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### SEPTEMBER 12

Speed Networking  
Location: Bey Hall – Turrell Boardroom  
7:00-9:00 PM

### OCTOBER 3

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

### OCTOBER 25

Homecoming 2008: Celebrating 75 years

### NOVEMBER 6

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

### NOVEMBER 19

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

## ▶ OTHER EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 22

1st Annual Monmouth Social Work Golf Outing  
Glenwood Country Club, Old Bridge  
Time: 11:00 AM Registration, 12:00 PM  
Tee-Off, 6:00 PM Cocktails/Hors d'oeuvres,  
6:30 PM Awards  
Contact the School of Social Work at  
732-571-3543 for more information.

### OCTOBER 16

5th Annual Kislak Real Estate Institute Golf  
Invitational  
Hollywood Golf Club, Deal  
10:30 AM Registration and Buffet Luncheon  
12:00 PM Golf Shotgun Start  
5:30 PM Cocktail Dinner Reception.  
Contact Theresa Lowy at 732-571-4412 for  
more information.

### OCTOBER 30

Ocean Future Symposium and Champion of  
the Ocean Award  
Wilson Hall Auditorium - 10 AM  
For more information contact Lorraine Jordan  
at 732-263-5662.

### NOVEMBER 13-15

Interdisciplinary Conference on Race:  
*Future of an Illusion, Future of the Past*  
\$100 (\$50 for graduate students) plus \$30  
for dinner  
For more information contact Hettie Williams  
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### DECEMBER 6

34th Annual Holiday Ball  
Wilson Hall  
Call 732-571-3509 for details.

## ▶ CENTER OF DISTINCTION FOR THE ARTS

### POLLAK THEATRE

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October 16  
East Village Opera (Rock-Opera)  
8:00 PM  
\$40 & \$32

### OCTOBER 19

Billy Bragg  
7:00 PM  
\$32

### OCTOBER 26

100 Years of Broadway  
7:00 PM  
\$40 & \$32

### NOVEMBER 1

Richard Shindell & Glen Phillips  
Antje Duvekot (acoustic singer-songwriters)  
8:00 PM  
\$33 & \$28

### NOVEMBER 7

Soul Street Dance  
8:00 PM  
Hip-Hop Dance  
\$33 & \$28  
November 6-7

### CHILDREN'S THEATRE

November 2-3 and December 14  
The Cow & the Beanstalk  
2:00 PM on Nov. 2, 10:30 AM on Nov. 3, 2:00  
PM on Dec. 14

### OTHER EVENTS:

September 2-October 10  
Anna Ursyn: *Images with a Clue*  
800 Gallery  
Lecture: Wilson Hall Auditorium: September  
11, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Opening Reception: 800 Gallery, 7 – 9 PM

### SEPTEMBER 23

Visiting Writer: Michael Waters  
4:30 PM  
Wilson Hall Auditorium

### SEPTEMBER 9-OCTOBER 10

Risa Puno: *The Course of Emotions: A  
Mini-Golf Experience*  
Ice House Gallery (September 18: Lecture-  
Wilson Hall Auditorium: 4:30-6:30 PM,  
September 20: Opening Reception—Ice House  
Gallery: 1-4 PM)

### OCTOBER 20-NOVEMBER 28

Robert Emmett Mueller: *A 60 Year  
Retrospective, 1947 - 2008*  
800 & Ice House Galleries (October 24:  
Lecture—Wilson Hall Auditorium: 6 – 7 PM,  
Opening Reception: 800 & Ice House  
Galleries: 7 – 9 PM)

### OCTOBER 28

Visiting Writer: Jan Beatty  
4:30 PM  
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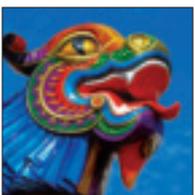
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Corrections: There were two errors in part 2 of the Monmouth University History. On page 4, Abraham Schwartz was incorrectly listed as MJC's first baseball coach. Schwartz was the first basketball coach. George Theros was the first baseball coach. On page 8, Joseph Irwin's name was misspelled as "Erwin." We regret the errors.

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**MJC NIGHTHAWKS IDENTIFIED**

As one of the only eight graduates in '45, I cannot overemphasize what a lifesaver MJC was for so many of us. A good number of MJC students in the



HERB WISHNICK '45, RAY KESSLER, AND RAY BENSON '45

'forties worked days on our family farms and were simply blessed that MJC existed. The daily roundtrip drive seemed long, but the junior college helped us to become aware of the world beyond Monmouth and Ocean Counties, encouraging us to plan for the years ahead.

I recall especially Dean Schlaefter with affection, the lovely Helen Wardell, and a man who became a lifelong friend, then teaching at MJC as he finished his PhD in history at Columbia, Wesley Camp. He and his wife Kathleen actually drove to visit some of us at home, to see how we lived back there on the farms of what was then Monmouth and Ocean Counties' burgeoning poultry industry.

At the 1945 graduation, a gentleman in a white suit orated while we endured a blistering hot auditorium, to assure us that we were now short only of faith in ourselves; we were now able to "take courage by the hand. . . ". He was, I think, the pastor of a nearby church, and we were accordingly encouraged. I have lost my diploma, but not the sense of his message.

About the smaller picture referred whose caption might suggest that it was taken during a basketball game between MJC and another NJ Junior College.

In fact, the picture was posed in either '43 or early '44, as MJC prepared a brochure advertising its presence, courses, fees, etc. The basketball scene

is in the inside back page of the brochure: that's Ray Kessler about to shoot, with me playing defense on the lower right. Kessler's teammate on the left was Herb Wishnick. Tribute to the numerous white leghorns of yesteryear: we three were all, indeed, Monmouth County poultry farmers.

As an aside: I was also president of the International Relations Club, also with Wes Camp as faculty advisor and generously funded by Comptroller Shapiro. This is most unusual, as MJC was not highly budgeted, to put it mildly. But we were able to attend two conferences during my years at MJC, with a delegation of three or four, plus Wes, one at Princeton and one at Johns Hopkins.

I credit Comptroller Shapiro, but it was obviously Dean Schlaefter's vision of what even our modest evening junior college should be able to offer its students which underwrote these opportunities.

I say memories flood in. Only one more:

In 1965, as I arrived in Hamburg to begin a tour of duty as Public Affairs Officer and Consul at the Consulate General there, I was greeted with obvious joy by the Consul General, who ceremoniously opened a folder on his desk and, making much of looking through it, finally asked with a warm smile: "Can it be that you graduated from Monmouth Junior College?" I admitted this, wondering why the question--whereupon Consul General E. Tomlin (Tom) Bailey came from behind his desk, shook my hand vigorously and said that "there could only be two in the Foreign Service with our shared background," for he had taught at MJC beginning in '33, as I recall it, before moving on and, finally, joining the State Department. Tom left Hamburg in '66 to retire.

I have enclosed a picture of Tom Bailey and me greeting astronaut John Glenn at the Hamburg airport on October 5, 1965. Glenn was the guest of the West German astronomical society on a visit to Hamburg's Bergdorf Observatory, in which the advanced telescope developed

by the German astronomer Schmidt was still operational. John Glenn and all of our astronauts were familiar with the Schmidt telescope. They had used a prototype in their training, I believe.

Cheers,

**Ray Benson '45**

**FACULTY UPDATES WANTED**

As a longtime reader of the *Monmouth University Magazine*...I particularly value the obituaries of past Alums and FACULTY. I would really enjoy faculty updates as well ...especially those in retirement who might enjoy giving out their e-mail address so past students can say hello.



Also.....an idea for fun.....publish all the times Bruce Springsteen performed on campus (mostly for free). I know he played several times because I was there.

Keep up the great work!

**Glenn W. LeBoeuf '76**

*Editor's Note: See page 34 for Bruce Springsteen's recollection of playing at Monmouth College.*

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# RAIN FAILS TO DAMPEN SPIRIT AT COMMENCEMENT

Bright faces, a throng of colorful umbrellas, and the evocative strains of “Pomp and Circumstance,” were a welcome contrast to unseasonably cold and rainy weather at Monmouth University’s 74th commencement ceremony.



**R**obert Klein, award-winning comedian and actor, called on the 1,160 graduating students “to participate.”

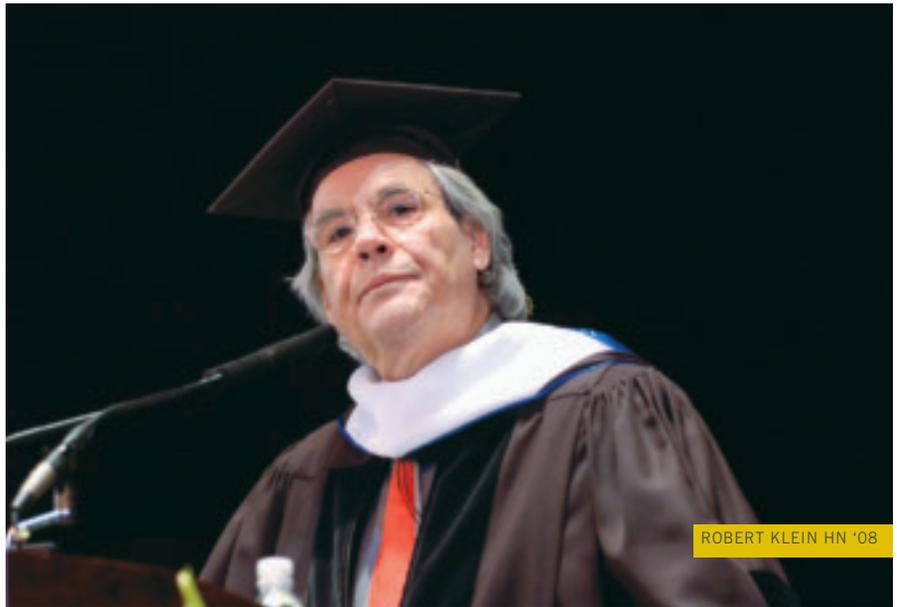
“I implore you to participate. To vote. To inquire...Think the best of people,” Klein said May 20 at the PNC Bank Arts Center amphitheatre in Holmdel. “You’ve accomplished something wonderful, and you should be proud,” he said.

Trustee Alfred L. Ferguson presented Klein for an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree before Klein delivered his commencement address to the rambunctious but respectful graduates.

“I went to college to be a doctor, but a few things got in my way,” Klein said, listing obstacles such as physics, calculus, spelling, comprehension, behavior, attitude, aptitude and talent.

For more than forty years, Klein has entertained audiences with his razor-sharp wit. He continues to have an acclaimed career in comedy on Broadway, television, film, and print. His memoir, *The Amorous Busboy of Decatur Avenue*, was published in 2005.

The Outstanding Student Award resulted in a tie between students Ian C. Craig, president of the Community Service Club, and Robert E. Danhardt,



ROBERT KLEIN HN '08

chairman of Students in Free Enterprise. Craig and Danhardt helped hood the honorary degree recipients at the ceremony.

Artist Judith K. Brodsky, Olympic champion Milton Gray Campbell, and financier-philanthropist Thomas I. Unterberg were also awarded honorary degrees at the ceremony.

As a working artist and champion of the arts, Judith K. Brodsky has organized and curated numerous exhibitions and written extensively about women artists. Brodsky’s work is in the permanent collections of over 100 museums and corporations including the

Library of Congress and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

She is professor emeritus in the Department of Visual Arts at Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University and founder of the Brodsky Center, an innovative print and papermaking center at Rutgers University.

In a message to the class of 2008, Dr. Kelly Ward, recipient of the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award, wrote, “Education is the key to obtaining [your] dreams; compassion is the key to sustaining the connections with other human beings. Wherever you go from here, always remember to give

## REMEMBERING Tim Russert HN '99

Tim Russert, former NBC News Washington bureau chief and *Meet the Press* moderator, was awarded a Doctor of Political Science, *honoris causa*, at Monmouth University’s commencement in 1999. Russert’s message emphasized the importance of core values enhanced by education. To download a complete transcript of Russert’s address, or listen to it in streaming audio, please visit: <http://www.monmouth.edu/newswire/russert/default.asp>

**“The values you have been taught, the struggles you have survived, the diploma you are about to receive have prepared you to compete with anybody, anywhere. Reject the conventional wisdom that success is only for the rich or privileged or Ivy League educated.**

**Don’t believe it. I didn’t. “**



back to your community; civic engagement and volunteering are an important part of how you can share the knowledge learned while obtaining your degree.”

Among the many outstanding graduates in the class of 2008 for whom education proved the path for obtaining dreams were David Kugele, 25 years old, and Garcia Tilson, 71 years old, who each demonstrated that the process of education can be as important as the end result.

Although Kugele is the fourth member of his family to graduate from Monmouth, his prospects for graduation were far from certain. He had his first open-heart surgery when he was just 12 hours old.

Beverly Kugele '90 '92M, said her son David has survived five open-heart surgeries including two before he reached the age of seven, and two during his college years.

“As his mother I am proud of Dave on so many levels,” she said. “He is and will continue to be a wonderful example of quiet strength and grace under pressure.”

After recovering from his fourth open-heart surgery in 2001, at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, David started his freshman year at Monmouth. Beverly credits the Office of Disabilities and Monmouth employee Jean Szumera with helping David become a proud Monmouth graduate.

“The office of disabilities was very helpful and compassionate to Dave. He was still weak and needed help with location of classes, parking and notification to professors when emergency medical visits were needed,” she said.

Beverly added that with an “invisible” disability like a heart condition, some people have a hard time understanding the many day-to-day issues involved. “Most of his professors and support staff were understanding and cooperative,” she said.

“It takes listening and compassionate people to nurture a student so young to be dealing with a life-threatening illness and Dave found them at Monmouth.”



LEFT: DR. KELLY WARD, 2008 TEACHER OF THE YEAR. UPPER RIGHT: IAN C. CRAIG. MIDDLE: SENIOR CLASS RECEPTION AT DOHERTY HOUSE. L-R: CLASS TREASURER DIANE GIANDOLFO, CLASS PRESIDENT MARIA MEREOS, VICE PRESIDENT ALEX ABRAGAMOV, UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT GAFFNEY, AND CLASS SECRETARY KELLY MCCULLOUGH. ABRAGAMOV'S T-SHIRT CELEBRATES THE "PRESIDENT PAUL GAFFNEY HANDSHAKE."

FORMER *OUTLOOK* NEWS EDITOR WESLEY CHIN WROTE IN 2007 THAT GRADUATION INCLUDED THREE THINGS, "...MARCHING UP ON THAT STAGE AT THE PNC BANK ARTS CENTER, AND RECEIVING A CELEBRATORY PRESIDENT PAUL GAFFNEY HANDSHAKE (YOU KNOW, THE ONE WHERE HE SNEAK-ATTACK PULLS YOU IN) AND MY DIPLOMA."



LOWER LEFT: DAVID KEUGLE. LOWER RIGHT: ROBERT E. DANHARDT.



# OVERDUE HONORS FOR OLYMPIC CHAMPION



**Milton Campbell**, once described as “the world’s greatest athlete” and later “the greatest athlete of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century,” was awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree at Monmouth’s 74<sup>th</sup> commencement.

“It was a very moving moment,” said Campbell of the ceremony. “It made me feel extremely proud to be there.”

Recognition for Campbell’s athletic and civic achievements was considered by many to be long overdue when Trustee Robert Sculthorpe ’63 presented the formidable 6’ 3” Campbell with the award.

Campbell captured the silver medal in the 1952 decathlon in Helsinki at 18 and then the gold at the Melbourne Olympics in 1956, making him the first African American to win the event and toting a record 7,937 points.

**C**ampbell said for three years he would practice for seven to eight hours every day. By refusing to accept failure, Campbell never did.

The following year the son of a New York City cabdriver and a domestic houseworker tied the world record of 13.4 seconds in the 120-yard hurdle, his most coveted event.

But today most people better remember Bob Mathias’ win in 1952 or Rafer Johnson’s gold in 1960.

Instead of interview requests, calls for endorsements, or *TIME Magazine* cover photos (as was the case for Mathias and Johnson), Campbell and his achievements were confined to the record books. The limelight quickly faded.

Following the Olympics, Campbell left Indiana University

where he had been studying to serve in the U.S. Navy for 18 months. It was during this time he briefly played alongside his roommate, Jim Brown, with the Cleveland Browns.

Campbell was cut from the team in 1958 when he married Barbara Mount, a white woman. The team’s founder Paul Brown could not deal with the mixed marriage. “They didn’t have enough foresight. They weren’t ready for it,” said Campbell.

As a result of the firing, the Browns lost a talented football player, and Campbell went to play in the Canadian Football League for the next eight years.

Campbell seems to have a knack for turning obstacles into opportunities. Instead of remaining bitter about the racism he encountered, he made new goals. “You need a goal, and you

Along with his mother who holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Monmouth, two of David’s uncles are also Hawks. Kurt Kugele graduated in the class of 1965, while another uncle, John A. Kugele graduated in 1967. John, who also went on to earn his MBA at Monmouth in 1972, lost his battle against cancer in June 2007.

Garcia Tilson of Eatontown faced a different set of obstacles when she graduated with her bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. Before commencement Tilson had been home recovering from cataract surgery and a fractured hip - but she summoned the strength to walk across the stage with her graduating class.

In an *Asbury Park Press* interview Tilson said, “Everybody should have

a goal to work toward to fulfill themselves and keep the brain active. I know people who have retired and don’t do much of anything, and they seem to kind of lose it. I’d rather keep my brain active, whether I ever work again.”

After working as a nurse for 10 years, Tilson attended Brookdale earning her associate’s degree in 1999. After graduating from Brookdale, she continued her studies at Monmouth.

Tilson, who also worked as a crossing guard in Long Branch and Tinton Falls, said she enjoyed working with children too much to just sit at home and vegetate. She said she hopes to continue in a master’s program to become a child advocate.

Shortly after graduation she wrote, “I have just received my BA degree

at age 71. I have a job interview next week in the field that I love.”

Senior Class President Maria Mereos said during her address that her four years at Monmouth have provided her with, “a foundation of opportunity,” to live the rest of her life.

“I hope you all feel a similar sense of pride to be associated with this University,” she said. As a first-generation college graduate of Greek-American immigrants, Mereos shares with Tilson and Kugele a unique appreciation of the *permanent* rewards earned in the pursuit of education – no matter what the obstacles. **MU**

2008 marks the 50 year anniversary of the first bachelor’s degrees awarded by Monmouth in 1958.

need to write it down.”

Realizing that football would not be his only career, Campbell became active in quelling hatred and violence spurred by the rampant flow of racism in the late-1960s.

Campbell remembered refusing to move from his seat in the middle of the Liberty Theatre in Plainfield despite the rule saying that blacks were not allowed to sit there. “We understood we were breaking down barriers. I said to myself I am not going to let America define me.” After the third time of peaceful defiance, the movie theatre owners acquiesced and allowed him to stay. So Campbell brought his friends.

As his hometown of Plainfield, NJ, swelled into riots following the uprisings in Newark, Campbell opened up the Milt Campbell Community Center and served as president from 1968 to 1976. He also helped raise funds for the Chad School in Newark. The founders’ goal was to teach black youths about their history and provide a good education for them. “The answer was education, not violence. I wanted to be part of the structure,” Campbell said. The K-8 Chad School is still thriving today.

Campbell later founded the Olympic Experience for Youth, acting as the director in 1980 and 1981. He also served as an advisor for the Model Cities Program in Newark and became a motivational speaker for African American youths. He also worked with DARE programs and the Juvenile Awareness Program (formerly the Scared Straight Program) to redirect inner-city youth away from drugs and crime.

His hometown of Plainfield honored Campbell in 1984 when

they named the Milt Campbell Field. The project was spurred by his friend John Pepe, a fellow athlete, teacher and community activist in Plainfield, who died in May.

In 1989 Campbell was inducted into the USA Track and Field Hall and Fame, followed by the National Swimming Hall of Fame and the National Federation of State High School Associations’ Hall of Fame in 1991. A year later he was elected to the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame, and in 1993 he was inducted into the NJ Sports Hall of Fame.

Today at 74, he continues to make occasional motivational speeches and helps mentor two athletes but is mostly enjoying retirement. He also likes walking, long motorcycle trips, camping and fishing.

Retirement plans also include a visit to China. On August 15 Campbell boarded a plane to Beijing for the Summer Olympics—52 years after taking home the gold in Australia.

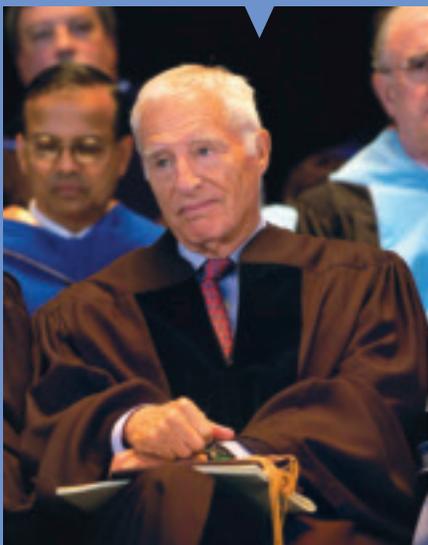
Despite the obstacles of racism, Campbell said, “I did what I wanted to do.”

“It’s nice to look back at your life and say you did what you said you were going to do.”



OLYMPIC STAMP ISSUED BY THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC IN 1956 TO HONOR MILTON CAMPBELL.

## UNTERBERG SEES FIRST HEALTH STUDIES MAJORS GRADUATE



FORMER TRUSTEE THOMAS I. UNTERBERG

Former trustee Thomas I. Unterberg was awarded a Doctor of Laws degree, *honoris causa*, at commencement. A respected financier and active philanthropist, Mr. Unterberg was instrumental in establishing the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies in honor of his mother. In addition to his support for Monmouth University, he is an active supporter of Monmouth Medical Center and the theater arts in Monmouth County. His wife, Ann Unterberg, currently serves as trustee of the University.

Mr. Unterberg is a graduate of Princeton University and an MBA graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is founder of C.E. Unterberg, Towbin, an investment banking firm acquired by Collins Stewart LLC in 2007.

Widely respected as a supplier of capital to emerging technology companies, Mr. Unterberg was named by *RedHerring* magazine as one of the top 100 people responsible for the growth of Silicon Valley during its formative years. Mr. Unterberg served as a University trustee from 1995 to 2003.

Mr. Unterberg’s presence at the ceremony was fitting. The event marked the first graduating class of students to earn Bachelor of Science degrees in the new Health Studies concentration. The major, based in the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies, prepares students for health related careers like nursing, physical therapy, and occupational therapy with an expansive and interdisciplinary approach to health issues.

Heather McCulloch Mistretta

# PEACE HAWKS

Monmouth volunteers answer global challenge

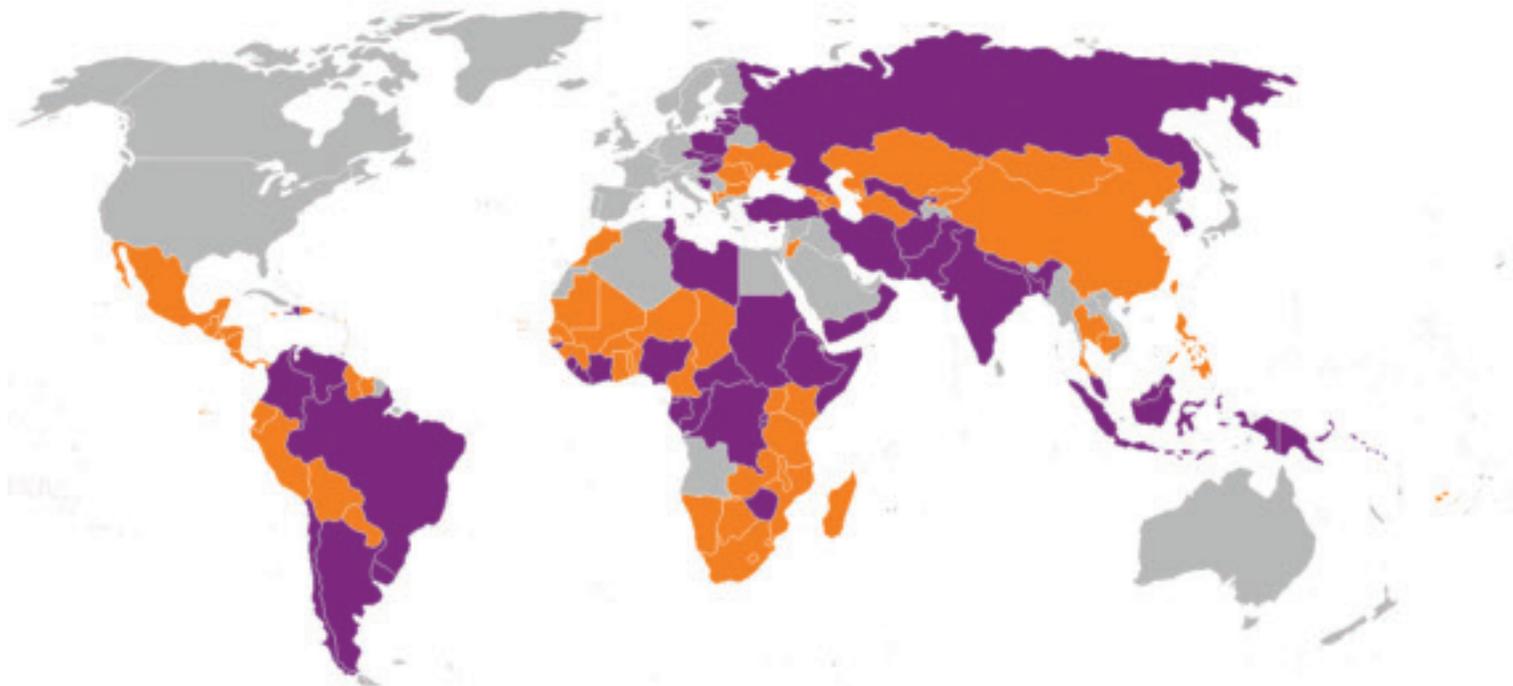
In the early hours of October 14, 1960, John F. Kennedy proposed a bold new move in public service to about 10,000 bleary-eyed students on the steps of the University of Michigan's student union in Ann Arbor.

