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Rt. Rev. Edwin Sawyer Named 1999 Hus Award Recipient



The Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Sawyer has been named the 1999 John Hus Award Recipient for his distinguished career in parish

ministry, administration, and education by the Governing Board of the Moravian Theological Seminary Alumni/ae Association.

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Sample Outlines Three Congregational Cultures

Tex Sample will lecture on "Ministry in Three Cultures: Oral, Literate, and Electronic" in the Bahnson Center for the Weber Memorial Lectures on Friday, March 12, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

This series of lectures identifies the three different cultures that make up a congregation, exploring the differences within a group of worshipers on Sunday who at first appear homogeneous but are really individuals that live in at least three different cultures.

"The Oral Culture: Living with Will Rogers, Uncle Remus and Minnie Pearl," is the first lecture

at 9:30 a.m. In this lecture Tex Sample will identify how proverbs and stories influence the oral culture.

The second lecture is at 10:45 a.m. "The Literate Culture: Words, Words, Words—From Shakespeare to Billboards," describes the literate culture that trusts the written word. Then at 1:00 p.m. "The Electronic Culture: Logging On with Bill Gates and



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Mardi Gras Dance: a Resounding Success, a Tradition-in-the-Making

The Alumni Association and Student Alumni Association, delighted with the success of Moravian's First Annual Mardi Gras Dance held in the HUB Saturday, January 30, confirmed plans to make it an annual event. Five hundred alumni, faculty, staff, and students were in attendance. A few brave souls appeared in costume, some more in masks, and the first 200 arrivals were greeted with strings of Mardi gras beads.

The students enjoyed mingling and dancing with alumni, faculty, and staff, and the feeling was definitely



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Payne Gallery Features Eleventh Biennial National Print Show Beginning March 4

Payne Gallery will sponsor an opening reception on Thursday, March 4, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. for the Eleventh Biennial National Print Show. The show will open March 4 and close April 11.

The show contains original prints created within the last three years by printmakers from throughout the United States. The works submitted range from the traditional, centuries-old techniques such as the woodcut, to those created with new computer technology. Other techniques present at the show will be linocut, lithograph, serigraph, etching, intaglio, and monoprint. Three prints were chosen for Purchase Awards of \$500 each were chosen, and these will be added to Moravian College's Permanent Art Collection.

Sidney Tillim, a member of the art faculty of Bennington College, inspired this show. His paintings have been exhibited at venues such as the Wadsworth Atheneum, the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, and the Whitney Museum of American Art. He is a contributing editor for *Arts Magazine* and *Artforum*, and is the recipient of grants from the Ingram-Merill Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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The Payne Gallery is open daily (except Monday) from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For further information call (610) 861-1680 weekdays or (610) 861-1667 weekends.

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mutual. Sunny Modjadidi '73 donated 50,000 frequent flier miles to the Student Alumni Association, which the organization used to purchase two round-trip plane tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S. The tickets were raffled off at the dance, raising a total of \$374, all of which was donated to the Chris Pittman Fund. Clara Thorne '01 won the plane tickets, and nine students won smaller prizes such as gift certificates to area businesses.

"The dance was a great opportunity for the entire College community to celebrate together. We plan on making this an annual event and hope to see even more faculty, staff, and alumni there next year!" said Elizabeth Martin, assistant director of alumni relations.

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His Friends," will explain how this group is suspicious of any medium that doesn't have a hard drive. The final lecture is at 2:15 p.m. combines all of these ideas into "Ministry in All Three Cultures."

Tex Sample is the Robert B. and Kathleen Rogers Professor of Church and Society at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri. He is the author of *U.S. Lifestyles and Mainline Churches: A*

Enhanced Security Communication

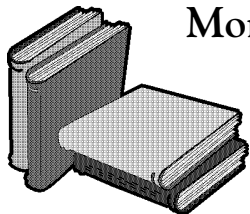
In the past there has been some difficulty in getting through to the Campus Safety Office. Most of the problems occurred during high peak phone traffic times, weekends, and holidays. Last semester new trunk lines were added and this seemed to help; however, this semester some of the same problems surfaced again.

