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## Anonymous 4 Perform "On Yoolis Night" Dec. 8

Anonymous 4, a vocal ensemble of international repute, will perform music of the Middle Ages and early Renaissance on Tuesday, December 8, at 8:00 p.m. in Foy Concert Hall.

This four-woman, a cappella ensemble will stop at Moravian College as part of a tour for their bestselling Christmas CD "On Yoolis Night."

The group, Marsha Genensky, Jacqueline Horner, Susan Hellauer, and Johanna Maria Rose, came together in 1986 to perform medieval chant and polyphony. They have performed in every major city throughout the United States as well as internationally. Renowned for its superb vocal blend and



impressive technical virtuosity, the ensemble takes its name from

a famous set of writings by an anonymous 12th-century Englishman who wrote about the music then being performed at the Cathedral of Notre Dame. The innovative programs presented by Anonymous 4 combine historical, literary, poetic, and spiritual material, to bring the listener

into a world of peace.

Tickets are available at the HUB Desk and in the Music Office. Moravian students, faculty, and staff may receive one free ticket each. General admission is \$10; admission for senior citizens, non-Moravian students, and children is \$5.

## What's in the Future for CIT and Moravian Computing Technology?

Ron Helmuth assumed the helm of the Center for Information Technology (CIT) on October 1. With his arrival, and with increased attention to the needs of computing technology in the past year by the College administration, things are bright for CIT and consequently for the College and Seminary.

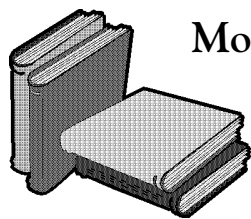
What has happened? What is happening? And what can the Moravian community look forward to?

The topmost improvement? The network is stable. Six months ago the network was unstable. Ron credits Donna Posivak, who was acting CIT director at the time, with this monumental achievement. "It's a great job she's done. She exercised leadership over the last five or six months in a wonderful way. In fact I'm in awe of the job that she did in imposing stability," he said. (Donna was recently named CIT assistant director and manager of special

### College and Seminary Offices Closed for Thanksgiving November 26-29

College students are on break from November 26 through November 29.  
Seminary students are on break from November 24 through November 29.

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## Moravian People in Print

Four articles written by Dana S. Dunn of the Psychology Department will be reprinted in a second edition of the *Handbook of Demonstrations and Activities in the Teaching of Psychology*. Dunn wrote and published the articles in the journal *Teaching of Psychology* between 1989 and 1997. Three of the articles cover social and personality issues, including self-serving biases, aggression, and the role of personal myths in identity development. The fourth article examines the use of collaborative writing techniques in the teaching of statistics and research methodology. The three-volume *Handbook*, which is edited by Mark Ware (Creighton University) and David Johnson (John Brown University), will be published in 1999 by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc.

Winfred A. Kohls of the History Department is the author on an article published in Volume 30 of *Transactions of the Moravian Historical Society* (October 1998). This scholarly journal published research and articles on Moravian

history and heritage. The new volume contains six articles by American, British, Dutch, and German authors. Kohl's article is titled "The Function of Hospitality and Economic Enterprise as Reflected in Herrnhut's Management of its Congregation in Russia." It especially looks at the management of the Moravian Inn at Sarepta in Russia.

Another article, a biography of Moravian historian William Cornelius Reichel published in the same volume, was written by Moravian College and Theological Seminary alumnus Peter Vogt.

*Transactions* has been published by the society since 1858. Selection of articles and publication is overseen by the society's publication committee. David A. Schattschneider, dean and vice president of the Seminary, is chair of the committee, and J. Thomas Minor, Reeves Library director, is a member. Publication is made possible by endowments from the Margaret McKee Williams and Henry L. Williams Publication Fund, established by the late librarian of Reeves Library. Copies of the book are available in the library or may be purchased through the historical society.

## Acclaimed Writer Sigrid Nunez to Read at Moravian College

Acclaimed author Sigrid Nunez will perform a reading of excerpts from her works at a special presentation on Tuesday, November 24, at 8:00 p.m. in the United Brethren's Church Room in the HUB.