R. SARGENT SHRIVER, JR., PEACE-BUILDER, POLITICAL LEADER AND ACTIVIST WITH PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. SHRIVER WAS THE FIRST LEADER OF THE PEACE CORPS AND LATER RAN THE "WAR ON POVERTY" DURING LYNDON JOHNSON'S ADMINISTRATION. PHOTO: COURTESY OF PEACE CORPS.

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“Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.”

—John F. Kennedy



Just a presidential candidate at the time, Kennedy challenged the throng of students who gathered to meet him at 2 o'clock in the morning while reporters and most others slept. Kennedy called on Americans to “do for their country” by joining an international volunteer organization, saying;

How many of you who are going to be doctors are willing to spend your days in Ghana?... I think in many ways it is the most important campaign since 1933...The opportunity must be seized, through the judgment of the President, and the vigor of the executive, and the cooperation of the Congress. Through these I think we can make the greatest possible difference.

Nearly five months later, with the help of Sargent Shriver (who later

became its first director), President Kennedy signed an executive order establishing the Peace Corps—a familiar entity now, but at the time the idea was revolutionary and a bold contrast to the 500 military advisers sent into South Vietnam that same year. Kennedy had hoped for 500 Peace Corps volunteers by the end of the year, but the response was immediate and overwhelming, with more than 5,000 people applying by August.

By 1963 there were 7,000 volunteers in 44 countries. When Shriver stepped down as director in February 1966, more than 14,500 volunteers were serving in 55 countries across Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

In the 47 years since its inception, more than 190,000 people have responded to President Kennedy’s challenge “to do for your country” by working across the globe. In 2007 the

number of volunteers reached a 37-year high at 8,079, up from 7,749 in 2006,



1961 YEARBOOK PHOTO OF MONMOUTH'S FIRST PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER, BILL JACKSON.

serving 74 countries. In New Jersey, alone, 4,246 residents have served the Peace Corps since 1961.

Accepting Kennedy’s challenge was Monmouth alumnus Bill Jackson ‘61.

# Ethiopia

**Tom Gallagher '62 writes,** “on arrival in Addis Ababa, we were toasted in champagne by His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I, King of Kings, Elect of God, Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah and Emperor of Ethiopia.”

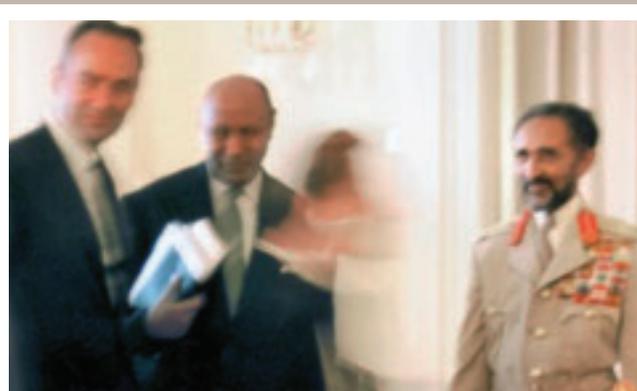


**S**elassie, whose purported descent from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba was written into Article 2 of the 1955 Ethiopian Constitution, is worshipped today as a god among followers of the Rastafari movement. Born in 1892 as Tafari Makonnen, Selassie was titled “Ras Tafari,” or “Prince Tafari,” before being crowned emperor.

“I was very impressed with the Emperor when I first met him,” Gallagher said, “after all, one doesn’t meet many emperors in West Long Branch. I later learned to hate the little bastard’s guts, however. He oppressed the Eritreans horribly as manifested by the fact that his troops regularly hanged people in front of my house.”

A founding member of the League of Nations, Selassie was forced to abdicate on September 13, 1974 by a military junta. His death was announced on August 27, 1975. Believed to have been murdered by followers of his Marxist successor Colonel Mengistu, the former emperor was buried for years beneath the floor of a palace toilet.

On November 5, 2000, Selassie’s remains were interred in a tomb in Holy Trinity Cathedral of Addis Ababa following a funeral by the Ethiopian Orthodox church, despite objections from Rastafarians that he is not dead.



EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE I RECEIVES ETHIOPIA PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR HARRIS WOFFORD AND PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS AT THE IMPERIAL PALACE, 1963. PHOTO: ©ROBERT A. MATTHAI AND OTHERS

**F**ormer U.S. Senator Harris Wofford wrote in *World-View* magazine, “In Ethiopia, 1962-64, when I was country director and special representative to Africa, we saw first-hand how valuable the talent, energy and experience of older volunteers can be. Emperor Haile Selassie asked President Kennedy for 300 Peace Corps volunteers to double the number of college-graduate teachers in Ethiopia’s secondary schools. Most of those first volunteers we sent were enthusiastic young B.A. generalists.”

## “IF YOU ARE LUCKY, You have the ambition to volunteer in this world”

—Harris Wofford

Sent to Nigeria, Jackson became the first Monmouth alumnus to enter the Peace Corps.

Jackson's fraternity brother, Tom Gallagher, was the second Monmouth grad to serve the Peace Corps. He packed his bags for Africa only five days after graduation in 1962 and became part of the first Peace Corps group to train in Washington, D.C.

While in training, he heard speeches from Earl Warren, Hubert Humphrey and Margaret Meade. He also volunteered with Paul Tsongas. “Our group director, Harris Wofford (later a U.S. Senator), held Martin Luther King’s right hand at the bridge at Selma.”

Amid the flurry of activity, the volunteers “quickly became the ‘kids of Camelot’,” Gallagher said.

“Every liberal in town wanted to have his or her picture taken with us,” he said, adding that he and his group, Ethiopia I, had tea with the Kennedys in the Green Room before departing, and were greeted by Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie I in Addis Ababa.

Gallagher was assigned to a small town in Eritrea Province in northern Ethiopia where, a month later, he heard the first shot of the Eritrean War for Independence.

“Heady stuff for a 21-year-old kid who graduated from Monmouth,” he remembered, adding that there were frequent hangings in front of his house by Selassie’s troops, the first of which he experienced on Christmas morning of 1963.

So it comes as no surprise that Gallagher became the first American supporter of the Eritrean revolution. “I stayed in touch with that heroic struggle during its entire 29-year history. After independence, I was one of the first Country Officers for Eritrea at the State Department. In that capacity, I



SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE CONGRATULATES THOMAS GALLAGHER '62. BELOW: AS A 21 YEAR-OLD PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

was responsible for all official American contacts with Eritrea,” Gallagher said.

But the Long Branch native seems to harbor no regrets and still holds a strong attachment to Africa in spite of the turbulent history he witnessed. “My two years in the Peace Corps were the best of my life. I’m still in touch with several of my students from those days as well as many of my fellow volunteers.”

As a member of the U.S. Foreign Service, Gallagher recently started working at the American Embassy in Conakry, Guinea. He has been back to Eritrea, the country he calls his second home, eight times.

And this past December and January was a momentous time for Ethiopia, he said, as more than 40 new volunteers were sworn in by Director Ron Tschetter.

These volunteers, whose main focus will be on the prevention, care, and treatment of HIV/AIDS, were the first since 2000. The Peace Corps first withdrew from Ethiopia in 1977 during the communist dictatorship; the volunteers returned briefly in 1995 and withdrew again during the wars with Eritrea and Somalia.

### SAMOA

Five years after Gallagher embraced his challenge in Ethiopia, the attraction to the Peace Corps was still strong on the Monmouth campus. Bernard



Hvidding, who in 1967 with his B.A. in chemistry in hand signed up for the Peace Corps, with Samoa at the top of his list. Most people at the time probably couldn’t have picked out Samoa on a map, but to Bernard it was the place for him, and it still is.

“I remember walking into the Great Hall in the middle of winter with snow stuck to my shoes making my feet cold and wet and looking at a beautiful Polynesian girl under a palm tree in a poster that proclaimed ‘Peace Corps Goes to Polynesia.’ I was graduating in June and had time to apply. The idea of Peace Corps had really inspired me ever since Kennedy proposed it, and

this looked like the perfect program for me because the first group was scheduled to work in the area of community health and that was the field I was most interested in. It would also be an opportunity to be in the very first group to go to a country. I began reading everything I could get my hands on about the Pacific Islands and especially, Samoa. I put in my application and chose Samoa #1, Brazil #2 and Africa #3...It was kind of interesting that later I found out that volunteers to Brazil have a difficult time with the politics there.”

Bernard, also known as Penati or Pinati

(“peanut”) in the Samoan language, later married a Samoan woman. He has since returned to Samoa many times, considering the country to be his home away from home. He has also done missionary trips to Thailand, Kenya, and Uganda.

“Let me say that it was one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life and opened up the world to me. Some of the direct results were a change in career path from chemistry to social work.”

Hvidding went on to get his M.S.W. from the University of Hawaii in 1992. He now teaches social work for community health workers at the University of Hawaii.

“I have been ‘adopted’ by the family I lived with in Samoa and maintain a close connection with my village to this day... My wife and I have five children, including our adopted son (who happens to be Samoan), and six grandchildren. We live and work in paradise, and it all started with Peace Corps.”

“It was my Peace Corps experience that opened up for me the possibilities of being more than I ever was before... It is actually very difficult and too many people give up too easily. But the reward is so great that it is worth everything that is given up for it,” he explained.

## More Peace Corps Hawks

**Janet Panconi (Elem. Ed. '62)**  
Chile, 1962-64

**Nicole Zuchlinski (Bio. '06)**  
Dominican Republic, 2006-2008

**Dr. Nancy Mezey (professor of sociology)**  
Mali, West Africa, 1988-90



JANUARY ZUK '98 '00M PUMPING WATER IN THE LATE AFTERNOON AT A BORE-HOLE IN BULPOLA, UGANDA. A BORE-HOLE IS AN EXCAVATION STRUCTURE CREATED BY DIGGING, DRIVING, BORING OR DRILLING TO ACCESS WATER IN UNDERGROUND AQUIFERS.

A year after Hviding applied for the Peace Corps, another Monmouth graduate decided that Peace Corps was also where he belonged, but on the other side of the globe. Charles Fischer (Government '68) began his service in 1968, first training on the U.S. Virgin Island of St. Thomas, for almost two months before shipping out to Ethiopia's capital city of Addis Ababa with about 300 others much like Gallagher had done six years earlier. From there he was assigned to a small town called Sendafa, where there was no electricity or running water. The one perk was a telephone, though service was pretty sporadic.

"I have never regretted applying to be a Peace Corps Volunteer. Although I lived under circumstances I would not have imagined, I had the opportunity I would not have otherwise had to live in another country and culture."

While in Ethiopia, Fischer taught English, science, and social studies to seventh- and eighth-graders.

"I was able to help Ethiopia expose its students to a perspective on their subjects and the world they would not have otherwise had."

Two years later Fischer returned home via Kenya, India, Thailand, Laos, Hong Kong, Japan, and Hawaii. He became a probation officer in Monmouth County for about three years, and then a federal probations officer for the next 28 years before retiring in 2002. A year later he was appointed State Probation Supervisor, a position he retired from at the end of 2007.

Fischer earned his master's degree in education from Rider College in 1979 and taught in the criminal justice department as an adjunct professor at The College of New Jersey. He lives with wife, Marilyn, in East Windsor.

"My enthusiasm for my experiences must have rubbed off onto one of my children. My daughter (Nicole) returned home last year after 20 months as a volunteer in Togo," Charles concluded.

## UGANDA

Fast forward to 2001, and the Peace Corps' message is still the same—to help those less fortunate. January Zuk (Psych./Ed. '98, M.S.E. '00) seized the opportunity by working in Uganda for two and a half years following graduation. She liked the Peace Corps so much that she returned in 2005 to work as a recruiter for in Boston, following a year of volunteering for Habitat for Humanity.



CHARLES FISCHER '68 (LEFT) WITH A FELLOW TEACHER.

"I always had the idea of volunteerism. That was a big part of Monmouth," January said, when asked how her education prepared her for her experience in Africa. She said she did a lot of volunteering, including mentoring children, while studying for her master's in education and working in Monmouth's volunteer office with Marilyn Ward.

While in a small village in Uganda, where there were dirt roads, no running water, and the idea of electricity meant a small light bulb dangling from the ceiling, Zuk helped teachers in a boarding school. Although the class size was supposed to be limited to no more than 80 students, often there were as many as 120, all at different age and learning levels, Zuk said.

Although English is the official language of Uganda, Zuk said many

locals still spoke Lusoga, a tonal Bantu language that was mostly spoken by those people indigenous to the Busoga region in southern Uganda. She spoke the Bantu language while buying fruit and vegetables in the markets.

The community in which she lived was predominantly Muslim, so when the 9-11 attacks in New York and Washington occurred, January remembered, "people went out of their way to apologize to me. They were so sorry for what happened. I never felt threatened in any way."

The tradition continues to evolve. One of the most recent Monmouth graduates to join the Peace Corps is 56-year old Nancy Koenig, who received her bachelor's in English in 2003. On May 15, 2007, the Belmar, NJ resident left for Romania to become an English education volunteer. Her work includes developing and teaching high school bilingual programs, as well as working to develop communication, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

"I think it is important to give back," Koenig said, adding that her sister served in Kenya in the 1970s.

The idea of the Peace Corps may sound overly idealistic to some, but in reality, volunteers are making big differences to the lives of people across the globe—whether it be educating people in a remote village about the dangers of AIDS and how it can be treated, or teaching them how to cultivate a crop that will be sustainable for generations to come.

"Peace Corps volunteers return with vast international experience, invaluable work experience, fluency in another language and the opportunity to live and work in a country that others only read about," volunteer January said.

More than 20 years ago at the Peace Corps' 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the John F. Kennedy Library, Sargent Shriver said, "The Peace Corps was a 'Flash of Spirit' for the world in the Sixties. It survived the Seventies. Today electricity is in the air again." **MU**

# celebrating 75 Years

becoming Monmouth College

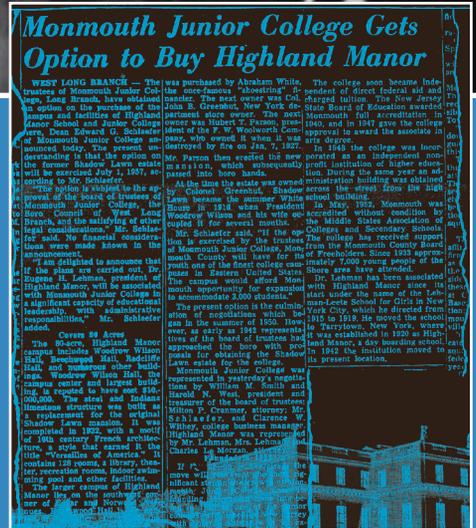
Part 3: 1956 - 1958



Michael Maiden

## Growing Pains

When news of a contract to purchase Shadow Lawn appeared in the *Asbury Park Evening Press*, Monmouth Junior College students were elated. Dean Schlaefer was serenaded with, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," as he emerged from the administration building at 422 Westwood Avenue.



"I remember that rainy night on February 5th," wrote Dean Schlaefer's son Robert '60. "We were 'scattered about' the house on Liberty Street as usual. I am guessing that Mom called us to the living room. Pop was sitting on the couch kind of slouched down and looking worn out, but happy... Monmouth Junior College had obtained an option to buy Shadow Lawn! I remember feeling awed and proud of Pop. All of us knew something big had happened to Monmouth but also to us as a family."

Schlaefer's daughter, Nancy Schlaefer Bruch '58, also remembers that "certain February day that year was the happiest

day of Dad's life. That was the day he could announce to the world that his beloved college had acquired a campus of its own, a campus with an imposing main building and enough auxiliary buildings to meet the college's needs for the present."

MJC students were cheering in Long Branch, but at the nearby Highland Manor campus in West Long Branch, Dr. Eugene Lehman was furious.

### CLASH OF THE TITANS

In a letter written to the Monmouth Junior College Board of Trustees shortly after the announcement, Lehman fumed that in going public with details

of the Shadow Lawn contract, Schlaefer had betrayed years of secret planning between the two men. Both life-long educators were strong-willed and passionate about preserving the dignity of his respective school.

Lehman was 77 years old when the controversy erupted. Without a substantial endowment, Lehman had earlier come to realize his Highland Manor School and Junior College would prob-



ABOVE: EUGENE AND ELIZABETH LEHMAN SIGN THE PAPERS TRANSFERRING TITLE OF SHADOW LAWN TO MONMOUTH COLLEGE. RIGHT: PORTRAIT OF EUGENE LEHMAN AS PRESIDENT OF HIGHLAND MANOR.



ably not long survive him. His best hope for a lasting legacy, he believed, was to affect a spiritual – if not legal – union between the Highland Manor Junior College and Monmouth Junior College.

Lehman, who had run the school since 1928, knew there were near-term issues to resolve so his current crop of students could graduate properly.

Once news of the Shadow Lawn sale was public, the faculty, staff and students quickly evaporated in search of stability. The rapid deterioration of conditions for Highland Manor bumped the originally scheduled purchase date of Shadow Lawn from July 1, 1957 to July 1, 1956.

“Just prior to this date [July 2, 1956], the Highland Manor Junior College had only one student and enrollment in the lower grades had been greatly reduced,” reads the *History of the Acquisition of Shadow Lawn and Beechwood Manor* penned by Bill Smith, Milton Cranmer and Walt Withey.

In his letter to the Board, Lehman

argued that the announcement of the sale had caused the dire circumstances at Highland Manor, rather than the opposite position taken by Smith, Cranmer and Withey, that the sale of Shadow Lawn was predicated by steadily declining enrollment at Highland Manor Junior College. Lehman’s letter also sets forth his unique position in the transaction.

On the one hand, as the President of Highland Manor School, he had an obligation to seek maximum profit for Shadow Lawn. On the other hand, as the incoming President of Monmouth College, he was charged with purchasing the property for as little money as possible. Lehman described himself as both an ethically motivated seller and principled purchaser in the transaction.

Lehman negotiated a sales price of \$350,000, and payments of \$2,500 per year for ten years, for a total of \$375,000.

“Newcomers felt especially grateful to the Lehmans, who had sold the prop-

## Highland Manor Junior College Graduates 32

### Monmouth College Seeks Authority For 4-Year Course

**WEST LONG BRANCH—**Thirty-two students were graduated from Highland Manor school and junior college at its 83d annual commencement here Sunday. Four of the graduates won designation for membership in the National Honor Society of Secondary schools.

Dr. Eugene H. Lehman, Highland Manor president and newly-appointed first president of Monmouth college—which will take over the Shadow Lawn campus in July—conferred the diplomas and presented the awards at the ceremony, held in Wilson hall. The campus was the “summer White house” of the late President Woodrow Wilson.



LEFT, EUGENE LEHMAN LEADS MEMBERS OF THE 1956 GRADUATING CLASS. UPPER RIGHT: LEHMAN ON OPENING DAY AT MONMOUTH COLLEGE JULY 6, 1956. LOWER RIGHT: NANCY SCHLAEFER BRUCH '58, A MEMBER OF MONMOUTH'S FIRST CLASS TO GRADUATE WITH BACHELOR'S DEGREES CONGRATULATED BY HER FATHER, PRESIDENT SCHLAEFER.

erty for substantially less than other offers,” wrote former faculty member Margaret G. Juckett '75, in the 1984 *Shadows* Yearbook.

Another condition of the Shadow Lawn purchase was to name Eugene Lehman as the first president of Monmouth College. Edward Schlaefer, founding dean of Monmouth Junior College, served as executive vice president. The unusual arrangement did little to ease tensions between the two men.

Lehman was no stranger to conflict. Although by all accounts a brilliant scholar and gifted orator, distinct patterns of interpersonal behavior emerge over his long and varied career. In 1912 Henry Morgenthau, Sr., who was later U.S. Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire during World War I, accused Lehman of disloyalty to Rabbi Stephen

Wise of the Free Synagogue.

As the mayor of Tarrytown, NY in the early 1930s, Lehman ran on a platform of reform, but was ousted two years later. Even in 1958, writing to the *New York Times* as president emeritus of Monmouth College, he generated controversy suggesting northern schools didn't possess the moral authority to criticize segregation in the South.

With the move in 1956, Lehman remained on his home turf, and Schlaefer was the now interloper. Lehman had occupied Shadow Lawn since 1942 and been the head of a Junior College since 1928, after establishing a boarding school in 1920. At 78, Lehman was Monmouth College's first president and remained a powerful personality.

Monmouth Junior College's founding dean and head since 1933, but technically, Monmouth College's *second* president.

### FIRST FOUR-YEAR DEGREES

Monmouth's first class of bachelors graduated June 7, 1958. According to the June 4, 1958 *Outlook*, the class included “65 candidates for the bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees, the first four-year graduates in Monmouth College's history.”

Among the members of the historic class were Schlaefer's daughter, Nancy Schlaefer Bruch, and Long Branch Commissioner of Public Safety Rocco N. “Rocky” Bonforte. Bonforte was the subject of local media interest, partly because he was a non-traditional student, and partly for his strong public advocacy of the importance of higher education.

Bonforte, a 47 year-old father of two, took on a full academic load while directing the Long Branch police and fire departments, and keeping active

# Eugene H. Lehman

The first president of Monmouth College, Dr. Eugene Heitler Lehman, was a man of contradictions. He left a legacy of outstanding achievement, and very human failings. A graduate and later a faculty member of Yale, Lehman was a religious scholar and the author or co-author of several textbooks. Lehman was also an early environmentalist, and a pioneer in the 20th century American outdoor camping movement.

"He was a strong personality," his son Godfrey said in a 1998 interview. "I developed my own personality to get away from his...I couldn't live with his very dominating personality."

Lehman attended the University of Colorado for one year before transferring to Yale as a sophomore in 1899. "He wasn't the first Jew at Yale, but if you were Jewish and went there, your grades had to be very good," said his oldest son, Eugene Lehman, in a 1998 interview. At Yale, Lehman distinguished himself as an intercollegiate debater, winning the Ten Eyck, De Forest and Townsend prizes. He was also a member of the freshman baseball team.

In 1903, *Munsey's Magazine* hailed Lehman as America's first Rhodes Scholar. But a *New York Times* article dated February 4, 1903 sheds more light on the situation, explaining that the scholarship announcement was "premature." Despite a 1904 certificate from Oxford University exempting him from further examinations, Lehman never attended Oxford.

"A reference from Yale in 1906 noted that he was beyond the age limit," wrote Chris Woodka in a 1998 article about Lehman published in *The Pueblo Chieftain*.

Lehman traveled to Europe, obtaining a scholarship to the University of Berlin. In 1910 he returned to the States and earned his master's degree from Yale.

Already a prized orator who exuded confidence and strong opinions, Lehman gave religious lectures around New York City, took postgraduate courses at both Columbia and Yale and worked for Rabbi Steven Wise at the Free Synagogue. The rabbi, for whom the Free Synagogue is now named, introduced Lehman to his first wife, Madeline Davidsburg. Lehman and Davidsburg married secretly in 1912.

