



## An update on enrollment from Bernie Story '80

Dear Colleagues,

While most of the campus looked forward to the beginning of a new academic year, the admissions and financial aid staffs welcomed the end of another successful new-student recruitment season. And it was indeed very successful, as the college attracted the largest freshman class in its history, with 382 students enrolled in the Class of 2008. They were chosen from nearly 2,000 applications, also the largest pool in College history. Below are some vital statistics comparing our last three freshman classes:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Applications	1,509	1,670	1,954
Acceptances	1,159	1,143	1,229
Acceptance Rate	76.8%	68.4%	62.9%
Enrolled	373	380	382
Number Men	159	141	167
Number Women	214	239	215

The Class of 2008 is distinguished not only by its size but also by its preparedness for the rigors of the classroom and its potential for significant contribution to the greater Moravian College community. As evidence of this, the Class of 2008 had the highest SAT average on record, and a large number of our new freshmen bring international experience to campus. Below are some other highlights:

- More than half of Moravian's incoming freshmen were among the top 20 percent of their high school graduating class.
- 27 percent of the new students were ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class.
- 181, nearly half our freshmen, are members of the National Honor Society.
- 126 were team captains in an athletic program.
- 93 were high school class officers.
- 40 are Comenius Scholars.
- 31 are students of color.
- 22 were editors of their high school newspapers.

Kudos to the entire admissions and financial aid staffs for their tireless efforts in securing this impressive freshman class. I'd also like to thank all the students, faculty, and staff who were involved in recruiting the Class of 2008. We are especially grateful to the alumni and other friends of the College who referred students to the admissions office.

Sincerely,

Bernard J. Story  
Vice President for Enrollment