The ongoing renovation work to the Collier Hall of Science continues, with great strides having been made in 2012 and other work on line for completion by the start of the 2013-14 academic year.

Renovations to Collier’s laboratories and classrooms will help the College keep pace with the ever-changing field of science and technology and provide an improved environment for Moravian students to study and learn.

To that end, a new anatomy and physiology lab is being built adjacent to new student study spaces on the third floor. And one floor below that, work on a computational modeling lab is underway. The laboratory will allow for high-end computing and sophisticated analysis of scientific data, including a geographic information system (GIS) that enables data to be captured, managed, analyzed and displayed in ways that reveal geographic trends and patterns.

Changes to this point have been fully funded, but one of the next steps, requiring $1.2 million, is one of the most exciting parts of the project, and will benefit all science students, according to Gordon Weil, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty.

A “super lab,” constructed on the main floor, will consist of a physical chemistry lab and a biochemical/quantitative analytical chemistry lab, divided by seminar and instrumentation rooms. The exterior walls of this laboratory complex will be glass, allowing visual access from the surrounding hallways.

“Seeing students and faculty working shoulder to shoulder will put the excitement of science on display,” says Weil. “This lab will enable us to continue to support student/faculty research . . . something we do very well at Moravian . . . and to expand it,” he adds.

Gary Carney, vice president for advancement, says, “We have received generous leadership gifts for the super lab. It is my hope that alumni, parents and friends will recognize the importance of this space for our science students and provide the financial support to make it a reality.”

Other parts of the overall project include renovations to the introductory physics lab, creation of an environmental science lab in an existing lab space, and a complete redesign of Collier’s main entrance. These last renovations will require approximately an additional $4.8 million.

Although state-of-the-art when it was constructed in 1970, Collier has aged, and also was in need of considerable upgrades to its infrastructure. The roof and windows needed repairs and the HVAC, fire safety systems, fume hoods, and electrical switch gear will be replaced or upgraded to current building code or standards. These changes are important to both occupant health and safety while reducing the building’s energy consumption and maintenance. In addition, an elevator and handicapped access have been added to the building’s west side, near PPHAC.

For information on ways to support the work at Collier Hall of Science, contact Gary Carney, vice president for institutional advancement at carneyg@moravian.edu or 610 625-7910.
Reawaken your pride in Moravian: message from the Campaign chair

by Ken Rampolla ’79
Chair of the Campaign Committee

As Moravian College prepares for a change in presidential leadership, we all will face significant adjustments. It is hard to determine at this point in time exactly what they will be, as President Christopher Thomforde ends his seven-year tenure and is replaced by Bryon Grigsby, a member of the class of 1990. However, given the current landscape of higher education, I am confident there will be challenges ahead for our new president.

Moravian College is not alone in having to face these challenges. All institutions of higher education—in particular, small liberal arts colleges—are being tested in various ways. However, Moravian has been around for more than 270 years, has encountered many trials during that time, and I am confident that under Bryon Grigsby’s leadership, we will not only face these challenges head-on, but we will flourish. Dr. Grigsby has the right combination of experience, ideas, and passion for Moravian that will enable him to lead the College community into the future successfully.

But he will need help from all of us. We who love Moravian College must seize the opportunity to make a difference in the life of the College and the students we serve. Ask yourself the following: how would I like to affect change at the College? Am I willing to make the commitment necessary to see this change enacted?

I believe that our College is at an important juncture in our history; one that requires a sense of urgency. How we respond at this time will impact the future of the College we love. It is time to be PROUD of our College; it is time to be PASSIONATE about our College; and it is time to seize the OPPORTUNITY to move this College to even greater heights.

I am confident we will be successful. I look forward to working with you to make this possible.

Sincerely,

Ken Rampolla ’79
Campaign Chair

Campaign update

by Gary Carney
Vice president for institutional advancement

We continue to make steady progress toward our campaign goal of $45 million. Thanks to all of the alumni, parents, and friends who have generously contributed to this effort, we have raised $35 million with more than two years remaining in the Campaign. Currently, we are working toward the following three campaign objectives.

As noted in the article on the Collier Hall of Science, we are now focused on raising $1.2 million to fully fund the “super lab” on the main floor. This laboratory will be the definitive lab in the renovated Hall of Science and will greatly enhance our students’ learning experience. Of course, this can only happen if we are able to generate the necessary gifts and pledges by October so we can have the work completed during the summer of 2014. We have been fortunate to have some leadership donors step forward, but there is still a way to go to make this a reality.

Additional renovations to Comenius Hall are another objective. I encourage those who have not yet seen the changes to the first floor to visit Comenius Hall. We would now like to move to the second floor with much needed new lighting, painting, and other upgrades. The estimates for this work are in the range of $50,000 to $75,000, and we currently have $30,000 committed.