At the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Lehman studied and taught English literature. He was expelled after openly criticizing fellow students and faculty mem-

bers for their hypocrisy. This experience would establish a pattern of behavior he followed during much of his career.

With his first wife Madeline and her sister Estelle, Lehman ran a nature camp for girls in New York City's Central Park and then the Highland Nature Camp for Girls on a 75-acre site at Lake Sebago in southern Maine. Lehman, who always had a love of the outdoors and camping, was its director.

But education was where he always seemed to return. In 1915 Lehman was named co-owner of the Lehman-Leete School for Girls in New York City, a country day school Lehman later moved to Tarrytown and renamed the Highland Manor Boarding School for Girls in 1920.

It became Highland Manor Junior College in 1928, the first school of its kind in New York State. Three years later he was elected mayor of Tarrytown at the age of 53, an honor that was soured by the death of his wife on December 1 the same year. Lehman was defeated in the next election two years later.

The 1930s proved to be a turning point for Lehman. In 1938 he married his second wife, Elizabeth Novitzky Meyer. The same year he was named president of the Westchester Branch of the Hudson River Conservation Society.

All the while, Lehman's Highland Manor school prospered, educating such notables as Lauren Bacall, *née* Betty Joan Perske. In her 2005 book, *By Myself and Then Some*, Bacall recounts dancing and performing during her last year at Highland Manor, when it was still located in Tarrytown, NY.

In 1942 Lehman moved the Highland Manor School and Junior College to the Shadow Lawn Estate in West Long Branch. In *West Long Branch Revisited* Helen Pike



EUGENE LEHMAN IN *MUNSEY'S MAGAZINE*, 1903.

notes the greater Long Branch area had a growing German-Jewish population that was both religiously and culturally vibrant.

"One night, after they wined and dined my father," remembered Lehman's son Eugene, "they asked him, 'Oh, would you like to make an offer?'"

"He had gone there to make a ridiculously low offer of \$200,000. But in front of all those people, he said '\$100,000.' He was surprised when they shook his hand and accepted it," Eugene recalled.

Highland Manor and Junior College operated on the Shadow Lawn Estate for the next 14 years, until 1956 when Monmouth Junior College, running out of room in the Long Branch High School, came calling. Lehman sold the property with the stipulation that he become the college's first president.

Lehman died August 21, 1972, at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch. He was 94. His daughter, Carol, was quoted as saying at his funeral, "Sometimes we failed one another deeply, but he loved me...He was a unique force upon the earth. He lived to a fine old age with vitality, humor and devastating charm...He lived with his own brand of strength, courage and idealism."



ELIZABETH AND EUGENE LEHMAN IN AN UNDATED HIGHLAND MANOR STAFF PORTRAIT.

## Welcome to Monmouth College

With the move to Shadow Lawn announced and accreditation to award bachelor's degrees on the horizon, students and administrators were keenly aware that Monmouth Junior College was about to change dramatically. An editorial in the May 5, 1955 issue of *The Outlook* called for help in the transformation.

"The time has come to think of a new name for Monmouth Junior College. The editorial board of *The Outlook* wishes the cooperation of all students so that it may suggest to the college administration and board of trustees names that will be best suited to the new college!

The editors suggested a number of new names, cheerfully observing, "There is a Monmouth College in Illinois." The new name "should capture public imagination in our area and elsewhere; a new name should be easily remembered, and expressive of the kind of college we want Monmouth to be." Alternative naming possibilities included:

Monmouth Community College	Monmouth Institute	New Jersey College
Monmouth College of New Jersey	College of Monmouth	Atlantic College
College of the Atlantic	Jersey Shore College	College of the Jersey Shore
Garden College	College of the Garden State	

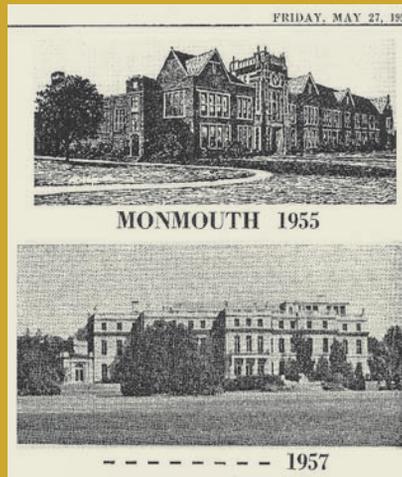
Several of the suggestions have since been adopted by other schools. The name *Atlantic College* was taken in 1962 by an organization based in Wales, UK, while a *College of the Atlantic* was founded in Bar Harbor, ME in 1969.

In retrospect, Monmouth College seems the *least* likely of all choices, especially because the Illinois-based Monmouth College had already been using the name for more than 100 years in 1956.

Founded in 1853 by Presbyterian pioneers, Monmouth College of Illinois is a nationally ranked liberal arts college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). One of the first colleges to treat women and men equally, Monmouth today has an enrollment of about 1,350 undergraduate students, with neither graduate nor professional schools.

Even the name Monmouth University has a prior claimant. Western Oregon University was originally founded as Monmouth University on Jan. 18, 1856, seven years after the Territorial Government of Oregon was established in 1849.

The antebellum Monmouth University shared space with a congregation in a 20x30 foot building. In 1856, Monmouth University merged with nearby Bethel College, and changed its name to Christian College. The school, which has had several more name-changes since, celebrated its 150th birthday in 2006.



50 YEARS AGO: JUNE 12, 1958. ROCCO N. "ROCKY" BONFORTE '58 GRADUATES ON THE SAME DAY HIS DAUGHTER, MARY, GRADUATES FROM OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL. ( L-R: MARY ANN, 13, ROCCO 47, CAROL LYNN 11, AND ANGELINE BONFORTE).

in the local Amerigo Vespucci Society, Knights of Columbus, first aid squad and Police Athletic League. Despite the hectic schedule Bonforte was named to Lambda Sigma Tau, the leadership society of Monmouth College.

With the acquisition of the Shadow Lawn campus and the ability to confer bachelor's degrees, Monmouth had turned a major corner. Marking its first quarter century in 1958, the school had come a long way in a short time from the confines of the Long Branch High School.

But rapid growth meant change, and before the year was out, the campus would hear what *The Outlook* described on December 11, 1958 as "the roar of growing pains." **MU**



SEAL OF MONMOUTH COLLEGE, ILLINOIS, FOUNDED IN 1853

Older still is the UK-based Monmouth School, a public school for boys in southeast Wales. Founded by William Jones under King James I in 1614, the school is administered under trust of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers, one of 108 Livery Companies, or trade associations, based in the City of London.



# Kislak Real Estate Institute's 15th Annual Leadership Excellence Award

2007 HONOREE CHARLES F. LOWREY PRESENTS AWARD TO CARL J. GOLDBERG.



**Carl J. Goldberg** was honored at the 15th annual Leadership Excellence Award Dinner hosted by the Kislak Real Estate Institute on June 11. Goldberg is co-founder and managing partner of Roseland Property Company in Short Hills.

**D**uring his tenure at Roseland, he has been responsible for overseeing its redevelopment efforts in some of New Jersey's most important urban locations, including Port Imperial, their flagship endeavor along the Hudson River Waterfront.

Mr. Goldberg is also chairman of the 14-member Board of Commissioners of the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA). The Authority oversees the Meadowlands Sports Complex, consisting of Giants Stadium, IZOD Center, and the Meadowlands Racetrack.

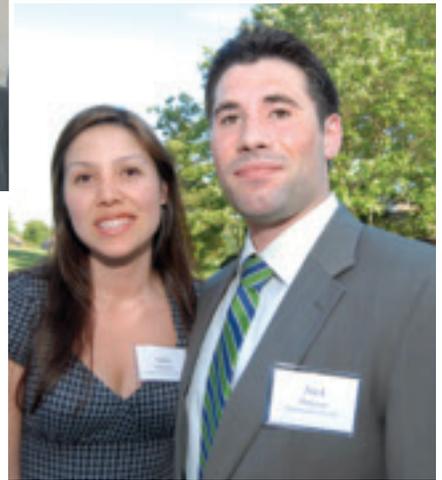
Since becoming chairman in 2003, his tenure has included successful negotiations to construct a \$1.4 billion football stadium jointly owned by the Giants and Jets, extending mass transit rail service to the Meadowlands, hosting the 2007 Breeders' Cup races at Monmouth Park, and construction of the 4.8 million-square-foot Xanadu shopping and entertain-

ment complex being built next to the IZOD Center.

"No one man has ever done more to bring major league sports, concerts, and entertainment to the citizens of the state of New Jersey than Carl Goldberg," said Jerold L. Zaro, Esq. of Ansell, Zaro, Grim & Aaron. Zaro, a member of the Institute Advisory Council, described Goldberg "as a giant in our industry."

Mr. Goldberg's career in real estate began as a project manager for the development of single-family homes with Betram Associates, a prominent regional homebuilder. At Betram, he also served as project manager for Hasting Square, the first planned unit development in Morris County.

Mr. Goldberg serves on the Board of Deborah Hospital and is past president of the Community Builders' Association. He has been an active member of the National Association of Homebuilders since 1984.



**TOP LEFT:** HONORARY CHAIRMAN STEVEN J. POZYCKI '73, JOSEPH BONNER OF PRUDENTIAL REAL ESTATE INVESTORS, AND 1999 HONOREE CHARLES KLATSKIN. **TOP RIGHT:** DR. DONALD M. MOLIVER (RIGHT) PRESENTS UNIVERSITY CHAIR TO STEVEN POZYCKI. **CENTER:** DR. MOLIVER AND CARL GOLDBERG. **BOTTOM:** GINA MELICOR '06M AND NICK PRISCOE '08.

Dr. Donald Moliver, director of the Kislak Real Estate Institute, took a moment at the beginning of the ceremony to mark the passing of Bill Read of General Land Abstract. Lifting his arm in salute, Moliver said, “He was a giant in the industry, and a hell of a great guy.” Moliver also noted that Read was a founding member of the Institute.

The Leadership Excellence Award was presented to Goldberg by Charles F. Lowrey, Chief Executive Officer of Prudential Real Estate Investors. Lowrey was the recipient of the 2007 Leadership Excellence Award. Past honorees joining Lowrey at the dinner were Steven J. Pozzycki '73, Charles Klatskin, Mitchell Hersh, Patrick Murphy, and Emmanuel Stern.

Accepting the award, Goldberg said being included among the list of previous winners was a humbling experience. “It really is a Who’s Who of the real estate industry in the state of New Jersey, and it genuinely is a privilege for me to be forever part of that list.”

Goldberg described the Leadership Excellence Award Dinner as “the single most important networking event for the industry taking place on an annual basis.”

“That says volumes about what the University has achieved,” he said.

“This University has established itself as a true leader in training people with a sense of professionalism that is so sorely needed as we attempt to deal with all of the regulatory, housing, and retail issues associated with this industry in the state of New Jersey going forward,” he added.

President Gaffney presented Steven J. Pozzycki, Honorary Chairman of the dinner, with a traditional black Monmouth University captain’s chair in honor of the Steven and Elaine Pozzycki Professorship in Real Estate Studies. The Pozzycki Chair was the first established at the Institute.

Master of Ceremonies Peter S. Reinhardt took a moment to remind the assembled power players that the reason for the dinner was to provide financial support for the Institute and that there were numerous students being trained. Reinhardt announced the roster of recent graduates as the assembled crowd applauded.

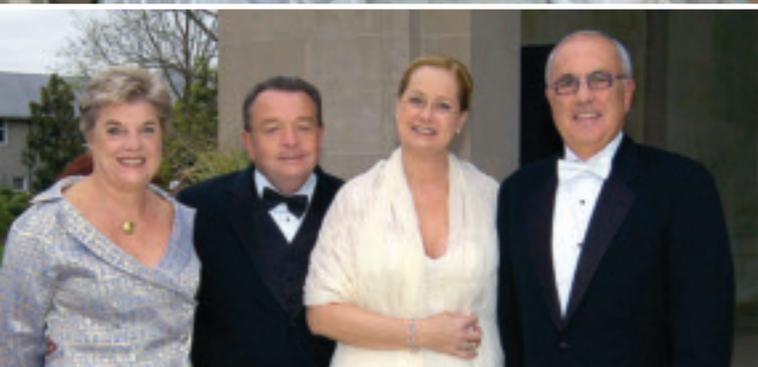
Two noteworthy graduates at the event were Gina Melicor '06M, who was the first MBA student to graduate with a concentration in Real Estate, and Nick Priscoe '08, the first Hawk with an undergraduate degree with a

concentration in Real Estate.

Since becoming the first academic program of its kind in New Jersey, the Kislak Real Estate Institute has served as a resource for the public and private sectors. The Institute continues to expand its leadership role in education, offering a pilot program for real estate certification co-sponsored by CB Richard Ellis in Saddle Brook and at the Legal Center in Newark.

A campaign to establish the Arthur and Dorothy Greenbaum Endowed Professorship focused on real estate policy issues including such topics as eminent domain, sustainable growth, and affordable housing is underway. The Institute is also planning a Golf Invitational for October 16. Contact Theresa Lowy, Associate Director of the Kislak Real Estate Institute, at 732-571-4412 for more details. **MU**

# 25<sup>th</sup> Scholarship Ball



Wilson Hall was again the venue for an elegant evening event seamlessly blending good works and glamour.

The Scholarship Ball was the capstone event for an ambitious plan to commemorate Monmouth's 75th anniversary by raising 75 new scholarships for deserving students. Ball Chair Jim Hickey HN '07 was the force behind the "75 for the 75th" campaign to establish the \$1,000 scholarships for the 2008-2009 anniversary academic year.

The effort was a resounding success, with more than 81 scholarships committed before the gala, and an additional \$14,000 raised at the event which grossed nearly \$300,000, including the \$97,000 raised for the "75 for the 75th" drive.

The one-year scholarships are named to commemorate the donor, or in the name of someone honored by the donor. John A. Chimento '71, owner of the Sands Beach Club in Sea Bright,

funded the "I wish I could spend my summer at the Beach" Scholarship and its logical partner, the "You need that Degree" Scholarship.

Each scholarship donor is automatically a member of the President's Society - supporters who contribute \$1,000 or more during the calendar year. Donors will be invited to the annual Scholarship Reception in the fall, where they will have the opportunity to meet their scholarship recipients.

The reception is an often emotional

TOP: LIVING STATUES ON THE GRAND STAIRCASE. LEFT: COMMITTEE CHAIR BARBARA RUMSBY, TRUSTEES ROBERT RUMSBY AND DR. MARCIA CLEVER, SCHOLARSHIP BALL CHAIR JIM HICKEY HN'07. RIGHT: AUCTION DONOR GEORGE KOLBER.

event for students and donors who experience the human side of philanthropy.

Almost \$45,000 of the total funds were raised at the live auction, exceeded by Dr. Eugene Simko, associate professor in the School of Business Administration, with enthusiastic assistance from Hickey, an award-winning ABC News Radio national correspondent. Loretta Huddy, winner of the 2006 Volunteer of the Year award, was Chair of the auction.

Excitement moved like a jolt of electricity through the crowd as bidding for a private dinner prepared by celebrity chef David Burke soared upward - with final bidding for the



**TOP:** 2008 SCHOLARSHIP BALL COMMITTEE. **MIDDLE:** ROBERT AND JOAN RECHNITZ ENJOY GALLERY OF MONMOUTH MEMORABILIA. **BOTTOM LEFT:** CAROL STILLWELL. **TOP RIGHT:** JIM HICKEY HN'07 POSES WITH PAN. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** COMMITTEE CHAIR LORETTA HUDDY.

exclusive meal settling at \$21,000.

Burke, a leading pioneer in American cooking, is the culinary artist-entrepreneur behind David Burke Fromagerie in Rumson, New York-based davidburke & donatella and David Burke at Bloomingdale's and the Chicago steakhouse, David Burke's Primehouse.

Consistent with past scholarship balls, a raffle was held for two round-trip tickets to an exotic destination. Continental Airlines provided tickets to Greece, with accommodations sponsored by the Barmham Group. Raffle winner William F. Cerra '98, '01M, was selected at random by Senior Class President Maria Mereos, a first generation Greek-American.

As the birthplace of education, ancient Greece was deemed an appropriate theme to commemorate Monmouth's 75th anniversary as an institution of higher learning.

Living statues – actors from the Barbizon school in Red Bank – wore classically draped white robes. With alabaster skin and silvery hair they emulated the Classical Greek statues that inspired the Romans, and continue to serve as ideals of art and human beauty to the present day.

The silent performers, almost as unflappable as guards at the Buckingham Palace, held court at the "Temple of the Mimes," a custom-built portico located in the Versailles Room. They also mingled among guests during the cocktail hour, lending an artistic and interactive element to the evening celebration.

Wilson Hall, far from Monmouth's humble roots in the Long Branch High School, was temporarily adorned with Grecian-themed statuary, including a gilded life-size replica of *Winged Victory*, a third century B.C. marble sculpture of the Greek goddess Nike at the top of the grand staircase.

The striking replica was scouted and obtained thanks to the efforts of Committee Chair Barbara Rumsby. Although the original has been prominently displayed at the Louvre since 1884, another replica of the sculpture was displayed on the same staircase during the production

# 75 for the 75th Scholarship Roster

of the 1982 film, *Annie*.

Embellishing the already historical setting were photos and mementos collected from alumni in the "Gallery of the Hawk." A photo display highlighting moments from Monmouth's history accompanied the custom-staged array of mementos and artifacts gathered by History co-chairs Marilyn (Egolf) Rocky '65 and Annie (Shapiro) Swartz '95.

While some of the items gathered by Rocky and Swartz were returned to their owners after the event, their call for Monmouth memorabilia yielded several permanent donations for the University Archives. The University welcomes ongoing contributions from alumni to preserve important artifacts from our history.

Celebration of Monmouth's 75th anniversary continues October 8 at Founder's Day, Homecoming on October 25, and Commencement exercises scheduled for late May. Additional scholarships for the 75 for 75th effort are always welcome. To sponsor a scholarship before the end of the anniversary year, please contact Jeff Mills, vice president for University Advancement, at (732) 571-3411 for more information. **MU**



Maureen Bay '75, owner of Fairhaven-based Gem of an Idea, helped commemorate Monmouth's 75th Anniversary in a special way. Bay designed and created 400 limited-edition sterling silver amulets which were given to each guest at the 25th Annual Scholarship Ball.

Maureen began her education in 1970 at Monmouth College where she discovered her two loves—the Arts and her future husband Bill Bay '72. After graduating in 1975, Maureen used her creative and practical foundation from Monmouth to establish her own jewelry business.

ABC News	James P. Hickey Scholarship
Alumni Association	Alumni Association 75th Anniversary Scholarship
Amedeo, Jerry	Camp Harmony Scholarship
Anonymous	Paul and Linda Gaffney Scholarship
Anzell Zarro Law Firm	Ansell Zarro Grimm & Aaron Foundation
Bailey, Barrie	Petterson Family Scholarship
Barlow, Jim	The Robert & Mary Frances Barlow Memorial Scholarship
Bathgate, Lawrence E., II	Scholarship in Honor of Joel Geisler
Bellezza, Frank	Bellezza Family Scholarship
Benedetto, Christian	Suzy and Christian M. Benedetto, Jr.
Benedetto, Mike & Stephanie	Mike & Stephanie Benedetto Scholarship
Benn, Judith	Judith Benn Scholarship
Bowman, Elizabeth	Elizabeth Lovell Bowman
Brockreide, John	Brockreide Family Scholarship
Broege, Marilyn	The Broege Family Scholarship
Bruckmann, Charlotte	The Bruckmann Family Scholarship
Brunetti Foundation	The Brunetti Foundation Scholarship
Buell, Jeffery	Jeffery R. Buell '71 & Sara Buell
Burke, David	David Burke Fromagerie Scholarship
Buzza, John	Buzza Family Scholarship
Callandrillo, Jim	Jim and Gail Callandrillo Scholarship
Carpenter, Jim and Shirley	Stuart R. Deans Memorial Scholarship
Chimento, John (Sands Beach Club)	"You need that degree" Scholarship
Chimento, John (Sands Beach Club)	"I wish I could spend my summer at the Beach" Scholarship
Christopher, Michael	The Christopher Family Scholarship
Clerico, James	The Clerico-Faust Scholarship
CNA Foundation	CNA Foundation Scholarship
Cook, Christopher, Penny & Sandy	Betty Jane Cook Memorial Scholarship
Cosentino, Mary & Jay	Mary & Jay Cosentino Scholarship
Datta, Rehka	Rehka Datta Scholarship
Deutsche Bank	Deutsche Bank Scholarship
Deutsche Bank	Deutsche Bank Scholarship
Doherty, Paul & Diane	Paul & Diane Doherty Scholarship
Dragos, Ernie	Ernie Dragos '61 Scholarship
Fell, Gill & Janet	Fell Philosophy Scholarship
Fontenelli, Jeff	Fontenelli Family Scholarship
Gaffney, Paul & Linda	Paul and Linda Gaffney Scholarship
H2L2	H2L2 Scholarship
Haas, John & Deborah	John & Deborah Haas Scholarship
Hale, Nathan	Nathan and Ann Hale Scholarship
Hammer, Lois	Peter and Lois Hammer Scholarship
Hesse Companies	Charles J. Hesse III Scholarship
Hickey, James & Clever, Marcia	Marcia Sue Clever Scholarship
Janice & J. David Hiers '97	Hiers Family Scholarship
Hirsch, Todd	Todd Hirsch Scholarship
Hovnanian Family	The Kevork & Sirwart Hovnanian Family Foundation
Huntsman, Paul	The Huntsman Family Scholarship
Jacobs, Kathie & Nathan	The Nathan & Kathie Jacobs Scholarship
Kaeli, Fred & Jean	Fred & Jean Kaeli Scholarship
Kaeli, Fred & Jean	Fred & Jean Kaeli Scholarship
Karger, Jeffrey	Devra & Jeffrey Karger Scholarship
Keith, Alan	Alan Keith Scholarship
Keith, John	Keith Family Scholarship
Kessler, John & Henni	Henni & John Kessler
Koutzoulis, Irene	Cindy Lopez
Kryllios, Susan & Joe	Kryllios Family Scholarship
Kulynych, Mykhaylo	Mykhaylo & Pauline Kulynych Scholarship
Lane, Joyce and Philip	Joyce and Philip Lane Scholarship
Larrison, Dennis & Deborah	Dennis & Deborah Larrison
Martin, Christopher	Christopher & Nicolette Martin
Mast, Gordon	Andrea K. DeSarno Scholarship
McCarthy, Barbara	Joe & Barbara McCarthy Scholarship
McDermott, Bruce	Bruce & Darryl McDermott Scholarship
McDuffie, Jim	Promenade Beach Club Scholarship
Michelli, Thomas	Michelli Family Scholarship
Mills, Jeff & Tammy	Mills Family Scholarship
Musorrafitti, Francesco	Angelina C. Musorrafitti Scholarship
Nagy, Mary Anne & Greg	Nagy and Gaul Family Scholarship
New Jersey Natural Gas	New Jersey Natural Gas Scholarship
Glenn & Laura Pabst, Carol & Gordon Stillwell	The Pabst Family
Paccillo, Family	Thomas J. Paccillo Memorial Scholarship
Paparella, Maureen	Dr. James G. Sheehan Scholarship
Parton Charlie and Trudy	Charlie and Trudy Parton Scholarship Fund
Patti, John	John and Maureen Patti Scholarship
Penta, Carmen	Carmen & Rosemary Penta
Piscatelli, Jeana & Drew	The Piscatelli Family Scholarship
Rechnitz, Joan & Robert	Joan & Robert Rechnitz Scholarship
Rumsby, Bob & Barbara	Francis W. Shalvey
Schleig, Patricia	Ferrara Schleig Scholarship
Simko, Gene	The John and Helen Simko Scholarship
Spector, Bill & Lyn	Spector Family Scholarship
Gordon & Carol Stillwell, Glenn & Laura Pabst	Marie Radonisky
Swannack, Patti & Bob	Patti & Robert Swannack Scholarship
Sy Syms Foundation	Marcy Syms Scholarship
Trammel, Webster	Webster Trammel, Sr. Scholarship
Unilever	Unilever Scholarship
Unterberg, Ann & Tom	Ann and Tom Unterberg Scholarship
Wachovia	Wachovia Scholarship
Wachovia	Wachovia Scholarship
Walter, Irene & Richard	Irene & Ricahrd Walter Scholarship
Wells Fargo	Wells Fargo Scholarship

