Diann McConnell in January 2001.

Turner, who retired in May 2000, plans to do some consulting work for local defense contractors. He looks forward to further strengthening his close ties with Monmouth in Fall 2000 when he embarks on a new career as an adjunct professor of freshman math. Perhaps he will make a connection with a future Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. MU

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE LIBERATORS

BY BRYAN J. DICKERSON '99



During the first week of May the people of the western Bohemia region of the Czech Republic celebrated for several days in honor of the American soldiers who liberated them from Nazi oppression fifty-five years ago.

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

Now, three years later, I feel as though I know the story personally. As I stood watching the festivities my mind wandered back a half century ago. It was the spring of 1945, Allied armies swept across Germany as the Third Reich crumbled before them. On April 18, the 90th Infantry Division of General George S. Patton, Jr.'s Third Army reached the CzechoSlovak border, cutting Germany in half. Within a few days, two other units of the XII Corps joined the division: the 2nd Cavalry Group and the 97th Infantry Division. Though elements of the 90th





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Division did send some patrols across the border, Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight D. Eisenhower turned Third Army's advance to the southeast to prevent the formation of a rumored last-stand by fanatic Nazis in a mountainous area known as "the National Redoubt."

For the next several weeks, Third Army advanced parallel to the Czechoslovak border. XII Corps units guarded the army's left flank and conducted operations along the border. The

90th Infantry Division liberated the Flossenburg Concentration Camp and freed its surviving members from unimaginable horrors. Two weeks later, the division accepted the surrender of the 11th Panzer Division. The 97th Infantry Division liberated the city of Cheb and captured a nearby German air base. The 2nd Cavalry Group captured the town of Asch and later rescued hundreds of Allied prisoners of war and the famed Lippizanner horses.

Patton had been pressing his superiors for permission to liberate western Czechoslovakia. In the first days of May, Eisenhower finally relented. He also gave Patton the V Corps from First Army for the operation. However, Eisenhower had also made a deal with the Soviets to halt American troops, ie. Patton's, at a demarcation line that ran through the Czech cities of Karlovy Vary, Plzen, and Ceske Budejovice.

On May 5, Patton sent V and XII Corps to liberate western Czechoslovakia from the Nazis. His 1st, 2nd, 5th, 90th and 97th Infantry Divisions and 2nd Cavalry Group went first to open up the mountain passes into the country. The following day, he unleashed his armored divisions. In the north, Combat Command A of the 9th Armored Division attacked through the 1st Infantry Division and headed for Karlovy Vary. In the center, the 16th Armored Division attacked through the 97th Infantry Division and liberated the city of Plzen. In the south, the 4th Armored Division attacked through the 5th and 90th Infantry Divisions and headed for Prague.

All across western Czechoslovakia, exuberant Czech civilians rejoicing at their liberation from six long years of Nazi oppression greeted American soldiers.

Czechs dressed in their festive costumes greeted their liberators with flowers, flags, food, and beer. The Americans received their largest welcoming in the city of Plzen with tens of thousands of people crowding the streets. Altogether, Third Army liberated some 3,485 square miles of Czechoslovakia and hundreds of thousands of Czech civilians.

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

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

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cratic institutions. By December 1945, all American and Soviet troops in Czechoslovakia were mutually withdrawn from the country.

After consultations with Dr. McGlade and my advisor Dr. Francis Dooley, I decided to write my Masters Thesis on the events in Czechoslovakia in 1945. My research took me to the U.S. Army Military History Institute Archives in Carlisle, PA and the National Archives II in College Park, MD. Through veterans' magazines and association newsletters, I was able to meet, interview, and correspond with nearly 100 American veterans

of the liberation. I attended a reunion of the 16th Armored Division Association. I was also able to correspond with several Czech civilians who had been liberated back in 1945.

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

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

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

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had been by phone or mail, so my visit provided me with an opportunity to meet many of them for the first time. The largest celebrations were held in Plzen on May 6. Czech citizens escorted the Americans to the various ceremonies and the day began with the unveiling of the new 16th Armored Division Monument. Separate ceremonies were held for the 2nd Infantry Division and the other American units that served in Czechoslovakia. The centerpiece of the day's celebrations was a huge parade through the city attended by upwards of 200,000 people. The parade featured the American veterans riding in restored American military vehicles. All along the route, crowds of people cheered the veterans in scenes reminiscent of the actual liberation day.

I consider myself most blessed for the opportunity to visit the Czech Republic and spend time with the American veterans and the people whom they liberated so many years ago. Due to the advancing age of these men, this year's celebrations will probably be the largest and the last such celebration to include the American veterans. My long journey in the footsteps of the liberators continues to this day as I strive to write their story so that their sacrifices, bravery, and achievements may not be forgotten once they have left this world for the next. MU

JULES L. PLANGERE, JR. OPENING DOORS THROUGH COMMUNICATION

BY TOVA NAVARRA



Somewhere in life's game of "one door closes and another opens" lies the essence of communication — a constant flow of exchanges we call everything from pillow talk to sitcoms, broadcast media to on-line networking. In between is silence, also communicative in its own right, even if there isn't much of it in our chin-wagging culture. American doors are perpetually in motion.

