MONROE COLLEGE

Weekly Observer

"What you need to know…at Monroe"

September 24, 2007

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 24

LAST DAY FOR PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

Spring 2007 Change of Grade forms must be submitted

2:30pm	Faculty Workshop – Office 2007 104 Milavec Hall/NR
3:00pm	E-Recruiting Workshop 808 Monroe Hall/BX

Tuesday, September 25

5:30pm	Online Meet and Greet 501 Jerome Hall/BX
7:00pm	Volleyball vs Bronx CC

Wednesday, September 26

2:00pm	African Dance: King Hall Gym/BX

Thursday, September 27

2:30pm	Academic Technology Meeting
7:00pm	Volleyball vs Rockland CC at Monroe

Friday, September 28

8:00am	Corporate Insurance Meeting – King Hall Conference Room/BX
9:00am	ANGEL Gradebook Workshop 104 Milavec Hall/NR

Saturday, September 29

Jumpstart Classes Begin/BX

Noon	Volleyball vs Orange CC at Ulster CC
1:15pm	Volleyball vs Ulster CC

Sunday, September 30

No Events Scheduled

Monday, October 1

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, October 2

5:00	ANGEL Gradebook Workshop 501 Jerome Hall/BX

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Health Care for Students!

Affordable health care is now available to all Monroe students at the Morris Heights Health Center! All you need to do is make an appointment and bring your ID.

Monroe College and the Morris Heights Health Center (MHHC) are collaborating to provide health care for every Monroe student at any of the six MHHC Bronx locations.

"Monroe College is interested in more than just a student's academic progress, we firmly believe that being in good physical and mental health contributes to a well-rounded lifestyle" said **Roberta Greenberg**, Vice President for Student Affairs at Monroe College. "Good health is an important element in ensuring a student's success," she concluded.

Students will be responsible for a copay for basic services and have a wide variety of specialties available at reasonable fees. Services at MHHC include comprehensive medical, dental and behavioral health care, pediatrics, eye care, obstetrics and gynecology, nutrition, and asthma/allergy services.

"MHHC is pleased to partner with Monroe College to assist their students to better understand and maintain good health while at the same time help them establish strong relationships with quality health care providers," said **Anita Wilenkin**, Chief Operating Officer of MHHC.

Since 1981, MHHC has been a major provider of health care to the Morris Heights section of the Bronx and the surrounding areas. To make an appointment call 718-716-4400. For more information, visit www.mhhc.org or Student Services. ■

Travel the World of Monroe! – see page 2

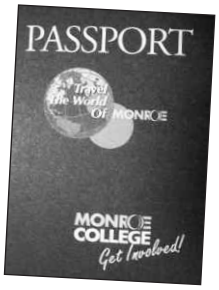
STUDENT SERVICES

Club Fair

On Tuesday, September 18th, the Bronx King Hall Gymnasium was filled with students who stopped in to participate in the Club Fair. Sponsored by the Office of Student Services, the Bronx Club Fair featured representatives from all of the clubs on campus, who brought literature and sign-up sheets for students to learn about clubs and possibly join. The clubs featured were: Allied Health Professions, Club for the Advancement of Business Students (CABS), Criminal Justice Club, Environmental Protection Club, Information Technology Student's Association, National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), National Society for Minorities in Hospitality, The Poetry Club (Poetry Is Truth – P.I.T), and Students in Free Enterprise (S.I.F.E.).

In addition to the club booths, students got their pictures taken in an old fashioned Coney Island photo booth, and students enjoyed blue cotton candy! Raffle tickets were given out for prizes like AMC movie tickets, Great Adventure tickets and Monroe T-shirts. One of the highlights of the day was a visit from the WBLS Street Team which included a special appearance from night-time DJ "**Champaine**" who signed autographs, gave away free WBLS gifts and raffled off tickets to Circle of Sisters at the Jacob Javits Center. Students left the Club Fair happy and more involved at Monroe College. ■

Passport – Travel the World of Monroe



The Office of Student Services invites all freshmen to Travel the World of Monroe! Simply pick up a Passport in Student Services, have it stamped at six of the activities listed in the box below before October 19. Once you have six stamps, drop-off your passport at the Office of Student Services. On October 25 at the Celebrity Ball in the King Hall Gymnasium, those who have successfully completed will qualify for these incredible prizes:

- Dell® Laptop Computer
- iPod® Nano • Movie Tickets
- "The Color Purple" Broadway Tickets
- Caroline's Comedy Club Tickets
- Dinner at Virgil's Barbeque
- "The Spirit of NY" Evening Cruise

Even better, you will have gotten yourself on the Monroe road to success!

