MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

October 25, 2010

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 25

9:00am – 6:00pm Open House at King Graduate School New Facility – 145 Huguenot/NR

Tuesday, October 26

Noon Writing Training Session – 501 Jerome Hall/BX

12:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX

2:30pm Curriculum, Standards, and Compliance Committee Meeting – King Hall Conference Room/BX

2:30pm Town Hall Meeting for State-wide Democratic Candidates–King Hall Gym /BX

5:00pm Writing Clinic – Academic Center – Main Hall/NR

6:00pm Entrepreneurial Assistance Program – 206 Ustin Hall/BX

6:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX

8:00pm Men's Basketball Team Academic Workshop – Academic Center – Main Hall/NR

Wednesday, October 27

12:20pm DV Panel – Annex/BX

3:15pm Weight Watchers – 103 Milavec Hall/NR

5:00pm Math Clinic – Academic Center – Main Hall/NR

5:15pm Writing Training Session – 501 Jerome Hall/BX

6:00pm Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX

6:30pm MBA Advisory Board Meeting – Ustin Hall Conference Room/BX

Thursday, October 28

Strategic Planning

Noon Coffee and Poetry Hour – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX

Noon Writing Training Session – 112 Milavec Hall/NR

2:30pm Weight Watchers – 307 King Hall/BX

2:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX

6:00pm Entrepreneurial Assistance Program – 104 Ustin Hall Annex/BX

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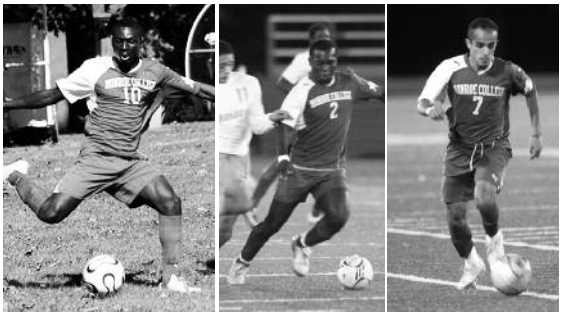
MUSTANGS SOCCER – They Don't Lose!

Coming off last year's stellar 16–1–1 season, expectations for Monroe men's soccer in 2010 were high. At this point, it's safe to say that all of those expectations have been met. The Mustangs are undefeated at 13–0, ranked #3 in the nation, and are very much expecting to play long into the post season.

"We're right where we want to be," said Coach **Marcus Dibernardo** as he prepared his team for the final games of the regular season. "We were aiming for the national championship from the minute last season ended and the way we've played, it's still very much a realistic goal."

Speaking of goals, teams that play Monroe don't get many of them. In fact, opponents have only scored a total of three goals all season and no more than one in any game. That means that Monroe has authored ten shutouts! You really can't be better than that.



L to R: Anthony Assante, William Koki and Maged Alkasimi

Offensively, Monroe is led by freshman **Anthony Assante** who has 11 goals and 3 assists. Sophomore **William Koki** has also been impressive with 6 goals and 3 assists. Sophomore **Maged Alkasimi** is vital to the offensive attack with his 2 goals and 7 assists.

Coach 'D' did a remarkable recruiting job, tapping into this own experience as a PSAL coach, recruiting many of the Mustangs from the Big apple.

"The relationship between PSAL players and Monroe soccer is a match made in heaven," said Coach 'D'. "It's not generally known that the PSAL has some of the most talented players in the country and they come to Monroe because they relish the opportunity to play on a Division I team, in a wonderful new facility, with an upgraded fall and spring schedule, and a year-round training program."

Monroe will be playing Region rivals ASA on Wednesday, October 27 at 8:00pm at the Met Oval Soccer Complex in Queens for a chance to advance to the District tournament. Directions to the field can be found in the 'Fan Zone' of the new Monroe athletics web site at www.monroecollegemustangs.edu. ■

For more information on Monroe College Mustangs Athletics see page 4 and visit www.monroecollegemustangs.com

OFFICE OF CAREER ADVANCEMENT

■ This year's Monroe College annual Job and Career Fair presented by the Office of Career Advancement (OCA) brought not only a larger contingent of potential employers than ever before, but also gave new definition to the term "giving back".

According to OCA Dean **Carol Genese**, more Monroe grads than ever before came back to the college, this time as employers, with an eye for hiring Monroe students.

"It's all about career opportunities made possible by quality education and training," Dean Genese said. "Now that Monroe grads are in a position to hire because they themselves have launched professional careers, they know how important it is for our current students to also have a chance to improve their lives."

Nadia Noel, shown below, who got her Bachelor's degree in business with a minor in hospitality management from Monroe in 2004 and is now an agent with New York Life, said that being part of the Career Expo was a matter of destiny. "Keeping it in the Monroe family is important," she said. "I didn't spend this effort getting all this knowledge and experience just to keep it in my head. Coming here gives me a chance to give it back to other students."

