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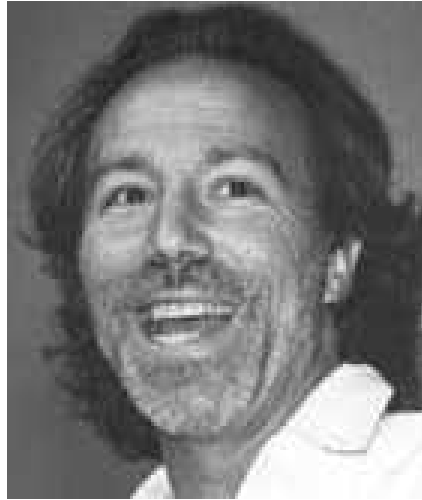
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E-Mail Broom Sweeps Clean

The automatic e-mail cleanup program, which started on Friday, April 6, has been very successful. "As a result of the initial cleanup, a total of 1,237,360 outdated e-mail messages were purged from our server, and we recovered a little over 10 billion bytes of data storage," said Ron Helmuth, director of the Center for Information Technology. "In addition, the College went from having more than 400 e-mail mailboxes disabled to just one. CIT found the College community to be very cooperative when forced to deal with this issue during a busy time in the academic calendar. We would like to thank all for their cooperation and assistance in remedying this problem."

The automatic e-mail cleanup is an ongoing process and continues nightly. If messages are more than eight days old in your deleted items folder, more than 32 days old in your sent items folder, or more than 93 days old in your inbox, those messages

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Ethnobotanist to Reveal Nature's Healing Secrets

Moravian College will host a lecture by renowned ethnobotanist Dr. Mark Plotkin, titled, "Medicine Quest: In Search Of Nature's Healing Secrets," on Thursday, April 26, at 8:00 p.m. in Prosser Auditorium. Plotkin will interweave his personal experiences as an ethnobotanist with fascinating scientific developments in medicine. This

lecture is sponsored by the Moravian College Arts and Lectures Committee.

Plotkin will discuss adventure, anthropology, science, and his personal quest for ancient medicines that may hold cures for today's devastating diseases. In an era of environmental devastation and mass extinction, of destruction of the rain forests with the permanent loss of a great natural resource and a natural storehouse that may hold cures to both known and unknown diseases, his message is compelling.

Plotkin has served as a research associate in ethnobotanical conservation at the Botanical Museum of Harvard University, as director of plant conservation at the World Wildlife Fund, and as vice president of Conservation International in Washington, D.C. He currently serves as a research associate at the Department of Botany of the Smithsonian Institution, and executive director of the Ethnobiology and Conservation Team, a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting biological and cultural diversity of the tropical rain forest. Plotkin received the 1994 San Diego Zoo gold medal for conservation, one of the top awards in the environmental field.

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Faculty/Staff Activities

Robert Brill, associate professor of psychology, with students from his Personnel Psychology class and members of Moravian's student chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management visited Trump Plaza in Atlantic City, on Monday, April 9. While there, the group toured the organization and attended three presentations, given by employees of Trump Plaza, on the topics of diversity, employee relations, and training and development.

Sandy Fluck, associate professor of education and chair of the Department of Education, recently had an article published in *ENC Focus* magazine. The title of the article is "A Safe Environment for Creating a Standards-Based Classroom." The Eisenhower National Clearinghouse publishes *ENC Focus* for mathematics and science education.

Linda Kvamme, assistant dean of Continuing and Graduate Studies, has been elected to the board of directors for the Women's Executive Council of the Lehigh County Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Linda is also a member of the Council's

Connections Committee. This committee mentors adult women who are returning to school.

Brion Morro has joined the Admissions Department as an assistant director of admissions. Brion is a 1997 graduate of Moravian and has taught eleventh and twelfth grade English Literature at Pope Pius X High School in Bangor.

Margaret Shepherd adjunct faculty member in the Department of Foreign Languages, was a panelist on "study abroad" at Middle Atlantic Conference on Latin American Studies, held in Washington, D.C., March 30-31.

Joel Wingard, professor of English, presented a paper at the American Culture Association/Popular Culture Association's annual meeting in Philadelphia, April 11-14. Joel's paper, part of a panel on popular American authors, was entitled "What's So Funny? Reading and Resisting *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*." The paper follows feminist critic Judith Fetterley's method of "resisting" canonical American literary texts.

