MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

July 21, 2008

Calendar of Events

Monday, July 21

9am	Club Trivia—Syndicate Hall/NR

Tuesday, July 22

Noon	CABS Meeting—203 Ustin Hall/BX
Noon	Poetry Club—201 King Hall/BX
Noon	Honors Faculty Focus Group—516 Main Hall/NR
3:30pm	Weight Watchers 103 Milavec Hall/NR
4–7pm	Immunization Vaccinations–Student Services, King Hall/BX
4:30pm	Tennis & Raq—The Rock Club/NR
6pm	Karate—Syndicate Hall/NR

Wednesday, July 23

12:45pm	Depart from NR for Honors/EASE Boat Trip/NR
1pm	SGS New Student Orientation—309 King Hall/BX
1:15pm	Depart from BX for Honors/EASE Boat Trip/BX
2:30pm	Weight Watchers—227 Ling Hall/BX
4:45pm Main	Debate Team Practice—516 Hall/NR
6pm	Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night–Jerome Hall/BX
6pm	SGS New Student Orientation—309 King Hall/BX

Thursday, July 24

Noon	Talent Showcase—King Hall Gym/BX
12:15pm	SGS Team Meeting—309 King Hall/BX
2pm	International Students Coffee Hour—International Student Services—Main Hall/NR

Friday, July 25

10am	Monroe Picnic—Glenn Island/NR
1pm	Naked Food Tasting—Culinary Arts Center/NR
6:30pm	Open Gym Basketball—Hooperstown/NR

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Our Diamond Jubilee Year:
Looking back… and forward!

As the spring semester of the Monroe College 75th Anniversary year comes to a close, students, faculty, and staff can look back on memories and at the same time, look forward to the coming Fall Semester and a 75th Anniversary celebration unlike any in the college's history. Hint… save these dates: October 24–26.

President **Stephen Jerome**'s words at the spring graduations offered perspective on the 75 years of Monroe College. "We started in 1933 with seven students in a single classroom and now we have made it to Madison Square Garden!"

Academic achievements acknowledged at the largest and maybe most spectacular commencement in the college's 75 years, were accompanied by some of this year's outstanding extra-curricular triumphs. For example, our women's basketball team won its second national championship, setting impressive records along the way. In baseball, the Mustangs won the Region XV championship in its first season as a Division 1 program and our remarkable SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) team won yet another Regional title and advanced deep into the national competition.

Another highlight of the Monroe Diamond Jubilee was the opening of Ustin Hall, a gorgeous new building on the Bronx campus that houses the King Graduate School and the School of Business. Also, Monroe went green with renewed emphasis on conservation in New Rochelle and the planting of 75 trees around the Bronx campus.

Of all, maybe most important in this 75th anniversary is the ongoing daily adherence to the solid-as-a-rock Monroe College mission of providing educational opportunities that transform students' lives. Job fairs punctuated by overflowing participation from industry as well as a student body eager to succeed illustrated an adage that's especially poignant at Monroe during tough economic times: To get a good job, get a good education! See you in September.

A student poem on the 75th anniversary is on page 2.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- "Japan Day" was held on Sunday, June 1 at the Sheep Meadow section of Central Park and a number of Monroe students, including members of the Asian Students Club attended. The event brought together traditional and new wave pop Japanese culture to New York and promoted and celebrated Japanese art, music, fashion, and Japanese cuisine. Oishi (delicious)!
- **TALENT SHOW!** You're invited to attend the next Talent Show on Thursday, July 24, from 12–1pm in the King Hall Gym.
- From July 9–11, six Monroe students attended **Athgo International's Third Annual Global Forum** in Washington, DC. Athgo's primary mission is to: "provide young people with applied entrepreneurial education and training and a platform to develop and launch socially conscious initiatives." Students were randomly assigned to participate in a breakout groups that constructed a Business Model and Policy Memorandum. A few Monroe students held key management roles in their respective groups. In fact, one student, **Celia Grell,** was a member of the team that took first place in the Innovation Panel competition.

- **IMMUNIZATIONS!** If you're on hold because of Immunization shots you need to visit with Nurse **Mary Greco** in the Nursing office in King Hall on Tuesday, July 22nd from 4–7pm. A fee of $30.00 will be charged to your student account for the service. For further information please contact Dean **Alex Canals** in the SGS Office.

ACCOUNTING

Professor **Harvey Gilmore** will have an article published in the Fall 2008 Edition of the Florida Coastal Law Review called "To Failure & Back: How Law Brought Me Back From the Depths".

Professor Gilmore's article looks at several reasons many members of the legal profession experience an acute disappointment with their chosen career, including the academic pressure to succeed in law school, the pressure to become a law firm partner, the long work hours, and the profession's less-than-positive public image.