Praised as a "gifted storyteller" by the Chicago Tribune, Sigrid Nunez's most recent book, *Mitz: the Marmoset of Bloomsbury*, delivers an enchanting fictional memoir about Leonard and Virginia Woolf's pet marmoset. Sigrid Nunez is the author of the novels *A Feather on the Breath of God* and *Naked Sleeper*. She is the recipient of several literary prizes, including a Whiting Writer's Award. *A Feather on the Breath of God* was shortlisted for the 1995 PEN/Hemingway Award for First Fiction. She teaches creative writing at Columbia University and is also on the faculty of the 1998 Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. She lives in New York City and is working on a fourth book.

The reading, sponsored by the Zinzendorf Society, is free and open to the public. A reception and book signing will follow the reading. It is sponsored by the *Manuscript*, the College's student literary magazine.

### Bulletin

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## Cholesterol, Blood Pressure Screening

St. Luke's Hospital will have the Healthstar Van in front of the Health Center on Tuesday, November 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to perform blood pressure and cholesterol screenings. There is no charge for this service. If you have any questions, please call 861-1567.

## St. Luke's Forms Eating Disorder Group

St. Luke's Hospital Behavioral Health Services is forming an eating disorder group beginning Monday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting is in the Renaissance Center, 32 North 18th St, Allentown. Call 434-9405 for information and registration.

## Helmuth at the Helm, Full-Force Ahead

Ron Helmuth, director of the Center for Information Technology (CIT), exudes confidence and hope, at a time when both are needed at Moravian College. He comes to the College from a similar position at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where he served as director of information systems, guiding an eight-person department. His department was responsible for academic and administrative computing, networking, and telephone services.

Ron holds a B.A. in social studies from New College in Sarasota, Florida, and an M.B.A. in accounting and information systems from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University. Ron has had 13 years of experience at IBM in both engineering and management roles.

He taught undergraduate classes in data networking and graduate classes in education in using technology to enhance learning. He spent a couple of years after college in Central America and worked for a year as a bilingual program specialist in the Federal Migrant and Farmworkers' Program. He enjoys biking, basketball refereeing, competitive tennis and squash, and speaks fluent Spanish. He and his wife, Elena, have three children.

He revealed a little of what draws him to the technology field. I enjoy technology. It's my job, and it's a rewarding job. I've achieved some expertise and experience with understanding the dynamics of implementation and the running of systems.

"I enjoy the complexity. I believe most people are naturally drawn to complexity—and information technology is very complex. That's why we all need a computer. We like computers. Their complexity engages us."

He went on. "I'm also drawn to this career because it allows me a unique opportunity to study the human side of technology—how human experience literally changes because of technology. I've done a lot of reading on the theories not only of information technologies and how they change human existence—but also on the human impact of other technologies. Gutenberg and moveable type spawned the Reformation, for instance.

"The beginning of the electronic age is a shift that is similarly momentous, and we have no idea how from day to day the processes of our minds are being changed because of the current redefinition of information. I enjoy reflecting on such issues."

Ron welcomes the challenge of Moravian College and seems content here, and, if he can find a good tennis club, determined to stay for a while.

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projects.) Ron added, "The new and old CIT staff put in an incredible number of hours to get us where we are now."

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For the CIT staff, it means the dark circles under their eyes have vanished and there is finally time to concentrate on advance programming. For the users in the College community, it means doing their jobs unhindered by technology (excluding Open 36 users who may still feel they are working with spit and a prayer—but the solution to that problem is underway).

Ron added, "There's still a lot to be done but for someone like me coming in, not to have to hold the fire hose and put out fires is a tremendous benefit and advantage. I can turn my attention to policy and direction."

One of Ron's priorities has been to organize the staff. He said, "My goal is to have the staff fully in place by the first of the year." Preliminary work has set up three teams: administrative systems, user support, and networking. The administrative team consists of programmers and analysts, including those working with CMDS (Computer Management and Data Services).

The user support team deals with microcomputer and user

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## Activities

**Mayer teaches historical thinking . . .** Bob Mayer of the Education Department attended the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies in Philadelphia on October 23. Bob presented a paper entitled "Using the Story of Anne Hutchinson to Teach Historical Thinking." State teachers were presented with a set of primary documents which included portions of transcripts from the actual trial of Anne Hutchinson and a methodology for using the materials to get students to think like historians. The presentation came from an article to be published this fall in *Social Studies*, a journal for social studies teachers.