Our final focus is one that will always be a need at Moravian (and every other college) and that is financial aid. To help meet this challenge, we have created an Annual Giving Scholarship for a commitment of $10,000 over four years. This scholarship is not endowed but will provide a student with a scholarship of $2,500 per year for four years. To learn more about this giving opportunity, contact me at 610 625–7910 or via e-mail at carneyg@moravian.edu.
Moravian chose him

Michael O’Gorman ’13 applied to Moravian College on a whim. Although the College wasn’t on his original list of schools, when the call came inviting him to visit the campus, he figured he would check it out.

“I was told I was the kind of student Moravian was looking for,” he remembers. “And I got personal attention I hadn’t gotten anywhere else. That shone in the admission process.”

Once settled in, O’Gorman took advantage of everything the College has to offer. He studied community transformation during a Washington Semester at American University in Washington, D.C. He is a member of 26 Points, where he serves as the oversight chairman. He is president of Omicron Delta Kappa, president of the Moravian College Democrats, co-chair of the senior class gift campaign, former secretary of the Student Alumni Association, and a member of the French Club and Spectrum. He even took a semester off to work as a full-time staff member on the congressional campaign of Bethlehem mayor John Callahan ’91.

O’Gorman is majoring in political science with minors in international studies and sociology, and believes he’s gotten experiences and opportunities at Moravian he would not have gotten elsewhere. He plans to work for a couple years before attending graduate school, with a goal of being a strategic consultant for political campaigns or advocacy organizations. O’Gorman also has applied to work with Teach For America, and says he would “jump at the opportunity, if accepted.”

O’Gorman is exceedingly grateful for the financial aid he received in his years at Moravian. He receives the Trustee Scholarship and a Heritage Grant, and says without them he would have been unable to attend. “There is no way I would have been able to have the opportunities I had [at Moravian] anywhere else. I would have just been a number at another school somewhere.

“We have an obligation to Moravian to keep our alma mater competitive and doing well. It is so important to help bring money into the Annual Fund and I want to continue to work to help students realize that their obligation to the College begins after they graduate. The money they donate will help make Moravian a stronger institution.”

Gifts of gratitude

Hank Barnette is a Moravian College trustee who serves on the Academic Affairs and Trustee committees. He is chair of the Comenius Center committee and has taught at the Center. He also advised the search committee for Moravian’s new president.

Although neither Hank nor his wife, Joanne, is a Moravian alum, both believe in giving back to the community-at-large and believe that Moravian is of primary importance.

“Moravian is a premier liberal arts college and we wish to show our appreciation for all it has done and all it will do,” he says. “Its ability to train business, educational, health sciences, and other leaders deserves our efforts to strengthen and advance it. The excellent students and faculty at Moravian deserve our support.”

Hank Barnette studied international law in Manchester, England, as a Fulbright scholar. He worked as a counterintelligence corps officer in Germany for two years, and then attended Yale Law School, where he later taught and practiced. He also studied at the Harvard Business School.

The couple moved to Bethlehem where Barnette was later named the general counsel and a director of Bethlehem Steel. He served as chairman and CEO from 1992 to 2000, and joined Moravian’s Board of Trustees in 2004. He also practiced law with the international law firm of Skadden Arps, with an office in Washington, D.C.

Nearly two decades ago, the Barnettes chose higher education as the subject of their giving, and they have established scholarships at several colleges and universities in addition to two scholarships at Moravian.

“Our scholarships are based on merit and need, and we will continue to help make possible for others that which others provided for us.”

Michael O’Gorman ’13
Political Science Major
President, Omicron Delta Kappa
Co-Chair, Senior Class Gift Campaign

“Moravian College is about community, opportunity, and discovery. It will always be the place where I found myself and what I’m passionate about. It is the place where I found an entire community to challenge me, cheer me on, and share my possibilities.”
New giving society launched

The inaugural members of the new Priscilla Payne Hurd Society were inducted during the Comenius Society Dinner, held October 19 at the Hotel Bethlehem, where more than 250 alumni, friends, and donors toasted to a successful year.

The society was established in 2012 to recognize those individuals and foundations whose extraordinary generosity has helped to shape, transform, and sustain Moravian College. Of the thirteen inductees, four were on hand to accept their crystal awards or represented by surrogates: Frederick A. Reinhard, a life trustee and honorary alumnus; James and Gladys ’42 Marcus, who were represented by their niece, Rose Wagner; DeLight E. Breidegam Jr., a life trustee and recipient of the honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws and Doctor of Humane Letters; and the employees of Moravian College, represented by English professor George Diamond, who has just retired after 46 years with the College.

This new society was fittingly named after Priscilla Payne Hurd, the College’s premier benefactor. Before her death at 93 in February, Mrs. Hurd impacted generations of Moravian students through her extraordinary generosity. Through giving of her time—as member of the Board of Trustees and its first female chair—and financial resources, she provided classrooms, housing, and scholarships to our students. Her largesse inspired many others during her lifetime, and surely will continue to do so, as her legacy lives on at Moravian.