With the help of Keith Dague and Terry Fitzpatrick, the Campus Safety Office installed a separate Bell Telephone line. The phone number is 861-0364. When you call the Campus Safety Office at extensions 1421, 1422, or 1465 and the lines are consistently busy, dial the 861-0364 number and you should be able to connect. This line is a direct outside line; it is not part of the College's trunk service.

You must dial as you would for any outside access. From on campus, dial 9 + 861-0364. From off campus, just dial 861-0364. If there are any questions contact Sean Tallarico, director of campus safety.

Key to Reaching People in the '90s, Ministry in an Oral Culture, and White Soul: Country Music, the Church and Working.

There is no cost for the lecture which is sponsored by the Ecumenical Committee for Continuing Education and the Lay Academy. The Weber Memorial Lectures were established in 1950 in memory of Rev. Christian O. Weber and his wife, Dorothy Pfohl Weber, by their sons, Herbert, Christian, and Bruce.



Moravian People in Print

Lucy
McCammon
of the
Sociology
Department

had a paper published recently in the January issue of *Teaching Sociology*, a journal of the American Sociological Association. The paper is titled "Introducing Social Stratification and Inequality: An Active Learning Technique."

The paper describes a method for teaching social stratification through an experiential exercise for class sizes of 15 to 50 students. It is appropriate as a module for beginning sociology courses, or as an introduction to social stratification courses. The technique is designed to engage students who are naïve about differences in wealth and income. Through active learning, students develop a relational understanding of inequality.

David J. McGee of the Physics Department has published the results of his summer research in the October issue of the *Journal of the European Optical Society*. The article, "Pattern Alternation and Pattern Erasure in a Swept-Cavity Photorefractive Oscillator," was featured in a special issue devoted to topics in quantum and semiclassical optics with emphasis on nonlinear phenomena.

David collaborated with researchers at Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania in an experiment that measured the radiation patterns emitted by a nonlinear optical material confined in a highly reflecting cavity. By controlling the cavity length to within a wavelength of red light, changes in

optical patterns could be correlated with the rate of charge movement within the nonlinear optical material. The research was presented at the Patterns in Nonlinear Optical Systems conference held in Alicante, Spain, during May 1998.

Michael Wilson, director of public relations, had a study published in the January 1999 issue of the *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. While working at the New York City Department of Health last year, he led a study of the impact of the New York City Smoke-Free Air Act and its effect on the restaurant industry. The study was conducted in conjunction with the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York, and was funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Michael co-authored two articles, "Campaign to Enact New York City's Smoke-Free Air Act," and "Compliance with the NYC Smoke-Free Air Act." He also contributed to other articles published as a result of the study, "Analysis of Taxable Sales Receipts," "Restaurant Employment before and after the NYC Smoke-Free Air Act," and "Restaurateur Reports of the Economic Impact of the NYC Smoke-Free Air Act."

The study revealed a significant increase in restaurant and tourism revenues after the law was implemented. In addition, restaurants spent little or no money in order to comply with the law and the vast majority of New Yorkers supported, accepted, and complied with the law. These major conclusions refuted tobacco industry claims of lost revenues. The study

Kusmaul Receives NCIIA Grant

Clif Kusmaul of the Computer Science Department, has been awarded a \$2,000 Level I curriculum development grant from the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance (NCIIA). The grant was part of a \$420,000 total expenditure for NCIIA during 1998-99.

Clif will use the grant to redesign Computer Science 334, Systems Design and Implementation, to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship. The course is typically taken by junior and senior computer science majors; the revised course is intended to involve students, faculty, and consultants from outside computer science. The primary focus of the course will be teams of 3 to 5 students who will spend the semester addressing a specific project.