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

The Jules L. Plangere, Jr. Center for Communication and Instructional Technology, which will likely be dubbed the Plangere CCIT, will be built on the site of the former C. Walt Withey building, which housed academic offices for the education, sociology, anthropology, social work and criminal justice departments. Before it was dedicated to Withey, the building had been the headquarters of the University's School of Business Administration. Opening, closing, opening...

Although Mr. Plangere said never in his wildest dreams did he think he'd be able to contribute enough to have a building dedicated to him, he had been contributing significantly for a very long time. Like a good wine, the time has come.

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

"A lot of people will benefit from it," said Jane Plangere, his wife since 1978, with an approving smile.

A legacy is in the bag, as they say, for one of the former publishers of *The Asbury Park Press*. Along with E. Donald Lass, Mr. Plangere nurtured and expanded the newspaper from 1977 to 1997 into a major daily, the second largest in New Jersey. The Press served as a crowning touch for the Spring Lake boy with a varied history.

Of Belgian descent, his paternal grandfather worked as headwaiter for Delmonico's restaurant in New York. After he lost his leg in an accident, he became a private chef for a wealthy Lakewood family.

"As a child, I could grind the coffee for him in the kitchen," Mr. Plangere said. "From him and my father I inherited a love of cooking. (Jane is also a great cook.) My childhood? I was lucky. I was an only child, born and raised in Spring Lake. My father was a gardener and had a greenhouse there. When I was about five or six, my friends and I were playing tag, and I happened to lean against one of the greenhouse's panes of glass with both hands. The glass broke and slit an artery in my wrist. If my father hadn't been there to apply a tourniquet and take me to the hospital, I might have bled to death. I consider that a lucky break in my life. I was saved."

When it came time for high school, Mr. Plangere said kids from Spring Lake had a choice: Asbury Park, Neptune, or Manasquan.

"I chose Asbury Park High School," he said, "because it had the best sports teams. I played basketball and tennis and made some great friendships. Asbury Park also had a great reputation in those days and great teachers who encouraged me. I was captain of the basketball and tennis teams, president of the Student Council, voted 'the most representative boy,' and won the Rutgers Cup for general excellence. My



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teachers encouraged me to go to college, but I was from a poor family, so I went to a local bank and borrowed \$400 to go to Rutgers. I attended for two years, until the spring of '42 — and World War II — when some of my fraternity brothers and I went to New York to join the Marine Corps.

"The line for recruitment was a block long. I'm not a patient person, so I went across the street and joined the Army. Then I went to OCS in Wilmington, North Carolina, for aircraft artillery service, which meant we defended airstrips for fighter planes. I got married just before I went into the service, and in 1944 we had a child (Jules Plangere, III). I saw him for a day before I was to take off for the Pacific. War correspondent Ernie Pyle was killed on Ieshima, just off Okinawa, in the last battle of World War II, and near there I had a gun platoon defending airstrips. I was a first lieutenant responsible for the training, discipline, and general well being of 80 men.

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

Again, Mr. Plangere found himself at yet another threshold.

"At that time, the military government needed a housekeeping detail — housing, food, and transportation — in Korea," he explained, "and I went to Seoul in 1945. My troops and I rode out a typhoon in the China Sea, and thereafter took over two hotels in downtown Seoul. I was billeting (housing) officer. Mr. Park, a Korean engineer who graduated from Georgia Tech and spoke English, was my right-hand man. In the hotels we put up all sort of officials, from military to the Red Cross, and till May of '46, it was the best assignment I had in the service. I had the opportunity to stay in Korea for the next three

C. Walt Withey Always a Part of Monmouth

Robert Withey is amazed.

"Even though my grandfather, C. Walt Withey, is now 96," he said, "he talks about Monmouth University as though he retired yesterday. It's still in his heart and mind."

The elder Withey, a pioneer in the founding of Monmouth College and a longtime college administrator, now resides in Shelburne, Vermont.

"I remember his retirement dinner in New Jersey," said Robert, an account executive at Lane Press in South Burlington, Vermont, "and he remembers it all so well because he was so involved in the college. He's been retired for 30 years now, and he still reads the alumni magazine."

Withey was recognized for his important contributions with a chapel in Wilson Hall and the three-story C. Walt Withey building, part of the original Shadow Lawn estate. Formerly the college's School of Business Administration headquarters, the Withey building was home to academic offices of the education, sociology, anthropology, social work, and criminal justice departments, as well as the college's leadership and social responsibilities program.

An Oceanport resident at the time, Withey helped acquire the estate for the college campus. For years after he championed the growth and development of the school. Former President Samuel H. Magill said Withey was "responsible for shaping the college as we know it today. He has given from his heart through the years."

Withey said to have a building named after him touched him deeply, but deferred to the idea that "et al," Latin for "and others," should be added beneath his name. "No one person can account for what I have been given credit for," he told an *Asbury Park Press* reporter in an article that appeared shortly before the Withey building opened its doors anew.



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In his administrative career at Monmouth College, Withey started as bursar in 1954 and was named business manager in 1956. In 1966, he was

appointed vice president for business affairs. His association with the Shadow Lawn estate dates from the early 1930s. At that time, Withey was known to Hubert T. Parson, owner and president of the F.W. Woolworth Company, for having studied poultry pathology at Rutgers University. Parson engaged Withey to care for a flock of turkeys that had developed a life-threatening disease. In 1939, Withey left the estate and returned to the school after a 15-year career as general superintendent for the Seaboard Ice Company in Red Bank, and as a driver training instructor and post safety director at Fort Monmouth.