# 2008 SPORTS SCHEDULES

## FIELD HOCKEY

DAY/DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Wed., Aug. 20	LEHIGH UNIVERSITY (Scrimmage)	HOME	12:00 NOON
Fri., Aug. 29	La Salle University	Away	4:00 PM
Sun., Aug. 31	VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY	HOME	12:00 NOON
Sat., Sep. 6	COLGATE UNIVERSITY	HOME	4:00 PM
Sun., Sep. 7	WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY	HOME	1:30 PM
Sat., Sep. 13	University of Maine @ Univ of Vermont	Away	2:00 PM
Sun., Sep. 14	University of Vermont	Away	2:00 PM
Wed., Sep. 24	Lafayette College	Away	7:00 PM
Sat., Sep. 27	Appalachian State University @ Davidson College	Away	1:00 PM
Sun., Sep. 28	Davidson College	Away	12:30 PM
Wed., Oct. 1	VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY	HOME	4:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 5	UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE	HOME	12:00 NOON
Fri., Oct. 10	*QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY	HOME	4:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 12	*Sacred Heart University	Away	12:00 NOON
Fri., Oct. 17	*ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY	HOME	4:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 19	*ST. FRANCIS UNIVERSITY (PA)	HOME	12:00 NOON
Fri., Oct. 24	*Lock Haven University	Away	4:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 26	*Siena College	Away	12:00 NOON
Fri., Oct. 31	*Rider University	Away	4:00 PM
Fri., Nov. 7	NEC Championships	TBA	TBA
Sat., Nov. 8	NEC Championship	TBA	TBA

\*Northeast Conference Games

Head Coach: Carli Figlio

Assistant Coaches: Jillian DiSanti and Maggie Long

## FOOTBALL

DAY/DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sat., Aug. 30	University of Rhode Island	Away	1:00 PM
Sat., Sep. 6	UNIVERSITY OF MAINE	HOME	1:00 PM
Sat., Sep. 13	COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY	HOME	1:00 PM
Sat., Sep. 20	Bryant University	Away	1:00 PM
Sat., Sep. 27	*Robert Morris University	Away	1:00 PM
Sat., Oct. 4*ST.	FRANCIS UNIVERSITY (PA)	HOME	1:00 PM
Sat., Oct. 11	*Wagner College	Away	1:00 PM
Sat., Oct. 25	*CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY	HOME	1:00 PM
Sat., Nov. 1	*University at Albany	Away	1:00 PM
Sat., Nov. 8	*SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY	HOME	1:00 PM
Sat., Nov. 15	*Duquesne University	Away	1:00 PM

\*Northeast Conference Game

Head Coach: Kevin Callahan

Assistant: Andy Bobik, Scott Van Zile, Brian

Gabriel, Chris Damian, Jeff Gallo, Larry

Zdilla, Matt O'Connor, Terence Archer and Jeremy Edwards



## MEN'S SOCCER

DAY/DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Wed., Aug. 20	MERCER COUNTY COLLEGE (Scrimmage)	HOME	1:00 PM
Sat., Aug. 23	ALUMNI GAME (Scrimmage)	HOME	1:00 PM
Fri., Aug. 29	Seton Hall University	Away	7:00 PM
Sun., Aug. 31	FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY	HOME	1:00 PM
Thu., Sep. 11	Syracuse University	Away	7:00 PM
Sun., Sep. 14	RIDER UNIVERSITY	HOME	2:00 PM
Wed., Sep. 17	University of Delaware	Away	7:00 PM
Thu., Sep. 25	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	HOME	3:00 PM
Sun., Sep. 28	LA SALLE UNIVERSITY	HOME	2:00 PM
Wed., Oct. 1	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	HOME	3:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 5	ST. PETER'S COLLEGE	HOME	2:00 PM
Fri., Oct. 10	*ST. FRANCIS UNIVERSITY (PA)	HOME	3:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 12	*ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY	HOME	1:00 PM
Sat., Oct. 18	*Mount St. Mary's University	Away	1:00 PM
Fri., Oct. 24	*St. Francis College (NY)	Away	3:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 26	*Long Island University	Away	1:00 PM
Fri., Oct. 31	*SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY	HOME	3:00 PM
Sun., Nov. 2	*FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY	HOME	2:00 PM
Fri., Nov. 7	*Quinnipiac University	Away	3:00 PM
Sun., Nov. 9	*Central Connecticut State University	Away	1:00 PM
Fri., Nov. 14	NEC Championships	TBA	TBA
Sun., Nov. 16	NEC Championship	TBA	TBA

\*Northeast Conference Game

Head Coach: Robert McCourt

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

DAY/DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sat., Aug. 23	St. Joseph's University (Scrimmage)	Away	1:00 PM
Sun., Aug. 31	Rider University	Away	1:00 PM
Fri., Sep. 5	LAFAYETTE COLLEGE	HOME	4:00 PM
Sun., Sep. 7	Rutgers University	Away	7:00 PM
Fri., Sep. 12	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Away	4:30 PM
Sun., Sep. 14	IONA COLLEGE	HOME	12:00 NOON
Fri., Sep. 19	Lehigh University	Away	7:00 PM
Sun., Sep. 21	LA SALLE UNIVERSITY	HOME	1:00 PM
Tue., Sep. 23	Seton Hall University	Away	7:00 PM
Sun., Sep. 28	ST. PETER'S COLLEGE	HOME	12:00 NOON
Fri., Oct. 3	*SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY	HOME	3:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 5	*FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY	HOME	12:00 NOON
Fri., Oct. 10	*Quinnipiac University	Away	3:30 PM
Sun., Oct. 12	*Central Connecticut State University	Away	1:00 PM
Fri., Oct. 17	*ST. FRANCIS UNIVERSITY (PA)	HOME	3:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 19	*ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY	HOME	1:00 PM
Sat., Oct. 25	*Mount St. Mary's University	Away	12:00 NOON
Fri., Oct. 31	*Wagner College	Away	3:00 PM
Sun., Nov. 2	*Long Island University	Away	1:00 PM
Fri., Nov. 7	NEC Championships	TBA	TBA
Sun., Nov. 9	NEC Championship	TBA	TBA

\*Northeast Conference Game

Head Coach: Kristine Turner

Assistant Coach: Bonnie Young, Harvey Meldrum

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# Greg Mescall '03

## ➤ BLOGGING FROM



Greg Mescall '03 traveled to Beijing as Press Officer for the United States Olympic Committee. Greg is the media relations manager for USA Water Polo in Huntington Beach, CA. Water Polo is the first Olympic sport to locate its governing body's national headquarters in California. He manages day-to-day media relations for both the men's and women's teams, and has become a recognizable figure in the Water Polo community.

The full text of his entertaining blog, *Greetings from Beijing*, can be found at <http://gregmescall.blogspot.com>. Greg kindly allowed the Monmouth University Magazine to print a digest of highlights from his adventures at the Olympics.



## XXIX SUMMER OLYMPICS



Tuesday, August 5, 2008

### I HAVE ARRIVED

I made it to China...the driving in Beijing makes New York City look like a one-horse town. In a taxi today, the driver was in the far right lane of a three lane road that was going north and south. He needed to go south so rather than find a good place to turn around, he just ripped across the two lanes to his left and hopped back on the other side heading South. The interesting thing is nobody seemed to notice. I think driving out here is like bumper cars - only they are trying to get as close as possible to each other without hitting.



Wednesday, August 6, 2008

### WU-MART CLAN

Hello from the future...the whole plus 15 hour (west coast) 12 hour (east coast) continues to throw me off but I am starting to get the hang of it...I made my first trip to Wu-Mart which despite its awesome name had nothing to do with the Wu-Tang Clan or any of the Shaolin Shadow Boxers, not even a memorial for the late ODB.

Thursday, August 7, 2008

## MEDIA MADNESS/OPENING CEREMONIES COMING UP



..I think some languages if you were to just hear them a lot you might pick up on it, I don't believe Mandarin to be one of these languages.

A few branches of NBC came through...they were there to interview Brenda Villa and Patty Cardenas...two players from the same club team in Commerce, California. In Commerce the majority of the population [is] Mexican-American and Brenda and Patty are no different. They both played for the Commerce club, and their parents happen to be from the same small town in Mexico. Small world or what? They are also only a handful of Mexican-Americans in the Olympics representing the United States so they have become a pretty big deal.

It's a big day around here. Opening ceremonies are tonight. The official kickoff to the games is only hours away...

Friday, August 8, 2008

## PRETTY AMAZING

It is pretty late and I am pretty tired having just got back from the opening ceremonies. I want to give everyone at home a chance to see it so I won't ruin it by giving away the details now. This does give me the chance to submit a small post in the style of the telegram from *It's a Wonderful Life*.

Opening Ceremonies were awesome - Stop!

Lots of cool fireworks and a chance to see over 200 hundred countries represented - Stop!

Team USA looked pretty good in their official outfit for the occasion - Stop!

Saturday, August 9, 2008

## OPENING CEREMONIES RECAP AND MUCH MUCH MORE

I can tell you it was unlike anything I have ever seen. Take the best 4th of July fireworks display you have ever witnessed and multiply it by about 100. Now do the same for the best choreographed show you have ever seen...It is basically impossible to explain this event. The lighting of the torch, once we got everyone to the party was pretty sweet.

Getting everyone there reminded me of the really long

introductions of *Wrestlemania*. Especially say, *Wrestlemania XI* in Toronto, where they had a real long aisle, it took guys forever to get to the ring...Just great stuff, and it was capped off by another display of fireworks that makes the show in Red Bank, NJ look like somebody lit one sparkler and called it a night.

...Inside the stadium it was hot - talk about 91,000 people working up a nice lather. After a while you stop saying to the person next you, "it's hot" and just enjoy the complimentary weight loss...

Sunday, August 10, 2008

## COUGH, COUGH, COUGH

It seems as if most people I encounter are dealing with some type of cough or cold these days. I have taken to calling it the "Beijing Cough," as that is kind of "catchy"...Today for the first time in China I walked outside and was not punched in the face with humidity, it was actually cool out with a slight breeze... Apparently it rained pretty good last night, and that led to a nice cool morning. This was short lived, as by afternoon the heat had returned and people were sweating like they were in a *Naughty by Nature* video.

En route to the men's game I made my first foray into the Olympic Village...It's like an entire civilization all on its own. Remember at the end of that Will Smith movie, *I Am Legend*, where they finally make it to the "safe zone," and open these huge wooden doors - and it's just this bustling community? That is what this was like...People from all various countries walking around and mingling, interviews being conducted and shuttles going back and forth.

Monday, August 11, 2008

## DOWN TO THE WIRE!



A big win for the women's team tonight as they battled all night long with a Chinese team - eventually winning 12-11. USA was up, they were down, they were tied, and every fan in the Ying Tung Natatorium got their Yuan's worth.

...A new goal is to get my photo with all of the ridiculous mascots they have here...They can't run real fast so once I'm in the vicinity it should be like fish in a barrel.



Tuesday, August 12, 2008

## A NEW LOOK AND ANOTHER VICTORY



It was “game day” once again, and for those not in the know, it will be “game day” for the foreseeable future as the [men’s and women’s] teams alternate every day. Today the men took on Italy - Team USA was able to pull away victorious with a 12-11 win (oddly the exact score of the women’s game last night) and get off to a great start at 2-0. More detailed info at [usawaterpolo.org](http://usawaterpolo.org)

...Exciting things from women’s practice today – rumor was that former President George Bush senior or “Bush41,” as he gets referred to around here was going to stop by practice. As I was making my way over to the pool I saw the cavalcade of police cars and limos and immediately thought, “must be Burt Reynolds or something.” It was not, it was the *man* himself. I headed on down to the pool ahead of his entourage; he rolls deep about 20 in his crew.

President Bush was very nice and came to the pool deck and shook everyone’s hand. He then went over and talked with the team, he even tried on a water polo cap (it was wet, he is a trooper), and then the whole team got out and took pictures with him.

Wednesday, August 13, 2008

## FIRST LOSS OF THE GAMES

I guess it had to happen eventually; Team USA had their first loss of the games as the men fell to Serbia 4-2 in a tight battle...Next up for the men will be Croatia, and things will not be any easier. Croatia has been smacking teams around thus far at the Olympics...They are the “Biff Tannen” of these Olympics and we, dare I say, are the “Marty McFlys.” We will see what happens on Saturday. But remember, Biff, “nobody calls me chicken.” I’ll be back later...

... I made my way this morning to the Water Cube to see the growing legend of Michael Phelps in person. He claimed two Gold medals under my watchful eye...

...I hung at “the Cube” a little while before catching a ride over to the water polo pool. I accepted the lift because it meant I didn’t have to ride in a taxi. I touched on the taxis lightly in

an earlier post: The fact there aren’t multi-car pileups every few feet on Beijing highways is a testament to the craftiness of the drivers. Taxi drivers ignore everything: lights, traffic cops, other cars, oncoming traffic, merging buses, curbs, dividers, and anything else you can think of.

There is definitely a market for a Chinese NASCAR featuring taxi car drivers, those would be some amazing races and you could run them right in the middle of day, just mount some cameras on each car...

Thursday, August 14, 2008

## FORBIDDEN CITY AND OTHER CULTURAL LEARNINGS FOR MAKE BLOG



Since the men had an early game today I was able to get out and explore some of China’s culture. Susan and I headed to the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square...T-Square (it will be “T-square” from now on because the chances of misspelling Tiananmen will only increase as we go on) was pretty neat and pretty much what it sounds like, a giant square. They had some cool stuff going on because of the Olympics) and they had guards everywhere.

...Of course with the USA rain coat on I was approached by everyone and their mother to buy something or see an art show or just do whatever that usually involved spending money. Alert to China: Not everyone from America is rich...

...We headed back in a taxi. Fun part of this ride was our serious driver having a cellphone ring tone of Pink’s, *Get the Party Started*; I really can’t make these things up.

Friday, August 15, 2008

## MOVIN’ ON UP - MEDAL ROUND BOUND

The women rolled Russia today 12-7 - this one was over before it started. For the first time at the Olympics I wasn’t on the edge of my seat watching the game. USA raced out to a 5-0 lead and Russia whose fate was sealed for the seventh place game did not respond.

Thanks to China and their one-goal loss to Italy...the USA team will play for a medal which keeps intact their streak of reaching the medal round of every major tournament since 2000...

*Editor’s Note: Space requirements and press deadlines limited the digest to an end date of August 15.*



celebrating  
**25 YEARS**  
 in the **CONFERENCE**

Ask Brenda Weare, commissioner of the Northeast Conference (NEC), about Monmouth's role in the NEC, and she'll hit you with a steady stream of superlatives.

"Everything they do in athletics has been extremely impressive," she leads off. "They have made some tremendously positive contributions to the Northeast Conference over the years, and I am sure they will be a big part of our future."

"From the president, Paul Gaffney, to the athletic director, Marilyn McNeil, to all their coaches and student-athletes; I am extremely impressed with what I continue to see."

With Monmouth University approaching the 25th anniversary of its NEC membership, it seems fitting to examine its role in the 12-team league and to look back and celebrate the vast array of Hawk team achievements under the NEC umbrella.

The NEC sponsors league competition in 21 sports—nine for men, 12 for women. Monmouth competes in 19 of them, excluding only women's swimming and volleyball.

Over the years Monmouth teams have won or tied 63 NEC regular-season sports titles—39 for men, 24 for women. Furthermore, they have won 16 NEC post-regular season tournament crowns.

Since, for most sports, NEC championships are the final stepping stone to the NCAA's series of national championship meets and tournaments, that translates to a very long list of Hawk athletes getting the chance to play for the nation's highest undergraduate honors.

The NEC's Commissioner's Cup is the biggest annual symbol of success within the league. After each collegiate year, performances in each sport are calculated and the resulting point totals are used to determine the cup winners in the overall as well as separate men's and women's sports categories.

Monmouth first won the Commissioner's Cup in 1991 and again in 1998. Then in 2004, Hawk teams went on a tear, taking four straight Commissioner's Cups, through 2007.

They could not, however, make it a five-peat. Sacred Heart



University of Fairfield, CT, an NEC member since 1999, claimed the 2008 Commissioner's Cup.

"I loved winning the Commissioner's Cup and certainly I was disappointed we didn't win it again," said athletic director, Marilyn McNeil. "I congratulated [SHU Director of Athletics] Mr. Cook and he said "our goal all along has been to be up there with you."

Monmouth did retain the 2008 NEC Men's Cup, but ranked just third in women's sports—trailing Sacred Heart and St. Francis of Loretto, PA—and thus wound up second overall.

### NEC League Alignments

The NEC was born in 1981, originally called the ECAC-Metro Conference, with Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island University (LIU), Robert Morris, St. Francis of PA, St. Francis of New York, and Wagner College of Staten Island as charter members. Monmouth came aboard four years later.

Mount St. Mary's joined the NEC

in 1989, Central Connecticut in 1997, Quinnipiac in 1998 and Sacred Heart in 1999. Rhode Island's Bryant University will join the NEC this fall, gradually phasing into full membership status. Albany and Duquesne are NEC associate members in football only.

Monmouth's first NEC title-winner was the 1986 men's tennis team. The next sports to hit the top rung of the NEC standings were the 1987 women's basketball team, the 1989 men's baseball and women's cross country squads, and the 1990 men's soccer unit.

In the "flagship" sport of men's basketball, Monmouth first dribbled off with the NEC tournament crown in 1996, and repeated the feat in 2001, 2004 and 2006.

Football joined the lineup of NEC sports in 1996, with Monmouth sharing the first league crown with Robert Morris.

Monmouth would share the NEC gridiron title three more times—in 1998, again with Robert Morris; in

## NEC MILESTONES



**July 1985** - Monmouth College joins NEC.

**July 1991** - Monmouth men's basketball player Alex Blackwell becomes the first NEC player to appear on a United States men's basketball national team, winning a gold medal at the World University Games.

**March 1996** - Monmouth goes to NCAA Tournament, while Marist and Mount St. Mary's receive NIT bids, giving the NEC three teams in men's basketball post-season play for the first time.

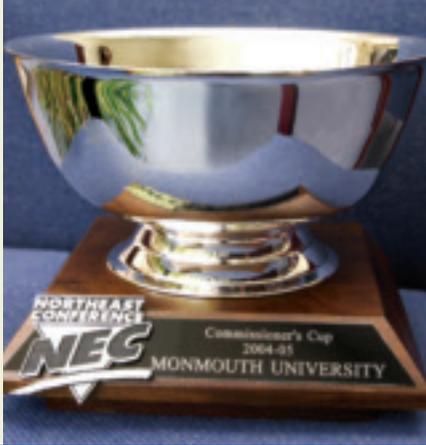
**June 1996** - Monmouth wins men's Commissioner's Cup and Mount St. Mary's wins women's Commissioner's Cup, the first time those awards are formally presented.

**June 2001** - Monmouth outfielder Jason Law is selected first team ABCA/Rawlings All-American and Louisville Slugger All-American.

**November 2004** - Monmouth claims the Sports Network Cup, emblematic of the top mid-major football program in the nation, as five conference programs finished in the final top-10 poll.

**January 2006** - NEC Conference Announces 25th Anniversary Men's and Women's Basketball Teams. Men's team includes Alex Blackwell. Women's team includes two Hawks, Sandra Cook and Linda Wilson.

**May 2007** - Monmouth captures fourth consecutive Commissioner's Cup.



## NEC COMMISSIONER'S CUPS

1991, 1998, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

### MEN'S REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS

**FOOTBALL:** 1996 (tie for first), 1998 (tie for first), 2003 (tie for first), 2004 (tie for first), 2006.

**SOCCER:** 1990, 1993 (tie for first), 2005, 2006, 2007

**BASKETBALL:** 2004 (tie for first), 2005.

**INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD:** 2005, 2006, 2007.

**BASEBALL:** 1989, 1991, 1996 (tie for first), 1998 (tie for first), 1999 (tie for first), 2001 (tie for first), 2002, 2008.

**OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD:** 1998, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007,

**TENNIS:** 1986, 1987, 1988 (tie for first), 1990 (tie for first), 1991, 1992, 1993 (tie for first), 1994, 1995.

**GOLF:** 2007.

### WOMEN'S REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS

**SOCCER:** 1995, 1996, 2000 (tie for first), 2007.

**CROSS COUNTRY:** 1989, 1990, 2000.

**FIELD HOCKEY:** 2000.

**BASKETBALL:** 1987, 1988.

**INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD:** 2004, 2005.

**SOFTBALL:** 1999

**LACROSSE:** 2001, 2003 (tie for first), 2005 (tie for first), 2006, 2007.

**OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD:** 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2007.

### POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

**MEN'S SOCCER:** 1990, 2006.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL:** 1996, 2001, 2004, 2006.

**BASEBALL:** 1998, 1999, 2007.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER:** 1995, 1996.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:** 1987, 1988.

**LACROSSE:** 2001, 2006, 2007.

2003, with Albany; and in 2004, with Central Connecticut, before the Hawks finally won it outright in 2006.

Very good news for all NEC football teams is that their programs now come under the umbrella of the NCAA's Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) category, formerly known as Division I-AA. Nationwide, 88 colleges and universities play in the FCS. By the 2010 season, the NEC's champion will earn an automatic bid to the NCAA's FCS national championship post-season tournament.

First-rate programs demand first-rate facilities and with the coming of the Multipurpose Activity Center to campus in the fall of 2009, Monmouth will be back atop the NEC in its ability to host an array of major events.

Included in the 153,200 square-foot structure will be the state-of-the art gymnasium that will be home to the basketball Hawks; a 200-meter six-lane track that will at last bring the indoor trackmen and women in from the cold; the University Book Store; a permanent home for the Sports Hall of Fame, as well as dedicated locker rooms for all varsity teams, a new and improved fitness center, administrative areas, and a Varsity Club room.

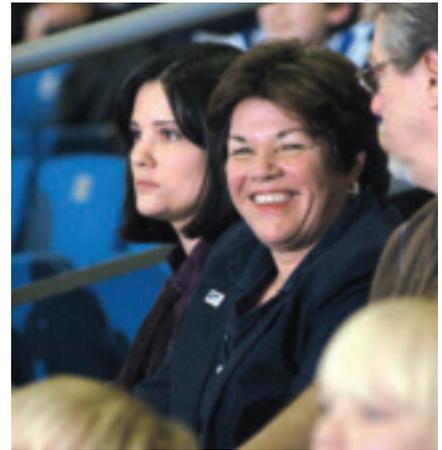
"The last few years we have seen LIU open a brand new facility (in downtown Brooklyn), and Quinnipiac really raise the bar with their Hudson United Athletic Center," said McNeil.

"Monmouth's facility will be much like theirs, but better. It will certainly add to the image of the whole conference. The NEC has gone through a great growth period, certainly in the 15 years I've been here.

"Monmouth has worked extremely hard to be a good member of the NEC. Now, it's something all our student-athletes talk about—to be the best in the Northeast Conference. We make this our goal every year."

President Paul Gaffney has also played a major role in NEC's continuing prosperity.

"They set the bar for all the rest,"



ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MARILYN MCNEIL FLASHES A GRIN IN BOYLAN GYMNASIUM.

said Ron Ratner, the NEC's associate commissioner, who has major responsibilities in the communications and TV areas.

"I think it all starts with President Gaffney. He and Marilyn show a real commitment to athletics, as well as the academic side.

"This building (the Multipurpose Activity Center) is a result of all that. They have big plans there, not just for basketball and football, but for all the other sports. I think we're going to see a lot more."

Friendly rivals around the NEC echo these sentiments.

"Monmouth's success speaks for itself," said St. Francis, PA, Athletic Director Robert Krimmel. "Marilyn (McNeil) is one of the most respected athletic directors in the business. Monmouth steps up to the plate and gets things done, the right way. They're a class operation all the way. Play a game at Monmouth and they always make you feel welcomed."

Sacred Heart's Cook reinforced those sentiments when he said, "We're relatively new to Division I and the NEC, but Monmouth, in so many ways, helped us make that transition."

Fairleigh Dickinson is Monmouth's only in-state NEC rival and so their clashes take on a special status.

"We treasure the relationship we have with Monmouth," said Fairleigh Dickinson Athletic Director David Langford. "They've shown tremendous



### Sandra Cook, Monmouth

- Led Monmouth to back-to-back undefeated (16-0) conference seasons and the 1987 NEC Tournament championship.
- Selected to the NEC All-Decade team and 20th Anniversary team.
- Earned NEC Player of the Year honors as a senior in 1987-88.
- Voted to NEC All-Tournament team in 1987 and 1988.
- NEC single-season record holder in scoring average (tied with 23.4), rebounding average (13.8) and total rebounds (400). All were established during the 1987-88 campaign.
- Ranks second all-time at Monmouth with 808 rebounds and is eighth with 1,118 points.
- Holds single-game scoring record with 42 points against Wagner on January 23, 1988.

