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Find the Disappearing Islands with Mary Arenas

Visit the islands of the Azores with Mary Arenas of

the Foreign Languages Department at the Monday Roundtable on March 15 in Prosser Auditorium. The 7:00 p.m. slide-lecture presentation "The Disappearing Islands: The Azores" is part of a series sponsored by the Moravian College Alumni Association.

The program is preceded by a (\$7.00) optional cafeteria-style dinner in the United Brethren Church Room at 6:15 p.m.

Mary is study abroad advisor at Moravian and has conducted study trips with students to Spain, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, and England. Additional travels have included trips to Western Europe, Mexico and South America.

With her husband, Juan, Mary helped plan, prepare, and provision cruises on their thirty-two-

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Bernie Story and James Mackin Promoted

Two members of the Moravian College administration were recently promoted. Bernard J. Story has been promoted to vice president for enrollment and James Mackin has been promoted to director of admission.

In his newly created position, Story will continue to oversee the efforts of the offices of admission and financial aid. In addition,

Story will work with the various offices of the college that are involved in institutional marketing and communications.

Bernie joined the admission staff after graduating from Moravian in 1980. He was promoted to director of admissions in 1988 and to dean of admission and financial aid in 1994. At Moravian, Bernie

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Moravian College Sororities Receive Regional Award for Academics and Scholarship

The Moravian College Panhellenic Council, the coordinating council for the sororities on campus, received the Northeast Panhellenic Conference Award for Excellence in Scholarship at the annual Northeast Panhellenic Conference Leadership Conference held February 18-21 in Stamford, Connecticut. Jennifer Samson, president of the Panhellenic Council, accepted the award.



The Excellence in Scholarship Award is presented in recognition of academic achievement and programming in support of scholarship. The Northeast Panhellenic Conference represents all colleges and universities with greek systems from Maine to Maryland.

Moravian's sororities consistently earn organizational grades above the all-women's average. The award was given for achievement during

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Moravian Hosts Four Students from Ohtani Women's University in Tondabayashi, Japan

Moravian College is hosting four students from Ohtani Women's University in Tondabayashi, Japan. The women will be on campus March 17 to April 2 to participate in the "Junior Field Experience," a program coordinated by the Education Department for Moravian College juniors.

The four Japanese women will spend two weeks in local classrooms observing American el-

ementary education. Jack Dilendik is coordinating their visit from the Education Department and Dick Claussen, coordinator of academic camps and special programs, is representing the College in arrangements with Ohtani.

While at Moravian College, these students will also have an opportunity to improve their conversational English and learn more about American customs.

Payne Gallery Sponsors Art Exhibit in the HUB

The Payne Gallery will host an opening reception on Sunday, March 21, at 2:30 p.m. in the Hauptert Union Building Lounge for the Ira Greenberg Landscape Paintings Exhibit. The exhibit opened on February 28 and will continue through March 31.

Greenberg received his M.F.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and his B.F.A. in art and planning from the School of Architecture at Cornell University. He is an assistant professor of art at Seton Hall University, and has also studied and taught at the

Studio Arts Centers International in Florence, Italy. Greenberg has had a number of group and solo shows at the University of Pennsylvania, Johnson Museum of Art, Unilever Research Facility, Piermont Flywheel Gallery, Walsh Gallery, Art Space, Red Bank Art Guild, and Shannon Art Center.

The Hauptert Union Building is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight. For further information call (610) 861-1680 weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or the HUB at ext. 1491.

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serves as chair of the Enrollment Council, the CMDS Implementation Committee, and the Marketing and Communications Council, and is a member of the Comenius Scholars Committee. He previously served as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and chaired the LVAIC Admission Committee.

In addition, Bernie is chair of the Middle States Regional Council of the College Board and is vice president of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Bethlehem. He is a member the Pennsylvania Association of Secondary School Counselors, the College Board, and the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

As director of admission, Mackin will oversee the new student recruitment program. He joined the admission staff in 1990 as associate director of admission. He was promoted to senior associate director of admission in 1994.