More than 90 prospective employers filled the King Hall gym, the Jag, some classrooms, and even the hallways in hopes of identifying the right people for their companies. Appointments for interviews were scheduled, employment openings and opportunities were discussed, and some students were even hired right on the spot. Corporations and organizations in all of Monroe's academic fields were represented at the Expo.

"Looking at this event you would never know the economy was in a slowdown," said Dean Genese. "If we all work harder, students, the OCA, and even the companies involved, then there are job opportunities available."

■ In preparation for the October 20th Career & Internship Expo, the Office of Career Advancement had the pleasure of presenting two student models dressed in interview attire — **Darling Rodriguez-Pena** and **Stacey Devonish**. Many students saw these professional businesslike ladies during the 12–1pm lunch hour in the King Hall lobby and the JAG.

Darling is a Criminal Justice major and expects to graduate with her Bachelor of Science in April 2011. Stacey is a Medical Administration major and expects to receive her Associate in Applied Science in December 2010. She has a seven year old daughter and hopes to be a role model for her.

Ricardo Torres, an IT BBA student, also was a model, and he has a work study position in the School of Criminal Justice. ■

ALUM OF THE MONTH

On June 2010, **Deserey Gayle** graduated from Monroe with a BBA in Hospitality Management and a minor in Human Resources Management. As a result of her commitment, hard work and persistence, she graduated Summa Cum Laude.

After graduation, Deserey returned home to the Cayman Islands where she has been working at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel as a Human Resources Coordinator.

"I really enjoy my job working with over 700+ employees," she said.

Already, Deserey has received First Class Recognition from her department head regarding her professionalism and organizational skills. She has participated in different Career Expositions where she assisted in recruiting local talents. She was interviewed by a local radio station where she spoke about her new work environment and gave positive advice to young Caymanians.

Interestingly, her job role is not limited. She is actively involved in other areas of the office such as recruitment, and training and development. She is also planning and organizing company events, writing the company's newsletter and even participating in local community volunteer events.

Deserey's advice is, "Never say no to any given opportunity. You must continue to learn and grow and maintain a positive attitude at all times." ■

The Monroe College Academy of Business

Monroe College has formed a partnership with the Fordham Leadership Academy to teach *Introduction to Business* classes to high juniors and seniors. Next semester, the program will advance to include *Principals of Management* to the same students. Students in the program earn high school credit as well as three college credits for each course they take.

Taught by Professor **Sherman Browne**, who is a Monroe graduate and founding member of Monroe's award-winning SIFE team, the course of study is the same curriculum as taught in Monroe college classrooms. Consequently, the Fordham Leadership students are learning to raise their academic level. They learn how to present themselves in front of the class and to work collaboratively. ■

Fordham Leadership students visit the Monroe campus

HONORS PROGRAM

On Saturday, October 9th, the Honors Program sponsored HN 350 Comparative Urbanism class trip to Providence, Rhode Island for a weekend tour. Seven students travelled with their Professor **Rob Cole** and **Clevon Wilson** of the Academic Center to this former industrial center.

The group experienced the season finale of WaterFire entitled "Flames of Hope" in honor of the evening's sponsor, the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation. From as early as 7:00pm on Saturday, our students gathered with thousands to witness a transformation of the city, as one hundred sparkling bonfires, the fragrant scent of aromatic wood smoke, the flickering firelight on the arched bridges, and famous lighted artwork along the city's three rivers culminated into a powerful statement of art and ambience.

On Sunday, the group visited the historic First Baptist Church of Providence, the first Baptist Church in the U.S., toured College Hill, where Brown University is located, and the business area of Federal Hill. ■

NABA

At the 35th Annual NABA Eastern Regional Student Conference held in Bethesda, Maryland from October 14–17, a number of Monroe students were interviewed by major corporartions and several were awarded scholarships. **Jouldine Bruna** won the NABA New York Scholarship, **Allecia Gordon** received the Johnson and Johnson Scholarship, **Emily Chen Wang** got the Prudential Scholarship, and **Zixin Zhu** was awarded the Prudential Scholarship.

The student conference provides a unique opportunity for NABA to shape, inspire and honor achieving our students. One of the top priorities within NABA is to prepare our students to become successful business professionals. For example, since 2008, the students and graduates listed on the right, have gained employment with some of the world's largest accounting firms. ■

Geoff Cooper	PricewaterhouseCoopers
Tula Nisbett	Eisner, CPA's
Takiese Martin	PricewaterhouseCoopers
Steadroy Lloyd	J.P. Morgan Chase
Jose Reyes-Cruz	PricewaterhouseCoopers
Shanel Hiland	Deloitte
Diana Silva Cargill	
Carlo Samuels	Goldman Sachs
Jerome Coutou	J.P. Morgan Chase
Niquava Ricketts	Ernst & Young
Dwaine Campbell	PricewaterhouseCoopers
Alisha Clark	KPMG
Ian Ruddock	KPMG

ATHLETICS

Women's Volleyball Playoff Bound!