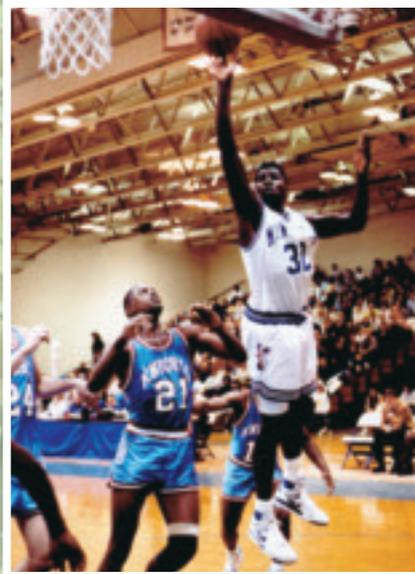


### Linda Wilson, Monmouth

- Inaugural NEC Player of the Year in 1986-87.
- Named Most Valuable Player of the first NEC Women's Basketball Tournament in 1987.
- Still holds Monmouth career records with 1,947 points and 1,360 rebounds.
- Chosen Monmouth's Female Athlete of the Year in 1986-87.
- Selected first team All-Cosmopolitan Conference prior to Monmouth's arrival in the NEC in 1986.

### Alex Blackwell:

- Three-time first team all-NEC honoree.
- Named NEC Newcomer of the Year and NEC Tournament Most Valuable Player as a sophomore in 1989-90.
- Established Monmouth single-season record with 660 points in 1990-91.
- Tied for first on Monmouth's career scoring chart and stands 12th in NEC history with 1,749 points.
- Ranks fourth on the Hawks' all-time rebound chart with 679.
- Won a gold medal representing the United States at the 1991 World University Games.
- Spent the 1992-93 season with the Los Angeles Lakers after signing as a free agent.
- Named to the CBA all-star team in 1995-96.



leadership in the conference, and it shows through, not just on the playing field but in the classroom.”

The Fairleigh Dickinson-Monmouth series in men's basketball rivalry dates back to 1972. Raising the stakes several additional notches in recent years has been the start of Garden State Cup play, matching the Monmouth and FDU men's and women's teams in basketball, soccer, baseball and softball.

Monmouth's rivalry with Wagner, located in the Grymes Hill section of Staten Island, is another that feeds on proximity.

To Walt Hameline, the Wagner athletic director and football coach,

who also happens to be a Monmouth County resident, every Wagner-Monmouth game is a fierce encounter based on mutual respect.

“This is what a rivalry should be all about,” said Hameline. “We're just across the water from each other. We recruit the same area. The kids at each school know each other.”

The Hawks vs. Seahawks rivalry has bred some memorable clashes, especially in football.

Kevin Callahan, the only head football coach Monmouth has ever had, was once the defensive coordinator at Wagner. Walt Hameline's 1993 Wagner team beat Callahan's first Monmouth

team, 14-7, in West Long Branch. But by 1994, Callahan's second-year players returned the favor with a 22-14 triumph, this time before shocked Wagner fans on Staten Island.

And so it's gone, virtually every year since.

All these friendly encounters in virtually every sport make Brenda Weare's job as NEC commissioner a whole lot easier.

Long-term strategic planning isn't such a chore to her when NEC contests already carry major impact.

“Looking ahead to the NEC's future, I think we're already on very solid ground,” she said. **MU**

# 3 NEW DEANS TAKE OFFICE

As the 2008-09 academic year approaches, three respected faculty members are ushering in a new wave of leadership and taking on new roles as University deans. Dr. Michael Palladino takes charge of the School of Science, Technology and Engineering (STE); Dr. Lynn Romeo will lead the School of Education and Dr. Robin Sakina Mama is the first dean in the newly formed School of Social Work.

## A LEADER IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Already acknowledged for his stellar teaching and research, Dr. Michael Palladino was appointed dean of the School of STE, succeeding Dr. Frank Lutz after 12 years of service.

"I'm certainly proud and looking forward to moving the school in new directions," said Palladino, who has been teaching at Monmouth for nine years.

"I want to make a better environment for everyone," he said, adding that he will be focusing on improving the teacher's role in actively making scholarships available to students.

Frequently recognized for his scholarly contributions, Dr. Palladino's awards for research and teaching include the 2005 Distinguished Teacher Award from Monmouth University, the 1993 New Investigator Award from the American Society of Andrology, and the 1997-98 Outstanding Colleague Award for teaching excellence from Brookdale Community College.

Dr. Palladino is a widely-published author of textbooks in the fields of genetics and biotechnology, the most recent one being *Introduction to Biotechnology*, and of many peer-reviewed publications that recently have featured undergraduate students as co-authors—some of whom have won scholarly awards for their work.

Dr. Palladino received his B.S. in Biology from Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey), and his Ph.D. in Anatomy and Cell Biology from the University of Virginia.

He is also the past chair of the Faculty Council and the STE School Personnel Committee as well as an executive officer for several professional organizations.



DR. MICHAEL PALLADINO



## EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE



DR. LYNN ROMEO

"It is my professional privilege to work with a highly qualified and dedicated staff committed to providing a learning environment to enable all students to be successful in all of our programs," Dr. Romeo said upon accepting her new role.

Effective July 1, Dr. Lynn Romeo replaced former Dean William Stanley. Her first job is to lead the School of Education in attaining full National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accreditation in the fall of 2009 and administer the School of Education as a center of excellence.

A member of the Monmouth University faculty since 1994, Dr. Romeo brings to the deanship a strong record as teacher and scholar in literacy and educational technology. She is also an expert in curriculum development, accreditation and assessment in higher education, and has vast experience in administration.

A graduate of Glassboro State College (now Rowan University), Romeo earned her MA at Kean College and Ed.D at Rutgers University.

Dr. Romeo has served as chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Special Education, graduate program director in the M.S. in Education program and, most recently, as associate dean, NCATE Coordinator, and University-School Partnerships Coordinator in the School of Education.

## CHALLENGES FOR INAUGURAL DEAN

Also a vital part of the Monmouth University community is Dr. Robin Mama, who became the first dean of the School of Social Work July 1. She was most recently Chair of the former Department of Social Work from 2004 to 2008.

"I am very excited to see our Department of Social Work become a School," said Dr. Mama, who lives in Moorestown. "Becoming the Dean is an honor, and while I know there will be a definite learning curve in the year ahead, I am looking forward to this challenge."

Dr. Mama earned her BSW degree from College Misericordia, in Dallas, PA and her Master of Social Service, Master of Law and Social Policy and Ph.D. from Bryn



DR. ROBIN MAMA

Mawr College. She has received the Distinguished Teaching Award and the Judith Stanley Fellowship from Monmouth University in recognition of her outstanding teaching and her commitment to infuse human rights into the Social Work curriculum.

Dr. Mama is a national leader in Social Work as illustrated by her service as past Chair of the Council on External Relations for the Council of Social Work Education and as representative to the International Federation of Social Workers at the United Nations.

Dr. Mama is a published scholar in the areas of Social Work field practice, Social

Work education in historical and global development, and she serves as Associate Editor for the *Social Work Educator*. She is co-author, with 2008 Monmouth University Teacher of the Year Dr. Kelly Ward, of the 2005 book, *Breaking Out of the Box: Adventure-Based Field Instruction*.

On campus, her leadership record includes her service as past Chair of the Faculty Council and as Chair of the Department of Social Work from 2004-2008, where she has led the faculty in establishing new international affiliations for the Masters in Social Work program and the creation of new lecture and continuing education opportunities. **MU**



## School of Social Work

Monmouth's eighth school, the newly established School of Social Work has been recognized by the profession's national organizations and accrediting bodies.

The Master of Social Work (MSW) program is ranked as one of the Best MSW programs by the 2009 *US News & World Report*.

In addition, the MSW program has also been honored by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) with their International Commission award for advancing the internationalization of social work education, and CSWE reaccredited the department in 2007.

In 2006 the National Association of Social Workers' New Jersey Chapter gave the MSW program a Trailblazer Award. The Senate and General Assembly of New Jersey recognized the "outstanding and praiseworthy program" in 2006.

The School of Social Work offers a Bachelor of Social Work degree and a Master of Social Work degree, both of which are based on a human rights and social justice framework. The MSW program offers two concentrations: Clinical Practice with Families and Children, and International and Community Development.

## EXCERPTS FROM FAREWELL TO DANNY

Memories of playing in the Monmouth College gym were a part of Bruce Springsteen's heartfelt eulogy for bandmate Danny Federici. Federici, who was the E Street Band's organist and keyboard player for 40 years, died April 17 after a three year battle with melanoma.



BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN & DANNY FEDERICI NOVEMBER 18, 2007 PHOTO: A.M. SADDLER/BACKSTREETS

Maybe it was the "police riot" in Middletown, New Jersey... Danny allegedly knocked over our huge Marshall stacks on some of Middletown's finest who had rushed the stage because we broke the law by...playing too long.

...A warrant out for his arrest and one month on the lam later, he still hadn't been brought to justice...We had a show coming at Monmouth College. We needed the money and we had to do the gig...So Danny, to all of our admiration, stepped up and said he'd risk his freedom, take the chance and play.

Show night. 2,000 screaming fans in the Monmouth College gym. We had it worked out so Danny would not appear onstage until the moment we started playing. We figured the police who were there to arrest him wouldn't do so onstage during the show and risk starting another riot.

Let me set the scene for you. Danny is hiding, hunkered down in the backseat of a car in the parking lot. At five minutes to eight, our scheduled start time, I go out to whisk him in. I tap on the window.

"Danny, come on, it's time."

I hear back, "I'm not going."

Me: "What do you mean you're not going?"

Danny: "The cops are on the roof of the gym. I've seen them and they're going to nail me the minute I step out of this car."

...So I used a procedure I'd call on often over the next forty years in dealing with my old pal's concerns. I threatened him...and cajoled. Finally, out he came. Across the parking lot and into the gym we swept for a rapturous concert during which we laughed like thieves at our excellent dodge of the local cops.

...Finally, I watched him fight his cancer without complaint and with great courage and spirit. When I asked him how things looked, he just said, "what are you going to do? I'm looking forward to tomorrow." Danny, the sunny side up fatalist. He never gave up right to the end.

The full text of the eulogy is available at Bruce Springsteen's official site, [www.springsteen.net](http://www.springsteen.net). To contribute to the Danny Federici Melanoma Fund, please visit: [www.thedannyfedericimelanomafund.com](http://www.thedannyfedericimelanomafund.com).

### MURRAY ON POLLSTER.COM



Polling Institute Director, Patrick Murray appears on the Pollster.com website as part of a series of interviews with top pollsters from around the country ([www.pollster.com/blogs/aapor\\_2008\\_patrick\\_murray\\_on\\_r.php](http://www.pollster.com/blogs/aapor_2008_patrick_murray_on_r.php)).

The interview was conducted at the national conference of the American Association for Public Opinion Research held in New Orleans on May 15-18. Murray discussed the Polling Institute's research on presidential primary polling in New Jersey which compared the effects of two different types of sampling: the random digit dial approach used by most public media pollsters, and registration list sampling (RBS) which is preferred by private pollsters working for political candidates.

### TOP 10 "SEXIEST BEACH SCHOOLS"

CollegeOTR.com (College On-the-Record), a blog that provides a forum for opinions about life at colleges and universities throughout the country, named Monmouth number nine on its July list of "Top 10 Sexiest Beach Schools."

The popular college blog notes that, "students are only steps from the Jersey Shore which means endless action."

In February of 2008, *US News & World Report* voted OTR the "Best Alternative College Media" in the country.



## ALUMNI REUNION MAY 31, 2008

Ever-glamorous Wilson Hall set the stage for the cocktail party reception and clam bake at the 2008 Alumni Reunion. Members of the class of 1983 and fellow Hawks from the classes of 1960-64, 1970-74, 1995-98, and 2000-04 were invited to the event.

Joe Rapolla MBA '90 and his band, The Perfect Square, rocked the house. Also performing with the band was alumna Diane Doolittle '82 '87, who demonstrated her prowess on the saxophone and flute.

Before the reception, alumni were invited to participate in an "Alumni College" class entitled *Pushing Buttons, Pulling Levers*. Faculty from the Communication Department shared surprising information about how political campaigns use emotional content and visual cues to manipulate voters.



SOCIETY OF TRUSTEES GATHER FOR INAUGURAL EVENT



**FRONT ROW** (L TO R) TRUSTEE ROBERT B. SCULTHORPE '63, DON J. SUMMA, PRESIDENT EMERITA REBECCA STAFFORD, MAIYA K. FURGASON, CONSTANCE W. CARTMELL '75. **BACK ROW** (L TO R) KENNETH F. LEPOSA '71, CHARLES W. RITSCHER '59, HERBERT W. MCCORD, TRUSTEE ALAN E. DAVIS, PRESIDENT PAUL G. GAFFNEY II, BOARD CHAIR ALFRED J. SCHIAVETTI, JR., DONALD R. BURNAFORD '75, BENEDICT TORCIVIA, JR., ROBERT J. HOLDEN '71, NORMAN B. BUCKMAN, JOHN L. RYAN, JULIAN HOFFMAN '41.

A group of former trustees returned to campus June 19 for the inaugural event of the newly established *Society of Trustees*. An initiative of the current Board of Trustees, the Society of Trustees is open to former University trustees who have completed their terms of service and left the Board in good standing.

“The Committee on Trustees wanted to increase the involvement of former Board members,” explained Board Chair Alfred J. Schiavetti, Jr. “Former trustees bring unique perspectives and vast knowledge to the University. We wanted a way to keep lines of communication open with the talented group of individuals who have already given so much to Monmouth.”

President Gaffney gave a one-hour briefing to the members of the Society, detailing current and future initiatives of the University. President Gaffney observed during his briefing that the Multipurpose Activity Center is one of several long-term campus initiatives started under his predecessor, President



PRESIDENT GAFFNEY AND PRESIDENT EMERITA STAFFORD

Emerita Rebecca Stafford.

The event included a campus tour and reception at the still-new Doherty House. In addition to visiting the Multipurpose Activity Center construction site, the VIPs saw the recently renovated Monmouth University Library and Lauren K. Woods Theatre lobby. For some of the former trustees, Robert E. McAllan Hall, the Jules L. Plangere Jr. Center for Communication and Instructional Technology (CCIT) building were new additions to the campus.

TIEDEMANN JOINS ADVISORY BOARD



John Tiedemann, associate dean of the School of Science, Technology, and Engineering and assistant director of the University’s Urban Coast Institute, has been named to the Cape Eleuthera Institute (CEI) Advisory Committee.

CEI, located on Eleuthera, The Bahamas promotes a connection between people and the environment. The mission of the CEI is to build relationships, provide resources, conduct research, and develop sustainable industries in South Eleuthera and the Caribbean.

Through partnerships and information sharing, CEI is creating models of resource management and development that enhance learning, conservation, and economic prosperity.

In August 2006, Monmouth University and the Cape Eleuthera Foundation–Cape Eleuthera Institute entered into a cooperative agreement in matters of education, research, and scientific work.

Since then, Tiedemann and CEI Director of Research Dr. Andy Danylchuk have been conducting a Tropical Island Ecology course for Monmouth students annually at the Institute. They have also been collaborating on proposals to expand educational offerings for Monmouth students at the Institute and developing collaborative research projects dealing with the impact of tourism expansion and implications of marine protected areas to historical fisheries and the culture of Eleuthera.

**UCI NAMES SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE**

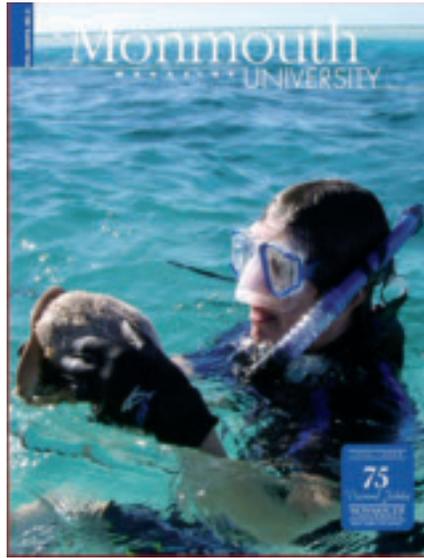
The Urban Coast Institute's (UCI) first Public Scholars in Residence will be Dr. Jim Sinclair and Mr. Andrew Willner. Scheduled for the 2008-2009 academic year, the program will provide a venue for scholars, practitioners, and leaders in their field to share their expertise with students and faculty, and to support the public programs of the UCI.

Dr. Sinclair's efforts will focus on sustainable coastal development and business practices, regulatory policy, and private-public partnerships that support coastal and ocean conservation. Mr. Willner's efforts will focus on assisting local urban coastal groups to garner community support for implementation of projects that support pragmatic sustainability and ecological democracy.

Dr. Sinclair brings more than 40 years of front-line experience in New Jersey's public policy debates as an advocate, engineer, political consultant, and academic. Among other positions, Dr. Sinclair served as environmental advisor and first vice president of the New Jersey Business and Industry Alliance. Dr. Sinclair will also be available to representatives of the Monmouth University School of Business Administration and the Kislak Real Estate Institute to participate in classes and programs as appropriate to advance stronger links between environmental and economic sustainability.

Willner has extensive experience as a regional and national leader in supporting conservation of coastal and marine resources, including nineteen years as the New York/New Jersey Baykeeper. In addition to significantly expanding the programs and effectiveness of the NY/NJ Baykeeper, Mr. Willner has been a guest lecturer at Rutgers University, and travelled to China for the Waterkeeper Alliance to help establish a Riverkeeper network. He has written extensively and been the recipient of numerous awards including the NJDEP Lifetime Achievement Award and ANJEC Advocacy Award.

As part of the program, the Visiting Public Scholars will be available to participate in on-campus classes at the invitation of faculty, give public lectures and participate in University and public forums, develop policy papers, and stimulate and facilitate debate and dialogue on critical issues facing our coastal and ocean environment.

**SEA GRANT FOR DR. HOWSON**

Dr. Ursula A. Howson, assistant professor of biology at Monmouth University, has been awarded a \$5,000 development grant through the NJ Sea Grant College Program. Dr. Howson received the grant for her work on sub-lethal effects of contaminants on ontogeny of larval fishes: effects of changes in morphology and behavior on predation risk.

Dr. Howson is a member of the Monmouth University Faculty Council, Academic Standards and Review Committee, and University Teacher Education Advisory Council. She is a First Year Advisor and advises students in the Biology Department. Several of her research students have presented posters on the distribution of macroinvertebrates and fishes in the Shark River estuary at regional and national conferences.

**CEREMONY HONORS HELEN WARDELL**

CRIMSON MAPLE PLANTED IN MEMORY OF HELEN WARDELL IS FLANKED ON THE LEFT BY HER SUCCESSOR JANET FELL, NOW SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND ON THE RIGHT BY ANNETTE GOUGH, WHO RECENTLY SUCCEEDED FELL AS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT.

A crimson maple tree was dedicated in May to the memory of Helen L. Wardell, HN '87. Wardell was executive secretary for five Monmouth University presidents from 1940 to 1987. She began her service with founding dean, Edward Schlaefer and retired during the administration of Dr. Samuel Hays Magill. The memorial was arranged by two former faculty members: Dr. Donald B. McKenzie and Professor Arie van Everdingen.



## TOPPING OFF NEW ACTIVITY CENTER

Alumni, donors, local officials and trustees past and present gathered in June to celebrate a “topping off” ceremony for the Multipurpose Activity Center, an event marking construction as somewhere between the groundbreaking and the ribbon cutting.

In modern large building construction, topping off is a tradition that celebrates the placing of the highest structural point of the building construction.

“Here we have a new home for every Monmouth University student, every faculty member, every employee, every alum,” said President Gaffney. “It’s a new campus crossroads.”

Following “topping off” tradition,

donors and friends stepped forward to be recognized and sign a steel beam outfitted on one end with a small evergreen tree and on the other with an American flag. The signed beam was hoisted by a crane onto the structure.

This tradition of placing a tree can be traced back to an ancient Scandinavian practice in order to appease tree-dwelling spirits. The custom migrated to England with Scandinavian invaders and took root there. Today, the tree symbolizes construction workers’ pride in their accomplishment, good luck and blessings for the building, and the general excitement of a job well done.

The 153,200-square-foot center is expected to be completed by fall 2009. Located adjacent to Boylan Gymnasium, the Center will house a 4,100-seat gymnasium; a 200-meter, six-lane indoor track; ground-level bookstore; Sports Hall of Fame; locker rooms; educational and administrative areas; conference space; as well as a Varsity Club and fitness center.

Looking forward to the ribbon cutting ceremony next year President Gaffney said, “This is a new destination for a community of scholars and friends where Monmouth blue spirit will grow.”



PRESIDENT GAFFNEY AND BOARD CHAIR SCHIAVETTI.



**TOP:** CRANE HOISTS CEREMONIAL BEAM INTO POSITION. **CENTER:** L-R JEAN AND FRED KAEI '61, LIFE TRUSTEE EMERITUS JULES L. PLANGERE JR. HN '86, LIFE TRUSTEE PAUL CORLISS AND TRUSTEE ROSA CHAVIANO-MORAN, DMD, JOHN '69 AND HENNI '68 KESSLER. **BOTTOM:** ASSEMBLED SUPPORTERS SIGN THE STRUCTURAL BEAM.



## GAFFNEY: GLOBAL WARMING IS SECURITY THREAT



President Paul Gaffney, retired Navy Vice Admiral, and Sherri Goodman, executive director of the CNA report, "National Security and the Threat of Climate Change," published an editorial in the July 7 issue of *Defense News*. The article summarizes key points Gaffney emphasized as one of five panel members at a recent joint hearing between House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming and House Intelligence Community Management Subcommittee.

The hearing, "National Security Implications of Global Climate Change," is the first-ever U.S. Government analysis of this kind.

BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) News observed that while scientists have been warning about the impact of rising sea levels and temperatures for years, only now are intelligence agencies stepping in and taking notice of the security threats posed by global warming including humanitarian disasters, destabilized governments and increased terrorism.

"These (U.S. Intelligence) agencies have great investments, great reach, international reach, great power, and they are essentially involved in helping the world be as peaceful and secure as possible," Gaffney said.

"And if the environment is an enabler of difficulty, strife, hopelessness, disaster in an area, then they have a role to play in trying to mitigate that," Gaffney said, adding that the need for detailed climate data is strong.

To view the BBC News report online visit <http://tinyurl.com/BBC-Gaffney> or <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/newsnight/7477544.stm>

### KANEHE FELLOWSHIP FOR ALVARADO



Kim Lee Alvarado '08 loved Hong Kong so much that she plans on moving there in a few years. With the help of a \$1,000 Sally Kanehe International Fellowship, Kim was able to complete her M.S.W. field requirements in Asia.

"It was a life-changing experience for me," said Kim, who received her degree in May.

This competitive fellowship provides financial assistance for airfare and/or living expenses to graduate social work students in the International and Community Development Concentration, who are planning to spend part of the spring semester completing their field requirements overseas or working with indigenous populations within the United States.

Kim was stationed for two months at Hong Kong University's Centre on Behavioral Health. She also spent some time volunteering with the refugee-based program of a non-governmental organization (NGO) called Christian Action and took classes and training at Hong Kong University.

"I had the chance to network with a diverse range of professionals and to gain an understanding of how NGOs function in Hong Kong," she said.

The Kanehe Fellowship was donated by Sally Lampson, who earned her M.S.W. from the University of Hawaii in 1977. It was named after the last name of her two children, Lani and Le'a, and supports student work in any part of the world, with a preference given first to students who will work with Native Hawaiians and second to students who will work with other indigenous populations.

**EMERGENCY DEFENSE AWARD FOR RRI**

**M**onmouth University's Rapid Response Institute (RRI) and Joint Mobile Command and Training Center's effort were recognized for their ability to bridge the operations gap between the Department of Defense and civilian agencies.

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Technology & Innovation Awards, Division 2, State/Regional National Government, International for Non-Profit Organization awarded first place to the U.S. Army's Edgewood Chemical Biological Center's (ECBC) Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration (CWID'07) Team for the Integrated Information Management System (IIMS) Interoperability Trial Demonstration.

The IIMS demonstrated that interoperability is possible among multiple organizations and disparate technologies.