Jim received his B.A. in politics from Allentown College in 1980, and completed a M.B.A. with an emphasis in finance and marketing at Wilkes University. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Secondary School and College Admission Counselors and the National Association for College Admission Counseling. Jim is also a volunteer for the United Way and the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Group.

Activities

Bonnie Falla, Melanie Fiske, and Tom Minor attended the winter meeting of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Library Association in Lansdale on February 17. All three participated in a group discussion of performance reviews and personnel supervision, led by Sharyn Silverman, director of human resources, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

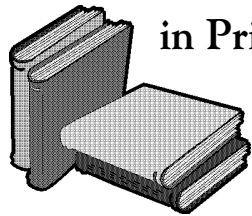
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Moravian People in Print



An article written by Dana S. Dunn will appear in a forthcoming issue of the journal *Teaching of Psychology*. The article, "Letter Exchanges on Statistics and Research Methods: Writing, Responding, and Learning," describes a letter-writing exercise Dunn developed for use in his 200-level statistics and methods course. Students select topics and then write about them in letters to peers in another section of the same course. The goal of the exercise is to help students learn to correctly translate abstract course concepts "into their own words." One of the best ways to achieve this feat is by sharing ideas with another person in the form of a letter. Dunn developed the exercise by reading about a similar one used by English faculty at the University of Kansas and through his experiences teaching in the Core writing course a few years ago.

Student Services Update

Withdrawals

Matthew Ehrenzelles (Feb. 16)
Norah Katherine Glebe (end of term)
Heather Hilligass (end of term)
Willian Mensah (Feb. 21)
Desiree Rochelle Miller (end of term)
Joseph J. Velotti (Feb. 17)

Leave of Absence

Michael Buffington (end of term)
Erin Keiper (Feb. 16)

Program Set March 15 for Faculty and Staff on Reporting of Campus Security Issues

Student Services and Campus Safety are co-sponsoring a program for faculty and staff on March 15 outlining "Moravian's Process for Responsible Reporting of Offenses against Students." Scheduled for 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the HUB Recreation Room, the program will answer concerns generated by the Campus Awareness and Campus Security Act which Congress passed in 1990, and by the Jeanne Cleary Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act passed in 1998.

Participating in the program will be Sean Tallarico, director of campus safety, and Bridget Haines, assistant director of student services. Wine and cheese will be served.

Regulations associated with these acts require institutions to report details for specified on-campus crimes that were reported to local police agencies or to any official of the institution with significant responsibility for student and campus activities. Related requirements are found in the Pennsylvania College and University Security Act, and are incorporated into this policy.

The program will answer such questions as:

How big a problem is this on campus? How safe is Moravian compared to other institutions? Why is this an issue right now? What is behind all this legislation? What kinds of assistance are available to students? What can we do to help?

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the spring 1998 and fall 1998 semesters. For spring 1998, the all-sorority GPA was 3.28, and the all-women's 2.97 and for fall of 1998, the all-sorority GPA was 3.14 and the all-women's 2.91. In addition, each sorority earned a GPA at or above a 3.0 during that period.

The Panhellenic Council sponsored or co-sponsored a number of initiatives during the past twelve months in support of scholarship. A chapter of Gamma Sigma Alpha, academic honor society for fraternity and sorority members, was started in the spring of 1998, and new members introduced at a Faculty Tea. This fall, sorority women distributed academic support booklets entitled "Unlocking the Secret of the 4.0"

to all new first-year women. Several weeks ago, the Panhellenic Council hosted a Scholarship Luncheon to recognize all first-year women who had earned a GPA of 3.25 or better during their first semester. Campus VIPs attended, and achievement certificates were presented to all the women.

The Northeast Panhellenic Conference includes such academically prestigious institutions as Cornell University, Dartmouth University, M.I.T., University of Pennsylvania, Yale University, and many others among its members. "Recognition of the efforts of Moravian's sororities is something we can be proud of," said April Vari, associate dean of students.