Benefit for the Moravian College Piano Fund Scheduled

The Moravian College Music Department and Music Alliance will present "Starlight Cabaret," featuring the Twi-liters, on Saturday, May 19, at 8:00 p.m., in the Dining Room of the HUB. The evening will feature dancing to musical hits from the 1940s through the 1990s. Admission is \$30.00 per person, \$50.00 per couple, or \$175.00 for a table of eight. Proceeds benefit the Moravian College Piano Fund. Reservations are required. For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact Judy Bernd, secretary in the Music Department, at extension 1651.

HUB Appointment

Ann Claussen, director of student activities and the Hauptert Union, announced that Jackie Karpow has been appointed temporary assistant director of student activities and the Hauptert Union, replacing Karen Krauss who is on maternity leave. Jackie is a 1996 graduate of Moravian, and president of the Young Alumni Board.

The HUB staff is beginning to prepare activities for the fall semester. Plans are in the works for bus trips to Hershey Park and the King of Prussia Mall, as well as a variety of music venues, films, dances, game shows, and much more. For more information contact the HUB desk at extension 1491.

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News for the *Information Bulletin* is welcome from all departments. Any news pertaining to administration, faculty, and staff may be sent to:

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The *Bulletin* is usually published twice monthly with a deadline of 12:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Call Chris at ext. 1362 to confirm.



Hans Wuerth Honors Facilities Services

On Friday, April 20, Hans Wuerth, professor of German, held a reception for members of the Department of Facilities Services as a way to thank them for their many years of professional service, and especially for their help to him during his tenure as chair of the Moravian College Arts and Lectures Committee (1979-96) and the Cohen Arts and Lectures Committee (1984-94).

Hans, who is retiring at the end of this semester, said that these individuals personify the true spirit of teamwork and dedication here at Moravian. "The work that these people perform on a daily basis, regardless of time or weather conditions, is preformed by the entire team," said Hans. "Often they seemed overwhelmed with all the work that has to be completed, yet they complete those tasks with unquestioned dedication and professionalism. Moravian College could not function without the grounds people, custodians, and other members of this department. I respect their knowledge and expertise and have also learned from their efficient working habits as well as their conspicuously positive attitudes." The festivities were interrupted momentarily by a baby bunny that tried to crash the party by falling into one of the Doghouse window wells. Tom Silfies, general mechanic, and others rescued the bunny.

When asked to sum up his feelings for Hans, Steve Barron, custodian in Comenius Hall, said that

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"Professor Wuerth is a kind and gentle man who possesses great virtues. He is able to reach out to every member of our campus community and touch us with all of his gifts and talents. He will be missed dearly."



Karen Sienicki and Robert Eisenhower listens as Hans Wuerth recites the poem "Questions of a Reading Worker" by Bertolt Brecht, which celebrates the contributions of the hands-on workers to the great monuments of the world's culture.

Receptions for Faculty and Staff Members

Receptions will be held to honor David Schattschneider, dean and vice president of the Seminary and S. Morgan Smith and Emma Fahs Smith professor of historical theology, on the occasion of his stepping down as Seminary dean, and Hans Wuerth, professor of German, and Lillian Davenport, director of learning services, on the occasion of their retirement from Moravian College. The reception for Lillian Davenport will be on Wednesday, April 25, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Hub Pavilion. A farewell coffee for Hans Wuerth will be held on Thursday, April 26, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Hub Pavilion, and the reception for Dean Schattschneider will be held on Thursday, May 3, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Saal of the Bahnson Center. Please stop by and honor these three individuals for their many years of service to Moravian College.

Student Affairs Update

Withdrawing

Gregory J. Bechtel
Tiffany Clarke
Anthony Gill
Robert N. Judge
Tiffany Walck

Requesting Leave

Christopher Appleyard
Richard Pena
David A. Ramsay

Carol Moeller Awarded a Greenwall Fellowship

Carol Moeller, assistant professor of philosophy, has been awarded a Greenwall Fellowship in Bioethics and Health Policy, sponsored jointly by Johns Hopkins University and Georgetown University. The fellowship, which will run from September 2001 to August 2003, will enable Carol to pursue her interests in what she calls "the political economy of health and well-being," in social equity and health, and concern with ethics in tension with corporate interests, especially with the rise of managed care.

Carol has been granted a two-year leave from Moravian to complete this fellowship in Baltimore and Washington, D.C. During her absence, she will return to Moravian each semester to share what she is learning with the College community.

The fellowship includes support for individualized research, ongoing colloquia, and a year-long seminar in bioethics and health policy. In addition, it offers a "hands-on" component, such as an internship at a non-profit health advocacy organization or congressional committee, as well as work in clinical settings.