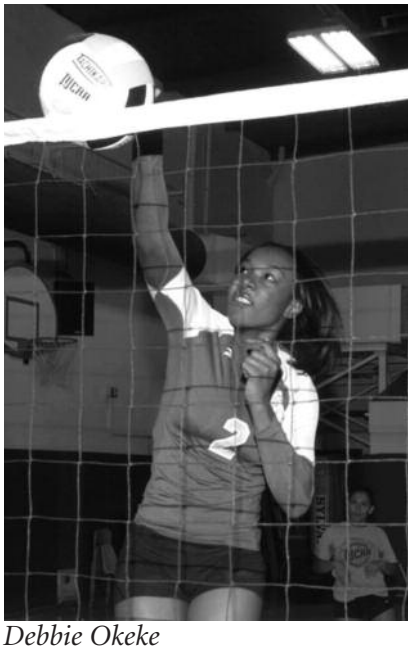
When you qualify for a national tournament in your first year as head coach, it's hard to out do yourself in the next season. But that's just what Monroe women's volleyball coach **Justin Stack** is attempting to do with his 24–6 Lady Mustangs.

Last year's magic run was keyed in Delaware in the District Finals in a thrilling 5 game win over Genesee. This season, when Monroe came back from being down 2–1 to beat a tough Harcum team in five games on the road in Pennsylvania, Coach Stack had a good feeling about his team.

"This could be a turning point for us as we head toward the playoffs," he said. "The way we played with our backs to the wall showed we have what it takes to be champions."

On that night, Monroe mounted a valiant comeback outscoring Harcum 40–17 in the final two games to get the impressive win for the first time since last year's Districts that Monroe has extended the match to five sets after being down.

The road for Monroe will take them to the District tournament in Genesee, NY over the weekend of November 6–7. If they're successful there, then it's back to Wisconsin for the national tournament where the sky will be the limit! ■



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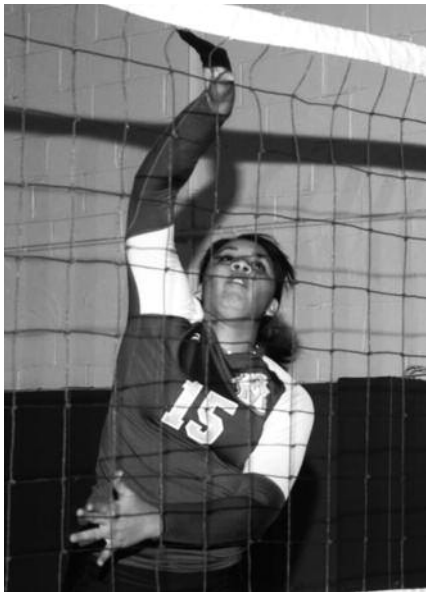

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6:30pm Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX

Friday, October 29

Strategic Planning

10:00am Men's Basketball Team Academic Workshop–Academic Center – Main Hall /NR

Saturday, October 30

10:00am Writing Clinic – Academic Center – Main Hall/NR

10:30am Bachelor's New Student Registration – 605 Jerome Hall/BX

1:00pm Math Clinic – Academic Center – Main Hall/NR

Sunday, October 31

No Events Scheduled

Monday, November 1

Midterm Progress Reports Due

Registration – Bronx

Tuesday, November 2

ELECTION DAY – CLASSES MEET AS SCHEDULED

Midterm Progress Reports Due

Registration – Bronx

5:00pm Writing Clinic – Academic Center – Main Hall/NR

6:00pm Entrepreneurial Assistance Program – 206 Ustin Hall/BX

8:00pm Men's Basketball Team Academic Workshop – Academic Center – Main Hall/NR

Wednesday, November 3

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Registration – New Rochelle

3:15pm Weight Watchers – 103 Milavec Hall/NR

5:00pm Math Clinic – Academic Center – Main Hall/NR

6:00pm Bachelor's Program Refreshment Night – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX

Thursday, November 4

Midterm Progress Reports Due

Registration – New Rochelle

Noon Coffee and Poetry Hour – Bachelor's Program Office – Jerome Hall/BX

2:30pm Weight Watchers – 307 King Hall/BX

6:00pm Entrepreneurial Assistance Program – 104 Ustin Hall/BX

Friday, November 5

Midterm Progress Reports Due

10:00am Men's Basketball Team Academic Workshop–Academic Center–Main Hall/NR

2:00pm Microsoft Office Integration (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) – 501 Jerome Hall/BX

4:00pm Opening of Hospitality and Tourism Institute/St. Lucia

Saturday, November 6

Midterm Progress Reports Due

High School Principals' Day – St. Lucia

10:00am Writing Clinic – Academic Center – Main Hall/NR

1:00pm Math Clinic – Academic Center – Main Hall/NR

Sunday, November 7

Midterm Progress Reports Due