NCIIA is an initiative of the Lemelson National Program at Hampshire College. It supports faculty and students who believe that the teaching of invention and innovation is critical to American higher education. The grants encourage interdisciplinary groups of students to identify real-world problems, develop practical solutions, and commercialize their innovations. For more information about NCIIA, visit hamp.hampshire.edu/nciia on the World Wide Web.

was a significant addition to the growing body of evidence nationwide that restrictions on smoking in public places have no negative impact on restaurants and other businesses.

Learning Environment Task Force Explores Ideal Student Environment

Moravian College and the Commission on the Future have been working throughout the year to review the institution's mission and goals and to strategize their achievement. This article, the fourth in a series on the Commission, examines the Learning Environment Task Force chaired by Fred O'Such. The task force is exploring the characteristics of an ideal learning environment, the development of a strategic academic focus, and the identification of ways to recognize and reward outstanding students and faculty.

Fred is a chemical engineer from Lehigh University, who after a three-year tour as an Air Force officer went to the Harvard Business School. He has been involved in the business community, largely in California for most of his working career. His wife, Joanne Mazur O'Such '60, is an alumna of Moravian and now a trustee.

He became involved in the commission because of two factors. He said, "My wife is very committed in her role of a trustee and she deserves my support. Secondly, Moravian is very lucky to have a leader such as Dr. Rokke. He is an intelligent, stimulating, and gifted individual who is very effective in linking individuals from the broader Moravian community to help support the College." He added, "I think the school is at a very critical juncture and it has an outstanding leader who is really trying to effectively position Moravian College for the next few decades."

The Learning Environment Task Force is looking at what kind of "outcomes" we should expect from a Moravian liberal arts

education, and in particular, what kind of skills our students should possess when they graduate. Fred said, "The group is making very good progress. It's early but our process is defining the desirable outcomes and how we can insure that the experiences students gain while at Moravian will help develop the needed skills."

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- Recommend a strategic focus for Moravian. Examine and propose an updated strategy or "vision" for the College. It implies that we take a look at what we perceive to be the future for our students and suggest the repositioning of programs and courses to try to optimally prepare them to cope with a rapidly changing external environment. On the other hand, this must be done while preserving the "core values" of Moravian College. In short we'll help define the niche for Moravian as it competes for

incoming students.

- Identify the key attributes of an ideal learning environment for Moravian College. The second charge is to help define an ideal learning environment for the next two decades and to understand how technology should impact the learning experience. The Moravian experience seems to be very effective in developing the intellectual skills of our students. In addition, our students need an environment which facilitates the development of communication, interpersonal skills, and leadership skills.
- Showcase exceptional students and faculty. The third group will be working on how best to recognize students, faculty, and staff and their efforts as they support the strategic focus and this ideal learning environment.

Fred explained, "It's a very healthy process. Dr. Rokke has created a situation (and much to the faculty's credit) where the outsiders can ask questions, raise critical issues, and elicit responses that really seem to represent the needs of the College as a whole. It seems to me that the environment at Moravian College is right to facilitate a very powerful outcome from this process. There's been excellent cooperation on the part of the faculty and very good support from a number of individuals. It is interesting that while some are very close to the College a number of our task force members did not attend Moravian."

Working to accomplish the goals of the task force is a group of approximately 36 people, 29 of

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Faculty Explores Writing-across-the-Curriculum

Seventeen College faculty members representing 11 departments attended one or both sessions February 4 of a writing-across-the-curriculum workshop made possible by a Christian A. Johnson fund grant for faculty development.

The workshop leader was Prof. Steve North, of the English Department at SUNY-Albany. North led the 14 participants in the morning session through some exercises designed to clarify thinking on writing assignments in discipline-specific courses. The participants also had the chance to share and critique examples of key disciplinary writing assignments that were submitted by Moravian faculty. In the afternoon session, some nine or ten faculty worked with North and each other on refining expectations for the

development of student writing within their disciplines over time.