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The Withey Chapel remains in Wilson Hall as a reminder of his contributions to the campus. Also, a plaque bearing his name will be displayed in the entrance hall of the new building to be named the Jules L. Plangere, Jr. Center for Communication and Instructional Technology to forever mark the original building on that site.

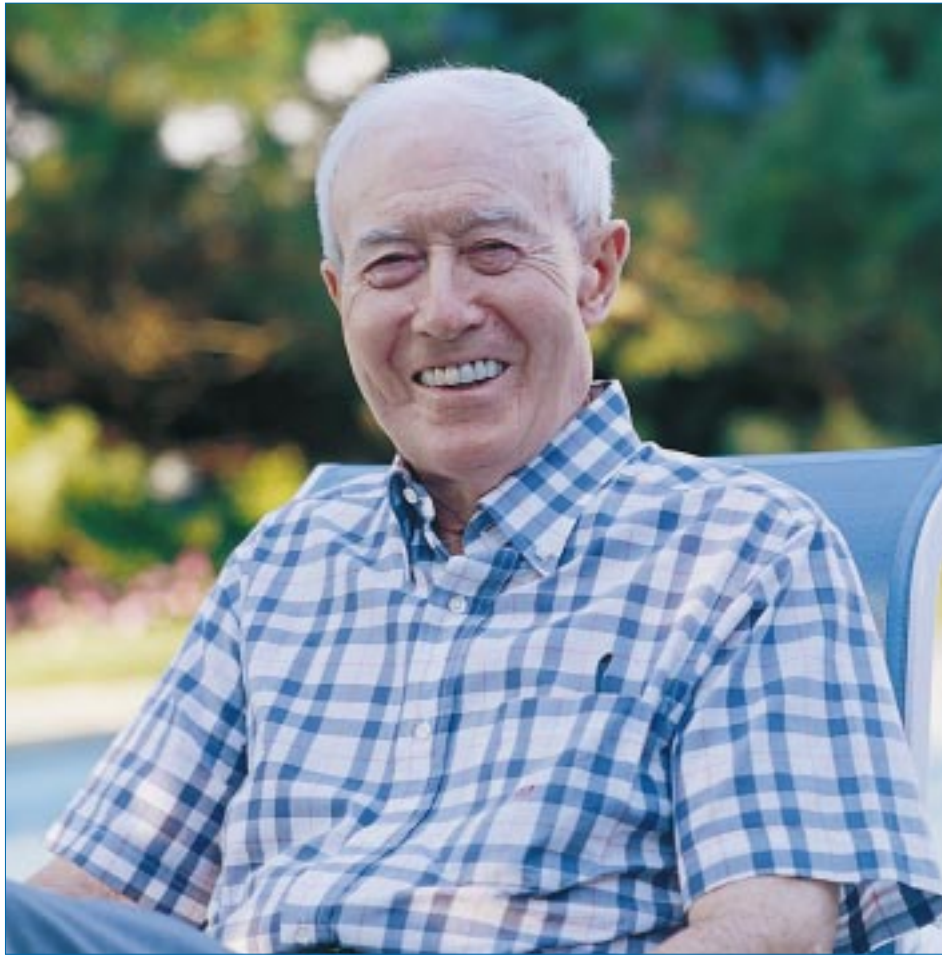


years, to have a career in the military, and I called my wife to ask her if she'd come to Korea.

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

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

"My roommate at Rutgers, Sam Zagoria, was editor of the college newspaper and had a great career. He was ombudsman for the *Washington Post* and executive director of the National Labor Relations Board. In those days, I barely read a newspaper much less considered a career in journalism, but Wayne McMurray and Ernie Lass were marvelous mentors. Wayne was also a trustee at Monmouth University and got me involved. He said I should get back into the community." At Monmouth, Mr. Plangere



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is on the Communication Advisory Board, and at Rutgers University he is a member of the Board of Overseers. In addition, he is helping to create scholarships to Rutgers for worthy students, with first dibs going to Asbury Park High School and thereafter to other schools in Monmouth and Ocean counties.

"I'm working with a terrific Asbury Park High School guidance counselor

who has recruited more than 100 mentors to help students," he said. "I put great store in family and friendships. After my first wife had a series of strokes and died, Jane and I started going together. In addition to going to the same school, we found out that her father, Dr. Wallhauser, and my father, who was an ambulance driver, were in the same medical outfit during the war. I

have one son and Jane has three children, so between us we have seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild and another is expected in November. I also traveled to Belgium many years ago to look up a cousin of my father's. When I got there, the woman who answered the door could have been my father's sister's twin."

With a stellar background and a flair for elegant communication, Mr. Plangere admitted to taking after his grandfather, who was known, he said, as "tetu comme un Belge"—a hard-headed Belgian.

"On one of numerous *Press* strategic planning trips we were given a psychology test," said Mr. Plangere with that engaging smile of his, alleged hard head notwithstanding, "and I found out I'm a screaming Type A personality. Jane is patient and punctual, and I'm just the opposite. I like everything to be done yesterday. But I wanted always to be well adjusted, that is, not have either physical or mental hang-ups. I was well grounded by my parents and learned right from wrong. I remember when I was nine or ten and playing with friends on someone's property we shouldn't have been on. We got caught, and I was taken to the police station and put in a cell for 15 or 20 minutes. Even though the officer was a friend of my father's, I'll never forget that lesson.