ECBC's Joint Science and Technology Office (JSTO) sponsored a tech-based

effort called Shared Common Operating Picture (Shared COP) for Homeland Security and Homeland Defense. The Shared COP objective was to demonstrate end-to-end interoperability escalation capability from the civilian first responder to the emergency manager to the Department of Defense and back down. The demonstration built a temporary global network over which cutting edge communications technologies interact to support scripted scenarios. Technologies were evaluated for utility, security, and interoperability with new and existing systems.

IAEM is a non-profit organization consisting of more than 4,000 emergency management professionals from local, state, and federal governments, the military, private industry, and volunteer organizations. IAEM has consistently promoted the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters since its founding in 1952 as the U.S. Civil Defense Council.

**EMERALD RESEARCH GRANT FOR DUBICKI**

**A**ssistant Librarian Eleonora Dubicki will receive one of the 2008 Emerald Research Grant awards, administered by the Business Reference and Services Section (BRASS), a section of the Reference and Users Services Association (RUSA).

Hers is one of two \$5,000 cash awards donated by Emerald Group Publishing Limited to an American Library Association member seeking support for conducting research in business librarianship.

Dubicki's study will examine the research needs of business students. An assessment of the importance and value placed on print resources, library research databases and World Wide Web resources will be performed. The information-seeking behaviors of business students related to these resources

will be examined, as well as satisfaction with available resources.

"Eleonora Dubicki's was one of many proposals attempting to capture research behavior patterns of business students," said Jennifer Boettcher, BRASS Development Committee chair. "Her research will assist all business librarians in assessing their collections and services to better meet the needs of business students."

"I am really excited about this project, and the award will provide me with the funding to do a first class research project," said Dubicki. "I also look forward to presenting and publishing my research."

The award was presented at RUSA Awards Ceremony on June 30 in Anaheim, California.

**RESEARCH IS MORE THAN SKIN DEEP**

**D**r. Gary Lewandowski, associate professor of Psychology, found a big audience in April when information derived from his article, "Personality goes a long way: The malleability of opposite-sex physical attractiveness," appeared in both the *Ladies Home Journal* and *Self Magazine*.

Dr. Lewandowski's recent work focuses on how personality influences physical attractiveness; or why beauty isn't always skin deep. His other research focuses on personal growth and positive outcomes following relationship dissolution, including strategies to promote positive outcomes.

Excerpts from the articles are online at: <http://tinyurl.com/Lewandowski>

X-FILES FOR KIJEWski



CREATIVE COMMONS

Dr. Louis Kijewski, professor of physics in the Department of Chemistry, Medical Technology and Physics, appeared in the *Asbury Park Press* on August 5, to shed light on a mysterious UFO (Unidentified Flying Object).

Witnesses within a 35-mile range described seeing a “blue, sparking orb,” which prompted calls to local police stations.

Dr. Kijewski said it was most likely a meteor, hitting the Earth’s atmosphere at about 20,000 mph. “It was probably just a big meteor that had a dramatic burnout,” he said.

According to the American Meteor Society, a group that observes and charts meteor activity, August is a month that is characterized by frequent meteor activity, including the Perseid meteor shower.

The Perseids will be active from July 17 to August 24, 2008, reaching their peak on August 12.

AUSSIE OLYMPICS ANALYSIS CITES PARKIN

Research by Dr. Katherine Parkin, assistant professor of history, was cited in the Australian newspaper *The Age* on August 9. Writing about advertising during the Beijing Olympics, journalist Peter Munro analyzed the “slogans, jingles and deals being played out over each commercial break.”

“What insight into our attitudes, behavior and beliefs might lie in a 30-second ad spot?” Munro asked. If commercials “indeed hold up a mirror to society,” he said, “they cast a funny old reflection.”

Munro noted that gender-role themes in Australian advertising are almost unchanged from the themes Parkin explores in her 2006 book, *Food is Love: Food Advertising and Gender Roles in Modern America*. “Women express their love for their family by grocery shopping, cooking or serving them food. Men, presumably, show their love by lapping it all up,” he writes.

“Advertisers are really only interested in women as their consumers, meaning they really don’t care if men



buy their food or not,” Parkin says. “All their messages, even if they feature a man, are still directed towards women, towards motivating

women to believe that this is the job they should do — to feed their men and women — and if they don’t do it they are unloving.”

CAMPUS HAS A GUARDIAN ANGEL

WABC-AM talk radio host Curtis Sliwa, best known as the founder and leader of the Guardian Angels, a non-profit, all volunteer crime-fighting organization, described the Monmouth University campus as “extraordinarily beautiful,” during his July 29 morning talk show.

Sliwa was reacting to news that Monmouth’s NEC-rival Wagner College was named to the 2008 list of most beautiful campuses in the *Best 368 Colleges* guide from The Princeton Review. “It’s not better than Monmouth University,” Sliwa said.

“I would have nominated Monmouth,” he said adding, “I’ll never forget the time I spoke there, so gorgeous in West Long Branch, right



PHOTO: MAHMOOD AL-YOUSIF

along the Jersey shore.”

A call-in listener, Andrew from Colonia, New Jersey, agreed. “You’re right Curtis,” he said. “The other thing you gotta know about that University is that right down the street, at the oceanfront, there are new condos that students can live in at a discounted rate...and it has ocean views.”

**COLEMAN ELECTED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**D**ennis Coleman was elected at the June 26 meeting to the Monmouth University Board of Trustees to the class of 2012.

Mr. Coleman, a graduate of Brown University in 1975 and Georgetown University Law Center in 1978, has been a partner since 1993 at Ropes & Gray, a leading national law firm with offices in Boston, New York, Palo Alto, San Francisco, Tokyo, and Washington, DC. As founder and chairman of the firm's Sports Law Group, Mr. Coleman oversees a nationwide sports, media, and entertainment practice, with an emphasis on athletic institutions and associations.

He represents more than 30 head coaches in basketball and football, including Al Skinner of Boston College, Lute Olson of the University of Arizona, and Tony Dungy and Jim Caldwell

of the Indianapolis Colts.

In 2007 Coleman was appointed by Rhode Island Governor Donald Carcieri to the State Judicial Nominating Commission. Carcieri said, "Dennis is a well-regarded attorney who is recognized locally and nationally for his legal work. He is fair and principled. These are important qualities to serve on the JNC, and help to ensure the continued integrity of the judicial nominating process."

Mr. Coleman is also active in community service. He serves as a director on numerous boards including Kent Memorial Hospital in Warwick, RI, and MissionWorks, a nonprofit social agency. He is also past president of the Brown University Hall of Fame.

Mr. Coleman and his wife, Miriam, live in East Greenwich, RI. They have two sons, Curtis and Dustin, and a



daughter, Denise. They also have one grandson. Dustin is a 2008 graduate of Monmouth, where he was an active member of the cross country team.

**TIMOTHY MANN '65**

**F**ormer Trustee and president of Swisher International, Inc. Timothy Mann '65 died July 25 after a long illness. He was 66 years old and lived in Orange Park, Florida, with his wife, Margaret Ann.

Born in Hackensack, Mr. Mann attended the University of Colorado before graduating from Monmouth College. He completed his B.A. in business administration by winning the 1965 New Jersey Mortgage Bankers Association scholarship award for holding the highest graduating GPA in economics and finance.

Following graduation, he began a long career in the tobacco business, rising to president of Swisher International in 1986 and joining its board of directors in the same year. Under

Mann's leadership the company saw an eight-fold increase in sales, becoming the largest cigar manufacturer in the world.

During his tenure on the Monmouth University Board of Directors from 2000 to 2006, he was a member of the Vision for Distinction Capital Campaign Executive Committee, the Educational and Faculty Affairs Committee and the Student Life Committee. Mr. Mann was a member of the Vision Society at Monmouth University, supporters who contribute \$100,000 or more in lifetime giving.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by his children, Timothy Jr, Sean, and Patrick, his two stepchildren, William Tyrie and Lisa Tyrie, nine grandchildren and his brother Conklin and his sister Jennifer.

**AMERICAN PREMIERE OF IRISH PLAY**



NIALL WILLIAMS OVERLOOKS WOODS THEATRE STAGE.

Lauren K. Woods Theatre was host to the American premiere of Niall Williams', *The Way You Look Tonight* in June. Williams, a native of Ireland, is a distinguished novelist and playwright. Williams attended the opening night performance which included a reception in the renovated theater lobby.

Described by the *Star-Ledger* as, "an honest and well-written play... getting an impressive production at Shadow Lawn Stage," the bittersweet drama explores the breakdown in communication within a family as the mother's health continues to decline.

Williams was born in Dublin in 1958, studying English and French literature at University College Dublin before graduating with a master's degree in Modern American Literature.

His first play, *The Murphy Initiative*, was staged in 1991 at The Abbey Theatre in Dublin. His second play, *A Little Like Paradise*, was produced on the Peacock stage of The Abbey Theatre in 1995. *The Way You Look Tonight*, Williams' third play, was first produced in 1999 by Galway's Druid Theatre Company.



LINDA CAMERON AND ROLAND JOHNSON IN *THE WAY YOU LOOK TONIGHT*.

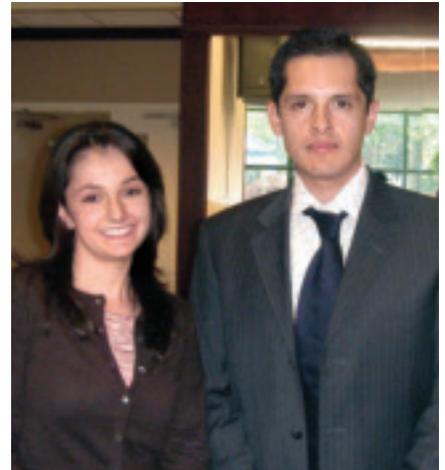
Williams' first novel *Four Letters of Love* was published in 1997 and named a *New York Times* Notable Book Of The Year. It went on to become an international bestseller published in more than twenty countries. His second novel, *As it is in Heaven* was published in 1999 and short-listed for the Irish Times Literature Prize.

His eighth novel, *Boy and Man* published by HarperCollins UK this summer. Following the success of *Boy in the World*, it continues the journey of his protagonist Jay as he volunteers in Ethiopia and leaves the world of adolescence behind.

**DISTINGUISHED STUDENT TEACHERS**

Sara Van Ness and Oscar Diaz were honored by the New Jersey Department of Education with 2008 New Jersey Distinguished Student Teacher Awards. The annual award recognizes 15 top graduates of teacher preparation from across the state.

Van Ness graduated summa cum laude in 2008 with a B.A. in English and Secondary Education. She has received numerous awards for her academic accomplishments during her tenure at Monmouth. She served as president for both Kappa Delta Pi and International Reading Association.



Van Ness completed her student teaching in English at Ocean Township High School during the spring of 2008.

Oscar Diaz left his native country of Chile in search of opportunity. He earned his associate's degree from Brookdale Community College with a 4.0 GPA. Diaz graduated summa cum laude from Monmouth with a bachelor's degree in Foreign Language and Education.

Diaz did his student teaching in Spanish at Manalapan High School during the fall of 2007. He is currently teaching Spanish in the Freehold Regional High School District and planning to attend graduate school.

# BOBBY SMITH WINS AT OLYMPIC TRIALS



BOBBY SMITH '06 EN ROUTE TO WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE MEN'S JAVELIN AT THE U.S. TRACK AND FIELD OLYMPIC TRIALS IN EUGENE, OREGON. CREDIT: BILL FRAKES/SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

The good news from the 2008 USA Olympic Track and Field Trials in Eugene, Oregon, was that Bobby Smith '06 proved himself the finest male javelin thrower on the premises of historic Hayward Field and was crowned USA national champion with a gold-medal performance of 249 feet, 6 inches.

The bad news was that Smith didn't throw the javelin far enough to meet the rigorous standards of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and did not go to the Beijing Olympic Games.

Winning the gold medal, however, represented perhaps the greatest-ever achievement by a Monmouth track and field athlete.

The IAAF's "A" standard for the javelin throw is 268 feet, 4 inches; the IAAF "B" standard is 255-3. If a nation is to

send more than one javelin thrower to the Games, both must have thrown 268-4 in 2007 or 2008. A nation can send a single thrower if he's done at least 255-3.

Swirling, tricky wind conditions on both days of the javelin competition in Oregon (the qualifying round was held on July 4, the finals on July 6) played havoc with the Olympic dreams of all the throwers. The combination of conditions and regulations meant that Bobby Smith became the lone winner over the entire eight-day run of the Trials to stay home, but he viewed the outcome philosophically.

"It's just great being a winner here," Smith told media members in the press tent after the victory ceremony. "With this wind, with these conditions, I didn't really expect to get the 'A' standard. I just wanted to go; I didn't know how far I was going to throw today, to be honest. It was a bad headwind, I just tried to keep it (the javelin) low."



TISIFENE TAYLOR '08 DEFIES GRAVITY AT LONG JUMP PRELIMINARIES AT HAYWARD FIELD. CREDIT: BILL FRAKES /SPORTS ILLUSTRATED

Those who threw their spears too high saw them plummet to earth prematurely.

Given Smith's medical history - an array of injuries incurred as both a star running back for the Monmouth football team, and as a national-caliber javelin thrower - it was semi-miraculous that we were out there at all.

"Yeah, I've had four different things," he said. "I tore my ACL (anterior cruciate knee ligament), I tore my meniscus (again the knee), broke my ankle, and had to have Tommy John (ulnar collateral ligament reconstruction of the shoulder) surgery." But he's a quick mender - obviously.

Among those he was quick to credit for his rise to javelin prominence were Monmouth head track coach Joe Compagni, Monmouth throws coach Abe Flores, Mike Juskus, his coach at Hopatcong High School, and Todd Riech, who has guided his training in California this year.

Brian Chaput, a former NCAA champion at Penn and another leading rival, who wound up third, put it this way: "This wasn't a day to come out and chase PRs (personal records); you just had to come out and compete, and Bobby did a phenomenal job of it."

Compagni was there in the Hayward Field stands, cheering on his star alum. "Bobby has put his life on hold over the last few years to have a chance to throw against the best at the Olympic Trials," he said. "I am very happy and proud for Bobby and his former coach (at MU) Abe Flores."

Monmouth had two other alumni competing at the Olympic Trials--Jon Kalnas put the shot 62 feet, 11 1/4 inches, to place 15th in the 25-man qualifying round, three spots shy of advancing to the final, and Tisifenee Taylor long-jumped 19 feet, 2 3/4 inches, ranking 23rd of 27 in the preliminaries. Taylor was a co-winner of the Monmouth University Athlete of

the Year award for 2008.

The appearance of the three Hawks also marked an anniversary. It was 40 years ago that Augie Zilincar, a hammer thrower who won NCAA and Penn Relays gold medals, became Monmouth's first competitor in the Olympic Trials. The 1968 Trials were held in Echo Summit, California, and Zilincar placed eighth.

But hope springs eternal in track athletes' souls. Zilincar was on hand for the USATF State Meet held at Monmouth June 14 and seemed to be recapturing the competitive bug. "Just give me a little more time," he said. "I definitely want to start throwing again." **MU**

ELLIOTT DENMAN WAS A MEMBER OF THE 1956 U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM, PLACING 11TH IN THE 50KM RACE WALK AT THE MELBOURNE GAMES. DENMAN'S CAREER INCLUDES COACHING AT MONMOUTH AND A 35 YEAR CAREER IN SPORTS JOURNALISM WITH THE ASBURY PARK PRESS. HE IS A TWO-TIME RECIPIENT OF THE JESSE ABRAMSON AWARD, GIVEN TO THE NATION'S LEADING TRACK & FIELD WRITER."

**NCAA TITLE FOR ALVAREZ**

**M**onmouth University senior Nichole Alvarez was the NCAA Division I batting average leader for 2008—hitting an impressive .480.

“We are extremely happy for Nichole and proud to boast another NCAA individual champion,” said softball coach Carol Sullivan. “To see her in the NCAA record books along with great hitters like Cochran (Arizona State 2007) and Olympians like Mendoza (Arizona 2000) and Nuveman (UCLA 2002) really puts her accomplishment in perspective.”

Alvarez is Monmouth’s fifth NCAA individual title holder and the third in the past four seasons. Alvarez joins Heather Gordon ‘07 (NCAA RBI champion last season) and Jennifer Egan Bjorndahl ‘97 (NCAA triples champion, 1995) as NCAA individual



champions.

Alvarez is only the second player from a team in the Northeast in the last 15 years to win the NCAA Division I batting title. Lauren Wible (Bucknell 2005) was the first hitter from the region since Crystal Boyd (Hofstra 1992) to finish the season with the highest

batting average in the nation.

Alvarez is one of only seven hitters in the country to rank in the top 15 in both average and slugging, and she is the only player in Division I to boast both those marks and a spot in the national stolen base rankings, placing ninth in swipes per game.

**WILSON SIGNS WITH AUSTRIAN SOCCER TEAM**

**F**ormer Hawks forward Damon Wilson recently signed to play professionally by Kapfenberg SV in the T-Mobile Bundesliga in Austria. Kapfenberg SV recently won the Erste Liga Championship, earning a club promotion to the first division.

In January, Wilson was selected in the first round of the 2008 Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) College Draft by the defending league champion Philadelphia KiXX, as the 16th overall selection.

“I was very honored to be drafted to play indoor, but a close friend from Monmouth who lives in Europe had a good connection and was able to get me a try out,” Wilson told Northeast Conference reporters.

Wilson, an NSCAA First-Team All-Region player in 2007, helped lead the Hawks to its third straight NEC regular season championship. He is the second Hawk to be drafted professionally this winter, joining Tom Gray, who was se-

lected in the MLS Supplemental Draft by the Kansas City Wizards.

“I am happy that Damon has this opportunity,” said head coach Robert McCourt. “Every kid that comes through my office has dreams of playing soccer professionally. Playing professionally in Europe is the icing on the cake, and Damon is a good example for the younger guys out there.”

“My experience at Monmouth has prepared me for this experience because preparing to play at a professional level takes time,” Wilson told NEC reporters. “At Monmouth, with the wealth of talent and the ability to face off with talented opponents like UNC and Wake Forest, I was able to test myself against the best teams in the country.”

Asked about his new team, Wilson said “The club is small but very dedicated and our expectations are to not only stay in the Bundesliga but to seriously compete for a top 6 spot on the league.”



Without coming to Monmouth, I would have never been ready to go out and compete with the players on the European level,” he added.

**HIGGINS DRAFTED BY TEXAS RANGERS**



KYLE HIGGINS

**K**yle Higgins was drafted in the 31st round in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft by the Texas Rangers. Higgins was the 2008 Northeast Conference Player of the Year leading the league in average, hits and runs scored this season. His teammate and roommate, Brad Brach was the 2007 Northeast Conference Pitcher of the Year.

Higgins and Brach become the fourth and fifth Monmouth baseball players since 2003 to be selected in the MLB Draft, joining Mike St. Martine (Montreal, 2003), Lance Koenig (Houston, 2003) and Chris Della Rocco (St. Louis, 2004).

Higgins tied a single-season record with 89 hits, while leading the conference with a .389 average and 51 runs scored. The shortstop, Monmouth's leadoff batter, also drove in 38 runs and added 14 doubles, four triples and two home runs.

"This is a great honor for Kyle,"



NEC COACH OF THE YEAR DEAN EHEHALT.

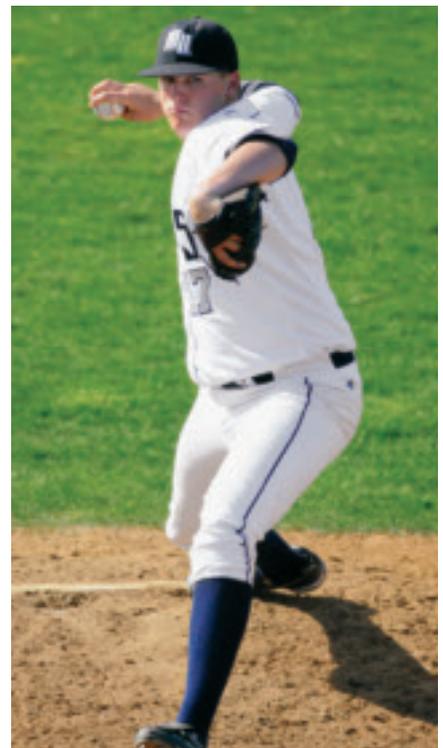
said head coach Dean Ehehalt. "He has worked extremely hard towards this. It is nice to see a kid set goals and reach them. He is very deserving, and we wish him the best in his career at the next level."

Ehehalt, who was named NEC Coach of the Year for the third time in his career, coached the baseball team to a program-record 37 victories in the spring.

**BRACH GETS NOD FROM PADRES**

**B**rad Brach, the 2007 Northeast Conference Pitcher of the Year, and two-time all-league pitcher, was selected in the 42nd round by the San Diego Padres in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

Brach is the all-time leader in career wins at Monmouth, earning victories in 29 games, also holding the top spot on the all-time strikeout list with 277. He is also the only pitcher in Monmouth history to work over 300 career innings.



Brach also was selected to the New Jersey Collegiate Baseball Association (NJCBA) First Team. It was his second straight selection. The right-hander won NEC and NJCBA Pitcher of the Year awards during his stellar career.

Along with golfer Anthony Campanile and softball standout Gina Mignogna, Brach was also honored with a 2008 Bill Boylan Award.

Monmouth won the NEC regular-season title before falling in the conference tournament final to Central Connecticut State.

## HAHN NAMED NEC SAAC SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



**T**iffany Hahn is the 2008 recipient of the NEC Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Student Athlete of the Year award. A former all-NEC javelin thrower and current Monmouth record holder, Hahn represented the Hawks' entire body of student-athletes on the league's SAAC board and received its highest honor for her service as well as academic and athletic prowess.

With its recipient chosen by the members of the NEC's SAAC chapter, the award is based upon a combination of academic and athletic achievement, community service, and a personal statement by each of the nominees.

"Tiffany Hahn is a great example of someone who excelled academically because of her tremendous work ethic, and who took that same effort and energy to make sure she was an excellent

contributor for the team athletically as well," said Monmouth head coach Joe Compagni.

A year after placing second in the javelin at the NEC Outdoor Championships with a school record-breaking throw (147' 7"), Hahn displayed resiliency in battling back from winter knee surgery. She worked her way through the recovery process to score points at the conference's outdoor championship meet this past May. Hahn went onto the ECAC Championships for the second consecutive year and came up one place short of garnering All-East honors at the meet.

"This year, she also emerged as a great team leader for us and was selected as a team captain," said Compagni.

Hahn's achievements were academic as well as athletic. With her team amassing an overall grade-point average of 3.25 (4.0 scale) this past academic year, Hahn earned a 3.79 GPA over her four-year career to graduate with honors in May. In 2007, the United States Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association named Hahn a Division I Academic All-American.

Hahn owns three of the top six javelin results in the history of Monmouth women's track and field. Following her runner-up performance at the 2007 conference meet, she represented the Hawks at the NCAA East Region Championships.

Hahn plans to further her education at Monmouth where she will pursue a masters degree in Psychology.

## GAITLEY IS NEW BASKETBALL COACH



**S**tephanie Gaitley has been named the new head women's basketball coach at Monmouth University.

"When this opportunity arose there was certainly one person that was on the top of my list," said Vice President and Director of Athletics Dr. Marilyn McNeil. "I have been watching Stephanie Gaitley for years at LIU and I was impressed with how she conducted herself. She is a winner."

Gaitley is the sixth Division I head coach in MU women's basketball program history.

She served as the head coach of the Blackbirds for the previous six seasons, accumulating a 95-82 record at the helm of the program. Last season, she guided LIU to a school-record 24 wins and the top seed in the Northeast Conference tournament.

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
2008 Sports Hall of Fame  
Induction is Friday, October 3.