Appler Appointed to Seminary Faculty

The Rev. Deborah A. Appler has accepted an appointment to teach Old Testament at Moravian Theological Seminary beginning in August 1999. She is currently assistant to the director of the Carpenter Program on Religion, Gender, and Sexuality at Vanderbilt University, where she is also completing doctoral studies in Hebrew Bible. Until recently she was also development editor, Bible and reference, at the United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, where her projects included work on the *New Interpreter's Bible* and the *Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation*.

Appler is a graduate of Western Maryland College with a B.A. in chemistry. She earned an M.Div. from Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Following graduation from Perkins, she served in parish ministry for six years in the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church and was active in various conference ministries. She has also served as chaplain of the Monroe-Harding Children's Home in Nashville.

While at Vanderbilt, Appler participated in four archaeological expeditions in Israel, most recently serving as a staff member for the Megiddo Expedition in 1998. She taught in the undergraduate program at Vanderbilt and also in the Graduate Department of Religion and the Divinity School. She has also been a Master Teaching Fellow in the Graduate Department of Religion, supervising

and training teaching assistants, and an instructor in the Graduate Colloquium on Teaching in the Graduate Department of Religion.

Appler was the recipient of a number of named scholarships and fellowships during her study at Vanderbilt and she has presented papers before regional and national meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature, of which she is a member.

This appointment brings to a conclusion a five-month search process by the Seminary. The faculty opening was first advertised in the fall of 1998. The Search Committee received sixty-one applications. Three candidates were selected for an invitation to visit the campus early in February 1999. During the visits, the candidates met students, faculty, and administrators and gave a public presentation on a topic of their choice. The Search Committee solicited evaluations from everyone who met the candidates. The decision to extend the invitation to Rev. Appler was made by the committee, in consultation with President Rokke.

The members of the committee were Margaret Braden, senior M.Div. student; Gloria Conrad, director of student services; the Frank Crouch, assistant professor of New Testament; Will Harstine, associate professor of Pastoral Theology; and David A. Schattschneider, dean of the Seminary who chaired the committee.

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foot sailboat, *Zagala*, for a six-legged navigation of the North Atlantic Ocean between 1991 and 1995. During the summers of 1991 and 1992 she spent a total of five weeks on the islands of Faial and Terceira, two of the nine islands. In the summer of 1991 Mary visited Faial while waiting for Juan and crew to arrive from Cape May, New Jersey, a twenty-three day cruise. They lived and worked on Terceira in the summer of 1992 outfitting the boat for a cruise to northwestern Spain. While staying in the town of Angra do Heroismo where *Zagala* had spent the winter, Mary and Juan toured the island by car.

In her description of the Azores, Dr. Arenas notes that the "Azores were known to the Phoenicians, visited by Norsemen, forgotten for four centuries, appeared on an Italian map of 1351, and rediscovered in 1427 by Portuguese seafarers."

Learn about Low-Risk Drinking, March 23

As part of its series on student life topics, Student Services is sponsoring a program for faculty and administrative staff entitled "Alcohol—How Much is Too Much: Thoughts on Low-Risk Drinking." The program will take place on Tuesday, March 23, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the HUB Recreation Room. Ron Kline, counseling director, will coordinate the program, accompanied by Katherine Restuccia of the counseling staff and Bridget Haines, assistant dean of student services. There will be opportunity for questions and informal dialogue. Refreshments will be served.

College Gears Up for Special Saturdays

Moravian College will host Accepted Students Day for approximately 200 accepted students and their parents Saturday, April 10, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with registration in Johnston Hall. Visitors will be welcomed at 9:30 a.m. Academic sessions will be held from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served in Johnston Hall at 12:30 p.m., followed by tours of the residence halls. The afternoon will be filled with several options.

The College will host the first annual Junior Open House on Saturday, April 17, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with registration in Johnston Hall.

Visitors will be welcomed at 9:30 a.m. The day will include campus tours, a financial aid and admissions session, student panels, and a lunch prepared in Johnston Hall.

Questions regarding either event may be directed to Jill Steiner in the Admission Office at ext. 1328.

Moran and Coughlin Named MAC All-Stars

Seniors Jason Moran of the Moravian College men's basketball team and Jessie Coughlin of the women's basketball squad were named last week to the Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth League All-Star teams.