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Still doing "active duty" in tennis tournaments and happily following football and other sports, Mr. Plangere said he wouldn't change much in his life, which is easy to understand. His personal door was always open to his co-workers, and the forthcoming Plangere CCIT promises not only to open doors for countless students, but hold the key to their success. MU

The Business Heritage of *The Asbury Park Press*

BY JULES L. PLANGERE, JR.

The Asbury Park Press, obviously, colored my career and my thinking about the first amendment, business ethics, interaction with people, communication technology, risk taking, education, and many other things too numerous to mention. The aforementioned, however, were primary in furthering my adult education.

When Monmouth University began planning for a state-of-the-art communication building, I, obviously, was interested. And I put my money where my mouth and heart have been for more than 50 years.

The *Press* has more than 100 years of private ownership spanning four generations, from Kinmonth to Don Lass (who was my partner after his father's death in 1980). Kinmonth built a five-story building in 1916 after a fire destroyed the former plant. The new building was the largest commercial structure in Asbury Park at the time and had state-of-the-art equipment the undertaking of a true pioneer with a vision and a mission. He died in 1945 after a distinguished and well-respected career.

Next came McMurray and Lass who expanded the business by securing the first FM broadcast license in New Jersey in 1947 (the year I started work at the *Press*). The call letters were WJLK with the slogan the radio voice of the *Asbury Park Press*. Shortly after this they expanded news coverage into Ocean County and opened a news bureau in Toms River. In 1956 they gave me the assignment of overseeing the expansion of the Asbury Park Plant, an addition to house new presses and a mailroom. And again in the '60s I was in charge of an upper story addition for radio and other departments. In the '70s I led a team that converted to computerized type setting, again under McMurray and Lass as the business grew. In 1974 I inherited McMurray's half interest.

In the 1980s Ernie Lass and I undertook the boldest step for the business, the relocation of the headquarters to Rt. 66 in Neptune with a modern plant on more than 25 acres of property. I worked with my friend and tennis buddy, Sterling Thompson, a local realtor, in buying the land. We had conducted an exhaustive

study to determine the best location to expedite the delivery of our printed products, then including several shoppers that we had either purchased or started from scratch, to our two-county market. During this period, we also expanded the radio operation and acquired TV stations. We were a true communications company in an expansionary mode.

This is where I come from, following pioneer leaders and mentors. What a pleasure it was to come to work every day and help direct the most dedicated and talented staff imaginable.

My interest in education served more than one master. I was aware that a literate public would help insure the future of the printed word. And also I was mindful that an educated populace would help perpetuate our democratic society. Thus, with the aid of my mentor Wayne McMurray, I became involved with Monmouth College. And I followed McMurray as a member of the Board of Trustees in 1969. When Monmouth University began planning for a state-of-the-art communication building, I, obviously, was interested. And I put my money where my mouth and heart have been for more than 50 years.

Introducing the Class of 2004:

Record Enrollment and High Scores



BY CATHERINE MOSCARELLO

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

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

Continuing a trend that began several years ago, the increase in the number of applications is also an indicator of the positive position Monmouth holds since achieving university status in 1995.

By fulfilling enrollment goals on May 1, 2000, for the seventh year in a row, Monmouth joins an elite group of United States colleges and universities. According to a report by the National Association of Admission Counselors, fewer than 9% of the nation’s schools “make class” by May 1 and even fewer achieve that goal in successive years.

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

Hailing from eight other states besides New Jersey, these students also represent greater diversity of interest. For example, instead of the more “traditional” clubs and activities listed on student applications in the past, this year’s class shows more involvement in achievement oriented interests such as team sports, internships, school plays, art competitions, technology, and web design. Many have taken college-level coursework prior to their admission to Monmouth and plan to continue practical work experience. Quite a few recognize that a quality education can be found close to home, since 93% of the full time freshman class are New Jersey residents.

Selection of majors was consistent with choices made by previous classes. An additional 21 freshman chart a new course with their enrollment in the recently developed software engineering program. Business and education topped

the list of intended majors. A significant increase in the laptop pilot program that started last year with thirty-five students shows 150 students enrolled in these unique classes where laptops are “de rigueur” items.

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Tapping some local resources, University officials were able to create a very positive experience for those students who will be housed off-campus. Not only was there a focus on safety but also a concern for inclusion of students in the daily campus life. Nearly one hundred and twenty new freshmen will reside nearby in the Esplanade, formerly a

Ramada Inn, and enjoy such amenities as a micro-fridge in each room, air conditioning, student lounges, full size beds, and maid service. A free shuttle service will operate continuously from 7:30 AM to midnight on weekdays and until 1 AM

on weekends, providing an important link to and from classes, campus facilities, and University events.

Monmouth can look forward to increased part time, transfer, and graduate enrollments as well. Although the majority of transfer students enter Monmouth from two-year degree schools, 30% come from traditional four-year

institutions. Three hundred transfer students are expected in the fall with another 100 planning to enroll in the spring semester. With eighteen graduate degree programs and twelve certificate programs, the graduate enrollment at Monmouth continues to grow setting new records each year.

