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Curt Keim Selected as V. P. for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty

Upon the departure of Randall Packer, Curt Keim, professor of history and political science, will assume the position of vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty. The length of his term has yet to be decided. Curt was chosen from a list of nominees sent to President Ervin Rokke from faculty chairs of the Academic Program Committee, the Planning and Budget Committee, and the Faculty Executive Committee.

Curt has been at Moravian for 20 years and has taught courses in the History, Political Science, and Sociology Departments. He is a specialist in African history and African studies, with a research emphasis on pre-colonial Africa, the impact of European colonization in Africa, and Western attitudes toward Africa. Curt has authored many works on African studies topics, frequently in collaboration with other scholars. He and his wife, Karen, have lived in Europe and in Africa, and particularly enjoy living in African villages. While at Moravian, Curt has served on various faculty committees and is a past chair of the History Department. He is

currently chair of the Planning and Budget Committee and coordinator of the Africana Studies Consortium of the Lehigh Valley.

Curt has chosen Bettie Smolansky, professor of sociology, to fill the position of dean for academic affairs, replacing Bill Deeds. Bettie will be dean for one year, during which time the duties of the position will be reconfigured.

Bettie has been a member of the College faculty for her entire

career, having joined the Sociology Department staff in 1964. Through the years, she has served the College in a number of capacities. From 1980 to 1982, she was assistant dean of the College. She has also served two separate terms on the College Board of Trustees, one in the late 1970s and the other in the 1990s. She chaired the Sociology Department from 1991-92 through 1997-98 and acted as interim dean of the faculty in 1998-99.

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Jon Conrad named Director of Human Resources

On April 3, Jon Conrad re joined the Moravian community as director of human resources for the College and Theological Seminary. Jon is a 1982 graduate of Moravian College with a B.A. in psychology and minor in sociology. He has 15 years of experience in human resources management.

For the past seven years, Jon was the director of human resources for the Visiting Nurses Association of Eastern Pennsylvania. Jon managed all day-to-day activities related to compensation, benefits, staffing, organizational development, employee relations and training. In addition, Jon has experience in the areas of safety, telecommunications, facilities management, and IT processes.

“Jon brings skills and experience to Moravian which are needed to build on the functions established by outgoing director Deb Smull, and to provide the leadership needed to meet the near and long term goals of

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Bettie won the College's Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1978 and was the co-recipient (with her husband, Oles Smolansky of Lehigh University) of the 1992 Marshall Shulman Prize of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies for their jointly-authored volume, *The USSR and Iraq: The Soviet Quest for Influence*. Their co-edited anthology, *The Lost Equilibrium: International Relations in the Post-Soviet World* is in press and should appear later this year.

Upon the completion of Bettie's term, Carol Traupman Carr will assume the position. Carol is a 1986 graduate of Moravian College. She received a B.A. in social science education and a B.Mus. in music education and performance, graduating *summa cum laude*, with Honors in music. As a student, Carol was a Comenius Scholar. She was actively involved in numerous musical ensembles and was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa. Carol received her master's and doctorate in musicology with a minor in music theory from Cornell University.

Carol teaches courses in music history, music theory, and an interdisciplinary course on music, literature, and film. She currently

serves as faculty advisor to upper-class music majors, as well as DCS and transfer students in music. She currently serves on the Curriculum Transition Committee, the College Assessment Committee, the Academic Program Committee, and chairs Moravian College Arts and Lectures. Other past committee service included the Strategic Planning Committee and the Commission on the Future (Learning Environment Task Force).

Outside Moravian, Carol serves as choral director at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Emmaus. She is also a member of the advisory board for the Allentown Arts Academy, and writes the "Bach 101" educational website for the Bach Choir of Bethlehem.

This Year's Friday Get-Togethers a Rousing Success

"Many thanks to those departments and offices this year who have hosted our monthly Friday Get-togethers for faculty and administrative staff," said Clarke Chapman, professor of religion. "Most recently, the Biology Department deserves kudos for sponsoring the April 7th festivity. It was much appreciated."

Would your office or department be willing to take a turn in hosting one of these monthly events? The calendar for 2000/2001 is now open. Out-of-pocket costs run about \$100.00. Anyone wishing to sponsor or looking for further information may contact Clarke at extension 1410.

