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## The Learning Connection at Moravian . . . What's It All About?

An exciting concept in family mentoring is occurring at Moravian College. College students, most of whom are majoring in education, are involved in weekly mentoring of fourth graders in nearby elementary schools. These children have been identified by the school's guidance counselors as having untapped potential and are performing below their ability level and academic expectations.

"The mentors meet at the elementary school with their mentees for at least one hour each week, tutoring in specific areas, playing learning games, helping with homework assignments or other special activities that enhance learning and build a positive relationship with the children," said Phyllis Walsh, program coordinator. "While academic goals are being met, the pairs are developing a relationship based on trust, caring, and respect."

On a monthly basis, the children, their parents, and the College students meet for a Saturday morning on the Moravian campus. These special events include workshops for parents related to parenting skills and improving family dynamics and a learning activity for the mentors

and the children. Also included may be a service activity for all attendees, a special community event, or a social event for the entire group.

Local businesses and Moravian have collaborated to establish guidelines for the program, train mentors, design and host the Saturday events and special activities, and provide funding for a part-time coordinator for the program. "Initial feedback from the elementary schools, the mentors, and the families indicate strong support for the program. Its objectives— one-on-one mentoring, inclusion of families

in the educational process of their children, and exposure in the fields of arts, literature, science, and history for the children and families are being met with success" states Phyllis.

This outreach program has the opportunity to build strong relationships not only between the students and children, but also between Moravian and the public schools within the community. Parents, children, and college students are involved in skill building and growth, a winning situation for all.



## Moravian College Mourns the Loss of Bernie Cohen

Bernie Cohen, a vigorous supporter of higher education and one of Moravian College's best friends, died in Boca Raton, Fla., on Wednesday, March 1. Bernie was born on August 22, 1915, in Albany, N.Y. He was the founder and chairman of the board of Piercing Pagoda, Inc., a national chain of jewelry stores based in Bethlehem.

He and his wife Berte, a 1937 graduate of Moravian and life trustee of the College, instituted the Cohen Arts and Lecture Series at the College. Now in its fifteenth year, the Cohen Arts and Lectures Series has brought to the Moravian campus a diverse group of speakers and performers, including television journalist David Brinkley, folk singer Burl Ives, scientist Carl Sagan, feminist writer and lecturer Gloria Steinem,

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political analysts Andrea Mitchell, David Gergen, and Tom Wicker, former president Jimmy Carter, commentator Cokie Roberts, former New York governor Mario Cuomo, political consultant James Carville and former governor and presidential chief of staff John Sununu, and former U.N. ambassador Andrew Young.

The Cohens also sponsor the Cohen Lecture Series in International Relations at Lehigh University and the Cohen Lecture Series in the Humanities at Northampton Community College. As a further expression of their interest in education, the Cohens established a chair in international relations at Lehigh University and a chair in English language and literature at Moravian.

The Cohens are well known in the Lehigh Valley for their role in initiating and promoting the Bethlehem/Tondabayashi (Japan) Sister City relationship. They are also remembered by many in the Valley for their weekly newspaper travel column, "Innocents Abroad."

In recognition of their many outstanding achievements, Bernie and Berte were honored in 1989 as

the recipients of Moravian College's Comenius Alumni Award, and in 1997, they both received honorary doctorates from Moravian College.

**Friday Get-Together**

"Much thanks to the Economics and Business Department for sponsoring the Friday Get-Together on March 3 for faculty and administrative staff," said Clarke Chapman, professor of religion. "The food and beverages were delicious. Your support of this monthly occasion is much appreciated."

Through the generosity of the Art Department, an extra Friday Get-Together will occur on March 24, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Payne Galley on the Church Street Campus. This will give the Moravian community the opportunity to view the Faculty Art Show on exhibit.

**Celebrate Women's History Month**

The Women's History Month Planning Committee is hosting a number of events to celebrate Women's History Month. Please mark your calendar and attend these events:

March 6-31: "Celebrating Moravian Women 2000"—H. Paty Eiffe Gallery

March 16: Reception to honor the artists—HUB Lounge, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

March 6-31: "In Their Own Words: Writings, Memoirs, Diaries of Women"—Reeves Library

March 17: Comedian/Ventriloquist Lynn Trefzger—HUB Pavilion, 10:00 p.m.

**Moravian College Hosts Junior Open House**

Moravian will host the second annual Junior Open House on Saturday, March 25, beginning at 9:00 a.m., with registration in Johnston Hall. The day will include campus tours, a financial aid session, an admission session, and lunch prepared in Johnston Hall. If anyone has questions regarding this event, contact Jill Steiner, assistant director of admission, at extension 1320.

**For Sale**

Moravian pastor looking to sell surplus for \$25.00. If interested please contact the Reverend Neal Jones of Columbia, S.C., at 803-695-9630.