Moran, a forward, earned first team honors for the second straight season while Coughlin, a guard, was honored for the second time on the second team and the third time in her career. Coughlin

was a second team honoree as a sophomore and was a member of the all-star first team last year.

Moran finished his career with 1,469 points, fourth all-time in school history.

Coughlin led the Lady Greyhounds to their 19th straight winning season with a 14-10 record. Coughlin completed her career with 1,137 points, seventh in school history.

Poetry Slam Team Performs in Prosser

The Nuyoric National Championship Poetry Slam Team from New York, including Alix Olson, daughter of Professor Gary Olson, will perform in Prosser Auditorium on Wednesday, March 17, at 8:00 p.m. A Different Voice and the Forum, two student groups, are sponsoring the event.

Each year, poetry slammers converge on a previously agreed upon city for four days of a poetic battle called the National Poetry Slam. This year it took place in Austin, Texas. This city played host to poets from 59 cities, and teams from 45 cities. The winning team was the Nuyoric National Champion Poetry Slam Team. Alix Olson became a member of this team after her own solo appearance at the poetry slam in 1997. She is not only quick on the microphone but has also won several poetry contests including the National Barbara Deming Memorial Grant and In Our Own Write. Alix is also a published author; her work can be found in *Outlet* and *Gathering of Tribes* magazines. She also has a self-published book titled *Only the Starving Favor Peace*.

At a Poetry Slam participants are given three minutes to step up to the microphone and perform a poem of their own construction. The poet may not use any props, costumes, or musical accompaniment. After the poet finishes, a panel of five judges scores him or her. These judges have been selected from the audience and score the poet on a scale of 0 – 10. The score is based on both the content and the performance.

Science Olympiad Returns, 500 Strong

Moravian College will once again host more than 500 students, grades six through twelve, from schools in Berks, Lehigh, and Northampton counties, on Friday, March 19, for a regional Science Olympiad. The Olympiad is an academic, interscholastic event culminating in regional, state, and national tournaments, designed to increase student interest in science, recognize outstanding student/teacher achievement, and improve the quality of science education.

"The growth of the program from 64 teams in 1984 to 295 teams in 1998 has led to the College's involvement once again," said Dick Claussen, coordinator of academic camps and special programs. Joe Gerencher, professor of earth science, worked as director of the Eastern Region of the Pennsylvania Science Olympiad when it was hosted by Moravian in 1987 through 1989. It was continued at Moravian for two to three years after that by the Admission Office.

Student Math Conference a Success

On Saturday February 27, more than 140 students and faculty from 25 colleges and universities converged at Moravian for the 13th annual Student Math conference. Organized by Moravian's math honor society, Pi Mu Epsilon, and supported by LVAIC, the conference featured an invited address and 14 talks by students on various mathematical topics.

The invited speaker was Joe Gallian, a professor from the University of Minnesota in Duluth, and his topic was "Breaking Driver's License Codes."

Although Pennsylvania driver's license codes are "uninteresting" since they give no information about the driver, many states have intricate systems that encode information about drivers into their drivers' license numbers. Gallian set out to crack these codes and related not only the mathematical puzzles he tried to solve, but also some very funny encounters with transportation department bureaucracies, the NSA, the media, and ultimately, a cancer researcher who actually had need for the information.

Wellness Fair Scheduled

On Tuesday, March 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Health Center and the Peer Educators are co-sponsoring a Wellness Fair in the HUB. This event is open to the college community.

The following organizations are confirmed participants, and there are more to come.

- St. Luke's for blood pressure, cholesterol and pulmonary functioning
- Healing Hands massage therapy (*Free Massages!*)
- Chiropractor offering strength and flexibility testing
- Body fat analysis
- Magnetic Therapy
- American Cancer Society for skin, breast, and testicular cancer
- Bethlehem Health Bureau for nutrition and exercise info, and HIV screening info
- Planned Parenthood
- VIABLE for free vision testing
- PA State Police for DUI, seatbelt safety and simulated impaired vision glasses

Questions may be directed to Bridget Haines, assistant dean of student life, or Mary Sek, health services coordinator.