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


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

- Education programs in particular show evidence of an increasing number of “career changers”.
- Average age of graduate students appears to be going up with a 10-15% increase in applications from students over 40 and an even greater increase from students over 50.
- More international students are coming from referrals and frequently in clusters from undergraduate institutions.
- More international applications are coming from individuals already resident in the U.S.
- There are indications of an increase in the geographical reach of Monmouth’s graduate programs.
- There is also an increase in the number of advanced standing MSW applicants along with an increase in the number of *international concentration* applicants in that program
- Graduate certificate programs show a marked increase, particularly in Information Technology, a program new in last spring’s curriculum.
- Former Monmouth University students account for a dramatic 19.5% increase in graduate applications.



Monmouth, and notably by recommending Monmouth to friends and family. “Continued assistance from alumni in all these areas is vital,” says King.

Building upon these successes is the goal of everyone involved with planning for next year’s class. Alumni are especially valuable in this effort and can participate on many levels from writing letters or e-mails to current seniors in high school to volunteering to represent the University at recruitment events. Come catch some of the excitement at Monmouth! MU



A LOOK BACKSTAGE: THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES & COUNCILS OF MONMOUTH

BY SHARI MYCEK

Whether people visit Disney World in Florida, Disney Land in California, or simply shop the ever-growing number of Disney retail chains popping up around the country, they invariably comment on the friendliness of the Disney staff. “How pleasant they are...how much they smile.”

It’s true. Disney “cast members” do smile a lot. And they are pleasant. Their pleasantness, in fact, is part of Disney’s magical “onstage” Mickey-Minnie-Donald experience.

But behind the scenes of the multi-million-dollar conglomerate, is a highly orchestrated “backstage” — an amazing underground of secret tunnels, entranceways and innovative employee training programs — each expertly designed to ensure the company’s unyielding, bottom-line success.

Disney, however, is not alone in its behind-the-scenes orchestration. Monmouth University has a backstage as well — an integral group of special advisory committees and councils working to advise the University on curriculum, research and student-centered opportunities.

In this issue we pay tribute to some of their work.

Planned Giving Council

The larger a university’s endowment, the greater financial assistance available to students...and the more the university can expand buildings, programs, curriculum. The idea seems simple enough, but increasing a school’s endowment and reaching out to potential donors can be complex.

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



“It’s difficult,” says one donor (who asked not to be named). “You can die and leave everything you own to your spouse, but when your spouse dies... your kids and grand-kids are taxed to the hilt. There is a limit on the amount of your estate you can shelter. It’s a good idea to distribute assets to a charitable organization. But the problem for most people is how.”

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

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

Business Council

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

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

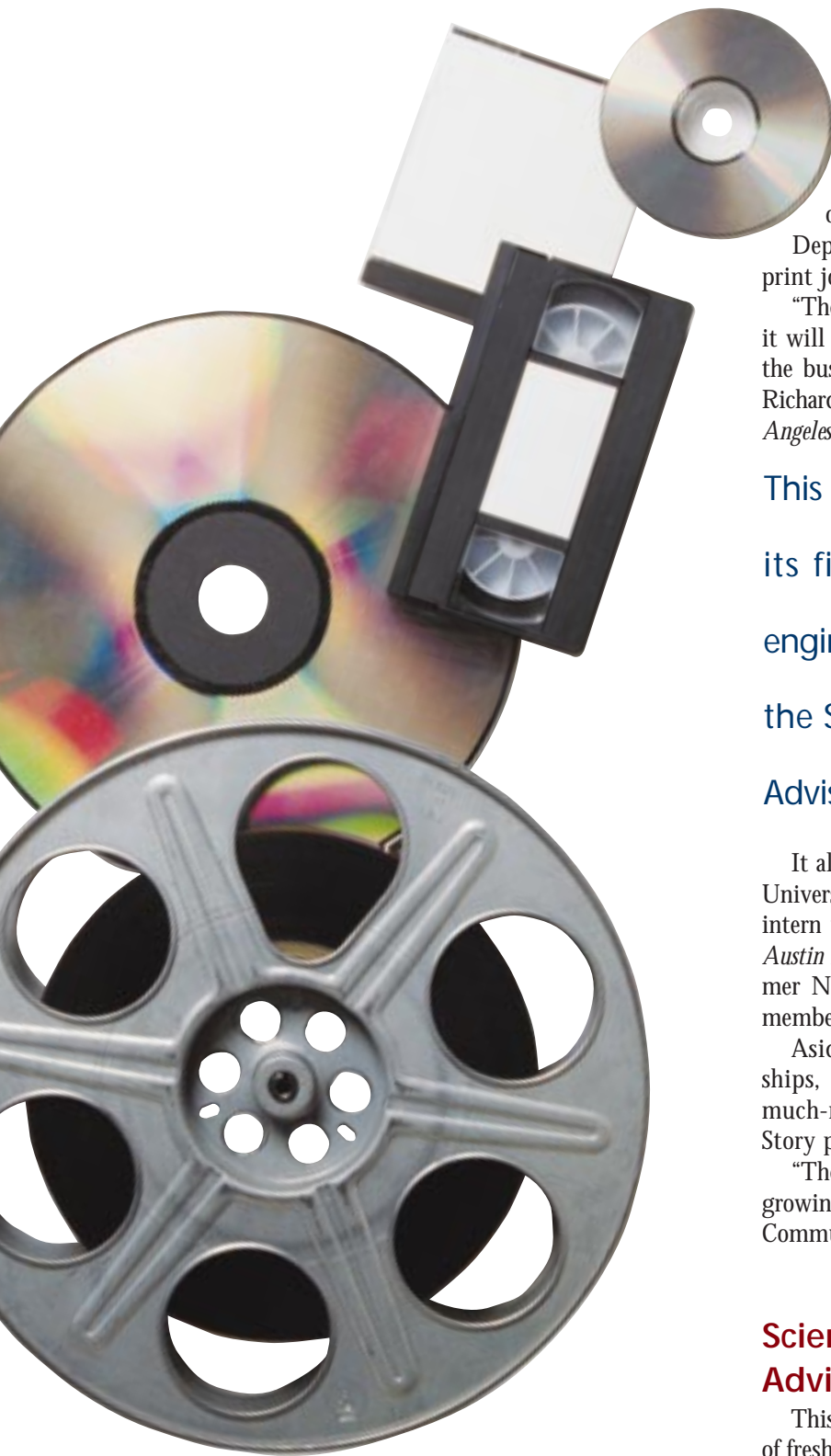
An example: In 1999, Monmouth University School of Business Administration received the prestigious AACSB accreditation. It