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March 21: Potluck Supper and Discussion: Women's Health Issues—Learning Center Lounge, 5:00 p.m. (R.S.V.P. HUB Desk)

March 27: Retumba in Concert—Foy Hall, 7:30 p.m. Tickets on Sale at HUB Desk

March 28: Dr. Sima Simar Lecture: an Afghani woman tells her story of establishing a hospital in Pakistan for women and children—HUB UBC Room, 7:00 p.m.

March 31-April 1: Moravian College Dancers 25th Anniversary Concert—Foy Hall, 8:00 p.m.

## Moravian College Arts and Lectures

Moravian College Arts and Lectures Committee is pleased to announce two events in late March. On March 20, at 8:00 p.m. in Prosser Auditorium, Professor Dan McAdams will present a lecture entitled "Exploring self-identity as life story." Admission is free.

Professor McAdams is the Charles Deering McCormick professor of teaching excellence and professor of psychology and human development at Northwestern University. He is also the director of the Foley Center for the Study of Lives. He has taught at Loyola University, the University of Minnesota, St. Olaf College, and Pepperdine University.

Author of over 100 articles and nine books, Professor McAdams works in areas of personality and life span developmental psychology. His theoretical and empirical writings focus on the concepts of self and identity in contemporary American society and on themes of power, intimacy, and generativity across the adult life span. Professor McAdams is the 1989 winner of the Henry A. Murray Award from the American Psychological Association, for his work on personality and the study of lives. He is currently consulting editor for *Personality and Social Psychology Review* and a member of

the editorial board for *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin* and *Psychological Science*. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association (Division 8) and the American Psychological Society.

On Monday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Foy Concert Hall, come enjoy ¡Retumba! in concert. ¡Retumba! presents a high-energy program of African-influenced Caribbean percussion, song, and dance derived from the folkloric roots of Puerto Rico, Cuba, Haiti, and Brazil. ¡Retumba! emphasizes the strengths and sensitivities of women performing together in celebration. The members of the company are from various ethnic, cultural, and artistic backgrounds, and share a love for the traditional music of the Caribbean and Latin America. Bomba and Plena, Guaguanco, Samba, and Merengue are among the many styles of Afro-Caribbean music that this vibrant all-female ensemble has been presenting since 1981. Admission is free to Moravian students, faculty, and staff. There will be a \$10.00 charge for general admission, \$5.00 for children under 12, senior citizens, and LVAIC students, faculty, and staff. Tickets available at the HUB desk or from the Music Department (extension 1650).

## Moravian College to Host Accepted Students Day

Moravian College will host "Accepted Students Day" on Saturday, April 8. Approximately 200 accepted students and their parents are expected to attend. The day will begin with registration in Johnston Hall at 9:00 a.m. Visitors will be welcomed at 9:30 a.m. and academic sessions will be held from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

## Faculty Activities

**Melanie Fiske**, serials librarian, attended a CONSER Serials Training Workshop in Philadelphia on March 2-3. CONSER sets the national standards for serials cataloging. The workshop covered original cataloging of serials, modifying records from a national cataloging utility, and new issues involved in cataloging electronic serials. Trends in serials cataloging prompted lively discussion, most of it centering on how to make the huge array of e-journals available to users. To date libraries are using a combination of homepage and online catalog access.

**Carol Traupman-Carr**, assistant professor of music, wrote the introduction and served as editor of the book *Pleasing for Our Use: David Tannenberg and the Organs of the Moravians*, published by Lehigh University and Associated University Presses. The book includes selected papers from the 1995 Tannenberg Symposium, as well as some related papers of interest. Paul Larson, professor emeritus of music, is among the book contributors.

Lunch will follow at 12:30 p.m. in Johnston Hall at 12:30 p.m. The afternoon will offer several options for the students and parents.

Anyone who has questions regarding this event may contact Jill Steiner, assistant director of admission, at extension 1320.

The Bulletin is now accessible on the Moravian College Web site. Please visit the site at [www.moravian.edu/NewsInfo/bulletin/Bulletin.htm](http://www.moravian.edu/NewsInfo/bulletin/Bulletin.htm)

## Fall Term 2000 Registration Dates

The following are the registration dates for the fall 2000 semester:

March 21	Add-Venture and Comenius Scholars registration
March 22-24	Rising seniors advising/registration
March 27-28	Rising juniors advising
March 29-30	Rising juniors registration
April 3-5	Rising sophomores advising
April 6-7	Rising sophomores registration
May 24-25	Registration: incoming first-year students

## Drag Ball 2000

All members of the College community are invited to this year's annual Drag Ball. The event will take place on Saturday, March 25, from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. A fee of \$1.00 will be charged at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Matthew Shepherd Foundation. Refreshments, music, and entertainment will be provided for your enjoyment.