How to get your stamps:

1. Meet your counselor in Student Services or the School of General Studies
2. Receive a career consultation at the Office of Career Services
3. Visit the Learning Center
4. Get a tour of the Library
5. Attend the Club Fair on either campus: Bronx (9/18, 12-3pm, King Gym) or New Rochelle (9/25, 12-1pm, Courtyard)
6. Go to www.monroecollege.edu/campus-life, register and view all the extracurricular events and activities Monroe offers
7. Attend any extracurricular event

STUDENT SERVICES HOTLINES: Bronx: 718.933.6700 x8295
New Rochelle: 914.740.6420
School of General Studies: 718.933.6700, x8529

Interested in a Law Career?

The Monroe College Pre Law Club and Kaplan Educational Services will have LSAT classes on the New Rochelle campus for the February 2007 LSAT exam. Classes start October 21. Kaplan will be offering a 20% discount to Monroe students and Alumni who are interested in LSAT classes. Details can be found at www.kaptest.com (search 10801 Zip Code for Monroe schedule.)

The Pre-Law Club will be hosting "Legally Speaking,"a forum in early October, that offers an opportunity to interact with lawyers and other professionals who will provide information to explore a career in law. Other events planned include law school visits, intercollegiate debates and personal statement critique. For information on the Pre Law Club, email: wbishop@monroecollege.edu, onewell@monroecollege.edu or smitchell@monroecollege.edu.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

On September 8, Monroe College was a sponsor of Mt. Hope Housing's 2nd Annual Back to School Technology Carnival. Monroe provided tech support, faculty to conduct workshops, experts to staff the "Ask-a-Tech" table, and interns to guide attendees in their use of computer technology. The Monroe School of Information Technology, Dept. of Online Learning, and Office of Career Advancement had staff on hand to answer questions. Monroe has several interns working in the Mt. Hope IT and Accounting departments. ■

Hispanic History Month

The Office of Student Services will be celebrating Hispanic History Month 9/15-10/15 with a number of fun events:

- Free Salsa Dance Classes with Professional Dancer/Choreographer **Linda Dallemand** *Tuesdays: 9/25, 10/2, and 10/9; 3:30-4:30 in the gym.*
- Off Broadway Play "*Plantanos & Collard Greens*" *9/28, 8pm; limited seats $30*
- Live Salsa band/party - *Los Ciegos Del Barrio 10/18, 7-10pm in the gym*

For more information or to sign-up, please go to the Student Services office in King Hall ■

Coming to Monroe on October 18!

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

Tutoring:

The Learning Resource Center is in full swing with a variety of academic support available to all Monroe students. There is no reason to struggle with your schoolwork. There is support available that can help you build success!

- Math Workshops to improve math skills
- Write quality research papers with Research Paper Workshops
- Improve writing skills with English grammar, creativity, and research skills workshops.

Sessions are offered at a variety of times to maximize participation and convenience. Schedules are posted on TV plasmas throughout the Monroe campuses. For more information, call 718-933-6700 x8542 or email skomlanvi@monroecollege.edu.

Microsoft Office 2007

Training is available to work with all the elements of Microsoft Office 2007. For Word, Excel, and Power Point training sessions schedule, call 718-933-6700 x 8513 or send an email to prandall@monroecollege.edu. ■

BACHELOR'S PROGRAM

On September 10, the Bronx Bachelor's Program held its New Student Orientation Dinner. Approximately 300 new Bronx Bachelor's Students attended the orientation, making this the largest class in the 10-year history of the Bachelor's Degree Program!

President **Stephen Jerome** welcomed all the new Bachelor's Program students and commented on how professional and well prepared everyone looked. He spoke about the need for higher education in today's competitive world.

The evening ended with a magic trick by Dean **Ted Goldstein** who said, while he could make water disappear, your education stays with you for life! Good Luck! ■

Calendar of Events

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Wednesday, October 3

9:00am	ANGEL Gradebook Workshop 501 Jerome Hall/BX
1:00pm	Closing for Submission of Material 9/8 Weekly Observer (weeklyobserver@monroecollege.edu)
2:00pm	African Dance – King Hall Gym/BX

Thursday, October 4

Noon-2:00pm	Part-Time Job Fair King Hall Gym/BX
2:30pm	Curriculum Standards Compliance Committee
7:00pm	Volleyball vs Bergen CC at Monroe

Friday, October 5

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, October 6

Noon	Volleyball vs Suffolk Grant
1:15pm	Volleyball vs Suffolk CC at Suffolk Grant

Sunday, October 7

No Events Scheduled

STUDENT LIFE

Leaders from student clubs (CABS, Maniacs, Bits N Bytes, MSA, Pre-Law, Singers, Dancers, Cheer, Poets/Drama, and Predestined) attended a Camping Retreat in Newburgh/NYC KOA September 14-15. The camping experience was the first of its kind for many and they did not want to return home!