Carol's bioethics experience has been both academic and applied. As an AIDS activist with the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power in Pittsburgh, Carol co-founded the Prevention Point Pittsburgh organization. This program specializes in AIDS prevention, education, and sponsors a needle exchange

program. Prevention Point Pittsburgh is still in existence and is the longest-running of such networks. "Needle programs have proven effective in AIDS prevention," said Carol. "They are critical in reaching underserved and at-risk populations, such as intravenous drug users and sex workers, who are otherwise outside of health promotion networks."

The Learning Connection Celebrates Success, Seeks New Mentors

The Learning Connection at Moravian College, now completing its second year, is a family mentoring program that matches Moravian College student volunteers with elementary aged children in the Bethlehem Area School District. The program has been a huge success since its inception, and continues to thrive and grow. Business partners that include Air Products & Chemicals, Just Born, EDS, Best Buy Children's Foundation, Verizon Foundation, and the Cohen Foundation fund this innovative program. It is also supported by local businesses through financial support and in-kind donations.

From a modest beginning, the program has grown to include thirty-eight college volunteers. Eighteen Moravian students are matched with fifth graders, and twenty additional mentors are matched with a new group of fourth graders. The participating children have been selected by school personnel on the basis of "need to succeed." The program allows Moravian mentors to visit the children each week at their

elementary schools to help with academic and behavioral skills. Mentors also participate with the child and his or her family at special events or educational sessions held monthly on campus or in the local community. Many mentors also take advantage of a special activity fund, which allows them to treat their youngster to activities such as movies, skating, or bowling, in addition to the planned group activities.

While the original plans called for a two-year volunteer commitment, children, parents, and mentors are contemplating expanding the program for an additional year to cover the child's transition into middle school. Plans are being formulated that will modify the program to meet the needs of sixth graders. Features will include e-mail communication, tutoring as needed, and several special events throughout the year that will be exclusively geared to them.

As a result of the success of this initiative, the Learning Connection and Moravian College have received both statewide and national exposure. In June 2000, Phyllis Walsh, community service coordinator and coordinator of the Learning Connection, and Katherine McKee '02 presented a review of the program at the National Community Service Conference in Orlando. In November 2000, a similar workshop was presented at the Pennsylvania Service Learning Conference.

Recruitment is underway to add additional mentors and to replace those who are graduating.

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Twenty students and young alumni spent Saturday, April 7, cleaning up Sand Island. The Young Alumni Board, which sponsored the event, hopes to make this the first of an annual series of similar projects.

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Plotkin and his work have been featured in a PBS Nova documentary, in an Emmy-winning Fox TV documentary, on the NBC *Nightly News*, on *The Today Show*, and on CBS' *48 Hours*. He has also appeared in *Life*, *Newsweek*, *Smithsonian*, *Elle*, *People*, the *New York Times*, and on National Public Radio.

For the past 15 years, Plotkin has worked with shamans of Central and South America to learn about healing plants. This experience has enhanced his reputation as an expert in tropical rain forest ethnobotany. He co-edited *Sustainable Harvest and Use of Rain Forest Products* (Island Press), and his book *Tales of A Shaman's Apprentice* (Viking-Penguin) has met with resounding success. Currently in its sixteenth printing, it has also been published in German, Italian, Spanish, and Dutch. A children's version, entitled *The Shaman's Apprentice: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest*, co-written and illustrated by Lynne Cherry, was recently published by Harcourt Brace. *Smithsonian Magazine* hailed it as "the outstanding environmental and natural history title of the year."

Plotkin played a leading role in the IMAX film *Amazon* which was directed by Academy Award-winning director Keith Merrill. The film was a 1997 nominee for an Academy Award as Best Short Documentary and can currently be viewed in IMAX theatres nationwide. His most recent book, *Medicine Quest: New Medicines from Mother Nature*, was published in 2000.

This lecture is free and open to the public. For more information contact the Music Department at extension 1650.

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Students must be willing to become an active part of a child's life for two years, although there will be several spots available for a one year commitment. Mentors also have the opportunity to participate in the planning of activities, incentives and recognition for the children and their families. For more information contact Phyllis Walsh at extension 1602.

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will be automatically deleted from the system and will be unrecoverable. If you need to save a message from one of these three folders for longer than the time allotted, you may establish a folder and store messages on the Y drive in that folder. An instructional page has been set up on the Moravian College intranet that gives users step-by-step instructions on how to create this folder and how to store messages in it. The web address is http://intranet.moravian.edu/department/cit/_usersupport/help/outlook/outlook.htm.

If you need additional help in setting up this e-mail archiving strategy, contact the help desk at extension 7929.