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

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

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





Communication Council

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

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

This fall, Monmouth University welcomes its first-ever class of freshman software engineering majors. Dean Frank Lutz credits the Science, Technology and Engineering Advisory Council, formed in 1996.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Real Estate Institute

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

Moliver's outreach effort was in response to an overwhelmingly strong message that the state of NJ was in critical need of executive real estate education — that there was no form of such education anywhere in the Garden State.

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

What Moliver anticipated as a 15-minute session turned into a serious, 90-minute grilling. "[Participants] made it abundantly



clear that real estate was a profession, not a vocation. And that educational opportunities were lacking far behind the advances the profession had made," says Moliver. "People in all walks of real estate life — with experience in the field, knew what they were doing — wanted to know more about other functional areas, round out their portfolios."

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Letter from the Alumni President

Dear Alumni –

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

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

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

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

We enrich by sponsoring scholarships, new graduate awards, and the Student Alumni Association; by identifying alumni for what we believe to be truly prestigious awards; and by assisting with career development and the campus Greek system.

As for serving and promoting the University, Alumni participation is at record levels on the various committees and boards advising the administration. Alumni were key to the success of the Kresge Challenge and your Association continues to assist in fundraising, friend raising, and student recruitment. Most of all, your Alumni Association is your voice for the present and future course of this institution, enriching both the University and alumni in the process.

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

I guess we do a heck of a lot. With your help we can do a heck of a lot more.

Regards,
Tom '82 '86

Alumni Association President
Thomas Porskievies '82 '86

ATTENTION AASU/BSU ALUMNI!

Ebony Night is Nov. 4. Here’s your chance to have a reunion with old friends while enjoying traditional Ebony Night activities. Call the Alumni Office for reservations.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Alumni are welcome to attend regular sessions of the board. Meeting dates are Dec. 7, March 1, and May 3. Put your two cents in! Call the Alumni Office for time and location.

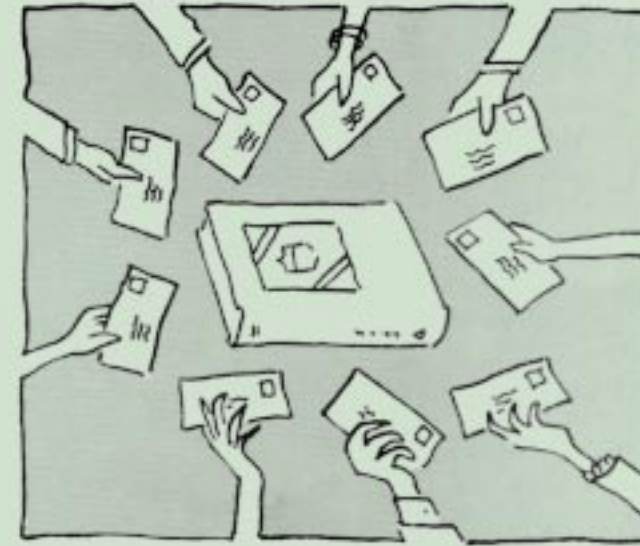
CAREER FAIR SCHEDULED FOR 12:30 PM —4 PM NOV. 15 IN ANACON HALL

The Life and Career Advising Center (LCAC) advises alumni that this is the place to be if you’re looking for a new job or want to explore career options. Representatives from corporations, non-profits, and government entities will be on hand to talk about careers and opportunities. If you are a recruiter interested in participating, contact Will Hill, placement director, at 732/571-3580 or hill@monmouth.edu for further information and to reserve space.

FLORIDA, GEORGIA AND ALL SNOWBIRD ALUMNI

Don’t miss an opportunity to see our Monmouth football team in action on Saturday, Nov. 18 at Jacksonville University. The Alumni Office will host a reception before the game. Call for details.

ATTENTION MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY ALUMNI



WATCH THE MAIL!

All alumni with current mailing addresses will soon be receiving an important questionnaire in the mail. This questionnaire is being sent to give every alumna/us the opportunity to be accurately listed in the forthcoming Monmouth University Alumni Directory.

IMPORTANT: Please complete and return your directory questionnaire before the deadline indicated!