"The second of two writing-across-the-curriculum workshops under the terms of this grant, this year's workshop provided food for thought for the development or revision of 'writing intensive' courses within disciplinary majors. Such courses are to be made part of the writing-across-the-curriculum component of the new general education plan at Moravian," said Joel Wingard of the English Department. Last year's workshop, led by Prof. Rebecca Moore Howard, of Texas Christian University, focused on writing-across-the-curriculum issues generally. This summer, a faculty development seminar led by Joyce Hinnefeld and Joel Wingard will address issues of the interdisciplinary first-year composition course.

John L. Carey Scholarship Program Open to Moravian Students

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountant is sponsoring the John L. Carey Scholarship Program. Scholarships are available to liberal arts students pursuing graduate study in accounting that will enable them to sit for the CPA examination. Awards are based on academic achievement, leadership and future career interests and are contingent upon acceptance in a graduate accounting program. Each year up to five recipients are awarded \$5,000, which will be renewed for one more year if satisfactory scholastic progress is maintained. *The application deadline is April 1, 1999.*

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Sawyer will be receiving this award at the Alumni/ae Association's annual luncheon and meeting on Thursday, March 11. The luncheon will take place in the Hauptert Union Dining Room at 12:15 and will be preceded by a reception in the lounge at 11:45 a.m.

Born in Bethlehem, Sawyer received a B.S. in business administration from Lehigh University in 1935 and a B.D. from Moravian Theological Seminary in 1938. Sawyer received his M.A. in English literature from Lehigh University in 1948, his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1956, and in 1968, an honorary D.D. from Moravian Theological Seminary.

During his ministry, he served as pastor at Moravian churches in Coopersburg, Nazareth, Philadelphia, Upper Marlboro, and Winston-Salem, and he started Calvary Moravian Church in Allentown.

He has held offices on numerous boards serving as president of the Eastern District Board, vice-president of the Provincial Elders' Conference, vice-president of the Board of Church Extension, and secretary of the Board of Trustees of Moravian College. In addition, he was a member of the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Trustees of Moravian Theological Seminary, and the Board of Trustees of Linden Hall.

Sawyer spent six years at Salem College as professor, college

chaplain, and head of the Department of Religion and Philosophy. He also served as the executive head of Moravian Preparatory School and Moravian Seminary for Girls in Bethlehem and was instrumental in bringing the two schools together to form Moravian Academy. Beginning in 1974, he served as director of stewardship and deferred giving for the Eastern District Executive Board. Since his retirement in 1980, Sawyer has continued his dedicated service in the ministry as interim pastor for various congregations. He was consecrated bishop in 1986. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have three children.

Anyone interested in attending the luncheon should contact the Alumni Office at 861-1366.

Activities

Minor attends SEPTLA meeting . . . Tom Minor attended the winter executive board meeting on Wednesday, January 20, of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association in Philadelphia. This group is a consortium of the Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant graduate theological educational institutions in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. This board carries out much of the planning and scheduling of an association which is one of the oldest of its kind in North America.

During the meeting it was announced that SEPTLA had received a grant from the American Theological Library Association for a professional development/continuing education seminar in the conservation and preservation of library materials. These one-day sessions are tentatively planned for this summer, and Moravian will be one of the two locations hosting the event.

Olson serves as consortium professor . . . Gary Olson of the Political Science Department is serving as LVAIC Consortium Professor at Lafayette College for spring 1999, teaching a senior seminar. In addition, he spoke on domestic and international labor issues at the Lehigh Summit on Social Security on February 18 and the Teamsters Political Action Committee on January 27, both in Bethlehem.

FDRC Funds Six Spring Proposals

The Faculty Development Research Committee recently funded or partially funded six proposals. G. Clarke Chapman, George S. Diamond, Mildred Rivera-Martínez, Lori Toedter, James Yerkes, and Stacey B. Zaremba received this spring's awards for their proposals.