**Diamond expands literature horizons of senior citizens . . .** For five Thursdays during the month of October, George S. Diamond participated in "Expanding Horizons," an adult enrichment series for senior citizens sponsored by seven different community organizations and held at the Souderton Mennonite Homes. The program features courses in the visual arts, history, science, and great religions of the world. Diamond presented a five-part series on American literature to forty-seven students, giving an overview of the development of American literature from the colonial to the modern periods.

**Minor participates in rare book conservation discussion . . .** Tom Minor, Reeves Library director, attended the fall meeting of SEPTLA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Theological Librarians Association) in Myerstown on October 18. The former rare books and conservation librarian at Haverford College led a discussion on conservation of collections following the morning business meeting.

## Court Corner

Before starting your busy work day stop in at the Food Court. The court has fresh baked donuts, crullers, and cinnamon buns, as well as individual cereals and oatmeal to get you gong in the right direction.



Remember, Thursdays are Top Hits, prepared to order while you watch. A Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Thursday, November 19, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for \$5.95. The buffet-style meal will include carved turkey, roast beef, filling, veggies, and fresh-baked pies. Too busy to bake for the holiday? Prior to Thanksgiving the Food Court will have a Holiday Bake Sale. Place orders by November 14. Watch for postings in the Food Court.

## Taking in the IRS

Making use of a first-time ever tour offer by the IRS, the Moravian College Accounting Club and the Economics and Business Department will sponsor a field trip to Philadelphia on Friday, November 20. The trip will include a pipeline tour of the Internal Revenue Service Philadelphia Service Center. Those attending will have the opportunity to follow the process of a tax return through the service center and learn first hand about how the federal tax system works.

This is the first time that the IRS has ever extended such a privilege to any college, university, or community organization. John D. Rossi III, assistant professor of accounting, is a member of the Federal Tax Committee of the CPA and requested and organized the tour.

The trip will include an afternoon behind-the-scenes tour of the Philadelphia Convention Center, a discussion on the economics of major convention centers, and some free time in the Reading Terminal Market.

## SIFE Chapter Possible on Campus

Moravian College is investigating the possibility of organizing a Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Chapter on campus.

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is a not-for-profit organization supported by individuals, foundations, and corporations. John Rossi attended a SIFE Leadership Conference in Philadelphia on October 16 and 17 where he was a guest of SIFE to research the options.

The mission of SIFE is to provide college students the best opportunity to make a difference and to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise. This mission is accomplished through the SIFE outreach projects where students and faculty involve the community in the free enterprise system, providing the students with an opportunity to teach what they have learned.

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support, and includes the Help Desk and maintenance of personal computers. "They are our public face," Ron said. "We're revising the user support area. We need more focus on advanced technical problems in the workstation arena. This new staff organization will address that."

The third team includes the network engineer and administrators, including the MoCoSIN administrator. Ron said, "One of the first things I saw here was that our network administration needed help. This was confirmed by consultants—there needs to be strengthening and backup on the network side. It has involved some redefinition and shuffling.

"We're beefing up the network side because that's the infrastructure. If you don't have a solid infrastructure you're going to have problems of stability, like last year. The reason we're so much better now is that the servers and the network have been upgraded in certain key points to overcome vulnerabilities. There is a huge backlog of things still to be done but at least for right now they're less urgent, less evident to our network users."

Additionally, there needs to be fuller collaboration with the MoCoSIN network. MoCoSIN is the Moravian College Science Instrumentation Network. As the name implies, it serves mainly the sciences and supports a number of cutting-edge applications and devices.

"There are good reasons why we have a campus-wide network and a separate MoCoSIN network—performance and flexibility," Ron

explained. "I believe we should work to integrate those two networks where it makes for easier manageability. But we've got to be careful to maintain separation where flexibility and performance are issues.

"I also believe MoCoSIN and can provide a valuable service to the rest of the campus by helping evaluate new network and computing technologies, and then provide a test network for these technologies. After all, it's the job of computer scientists to understand advanced technologies."

What is still to be done?