Longevity Recognition for Administration and Support Staff

Moravian College and Theological Seminary salutes the following individuals in recognition of their years of service to our community:

March Anniversaries

15 years

Rita Berk, Reeves Library

20 years

Buck Tarboro, Facilities Services

April Anniversaries

5 years

Susanne Shaw, Development

May Anniversaries

5 years

Joel Labriola, Campus Safety

Pam Kalapay, Reeves Library

10 years

Steve Barron, Facilities Services

Sue Shafer, Facilities Services

Bulletin

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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Leadership Lehigh Valley to Explore Volunteer Opportunities

Faculty and staff members interested in exploring the various volunteer opportunities that exist in the Lehigh Valley are invited to join Leadership Lehigh Valley on Thursday, May 18, for a guided bus tour. You will learn about a multitude of rewarding volunteer opportunities available and see “first-hand” the needs that exist throughout the Valley.

A bus tour will depart at 9:00 a.m. from the Sheraton Jetport after a breakfast reception. The daylong tour includes visits to agencies such as the Wildlands Conservancy in Emmaus, Alliance Hall in Allentown, the Historic Bethlehem Partnership in Bethlehem, and the Weller Center in Easton. At each of these locations, representatives from social service agencies will be available to discuss the volunteer opportunities at their respective organizations.

At the Wildlands Conservancy, participants will learn about volunteer opportunities in the areas of wildlife and the environment. Other organizations present will include Clean Sweep, the Rodale Institute, and Hawk Mountain Sanctuary.

Human service organizations will be the focus at Alliance Hall. These include Daybreak, Sixth Street Shelter, Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Second Harvest, Meals on Wheels, the American Red Cross, and the Fatherhood Initiative.

At the Historic Bethlehem Partnership stop, participants will learn about the arts and culture when talking to representatives from the Allentown Art Museum, Musikfest, Touchstone Theatre, and WDIY Public Radio.

Volunteer opportunities in health care will be the topic at the Weller Center. Lehigh Valley Hospital Center, Muhlenberg Hospital, Easton Hospital, Sacred Heart Hospital, St. Luke’s Hospital, and Good Shepherd Hospital will be represented there.

Those interested may contact Michael Wilson, director of public relations, at extension 1365. Seating is limited and the deadline to reserve a spot is Thursday, May 4.

Alumni Weekend Parade to be held on Saturday, May 20

The entire Moravian College Community is invited to attend the annual Alumni Weekend parade which will take place on Saturday, May 20, starting at 11:30 a.m. The parade will feature three area bands, antique and classic cars, over a dozen greyhounds, and the reunion classes. This year’s parade will be the biggest yet, and the first time the parade will venture onto Main Street. Grab a spot in front of Collier Hall of Science or on the quad across from Johnston Hall. Those wishing more information may call Elizabeth Martin, assistant director of alumni relations, at extension 1367.

Founder’s Day Lovefeast Scheduled

Moravian College faculty and staff members are invited to the annual Founder’s Day Lovefeast on Friday, May 19, at 11:00 a.m. in Peter Hall. Rosalind Remer, associate professor of history, will give a presentation entitled “My Dearest and Only Treasure: A Romance from the Early Days of the Ladies’ Seminary at Bethlehem.” For more information, please contact Elizabeth Martin, assistant director of alumni relations, at extension 1367.

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the College and Seminary," said Dennis Domchek, vice president for administration. "Deb is transitioning with Jon to orient him to the policies and procedures within the human resource area."

Jon is very active in the local community. He is Personnel Committee chair of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, serves on the Personnel Committee of the Alcohol Council of the Lehigh Valley, and is a member of the Men of Muhlenberg Hospital Center. Jon is a skilled musician, playing the trombone in the Allentown Band and Silver & Brass Trombone Quartet.

Jon is married to Suzanne Bleiler-Conrad, also a Moravian graduate. Suzanne is an instrumental music teacher with the Bethlehem Area School District and an adjunct instructor of the flute here at Moravian College as well as at Lehigh University.

A Note of Thanks

Our thanks go out to the entire Moravian College Community for the beautiful memorial service held for our husband, father, and grandfather, Louie Mirra. The prayers, music, and stories filled our hearts with colorful, loving reminders of him. Louie was very proud to have been a part of the Moravian Community and we are very grateful for the kind thoughts and remembrances.