Once received, your information will be edited and processed by our publisher, Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., for inclusion in our new directory. At a later point in the project (before the final composition stage of the directory) you will be contacted by Harris directly to verify that your personal data is absolutely correct.

If you don’t return your questionnaire, it is possible you may be inadvertently omitted or that the information on you will be incorrect. So don’t take a chance. Watch for your questionnaire form and remember to return it promptly!

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APO REUNION



On June 10, 2000, Alpha Phi Omega, Omicron Theta chapter, held its 35th anniversary at the Club on the University grounds. Webster Trammell '69 '70 '73 and Peter J. Zurica '75 chaired the event for the more than 70 Brothers from the classes of 1969 through 1991 that attended. In addition to

the reunion, the Brothers feted the many advisors that played an important role in their collegiate life. More than \$10,000 was pledged in honor of all the advising of APO and there will be a plaque attached to a room in Edison Science Building in their honor.

OFFICE OF ADMISSION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

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

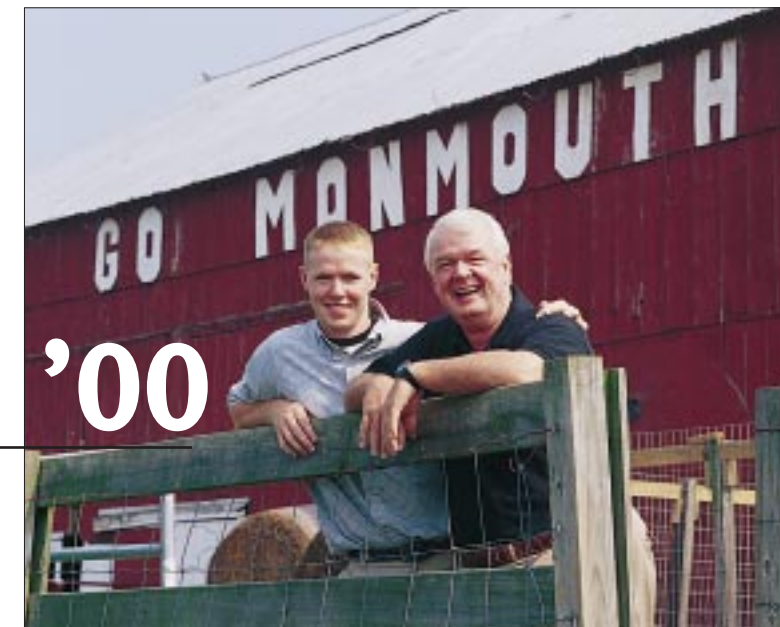
'00 SUMMER REUNION AUGUST 7, 2000



**Come Home
to Monmouth
October 21, 2000
for Homecoming
Weekend**

Sean Collins '00

Continuing the Family Business



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CLASS OF 1937

MARGARET "MARGE" (WENZEL) CASSONE lives in Lakehurst. She is a retired secretary.

CLASS OF 1939

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

CLASS OF 1955

LEONARD ACKERMAN, EdD died May 27, 2000.

CLASS OF 1959

DR. THOMAS J. GOODMAN died June 25, 2000.

CLASS OF 1962

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

CLASS OF 1966

MARYANN (CAPPELLA) FARRELL was named the Teacher of the Year at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. She

is chairman of the school's remedial studies program and teaches English.

MILES W. TRUESDELL, JR was elected chairman of the Board of Directors of Capital Health System. Miles had served as vice-chairman from 1997-1999. He is a director and partner of TrueTech Controls Inc., a subsidiary of Truesdell Co. Inc, which he joined in 1965.

CLASS OF 1967

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

CLASS OF 1970

ROBERT B. SIEGEL was elected president of The New Jersey Association of Hearing Health Professionals.

CLASS OF 1971

PAMELA (WILLIAMS) FLYNN is an assistant professor of Art at Holy Family College in Philadelphia, PA. She received her full-time appointment last year. This fall Pamela's one person art show, entitled

"Memory Circle", can be viewed at the Space 126 Gallery in Baltimore, MD. Pamela resides in Freehold.

SUSAN (SOKOLICK) KAUFFMAN is teaching humanities at Rosa International Magnet Middle School in Cherry Hill, an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program. Son, Ben, is starting his third year of medical school at The Medical School of NJ in Newark and daughter, Erica, is entering her senior year at Monmouth where she is a defender on the lacrosse team.

CLASS OF 1973

JEROME DAVID GREBLER died June 3, 2000.

CLASS OF 1976

KEVIN HARRIS was promoted to director of the police department in Piscataway, and is a member of the Middlesex County Association of Chiefs of Police, NJ Traffic Officers Association, FBI Academy Associates, and Policemen,s Benevolent Association Local 93A.

CLASS OF 1977

MAURICE GODFREY, PHD, associate professor of Pediatrics at the University of

Nebraska Medical Center, is the recipient of the 2000 Antoine Marfan Award, the highest honor awarded by the National Marfan Foundation. Maurice received the award in recognition of his contributions to the understanding of the Marfan syndrome and related connective tissue disorders. Marfan syndrome is a potentially fatal genetic disorder of the connective tissue. Maurice is the Research Director of UNMC's Marfan Syndrome Clinic and Director of its Hollister Research Laboratories.