CHRISTIE RAMPONE WITH DAUGHTER RYLIE. PHOTO: GABELLI PHOTOGRAPHY

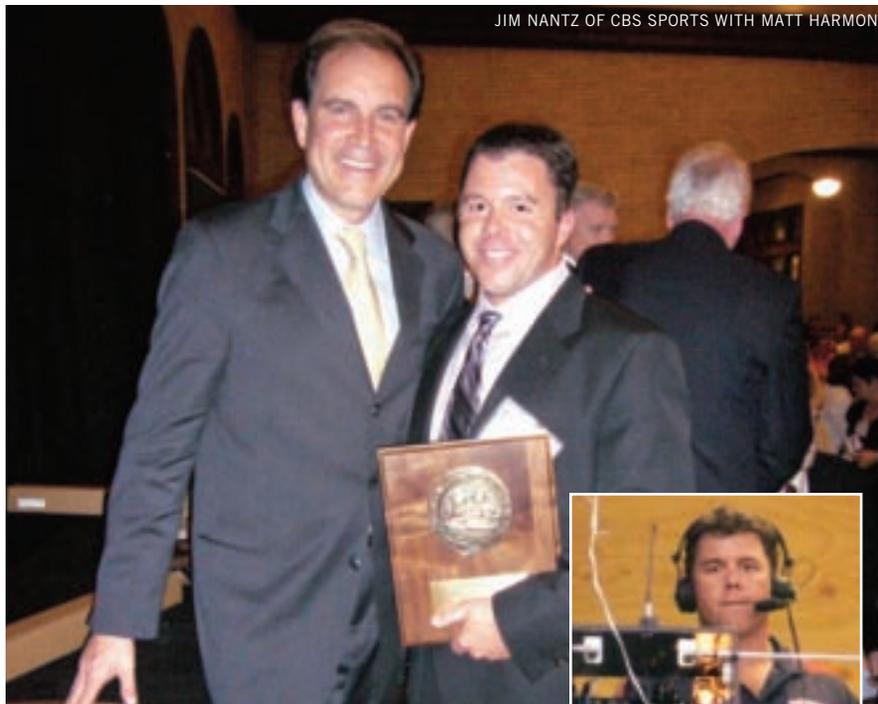
**RAMPONE '99 NAMED "ULTIMATE SOCCER MOM" BY ESPN**

As captain of the U.S. Women's Soccer Team, Christie Rampone is busy preparing to defend the Olympic gold medal won in 2004 at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China. She is also busy being mom to her almost three-year old daughter, Rylie.

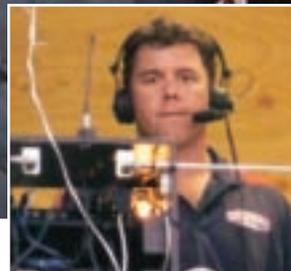
On Mother's Day, ESPN recognized six women from national soccer teams who are also mothers. "When asked to cite a hero, many folks are quick to extol their mothers. And rightfully so," writes ESPN columnist Mary Buckheit.

Buckheit cited the women on her list of "Six Ultimate Soccer Moms" for their superhuman ambition and athleticism. *The New York Times* reported that Rampone has made 176 international appearances for the United States, and that only two men and nine women in world soccer have booked more international appearances.

The ESPN roster also included a link to a YouTube video, courtesy of U.S. Soccer All-Access, where Rampone talks about the "aunts" who keep her going and help keep an eye on Rylie. To watch the video visit: <http://tinyurl.com/SoccerMom>



JIM NANTZ OF CBS SPORTS WITH MATT HARMON



**MATT HARMON '96 '04M JOINS SPORTS MEDIA ELITE**

Matt Harmon, a play-by-play radio announcer and instructor in Monmouth's Department of Communication, was named NJ Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sports-writers Association and Hall of Fame (NSSA) in May.

"It's a great honor," said Harmon, "It all goes back to my days at WMCX. Radio is my passion."

Harmon said the award makes him want to be a better teacher. Matt regularly teaches two courses--Public Speaking and Media Ethics--each semester as well as various radio and sports writing courses.

In addition to his teaching, Harmon covers high school football, basketball and baseball for the Shore Sports Network on WOBN in Toms River and WADB 1310. He was previously a weekend regular on the Bloomberg Network for nearly 10 years starting in 1998. He still does occasional fill-in work at Bloomberg.

"I have the best of both worlds," Harmon said, referring to his teaching and play-by-play.

After the NSSA ceremony honoring state and national winners, Harmon said, "The event was great—even better than I had hoped. It was an amazing trip and once in a lifetime experience—to be around some of the best broadcasters in the business was great."

Handing out Matt's award was Jim Nantz, of CBS Sports, who was honored for the third time as the National Sportscaster of the Year. Nantz described the award as, "really the highest honor in our industry. It's voted on by all your peers."

Nantz, a fellow Jersey Shore native, said, "Matt faced stiff competition for the award. New Jersey has a deep and respected group of broadcasters."

"I am so pleased for him to receive this acclaim. It is well-earned, and he is obviously incredibly respected by his industry," Nantz added.

**DOUBLE HONORS FOR LAROSA '92 MBA: AFLA AWARD IS B-SCHOOL GIFT**

JOSEPH I. LAROSA PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP CHECK TO JEFFERY N. MILLS, VICE PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT.

**C**PA Joseph I. LaRosa of Hamilton has been honored twice in recent months—with one honor translating into a generous gift to Monmouth's School of Business Administration.

In May LaRosa was named Automotive Fleet Manager of the Year, an award sponsored by the Automotive Fleet & Leasing Association (AFLA). He was also recently elected president of the Mercer Chapter of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) for a one-year term beginning June 1.

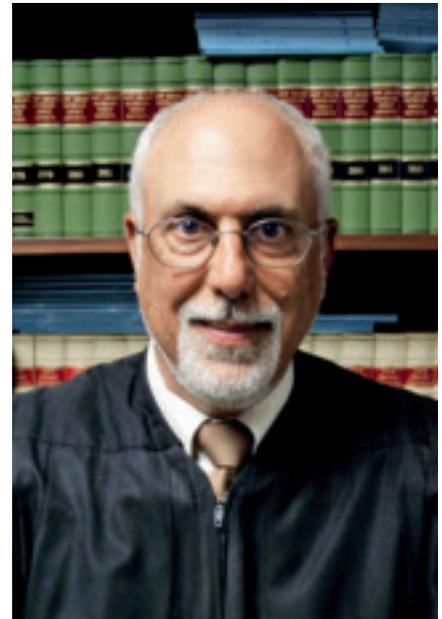
Elsie Lucia, president of the 40-year industry association, said the AFLA along with co-sponsors Wheels, Inc. and *Automotive Fleet Magazine*, gives Fleet Manager of the Year Award winners a \$5,000 scholarship to bestow upon the business school of their choice. Lucia says the scholarship reflects AFLA's belief that the fleet management profession is becoming more strategic in the management of corporate assets.

"Vehicle acquisition, replacement planning, funding alternatives, corporate green initiatives, safety programs, and sourcing alliances with manufac-

turers and fleet suppliers are strategic corporate decisions. AFLA believes this evolving strategic aspect of fleet management is best illustrated by the winners and nominees of the Professional Fleet Manager of the Year award," Lucia said.

As director of global services for Merck & Co., LaRosa manages 8,765 domestic and 13,780 international vehicles – including 8,600 in Europe. He implemented a new total cost of ownership (TCO) model for the company, resulting in significant cost savings in a very short time frame. LaRosa has been in fleet management for 14 years, previously serving as fleet manager for Bristol-Myers Squibb.

LaRosa was the subject of the cover story for the June issue of *Automotive Fleet Magazine*. He is currently the chair of the National Association of Fleet Administrators, Philadelphia Chapter, and has served as chair of its audit committee. To read the recent cover story about LaRosa visit: <http://tinyurl.com/LaRosa-Fleet>.

**IADANZA '70 NAMED PRESIDING JUDGE**

**S**uperior Court Judge Eugene Iadanza '70 was named Presiding Judge of the Family Division of the Superior Court in Mercer County, effective April 21, 2008. Since 2005, he served as a Superior Court Judge in the family division of Monmouth County.

Judge Iadanza received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1997 and the Alumni Service Award in 1993. He served as president of the alumni association from 1977 to 1979.

In addition, Iadanza was attorney and trustee for both the Long Branch Chamber of Commerce in 1982-1992 and for the Monmouth Ocean Chapter of the Learning Disabilities Association in 1988-1992.

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# ALUMNA BATTLES DISEASE WITH EDUCATION

HEATHER MCCULLOCH MISTRETTA



Michele Evering-Watley '89 doesn't have a typical nine-to-five job nor does she have a typical commute.

As a health education specialist/curriculum/instructional designer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Michele is working to help people in Africa reduce the scourge of HIV and other epidemics devastating their populations.

"I continue to feel humbled in my ability to serve our country and our world by protecting public health and addressing emerging public health issues," said Michele, who was born in Panama before she and her Central American family immigrated to Brooklyn, NY.

She recently celebrated 10 years with the CDC, an anniversary of which she is very proud. Ever since she saw the 1995 film, *Outbreak*, with Dustin Hoff-

man, Michele said she wanted to work for the CDC. In fact, she was so confident she could land a job there that she quit her job in New York, packed her bags and left for Atlanta. About a year later Michele began working as a health education specialist for the CDC.

Michele's determination was apparent from the start. She began domestically in the training area and slowly branched out to international development. Her group's main goal is to build up a country's capacity to battle disease by teaching others to develop their own training programs.

"I love the international element. It's really fulfilling for me," she said, adding that the pandemics in African countries spur her desire to help, as does the appreciation she encounters

wherever she goes.

After working with the Global AIDS Program (GAP), Michele began working with colleagues developing an HIV prevention intervention aimed at reducing the amount of discordant HIV couples (mainly in Sub-Saharan Africa). One result was curriculum materials to educate others.

The CDC recently released *Couples HIV Counseling and Testing*, which can be found at CDC's website at [www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/gap/CHCTintervention](http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/gap/CHCTintervention).

"The official release of these training materials has given HIV prevention counselors globally an opportunity to learn new skills when working with couples who seek to learn their HIV status together and to effectively work with couples who receive different test results," she said.

According to the World Health Organization, 24.5 million adults and children were living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa at the end of 2005. During that year an estimated two

million people died from AIDS and 12 million children were orphaned. In Swaziland alone, 220,000 people were living with AIDS, making up 33.4 percent of the adult population, and 16,000 people died from the disease.

Michele now works in the Coordinating Office for Global Health at the CDC building global capacity to conduct sound epidemiological field work. She is also working with Ministries of Health internationally, and with local universities in partner countries.

These tasks take her to Egypt, Nigeria, Ethiopia,



LEFT: MICHELE WITH HIV PREVENTION COUNSELORS IN WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA (2005). ABOVE: AT THE GREAT PYRAMIDS OF GIZA IN THE SAHARA DESERT, CAIRO, EGYPT (2008).

**History will judge us on how we respond to the AIDS emergency in Africa.... whether we stood around with watering cans and watched while a whole continent burst into flames....or not.**

—Bono

Tanzania, Ghana, and other countries when necessary.

Along with her current role, she is also a part of CDC's Rapid Response Team to be deployed domestically or globally in the event of a major public health issue, such as Avian Influenza, SARS, Bioterrorism, etc.

Her most recent trip was to Egypt, which she said was eye-opening. Her next destination in June is Nigeria, where Avian Influenza is a real threat, and police escorts are needed for basic security. From there, she travels to Burkina Faso in West Africa.

"The hardest part is leaving my family," Michele said, adding that her job has instilled a sense of independence in her children that some others might not have. "Our children are just a little more adjusted and independent."

She said her 10-year old daughter, Maya, is already saying that she would

also like to work for the CDC, while her son, John "Angelo", 15, is "an all-American athlete." Michele said her family is very supportive, especially her husband, John, and her mother, who help out while she is out of the country.

In preparation for her trips abroad, Michele must undergo extensive treatments, to protect her against diseases like Malaria, both before and after each journey.

Despite the staggering rates of disease for CDC workers, Michele said road accidents are the biggest danger that she and her colleagues face. In most parts of the world mobs of people routinely swarm car accidents immediately. She recalled a pilot half-kiddingly saying after landing in Africa that the airplane trip was probably going to be the safest part of her trip.

But Michele's attitude is upbeat. She fondly recalled her days at Monmouth

in the late-80s, calling them "the best days" of her life. She remembers being part of the Black Student Union (now the African American Student Union) on campus. "At that time, minorities only made up about three percent of the student population." That number has since grown to 13 percent.

Following graduation, Michele went on to earn her master's in human resources development from Towson State University in Maryland.

Michele speaks Spanish fluently and is currently taking French classes.

But, she says, "We're all pretty much the same" despite being separated by thousands of miles. "We're all trying to do the same thing like protect our families and stay healthy."

"It's rewarding to know that you're making a difference and making their lives better." **MU**

**BAROSKA BATTERS AUTISM BARRIERS**

**W**ith no cure and no single known cause, autism is a complex neurobiological disability that affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. Defined by a set of behaviors, autism is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees.

As principal of the Bayshore Jointure Commission (BJC) in Aberdeen, Robert Baroska Jr. '75 is an advocate for families afflicted by the disorder. "We're all in this together," Baroska said enthusiastically.

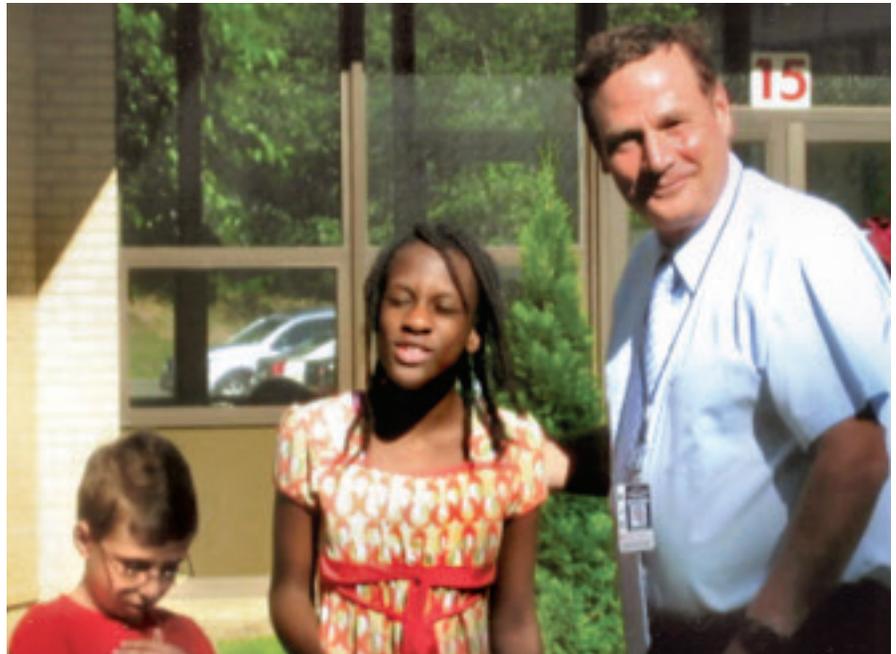
The Developmental Learning Center at BJC, which is now responsible for 52 students, has been in existence for six years. Baroska is in his fourth year with the program, and his devotion is clearly very strong.

"Simply, we are the best," said Baroska, who earned his bachelor's in elementary education from Monmouth in 1975.

Baroska said the BJC program offers parents an alternative to more expensive programs in Monmouth County with tuition fees that usually run around \$60,000 a year. Another advantage of the program, Baroska notes, is that about 20 percent of the students return to their original public school districts as they progress at the center and learn to assimilate into a mainstream environment.

One in 150 U.S. children has some form of autism, according to 2007 statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In New Jersey alone, the incidence is one in 94, the highest rate in the country. This equates to approximately 7,400 New Jersey children between the ages of five and 21, according to the N.J. Department of Education.

"The needs of the 'whole child' must be addressed through research-based and innovative programming. There is



no 'one-size fits all' for children with autism," Baroska said. The BJC program allows students to remain closer to home, enabling them to get more involved in after-school activities that foster further social development.

The BJC is comprised of two schools—the Developmental Learning Center in Aberdeen and the Developmental Learning Center in Union Beach—representing nine school districts: Union Beach, Highlands, Atlantic Highlands, Hazlet, Henry Hudson Regional School District, Kearsburg, Keyport, Matawan-Aberdeen Regional, and Red Bank.

Baroska met his wife, Patricia Mora '75, while at Monmouth in the early-70s. "I was the president of my fraternity (Sigma Alpha Mu), and she was the president of her sorority (Mu Alpha Phi)." Baroska's sister, Janet, also graduated from Monmouth in 1976.

Baroska went on to receive his M.A.T. in 1983 from Trenton State (now the College of New Jersey) and his M.S.Ed. from Jersey City State.

Their son, Rob III, who was a track star and excelled at the high jump at Monmouth, graduated in 2005 with

a bachelor's in political science. He is now in law school. They also have a daughter, Kristina, who is studying at Loyola College.

In his limited spare time, Baroska is the director of Shore Challenge Amateur Athletic Union, a post he has proudly held for 31 years at Mount Carmel Parish Center in Asbury Park.

In June, the BJC received a \$30,000 donation from the Aberdeen Township Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 163.

Baroska said, "This donation will allow us to expand our capabilities."

He also said that the money will be applied to an apartment and life-skill room, which simulates basic life-skills functions and teaches students how to be more independent. The commission also wants to implement a fitness center for students and their families and a pre-vocational center to hone students' work skills.

"I have a philosophy," Baroska said. "I don't want my kids on the sidelines. I want them throwing the football."

# LOOKING FORWARD

Q & A WITH MARY ANNE NAGY '91M '01M VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT SERVICES

**W**e visited with Mary Anne Nagy, vice president for Student Services. She oversees all non-academic matters affecting the student body. Ms. Nagy earned two advanced degrees at Monmouth, a master of science in Education in 1991, and an MBA in 2001. Her responsibilities include Conference and Program Services; Health Services; International Student Services; Judicial Affairs; Off-Campus and Commuter Services; Office of Residential Life and Student Activities; Student Center Operations; ARAMARK Dining Services and the Division of Student Services.

Her efforts on behalf of the University were recognized in 2007 with the Stafford Presidential Award of Excellence. The same year she was presented with the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Champion Award by the State of NJ Commission on Higher Education.



**Q:** What programs do you have in place to ensure student safety on campus?

**A:** The depth and breadth of our programs are frankly remarkable compared to other campuses. While 9/11 forced us to protect our students from outside influences, events at Virginia Tech forced us to address threats within, and I think we've done a very good job of doing that. The university has made safety a priority, which gives parents a great sense of security.

Last year we developed a white paper on alcohol-related issues, describing all the programs and services available at the University. We shared the information with local officials like mayors, senators, assembly people and police chiefs to get their feedback. I think it's important to keep lines of communication open between Monmouth and the community.

In terms of overall safety, we also require many of our employees, including frontline custodians and food service workers, to be educated on danger signs to look for. We're not looking for them to act like a psychologist, but just to keep an eye on our students and their welfare.

**Q:** What about drug and alcohol safety issues?

**A:** I see alcohol abuse as the greatest impediment to students graduating with a degree. But Monmouth is very well poised to handle this type of situation.

We have a great full-time substance awareness coordinator, Suanne Schaad. In addition to the HERO Campaign, which encourages students to use designated drivers, there is also Party Smart, which we started last fall. By signing up for this program, off-campus students get a free t-shirt, food coupons, free soda, a bucket for car keys, safety checklist and cab vouchers.

If a student winds up violating the code of conduct, he or she must complete "Alcohol.edu." It is an online program used by more than 500 colleges nationwide. The two and a half hour program challenges students' expectations about alcohol while enabling them to make healthy and safe decisions. After completing the program a hearing officer meets with the student to ensure the information has really been processed.

We also have instituted a breathalyzer test in the residence halls. This rewards students who have not violated the University code of conduct but who may be present at the time of an arrest.

But ultimately, as President Gaffney always emphasizes, you are responsible for not just yourself but for others. We focus on mutual respect and responsibility.

**Q:** What are your goals for the next year? What will be your main focus?

**A:** My first goal is to start construction of the residence hall this summer. The new residence hall, which I'm hoping will be ready for the fall '09 academic year, will

house 196 more students. We want to be able to guarantee housing to all first-year students. That gives freshmen one less thing to worry about as they start college.

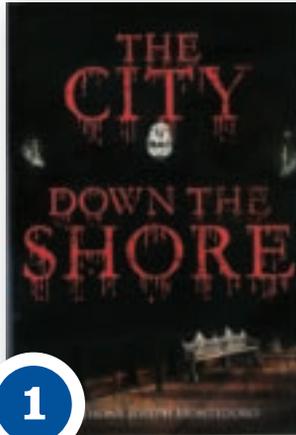
Both the residence hall and the Multi-purpose Activity Center will offer new opportunities to our students. The Center is progressing nicely. I can't wait to bring those students who were around during the planning stages back to campus to see it. I think it will be a great way to further unify our student body.

When the Center opens, tickets to the basketball games should be sold out because of student involvement. I plan to emphasize school spirit, to get students more engaged.

Ultimately, greater student participation ties into student retention. The new Center will also give alumni a reason to return to campus.

**Q:** What advice do you have for incoming freshmen?

**A:** To be open to new experiences, new people, new challenges, new ways of thinking. I would tell them—and I do tell them—don't forget your past but also don't cling to it. I would also advise them to take advantage of every opportunity available to them, like tickets to a Broadway show, or a show on campus. I would also caution them not to be overwhelmed—there are a lot of people to help them. My last piece of advice would be to not rush through college; enjoy the moment.



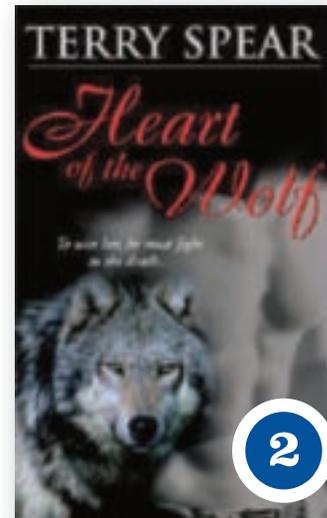
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### THE CITY DOWN THE SHORE

Anthony Joseph Montedoro  
(AuthorHouse, \$25.99)

Anthony Joseph Montedoro '06, a retired police lieutenant with 27 years of service in a resort community in New Jersey, has written a startling account of his days on the police force in the 1970s. The subplot of *The City Down the Shore* is a fictionalized account based on the life of an actual serial killer that prowled the Jersey Shore for a decade, looking for and finding naive young girls and victimizing them.

Montedoro has a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Monmouth University and is currently working towards his masters.



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### HEART OF THE WOLF

Terry Spear  
(Sourcebooks, Inc., \$6.99)

Award-winning author of urban fantasy and medieval historical romantic suspense, Terry Spear '81M has written *Heart of the Wolf*, a paranormal romance among a pack of werewolves.

*Publisher's Weekly* writes, "The vulpine couple's chemistry crackles off the page, but the real strength of the book lies in Spear's depiction of pack power dynamics, as well as in the details of human-wolf interaction. Her wolf world feels at once palpable and even plausible."

Spear, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, also writes teen fiction like *The Vampire...In My Dreams* under the pseudonym Terry Lee Wilde.



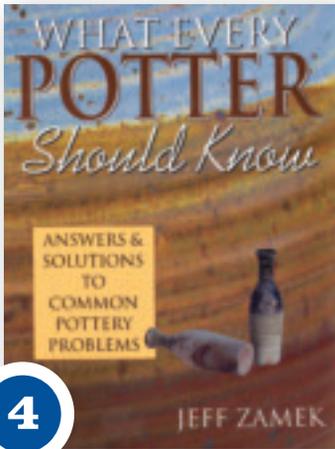
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### MUSIC SUPERVISION

Ramsay Adams, David Hnatiuk and David Weiss  
(Schirmer Trade Books, \$19.95)

*Music Supervision*, written by Ramsay Adams, David Hnatiuk '96 and David Weiss, is a valuable guide to matching music to television, live events, film, video games, ringtones and other media. Using real-world scenarios, interviews and templates, the authors help those hoping to break into one of the fastest-growing careers in the music industry.

Hnatiuk is also a film music supervisor and an audio producer for MTV as well as a consultant for companies such as Breast Cancer Awareness, Harley Davidson, Bethel Center for the Arts, Radical Media, Artstart, Camp Interactive, Firebrand Productions and the NASA Space Program. Owners of the book can access additional interactive content at <http://www.musicsupervisioncentral.com>.



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**WHAT EVERY POTTER SHOULD KNOW**

Jeff Zamek  
 [Krause Publications, \$27.95]

Jeff Zamek '70 has written a helpful guide for all potters, *What Every Potter Should Know*. A potter since the 1960s, Zamek offers solutions to common problems occurring in ceramics from glazing to kiln firing.

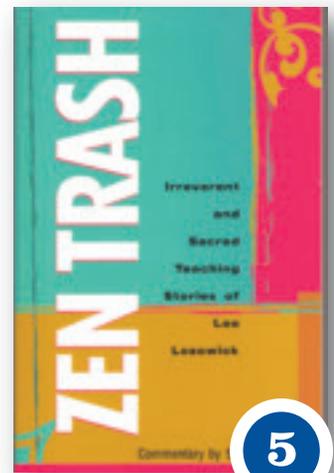
Zamek, who in 1983 started his own business, Ceramics Consulting Services, provides the reader with easy-to-follow steps to ensure a successful finished product.