Mrs. Louis Mirra and family

Amrhein Investment Club Celebrates Crossing the Million Dollar Mark

The Amrhein Investment Club celebrated its crossing the million-dollar mark with a dinner at the historic Sun Inn in Bethlehem on April 4. The fund, which was created in 1962, crossed the million dollar mark this past November. Club members wanted to be sure they were securely across the million-dollar line before celebrating. Newly appointed executive-in-residence, Hank Barnette, CEO of Bethlehem Steel, congratulated the club and spoke on the new vs. old economy investments.

Lou Pektor '72 was honored with a plaque commemorating his years of service as alumni advisor. Club members also presented awards to Dr. Linda Ravelle, associate professor of economics and business and club advisor, Dr. Jim West, professor of economics and business, chair of the Department of Economics and Business, and interim advisor, Beverly Young, the club's broker from Janney Montgomery Scott, and Maryann Weaver, who has helped the club in innumerable ways.

Ryan Purdy '01, club president, spoke on the history of the club and Bill Onofry '01, immediate past president, spoke on the significance of crossing the million-dollar mark. The dinner was well attended by students, members of the administration, and guests.

Fulbright Fellowship

Daniel Byrne '00, a double major in German and history, has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to teach and study in Germany. Dan will serve as a "paedagogischer assistent" teaching English and American History at a high school that prepares students for university study. Concurrently, he will continue the research that he began this year in the Honors Program on postwar author Heinrich Böll.

Dan is the second German major in two years to receive the prestigious Fulbright. Marianne Zwicker '99 is presently studying in Berlin. "Dan's success demonstrates the strengths of a Moravian education," says Dennis Glew, professor of classics and history, chair of the Department of History, and chair of the Scholarship Committee. "I hope it encourages other students to investigate the possibility of competing for scholarships."

Student Services Update**Withdrawing**

Alair Altiero-Galante
Thomas W. Beiser Jr. (transferring to DCS)
Eric Hubert

Requesting Leave

Erin Oney

Activities

Pam Adamshick of the nursing faculty recently received the Pennsylvania State Nurses' Association's District 2 Nursing Practice Award. Pam was recognized for her advance practice investigative initiative at Liberty High School. This program focused on identifying high-risk students with mental health problems.

Sharon Brown, director of multicultural affairs, gave a presentation at the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists' sixty-fifth conference in Jackson, Mississippi this past March. Sharon's presentation was on black women and spirituality. The Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists is an organization that is committed to promoting and improving social science research and teaching for the service of humanity.

Mary S. Comfort, a member of the adjunct English faculty, chaired a session on colonial and federal American literature at the Northeast Modern Language Association Convention in Buffalo, on April 7.

Joyce Hinnefeld, assistant professor of English, participated in a collaborative presentation entitled, "Wish You Were Here: Travel and Other Fictions," at the 2000 Associated Writing Conferences Annual Conference in Kansas City from March 29 to April 1. In addition, Joyce attended the 2000 Conference on College Composition and Communication in Minneapolis from April 12 to 15. While there, she gave a presentation entitled "Residents and Tourists in the

Classroom: Mediating Distance through Fiction." Also attending this conference in Minneapolis were Writing Center tutors Amy Kingdom '00 and Rachel O'Donnell '00. Amy and Rachel attended sessions on writing centers and writing-across-the-curriculum as part of their research for a SOAR-funded project this semester.

Carol Moeller, assistant professor of philosophy, and **Karen Keim**, a member of the adjunct English faculty, have been selected to participate in a Fulbright-Hays Group Project in Ghana. During five weeks this summer, they will investigate historical, cultural, political, and economic issues of Ghana to enhance their teaching. The educational trip is funded by the U.S. Department of Education. It is sponsored by the Lehigh University Department of Education, in collaboration with the LVAIC Africana Studies Consortium and the University of Ghana.

Mildred Rivera-Martínez, associate professor of Spanish, attended the Seventh International Caribbean Women Writers and Scholars Conference in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico from April 3 to 7. She presented a paper entitled "Niñas narradoras: ¿Traducción de la realidad nacional?" The paper dealt with girl-narrators in Caribbean literature and the function of these narrators and the novels in the quest for national identity.

John D. Rossi III, assistant professor of accounting, served as a discussant for a program session entitled "Accounting: Nightmare for Freshman—A Case Study in Shih Chien University" at the Southwestern Federation of

Administrative Disciplines Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting. This session evaluated research data focusing on student experiences at a Taiwanese University. While at the meeting, John also attended sessions related to international accounting, accounting education and financial reporting.