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Ron is drafting a strategic plan for CIT and also a number of necessary policies. He stressed, however, there are other established groups to *make* policy. He named the Information Technology Board, the MoCoSIN Management Group and the President's Staff and said, "I don't think it is Ron Helmuth's or CIT's job to *make* policies. I do believe that Moravian College looks to us to provide leadership, to make sure wide voice is given, and to propose policy.

"In some instances the CIT staff feels somewhat vulnerable because of our lack of policy. For example, we don't have a policy for when we're open. Does that mean anyone can call us seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day? Other needed policies include service levels—what do we do and

what don't we do and what our constituents can expect from us, documentation, training, standards for supported products, security strategies, and personal computer replacement policies.

What's in the future?

"Here's a direction I think we should go. I think CIT should publish what the minimum configuration is for everyone for a Mac, PC, or sub-workstation, and we should go get the funding to make sure that everyone's computer is either replaced or enhanced to that minimum configuration. That's going to be different every year, because, let's face it, in 1998 the industry mostly writes software that no longer runs acceptably on computers that were manufactured in 1994. Should faculty and staff have to argue for the required upgrades? No, CIT should be the advocates for adequate personal computers for everyone on campus, no matter the platform—Windows, Mac, or Unix!"

His vision? Here are two aspects:

"For computing on campus to become invisible, like a utility such as electricity and phone service. It's transparent because it's there, it's reliable, and it's easy to use.

"There are many new ways of teaching, of learning, of knowing, significant enough to be called a revolution in education. Moravian College should understand how these marvelous electronic information technologies can enhance our teaching and learning by supporting this revolution."

*(Look for future articles in the Bulletin on CMDS and the millennium bug, on CIT staff reorganization, and on in-house training and documentation.)*

## Women's Cross Country Team Qualifies for National Championships

Senior Kristie Reccek of Hellertown was one of four Moravian runners to earn All-Mideast Region honors this past weekend with a top 35 finish at the NCAA Division III Mideast Regional hosted by Allentown College. Reccek, who won the Middle Atlantic Conference Individual Championship on the same course on October 31, placed eighth in the regional with a time of 18:57.18 on the 5,000-meter course, 14 seconds faster than her winning time in the MAC meet. Reccek paced the Lady Greyhounds to a third place finish out of 40 competing schools and helped Moravian earn its sixth straight trip to the NCAA Division III National Championships. Reccek will try to earn All-America honors for the second consecutive year this weekend. She was 27th in last season's national championship meet.

Moravian's other All-Region runners included a pair of freshmen and a sophomore. Freshman Emily Shertzer of Hummelstown completed the race in 10th place of 278 runners with a time of 19:02.12 while classmate Heidi Wolfsberger of Moosic was one place behind Shertzer in 11th at 19:03.82. Both runners were also named to the Freshman All-Mideast Region Team. Sophomore Hannah Wood of Palm also earned All-Region honors with a 26th place showing in a time of 19:38.32. Freshman Erin Boyle of Philadelphia was the Lady Greyhounds fifth runner in the meet, finishing in 54th place with a time of 20:46.92. Senior Amy Cavanaugh of Horseheads, New York was 77th at 21:03.01 and junior Maria Grabowski of Churchville placed 88th with a clocking of 21:13.67 to round out the Moravian line-up.

## Volleyball Team Falls in Second Round of NCAA Tournament

For the second consecutive year, the Lady Greyhounds' season was ended in the NCAA Division III Mid-Atlantic Regional hosted by Juniata College in Huntingdon. Moravian fell to Gettysburg College, 15-12, 15-13, 8-15, 15-13, in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. The Lady Hounds were the second seed at the regional and received a first round bye while Gettysburg had to defeat Salisbury State University for the right to play Moravian. The 27 victories achieved by the 1998 Lady Greyhounds ties the Moravian school record that was set in 1992.

In the match with Gettysburg, junior outside hitter Amy Sandt of Allentown led the Lady Greyhounds with 20 kills and 21 digs. Classmate, setter Kaitie Kramer of Bethlehem made 51 assists, 12 digs and seven kills in the match while senior middle hitter Stephanie Rickards of Lansdowne completed her career with 14 kills, five digs and two blocks against Gettysburg.