**ZEN TRASH**

Lee Lozowick  
 [Hohm Press, \$12.95]

American spiritual teacher, Lee Lozowick '66, is the author of *Zen Trash*, a collection of teaching stories from world religious traditions like Zen, Christianity, Tibetan Buddhism, Sufism and Hinduism.

Lozowick mixes irony with humor to create a contemporary compilation of 25 years of his talks and seminars in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Mexico and India.



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Christine Redman-Waldeyer

**Frame by Frame**



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**FRAME BY FRAME**

Christine Redman-Waldeyer  
 [Muse-Pie Press, \$10.00]

*Frame By Frame* is a collection of emotionally powerful poetry by Christine Redman-Waldeyer '00M exploring the different perspectives of her life in a thoughtful and honest manner.

Dr. Redman-Waldeyer was the winner of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Silver Crown award in 2004 and 2005. Her previously published works include *I Swim Seas of Thirty-Two Legions*, *The Talisman Pick*, *Voices and Hats*, *The Land of the Frogs*, *Seas of Green*, and *Around the World with Rosalie*.

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

CLASS OF 1961

RICHARD PLUNKETT (Elem. Ed.) has been chairman of Long Beach Island Historic Homes for more than 20 years, giving awards to more than 400 structures for preservation efforts. Also during this time he has been an elementary teacher in Middletown and an antique dealer with his "Wizard of Odds" shop in Beach Haven, where he lives part of the year. The other part of the year he lives in Maine.

CLASS OF 1965

BILL BURKET (Bus. Adm.) is the author of *More About Union Beach*. Mr. Burket donated a copy of his book to the Monmouth University Library after reading about the New Jersey Collection in a recent issue of the Monmouth University Magazine. Burket is also the author of the now out-of-print *Union Beach*, published by Arcadia Publishing in 1998. *More About Union Beach* is now part of the Library's cataloged holdings.

CLASS OF 1970



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ROSEMARY ACERRA (Ed.) is behind the recent re-issue, of Nelson Riddle's *Cross Country Suite* on the Universal label. Originally released on Dot Records in 1958, the Grammy-winning work has been out of print for many years. Acerra, who lives in Lakewood, has long championed her father's stellar body of work. The musician's daughter will handle distribution of the reissue which will be available in stores, including Jack's

Music in Red Bank, and through Amazon.com. Riddle is best remembered as the arranger responsible for many of Frank Sinatra's most popular recordings. His work is found on projects as diverse as the 1966 *Batman* soundtrack to Linda Ronstadt's 1983 Grammy-winning 1983 album, *What's New*. Riddle also crafted the work of many other jazz and traditional pop artists including Ella Fitzgerald, Rosemary Clooney, Nat King Cole, Peggy Lee, and Dean Martin.

CLASS OF 1971

JOHN LESTINO (Hist.) has been named the 2008 School Psychologist of the Year by the National Association of School Psychologists. He has been a school psychologist for 19 years and is a full-time practitioner in the Edgewater Park School District in Edgewater, NJ, where he lives.

CLASS OF 1975

ALEX DENOBLE (Comp. Sci.) was appointed as chairman of the College of Business Administration's management department at San Diego State University. His post will begin August 25. He has been with the College for 25 years, most recently as a tenured professor in the management department. Dr. DeNoble lives in San Diego with his wife, Amy, and their daughters, Rachel, Emily and Hannah.



CLASS OF 1977

KATHLEEN DONNELLY (M.A.T.) has become the first female in the senior executive service at Lakehurst and now serves as the director of the support equipment and aircraft launch and recovery equipment department of the naval air systems command at Naval Air Engineering Station. She manages more than 1,300 civilian and military professionals.

CLASS OF 1982

RALPH FERRIE (M.S.E.) became the new superintendent of the Three Village Central School District in Suffolk County New York starting July 1. He had previously been the superintendent of the Monroe Township school system in New Jersey for seven years.

BETH STAUFENBERG (Bus. Mrkt.) (M.B.A. '88) was part of a three-person transition team in preparation for the July 1 swearing-in of Bradley Beach's mayor-elect Julie Schreck. An eight-year resident and founder of Concerned Citizens of Bradley Beach, Beth had previously been an adjunct professor at Brookdale Community College, teaching management and economics for 12 years.

CLASS OF 1983

JOANNE DALLESSIO (Elem. Ed.) was the recipient of the 2007 Passaic County Governor's Teacher Recognition Award. She has been teaching for 22 years, with the past seven spent at Hawthorne High School.

CLASS OF 1988



JEAN ABBOTT (M.B.A.) was elected president of the Atlantic/Cape May chapter of the New Jersey Society of

Certified Public Accountants for a one-year term beginning June 1. She is a visiting assistant professor of business studies at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey as well as the manager of insolvency and gaming for Giuliano, Miller & Co., an accounting/consulting firm in Marlton. She lives in Egg Harbor Township with her husband, Andrew.

Laura Brunetti (Bus. Mrkt.) hosted a Backyard Tent 'Trash and Treasure' Yard Sale in June to benefit Collier Youth Services, an at-risk youth organization. The sale raised more than \$2,000. She has a private gallery known as L'Estrella Studio in Colts Neck, where in addition to her artwork she also offers poetry and journaling classes. Laura lives with her husband, John, in Wayside.

Salvatore Caccavale (Bus. Mgmt.) has joined AM Castle and Company as the Global Corporate Environmental, Health and Safety Director based in Chicago. He also serves on the board of directors for the National Safety Council. He lives in Plainfield, IL.

CLASS OF 1989

Catherine (Ziegler) Jung (Sp./Comm./Theat.) has been named Curator of Archives and Research at the Holland Museum in Holland, MI. Caz lives in Grand Rapids with her husband, David, and children, Kimberly, Robert and Brian.

CLASS OF 1990

Susan (Schroeder) Clark (Poli. Sci.) and her husband, Charles, have opened the law firm of Clark & Clark, LLC in Freehold. Their practice focuses on criminal law as well as municipal court, worker's compensation and education law. Susan and



Charlie live in Howell with their son, Jack, 3, and daughter, Lindsay, 2.

Marty Lupinetti (M.B.A.) was named principal by the Philadelphia-area office of the North Highland Company (www.northhighland.com), an independent management and technology consulting services provider. He resides with his wife, Monica, and their two children in Haddonfield.



Dean Manners (Bus. Adm. Mrkt.) (M.A.T. '01) married Kristin Smith February 14, 2008. Alumni in attendance were Phi Sigma Kappa brothers, Ed Davis (Bus. Mrkt./Bus. Fin. '87), Howard Orlick (Bus. Acct. '89), Richard Grossbard (Bus. Acct. '88), and Mark Soranno (Bus. Adm. '89). Dean and Kristin both work for the Colts Neck School System.



Annestinson (Engl.) (M.A.T. '92) recently received University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's "Outstanding Commitment to Civic Engagement" award for her work with the Jefferson County Literacy Council (vice president), Habitat for Humanity (campus

advisor), Special Olympics of Wisconsin (Polar Plunge), the local Crop Walk, the Whitewater Lions Club, and St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Parish Ed Commission). She also received a Women in Leadership award this year from the UW-Whitewater Department of Women's Studies and is participating in her first triathlon after losing more than 100 pounds.

CLASS OF 1991

Paula (Garra) Sawyer (B.S.N.), also a 1996 graduate of Seton Hall School of Law in Newark, and has opened her own law office in Middletown. She was formerly assistant prosecutor in Union County.

Michael Vandergoot (Bus. Adm.) was elected to the board of trustees of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants for a two-year term. He is operating officer at Panattoni Development Company, Inc. in Edison. He and his wife, Kathleen (Krauss '89), live in Howell with their two daughters and two sons.

CLASS OF 1992

Leonard Valentino Jr (Bus. Adm.) (M.B.A. '96) received the prestigious "40 Under 40" business leadership award in May from the *Philadelphia Business Journal*. He is the president of Rita's Water Ice, a company for which he started working in 2005.

CLASS OF 1993

Maritza Davila (Comm.) is assistant director of admissions at Passaic County Community College. She is also a member of the Middle States of Collegiate Registrar and Officers of Admissions Association. She lives in Passaic.

Jennifer Krimko (Ed.) became a partner in the law firm, Ansell Zaro Grimm & Aaron, P.C., in Ocean Township. She concentrates her practice in the areas



of zoning and land use, commercial real Estate and residential real estate. She can be reached at [jsk@ansellzaro.com](mailto:jsk@ansellzaro.com).

CLASS OF 1994

CHARLES HOWARD (M.B.A.) was hired to lead the high-yield fixed income desk at Pali Capital, Inc. in New York. As managing director, Howard will be responsible for overseeing and growing the high-yield team.

VALERIE (ARNONE) RYAN (Psych.) of Point Pleasant Beach will join over five thousand women and men in October for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in New York City. The walk raises funds and awareness that will help defeat breast cancer and support those facing the disease. Valerie will participate in the noncompetitive event by completing a marathon (26.2 miles) over the weekend of October 4th & 5th. This is her first time participating in the Avon Walk and she will be walking in memory of her grandmothers who both had the disease. Anyone interested in learning more can contact Valerie via email at [budd2e@comcast.net](mailto:budd2e@comcast.net).

CLASS OF 1995

SANDRA DALTON (M.B.A.) is a certified divorce financial analyst with Ameriprise in Plantation, FL. She travels to New Jersey every other month to meet with clients. She can be reached at 954-308-4944 or [sandra.h.dalton@ampf.com](mailto:sandra.h.dalton@ampf.com).

CLASS OF 1996

DENISE APRUZZI (Bio.) is engaged to Brian Shroetter. She is a laboratory supervisor with Inspectorate America in Linden, while her fiancée is a sales trader with Domestic Securities in Edison. A July wedding had been planned.



DOUGLAS FORSYTH (M.A.T. Ed.) was hired by Liberty Title Agency as its new executive vice president. He was formerly vice presi-

dent at LandAmerica and serves as a member of the Board of Governors for the Mortgage Bankers Association of New York, the Board of Trustees for the Long Island chapter of the March of Dimes and the Board of Trustees for the Children's Hospital at the Monmouth Medical Center Foundation. Douglas lives in Colts Neck with his wife and children.

JENNIFER LOYSEN (Bus. Adm.), a Freehold Township resident, has been promoted to associate director of Monmouth University's Annual Fund and Class Giving. She most recently served as assistant director of the Annual Fund. Her new and expanded duties involve coordinating all aspects of the Phonathon and Class Giving programs. She is an active member of the New Jersey chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and also sits on the board of the Wyndham Place condominium association.

CLASS OF 1997

JENNIFER (CANN) EDWARDS (Bus. Adm.) and her husband, Thomas, welcomed son, Aidan Thomas, September 22, 2007. The family lives in Parlin.

WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN (Comm.) has accepted a position at NBC Universal in Ad Sales as a Bravo Account Executive in New York. He had previously worked at Zenith Media. In 2001 he was given the Volunteer of the Year Award.

CLASS OF 1998

MELANIE (O'NEILL) DRAGONE (Psych.) (M.S.W. '00) and her husband, Marco (Comm. '99), welcomed son, Nicholas Virgilio, March 26, 2008. The family lives in Hawthorne.

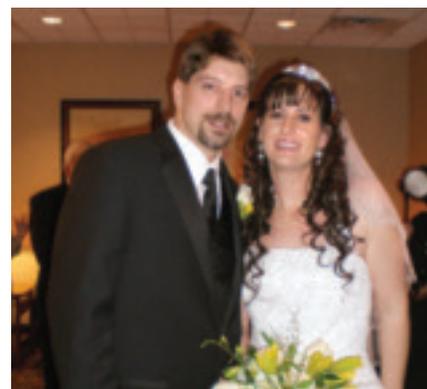
EVIE (RIGAS) HANTSOULIS (Sp. Ed.) and her husband, Dimitri, welcomed twin sons, Konstantinos and Stamatis, January 8, 2008. The family lives in Dayton.

CLASS OF 1999

DONNA (JANCSEK) BONK (Crim. J.) and her husband, Ed (Psych. '00), welcomed second child, Allison Maureen, April 29, 2008. The couple also has a three-year old son, Eddie, and lives in Keyport.

MARY JEAN KINSELLA (B.S.N.) (M.S.N. '04) has been selected as one of the recipients of the New Jersey League for Nursing's 2007 Nurse Recognition Awards. She has worked at Bayshore Community Hospital in Holmdel since 1985.

KATE (SCHWEITZER) PATNER (Comm.) and her husband, Kenny (Bus. Adm. '00), welcomed daughter, Madeline Anne, October 20, 2007. The family lives in Randolph.



DANIELLE PLATT (Bus. Adm.) married Richard Zollinger March 15. Two alumni in attendance were Eric Platt (Bus. Adm. '00) and Lauran (Smith) Platt (Elem. Ed./Comm. '00). Danielle is an RN at SJ Healthcare in Vineland, while her husband is a union brickmason. The couple resides in Pittsgrove.

CHANDLER RAPSON (M.B.A.) was named chief executive officer at First Service Administrators Inc. in Lakeland, FL.

NICOLE SLACIK (Bio.) has invented the Bed-Pal, a passed strap and handle system to help pregnant women sit up in bed. She lives in Prairie Grove, IL.

CLASS OF 2000

MARISOL DELEON (Psych.) married Alan Vasquez February 16, 2008. Monmouth alumni in attendance were Ty Keya Wade (Mrkt. '00), William Hill (Mgmt. '00), Sarah (Greeley) Hill (Sp. Ed. '00), and Jamilla (Moore) Thompson (M.S.W. '01). Marisol is a fourth grade math teacher in Jersey City, and Alan is a tire technician in Riverdale. They reside in Bergenfield.



LISA KRAJACIC (Comm.) married Joseph Anzivino June 29, 2007. Alumni in attendance included bridesmaids, Justine (Devingo) Wright (Comm. '00) and Jeanna (Mari) Dienes (Bus. Adm. '00), as well as guests, Kristen Bellantoni (Bio. '00), Ian McClue (Comm. '00), Kara (Lott) Butler (Comm. '00) and Kate (Porubski) Patrick (Comm. '99). She is a training and support specialist for Marathon Data Systems in Wall. Her husband is a special education teacher in Edison. They reside in Neptune.

CLASS OF 2001

NORA (MURRAY) GREEN (Sp. Ed.) and her husband, James (Crim. J. '01), welcomed son, Connor James, May 7, 2008. The family lives in Barnegat.

RENEE HODE (Bus. Adm./Econ.) was promoted to director of the Institute for Entrepreneurship at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, NC. She has also opened her own business, Rhode Consulting, which specializes in small business support services.

MELISSA (ALBERGA) MCHUGH (Sp. Ed.) and her husband, Sean (Hist. '02), welcomed daughter, Kiera Rita, April 16, 2008. The family lives in Brick.

CLASS OF 2002



CAROLINA FEITO (Crim. J.) married Mark Menapace November 10, 2007. Alumni in attendance were Melissa (Barry) Guzowski (Soc. Wk. '02), Claudia (Calabria) Moreno (M.S.W. '02), Elizabeth (Petri) Cangelosi (Acct. '01), Danielle Blair (Psych. '01), Mike Travis (Crim. J. '02), Andrea Rogicki (Psych. '00 M.A.T. '02), Ivette Cotte (Crim. J. '99 M.A.T. '01), Melissa Landau (Soc. Wk. '99) and Allison Schneider (Bus. Mgmt. '03). Carolina is an appraiser at Chubb Group of Insurance, while her husband is an analyst at Citadel Investment Group. The couple resides in New York City.

MELISSA LEE (Engl.) and Ross Maszczak (B.F.A. '03) were married September 3, 2006. More than 25 alumni were in attendance. Melissa works as a confidential assistant in the president's office at Thomas Edison State College, and Ross is the founder of Jade Beetle Designs, a graphic design company. The couple resides in Bordentown and are expecting their first child in September.

NINA LEMBERG (Bio.) graduated from Pennsylvania College of Optometry May 22 and is planning to open a multidiscipline office at the end of 2009. She lives in Freehold.



LYNN PLANAMENTE (Sp. Ed.) married Drew Polin July 6, 2007. Tara (Stiles) Purdy (Sp. Ed. '02) was one the bridesmaids. Lynn is a third-grade teacher in south Jersey and has recently earned her M.A.T. Drew is the owner of a cell phone consulting company. The couple resides in Marlton.

CLASS OF 2003

ROSETTA JOHNSON (Crim. J.) (M.A. Crim. J. '04) was selected to be an intern for the Obama Campaign in Virginia as part of the Advanced Leadership Fellowship Program. She resides in Asbury Park.

BETHANY YOUNG (M.A. Psych. Couns.) married Kevin McCarthy October 27, 2007. She is a therapist at Ocean Mental Health in Berkeley, while he is a history teacher for the Elizabeth Township Board of Education. They live in Tinton Falls.

CLASS OF 2004



LINDSAY MYERS (Ed./Psych.) (M.S. Sp. Ed. '08) and CJ DeFilippo (Bus. Fin. '04 M.B.A. '08) were married May 31, 2008. There were 22 Monmouth alumni in attendance including members of the bridal party. They are: John DeFilippo (Bus. Mrkt. '05), Whitney Myers (Bus. Adm. '06 M.B.A. '08), Mike St. Martine (Art '05), Mike Kelly (Bus. Fin. '04), Brian Marsh (Hist./Ed. '05), Anthony LaSpada (Comm. '04), Christopher Ciminiello (Hist. '04) and Tim Davis (Bus. Mgmt. '03 M.A. Hist. '05).



SARA SAGLIANO (Arts) (B.F.A. '06) married Giovanni Siano October 20, 2007. They live in Brick.



MELISSA SCHULZ (B.S.W.) married David Smolowitz May 16, 2008. She is a therapist with Family Service, while he is a senior probation officer in Cumberland County. Two of the bridesmaids are also alumnae--Jennifer Sofin (Crim. J. '04) and Lauren Smith (M.S.W. '05). The couple resides in Vineland.

CLASS OF 2005

JACK GIANNATTASIO (M.S.Ed.) was Union County's 2008 Teacher of the Year. He has been teaching science for the past 18 years, with the past five years at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark. He is also an adjunct professor at Monmouth and does presentations at conventions like the National Science Teachers Convention.

JEFF HOPPE (M.S. Comp. Sci.) is engaged to JoAnn Henninger, with an October 2008 wedding planned. He is an electrical engineer for the Department of Defense, U.S. Army CERDEC, Fort Monmouth. His fiancée is a third-grade

teacher with the Manchester Township School District.

MEGAN KELLY (Crim. J.) is engaged to marry Gregg Cella this November. She works at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, while her fiancée is a police officer with the MTA Police Department in Queens.

CARRIE PATCHES (M.B.A.) was engaged to Delvin Placencia December 15, 2007. They are planning a wedding for November 1, 2008. She is a supervisory logistics management specialist for CE-COM at Fort Monmouth in Eatontown. Carrie lives in Neptune.

KIMBERLY SHULACK (Bus. Econ.) received an M.B.A. in Finance from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 2008. She was also promoted to senior financial analyst at MetLife in Bridgewater, where she has worked since 2005. Kimberly lives in Raritan.

CLASS OF 2006



ASHLEE DOBENSKI (Sp. Ed.) and Michael Torres (Bus. Mgmt./Mrkt. '05) were married August 4, 2007. Alumni in attendance were the maid of honor, Carmela Iadevaia (Sp. Ed. '06), Michael Falco (Bus. Mgmt./Mrkt. '05), Tina Deputy (Bus. Mgmt. '05), and Peter Hallisay (Poli. Sci. '65). Ashlee teaches disabled preschool students within the Monroe Township Board of Education, while Michael is a senior Medicaid Analyst with Johnson and Johnson Health Care Systems in Piscataway. The couple resides in Jamesburg.

JACLYN MILLMAN (Soc. Wk.) is engaged to marry Joseph DiNardo in October. She works in the marketing department of Synergy in Kearny, while her fiancée is an assistant project manager with Mortenson in Minneapolis.

BONNIE PUNTA SECCA (Bus. Adm.) is pursuing a master's in administrative science at Fairleigh Dickinson University. She is also participating in a program called Semester at Sea this fall where she will travel to Brazil, Namibia, South Africa, Malaysia, India, China, Japan, Vietnam, and Costa Rica.

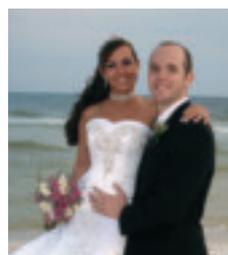
BRENT WILSON (Bus. Mgmt.) has joined Carolina Capital Management of Daniel Island in South Carolina as a financial representative.

CLASS OF 2007

KEVIN DAVIS (Comm.) has joined the staff of the *Echoes-Sentinel* in Warren. He will be responsible for covering municipal meetings and events in Warren Township, Watchung, and Long Hill Township.



NIKKI GIANCOLA (Bus. Mrkt.) is the director of marketing for Allstate Insurance Co. in Marlboro. She lives in Hazlet.



TANYA GRUBER (Psych.) married Kevin Sjodin May 17, 2008. She is a preschool teacher and is pursuing her B-K (Birth through Kindergarten) license. Her husband is a private pilot. They live in Mooresville, NC.

MELLISSA IORIO (M.S.E.) married Kevin Hawley November 18, 2007. She is a school counselor with Ewing Public Schools and lives in Howell.



JOSEPH SILVESTRI (Crim. J.) plans to marry Dina Plunkett in July 2009. He is a police officer with the Monroe Township Police Department, while his fiancée is a publicist with DeVries in New York City.

JENNIFER YOUNG (Fine Arts) moved back to Westlake Village, CA. She is working at CurtCo Media for Art & Antiques magazine as its assistant art director in Malibu.

CLASS OF 2008



AMANDA LEE (M.A. Psych. Couns.) married Andrew Osgood February 23, 2008. One of her bridesmaids was Dana Winchock (M.A. Psych. Couns. '08). Amanda is a counselor in the School Based Youth Services Program at Brick Memorial High School. Her husband is an Air Force lieutenant in the finance department stationed at McGuire Air Force Base in Wrightstown. The couple lives in Jackson.

SHANNON MONACO (Comm.) works for Utopia Communications, a public relations firm in Tinton Falls. In June Shannon was featured in an *Asbury Park Press* article about employment.



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JESSICA SASTOQUE (Hist./Sp. Ed.) is engaged to Dan Dimino. She is a special education history teacher and he is a physical education teacher at Old Bridge High School. They plan to live in Old Bridge following their wedding, which is being planned for next year.

CRAIG SEGAL (M.A. Corp. & Pub. Comm.) in June won the 15th five-mile George Sheehan Classic in 25:34.49. This win followed his May victory in the Spring Lake Five Mile Run.

in memoriam

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- 1941 LEON ZUCKERMAN (A.A.)  
APRIL 13, 2008
- 1958 MARK BENDON (Bus. Adm.)  
MAY 29, 2008
- 1967 CURTIS HAVENS  
MAY 29, 2008
- 1974 MARY (KLUXEN) MCHEFFEY (Elem. Ed.)  
APRIL 26, 2008
- 1978 ROBERT DAVIDSON (Flex Studies)  
JUNE 8, 2008
- 1980 ALBERT LUPINETTI (Bus. Adm.)  
MAY 7, 2008
- 1981 DAVE LEWIS (M.B.A.)  
JUNE 17, 2008
- 1983 DEBORAH MCKEVITT (Elem. Ed.)  
JUNE 4, 2008
- 1989 CATHERINE LUND (Bus. Mgmt./Bus. Econ.)  
JUNE 8, 2008
- 2000 CHRISTINA KUROWSKI (Bus. Acct.)  
MAY 11, 2008
- 2007 DANIEL DEVRIES  
MAY 11, 2008

FRIENDS

- LEE COOK  
MAY 30, 2008
- DONALD HEMBLING  
MAY 29, 2008 (former member of the President's Council of Monmouth U.)
- RUSSELL JACKSON  
JUNE 9, 2008 (student in Criminal Justice)
- DOUGLAS JOHNSON  
MAY 16, 2008 (former trustee 1994-2000)
- REV. THOMAS O'CONNOR  
JUNE 11, 2008 (former University chaplain)
- MARGARET OXLEY  
JULY 10, 2008 (secretary in the department of Computer Science 1961-1999)
- TIMOTHY JOHN RUSSERT HN '99  
JUNE 13, 2008 (commencement speaker in 1999)

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