Professor Gilmore, who holds Juris Doctor and Master of Law degrees, in addition to being an accountant, also recounts some of the similar career misadventures he went through early in his accounting career. He also shares how his own journey through law brought him career success as a college professor.

The article can be currently found at http://works.bepress.com/harvey_gilmore/2.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

The Learning Center in King Hall is ready to help with final class projects and final exam preparation. They will be holding extended hours. Please stop by!

Monday–Thursday from 9:00 am– 8:00pm;
Friday from 9:00 am–2:00 pm;
Saturday from 9:00 am–3:30 pm;
Sunday from 9:00 am–2:00 pm

75 and molding minds

by Hector John

In 1933 at West Farms
Mildred King sowed the seed
Of Monroe School of Business
Fulfilling her life long dream
With just seven students
She humbly persevered
As she prepared them
For the working sphere
Harry Jerome joined her in '36
Energized and committed
With the same beliefs
In 1945 Monroe
Joined the Department of Ed
Knowledge and discipline
They continuously fed
Today with a population of about 7000
Monroe is 75
And Molding minds

Monroe continued to grow
In the right direction
Expanding space and curriculum
To meet student expectation
Stephen Jerome joined in '66
Bringing more support
To the committed pioneers
The seed continued to grow
On Fordham road
And in 1972
Offered two year degree
West Farms served its purpose
And was closed in '77
As student positive growth
Was taken to another level
Today with a very committed staff
Monroe is 75
And Molding minds

Henry retired in '78
And gave Stephen
The keys to the gate
During celebrations
Of the 50th Anniversary
The New Rochelle Campus
Join the family
Creating a secured home
For International students
To receive an education
While experiencing life
In this exciting nation
To St Lucia
Monroe spread its wings
I can hear
A Caribbean mother
Joyfully sings
Today Monroe is rolling out
The Diamond carpet
Because Monroe is 75
And molding minds

SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES

The School of General Studies recently conducted a Life Support Series Workshop consisting of several seminars on Money Management, Sexual Awareness, Relationships and Depression. President Jerome led the workshop on money management and presented many financial options for students to consider for employment, health care and retirement. Other Instructors, including Professors **Sol Velazquez** and **Lisa Whiteside** also led a few workshops. Many students gained valuable information on important personal issues and even learned how to cope with difficult situations, or help a loved one who may be in need.

At the end of the final workshop, a raffle drawing took place where **Ruben Torres** was the winner of an Ipod Nano. For information on future Life Support workshops contact **Kathy Briceno** in the SGS office. ■

HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

The notion of real world education is thriving on the St. Lucia campus. On Friday, June 27, the Banquet and Tourism class held "Vote for Tourism," an event they had organized as part of a class project.

Two of St. Luica's most prominent figures in the island's hospitality industry attended: **Kierron L.S. Dolby** of Le Paradis fame and tourism consultant **James Hepple**.

Mr. Hepple made a presentation on the culture of tourism in St. Lucia, the direction of the government as it regards tourism, and the state of projects and long term vision for the island's niche in the tourism market. Afterwards they took questions from students. ■

OCA

On Monday, June 16th, the Platinum Club, an exclusive, invitation-only organization that provides members with special-career planning privileges in the OCA, kicked off its first event, "Career Conversations over Cocktails". The evening provided an opportunity for Platinum Club members to gain knowledge in career search/development. The event included a brief presentation on how some students have launched careers, how to network, and interviewing. They also shared valuable tips on how to act to sustain longevity at a company.

For more information on the Platinum Club contact the OCA. ■

ONLINE LEARNING

Students enrolled in an online learning class for the first-time, during the Fall 2008 semester, may attend an Angel orientation online or onsite. For more information, contact the Office of Online Learning at ext. 8592 or stop by the Online Learning Office in Monroe Hall. ■

KING GRADUATE SCHOOL

This week, three MBA students in the Strategic Management class at the New Rochelle campus, **Raghu Katragadda**, **Juan Pichardo**, and **Alecia Des Vignes** received recognition as one of the best-performing GLO-BUS companies measured on four performance variables (Overall Score, Earnings Per Share, Return on Equity, and Stock Price). During the week of June 30 there were 276 teams from 29 colleges/universities participating in the simulation world-wide. Out of that stiff competition, these three King Graduate School co-managers (company name: Digital Focus) ranked second for Earnings-Per-Share performance, ninth for Return on Equity, and twelfth on Stock Price Performance.