CLASS OF 1978

ANTHONY ANARUMO and Felicia J. Ruff were married on April 15, 2000 at Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church with a reception following at City Tavern, both in Philadelphia, PA. Anthony is a controller at Snug Harbor Cultural Center in Staten Island, NY and Felicia is a managing director of a theater complex at Staten Island College. Anthony's grandson, Mark Anarumo, Jr. was the ring bearer at the ceremony.

STEVEN L. LUBETKIN was named Vice President and Manager of Corporate Communications at Summit Bank. His responsibilities include media relations, public relations, and internal communications. Steven is also a member of the Public Relations Society of America's College of Fellows.

CLASS OF 1982

PEGGY GERAGHTY is a social worker for the State of New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services in Perth Amboy. She resides in Beachwood.

CLASS OF 1983

MICHAEL P. LAFFEY was appointed Municipal Prosecutor for the Borough of Matawan. He is a partner in the law firm of Cassidy, Messina & Laffey in Holmdel. His practice consists of real estate and civil litigation including cases dealing with freedom of religion issues. He is the Republican Municipal Chairman in Tinton Falls, where he resides with his wife Karen and two children, Christian and Luke.

CLASS OF 1986

MARIANNE BALESTERRI has received the Teacher of the Year award at the Lenna W. Conrow School in Long Branch.

CHRISTOPHER L. MCKENNA married Susan Christensen on July 16, 1999 at the gazebo in Spring Lake, with the reception following at The Warren Hotel in Spring Lake. The couple honeymooned in London and Europe and resides in Colts Neck. Christopher is a self-employed musician and founder of the Chris McKenna band, which just finished recording its second

album, and Susan is a vice president and manager of the publishing department for Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City. Monmouth alumni in attendance were KAREN (DEITRICH) BRADLEY '84, THOMAS DiELLO '85, TOM PARR '85 (by way of a special note), and JOSEPH PAINTING '86, who arrived dressed as a popular bluesman by the name of Blind Hound-Dog Rasputin and entertained with the traditional music of the Mississippi delta. Christopher has begun PhD studies at Princeton University's School of Zoology. His studies will concentrate on "canine social behaviors."

PETER S. SHERSHEN, JR. died June 13, 2000.

CLASS OF 1987

DR. PETER J. BABICK has completed construction of his new office in New York for the practice of Endodontics. Peter, along with his wife Dr. Caroline Grasso-Babick, announces the birth of their daughter, Jennifer Loric on February 22, 2000.

MARILOU (CRANE) HALVORSEN is the Director of Sales and Marketing for Jenkinson's Boardwalk in Point Pleasant Beach and has been appointed by Governor Christine Todd Whitman as a member of the Legalized Games of Chance

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

CLASS OF 1988

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

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

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

CLASS OF 1989

ROBERT GAROFALO was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the West Windsor Police Department.

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

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

CLASS OF 1990

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

CLASS OF 1992

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

CLASS OF 1993

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



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

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

moonied in Kauai, Maui, and Oahu Hawaii and resides in Brighton Heights, Staten Island, NY.

CLASS OF 1994

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

CHRISTIAN O'REILLY is attending graduate school at Columbia University, studying software development for E-Commerce.

CLASS OF 1995

RONNIE GRECO is teaching social studies at Lincoln High School in Jersey City.

LISA ANN MACK was awarded a W.K. Kellogg Foundation Fellowship in Health Policy Research, one of only ten fellowships awarded nationally. The award will give fellows the quantitative tools to design and assess community-based health services. The fellowship program, leading to the PhD, will involve academic coursework, summer symposia, and attendance at national meetings. Lisa recently received her MS from the University of



Massachusetts at Amherst where she was a graduate student in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology within the School of Public Health. She began her PhD work at the Joseph L. Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia University in September.

CLASS OF 1996

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

CLASS OF 1997

MATTHEW HILL married Jennifer Allhouse on June 2, 2000 in St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in

Easton, PA. Jennifer is a quality regulatory compliance administrator for Mallinckrodt Baker, Inc. and Matthew is an applications engineer for Alta Enterprises of Bethlehem, PA.

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

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

CLASS OF 1998

STACEY ANDERSON married Craig Schapiro on April 29, 2000. The couple took a honeymoon cruise from San Juan, Puerto Rico to the southern Caribbean. Stacey is an administrative assistant for Metro Wire Rope in Union and Craig is the Midwest regional sales manager for Sigma Corporation of Cream Ridge. Monmouth alumni CAROLEE STRIPKO '98 and TAMARA SALVO '98 were co-maids-of-honor for the bride. Other Monmouth alumni in attendance were ANTHONY TESERIOR '98, LOREN MILLER '98, MELISSA LaMARRA '98, KRISTIE FORD '99 and ZOE CLAYSON '00. The couple resides in Monmouth Junction.

JULIE ANN ASTARBI and ANTHONY GAROFALO were married at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Rossville, Staten Island, NY on May 26, 2000 with a reception at the Excelsior Grand in New Dorp. Anthony is attending Nova Southeastern Law School in Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Julie Ann was employed in data security for Chase Manhattan Bank in New York before the marriage. The couple honeymooned in Barcelona and Madrid, Spain and resides in Davie, FL.

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

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

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

KAREN SPURKA is engaged to Justin Lahullier.

CLASS OF 1999

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

CLASS OF 2000

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

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

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

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

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

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Saturday, October 21

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