The Leaders took so much from the retreat: developing managerial skills, learning how to sustain their clubs from semester to semester and how to balance being a leader with being a student and building bonds.

In the final session, **Jeffrey Donovan**, Advisor for the Bits N Bytes Club, concluded with the Student Life theme for Fall 07. He said this semester should be about "*Less Talk and More Action*." ■

ATHLETICS

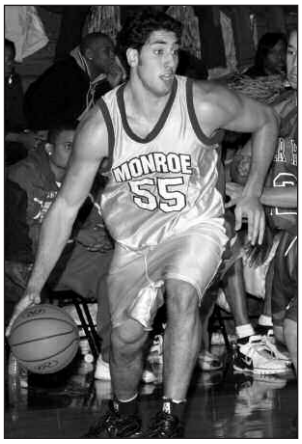
New Volleyball Coach

New Monroe Lady Mustang volleyball coach **Esther Cortorreal** uses her winning personality and effervescent smile to full advantage when coaching her young team. Despite losses in their first two matches, the Lady Mustang players have responded with enthusiasm and a desire to succeed.

"We're building the program from the ground up," Coach Cortorreal said. "That means we've got a lot of talented freshman, who want to grow and develop together as a team. Usually, that's the fastest path to a championship." On this year's squad, all but two of the thirteen players are freshmen.

An accomplished volleyball player at Bronx Community College and Concordia College, Coach Cortorreal went on to serve as assistant coach at Concordia. Good luck, coach, and welcome aboard! ■

Another Country Heard From



Regards to the Monroe community from **Nir Cohen**. This was recently received from one of the best-ever Mustang basketball players. Nir recently graduated from the University of San Diego.

Dear Monroe:
I'm doing fine, I'm in Israel and home feels great. I just graduated this summer and the plan is to play basketball this season in Israel. I hope you guys are doing well and I wish that the Mustangs will have another great season.
Nir Cohen

ENGLISH/SOCIAL SCIENCES

The latest edition of the Monroe Literary Magazine *Creative Campus* is available for free at any newsstand at the entrance of each College building. Designed as the creative voice of the Monroe community, *Creative Campus* features articles, poetry, drawings, and photos that add depth and breadth to the Monroe experience. To submit materials, email jrodriguez@monroecollege.edu or eogrady@monroecollege.edu. ■

OFFICE OF CAREER ADVANCEMENT

■ NYS Troopers Want You!

On September 18, two New York State Troopers came to the Bronx campus to discuss career opportunities. Many students thought you have to be a criminal justice major to be eligible for the exam, but you can have any major, with a minimum of 60 credits completed. Candidates must be 20-29 years old, be a U.S. citizen, in good health and vision, and be of good moral character (no felony convictions).

Starting salary for cadets at the Academy is $50,374; upon graduation $61,525, and after one year rises again to $65,357. Students should apply by 12/1 for the January 2008 exam on line at www.nytrooper.com. ■

■ Jobs! Congratulations to these students and graduates:

Earnestine Bell, *Medical Biller, Calvary Hospital;* **Lovie Byrd**, *Administrative Assistant, Jacobi Medical Center;* **Anna Clark**, *Public Health Advisor Level 1, Bureau of Tuberculosis Control, NYC-DOH;* **Brenda Diaz**, *Medical Assistant, St. John's Hospital;* **Noely Diaz**, *Coordinator for the Trauma/Psychiatry Department, North Shore Hospital;* **Marsha Green**, *Clerical Associate Level II, Jacobi Medical Center;* **Sunshine Jenkins**, *Receptionist Harlem Hospital;* **Maribel Lebron**, *Registration Clerk, Morris Heights Health Center;* **Sandra McLeish**, *Clerical Associate, Westchester Medical Group;* **Natalie Mejia**, *Office Assistant, Planned Parenthood*; **Nancy Miranda**, *Medical Biller, PMI Medical Management;* **Meshel Pommels**, *Patient Care Associate; Beth Israel Hospital;* **Edna Ranso**, *Ward Clerk, Calvary Hospital;* **Nancy Reyes**, *Eligibility Specialist Level II, Human Resource Administration;* **Deyanira Reynoso**, *Medical Assistant, Yonkers Community Health Center;* **Vanessa Torres**, *Medical Assistant, Comprehensive Eye Services* ■