GLO-BUS is an online competitive business strategy simulation where teams of students run a digital camera company in head-to-head competition against companies run by other class members. Company operations parallel those of actual digital camera companies and they compete in a global market arena, selling digital cameras in four geographic regions—Europe-Africa, North America, Asia-Pacific, and Latin America.

The challenge is to craft and execute a competitive strategy that results in a respected brand image, keeps your company in contention for global market leadership, and produces good financial performance as measured by earnings per share, return on investment, stock price appreciation, and credit rating.

Congratulations on representing Monroe so splendidly! ■

MATH

Math puzzles at *My Monroe!*

The winner of puzzle #2 has been announced. Also puzzle #3 is available. Both are posted in *My Monroe* in the "Documents and Forms" gadget.

Log on to *My Monroe* using your regular Monroe login. Then make sure that the "Document and Forms" gadget is active on your *My Monroe* page. Click on the puzzle. Good Luck!

My MONROE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Last month CJ students got a preview of the many facets of police in the City of New Rochelle's Citizen Police Academy, a 9-week course that's held each spring. At an awards ceremony, the students were presented Certificates of Completion. "The program is designed to strengthen the partnership between the New Rochelle Police Department and the community that it serves," explained Police Commissioner **Patrick J. Carroll**. "Our objectives are to familiarize participants with the dangers, difficulties and ambiguities inherent to modern police work, and to foster a citizen-police partnership to combat and develop a safer community."
- On June 28th the School of Criminal Justice participated in a "Stop the Violence–Save Our Children" information fair at St. Mary's Park. The fair provided information on community activities and resources available for young adults as an alternative to the inactivity that may lead to youth violence. **Michele Rodney**, Dean of the School of Criminal Justice and Professor **Michele Mason** distributed literature on the upcoming Summer Law Institute and the other degree programs offered at Monroe.
- On June 26, the Office of Career Advancement and the School of Criminal Justice hosted the first Criminal Justice Career Day. The morning began with a Welcome Reception for the distinguished speakers. Afterwards, approximately 300 Criminal Justice students listened to the speakers share advice and insight regarding the CJ career opportunities. During the afternoon, the event moved to West Hall for the Career Expo where they had the opportunity to explore career options and network with 30 employers from all facets of the Criminal Justice industry.

BUSINESS

On June 9th a group of 20 students, faculty and staff visited the United Nations. They were greeted by a tour guide who escorted them through the facilities. Having an opportunity to view numerous gifts given by various countries also gave an insight to the wealth of culture that the UN represents. Other items on display were pictures and artifacts that promote some of the organization's mission and goals such as fighting poverty and peace keeping.

The tour included visits to various chambers such as the Security Council, the Trusteeship Council, the Economic and Social Council and explained their functions, and current topics recently discussed in each. The group also visited the General Assembly Hall.

The tour ended with a debriefing on one of the organization's current efforts to end poverty, and other economic problems that encompass it; such as poor public health and low literacy. ■

ATHLETICS

The Department of Athletics is now recruiting for the 2008-09 seasons.

Athletes with competitive experience in men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball, men's soccer, baseball and softball, men's and women's track and field and cross country should immediately contact **Marcus DiBernardo** at 646-925-7444 or mdibernardo@monroecollege.edu

Calendar of Events

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Saturday, July 26

TBA	Field Armory Trip/BX
6pm	Professional Development Workshop—ANGEL CMS and Gradebook—501 Jerome Hall/BX

Sunday, July 27

9am–2pm	Learning Resource center and Account Lab Open/BX

Monday, July 28

	Spring Fever Finale—Pool Party, Saxon Woods/Other/NR

Tuesday, July 29

Last Day of Class

Noon	CABS Meeting—203 Ustin Hall/BX
3:30pm	Weight Watchers 103 Milavec Hall/NR
6:00pm	Karate—Syndicate Hall/NR

Wednesday, July 30

Final Exams

2:30pm	Weight Watcher—227 King Hall/BX

Thursday, July 31

Final Exams

2pm	International Students Coffee Hour—International Student Services—Main Hall/NR
2pm	Staff Meeting—919 West Hall/BX
TBA	Spring Fever End of Semester Party/BX

Friday, August 1

Final Exams

9am	Honors Colloquium—919 West Hall/BX

Saturday, August 2

Final Exams

Sunday, August 3

Final Exams

9am–2pm	Learning Resource center and Account Lab Open/BX

Monday, August 4

Final Exams

6pm	SGS New Student Orientation—309 King Hall/BX

Tuesday, August 5

Final Exams

3:30pm	Weight Watchers 103 Milavec Hall/NR

Wednesday, August 6

Grades due by 10:00am

1pm	SGS New Student Orientation—309 King Hall/BX
2:30pm	Weight Watchers—227 King Hall/BX