G. Clarke Chapman of the Religion Department attended the national meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics in California, January 8-10. He delivered his paper, "Bonhoeffer's Liberation Ethics," at the conference.

George S. Diamond of the English Department will attend the annual Conference on College Composition and Communication of the National Council of Teachers of English in Atlanta, March 24-28. He will present his paper, "Post-Colonial Literature: The Challenge of Integration into the Curriculum." He will also participate in a workshop on service learning.

Mildred Rivera-Martínez of the Foreign Languages Department will travel through Central America during May and June. In her travels she will gather first-hand research materials for a book she plans to write during a 1999-2000 sabbatical. She will also attend the Caribbean Studies Conference in Panama in May.

Lori Toedter of the Psychology Department will attend the Eastern Psychological Association's 70th annual meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, April 16-18. At this meeting Lori and her SOAR student, Michael Harrison, will make a presentation entitled "Effects of Carotid Artery Stenosis on Memory Function."

James Yerkes of the Religion Department will attend the Mid-West Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in St. Louis, March 19-21. He will present his paper, "The Sense of the Sacred: The Shape of the Religious Consciousness in John Updike's Literary Vision."

Stacey B. Zaremba of the Psychology Department will attend the 70th annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Providence, Rhode Island, April 16-18. She will present her paper, "Feminist Pedagogy: A Model for the Psychology of Women Course."

General proposals for the remainder of the year and the summer are due April 1. Guidelines for both are on the Y: drive in the public folder of FDRC.

Student Services Update

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Megan Biddle

Tracy Hamill

Patrick Kays

Rebecca Merlo

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whom are external to the College. Many live well outside of the Lehigh Valley.

Fred said, "These dedicated of people have all elected to commit at least 7 to 10 days over a nine-month period to support the task force. This group is being reinforced by faculty and staff resources who are taking on their task force assignments enthusiastically. Key individuals among our task force who are leading the efforts on specific issues include Robert Spillman, on learning environment, Stan Roman and Ronald Cavanagh on strategic focus, and Ann Taylor on showcasing exceptional students and faculty.

"We're gaining a lot of insight on the need for a strong student-centered experience at Moravian," Fred concluded. "It's an extremely healthy process, especially for a liberal arts college as we transition into an exciting new century."

Intervention with Church Families

Two presentations exploring the topic "Intervention with Church Families" will be given by Stephen Treat at the Bahnsen Center on March 1.

"Caring for Church Families" will be discussed from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. and "Hear Their Cries: the Religious Community's Response to Child Abuse" will be presented at 1:00 p.m.

Patricia H. Dervish, assistant district attorney of Lehigh County, Project Child Speaker's Bureau, will conduct the workshops beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Workshops will include:

- Local resources for troubled families.
- Healthy models of parenting.
- Theological issues for survivors of sexual abuse.

A video resource, *Hear Their Cries: Religious Responses to Child Abuse*, will be used in the video.

The program is sponsored by Moravian's Ecumenical Committee for Continuing Education, Project Child, and Covenant Counseling Services.

Faculty, Staff Donate Art to Benefit Auction

On Sunday, February 7, an art auction was held at Lehigh University to benefit Renzo Viscardi, son of Cheryl Dougan DCS '96 (Honors in art) and Tony Viscardi of the Lehigh architecture faculty. Renzo Viscardi was struck by a heart attack at the end of his 8th-grade year at Moravian Academy. Expenses faced by his family include a special van, an addition to their home, nursing costs, and other costs not covered by health insurance. Members of the Moravian Art Department staff who donated works to the art auction were Rudy Ackerman, Brian Chu, Jan Ciganick, Renzo Faggioli, Jeff Hurwitz, Corinne Lalin, Les Reker, and Shiao-Ping Wang.

Over 80 pieces were donated by members of the local arts community to support this worthy cause. Response by the community was outstanding, and all donated works of art were purchased.