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We went into the water about 30 or 40 swimmers at a time. And I said to Sylvia, okay, I’ll see you on the other side.
I grew up alongside the Susquehanna river. The Mighty Susquehanna; in my family you have to always call it the Mighty Susquehanna. But I was raised as a lake swimmer, in Canada, where my grandmother comes from. The lake that I swam growing up, the lake we returned to every summer, held absolutely clear water. It has a white sandy bottom and you can see everything that’s ever fallen down into it. I think that lake is part of the reason that “how deep?” is one of my first questions about anything. How deep does it go? How far does it go? How many different levels can I go into? Or is it a surface thing?

A river is just different. There’s a clarity issue. It’s always confusing to me to swim in water I can’t see through. You can see shadows, which you hope are not an enormous animal about to swallow you. You can see nothing but color. It’s filled with algae and murkiness. There are an awful lot of things that go into rivers that I don’t want to know about.

Last summer I was reading an article by Akiko Busch in the New York Times Sunday Magazine about swimming across the Hudson River. A fundraiser to keep the Hudson clean enough to swim in. And I’m thinking, Hudson river . . . that’s a long swim. That’s a wide river. I’m a lake girl. I make do with the pool. But I got quite swept up by this article. I thought, I can do this. It’s about a mile and a half, and I’ve never even swum a mile in my life. But I can do this. Three years ago, just as I took my sabbatical and separated from a 20-year marriage, I had a very bad ski accident. I fell and I shattered my shoulder. In that same three-year period, my mother died. My father’s been dead for a long time, so I was really alone. And I had to take care of myself while I was in an extremely vulnerable situation, physically and mentally. It took a year after the accident to be able to swim again. Once I could get back in the pool, I knew I was going to be all right.

So I read about with this river swim and thought, here is a challenge. See if you can do this.

The day was hot. There was a beautiful sheen on the river, it was filled with the kayakers who were our spotters. There were 225 swimmers. I was nervous about my shoulder. I’d been training for this for a few months, but in a pool. Not in a river. We lined up. My number, 62, was written in magic marker on my arm. It was written on my bathing cap, and coded to the GPS tracking device each of us had to wear. Which kind of makes you feel like . . . this is serious. This is serious.

We went into the water about 30 or 40 swimmers at a time, newbies first. And I said to Sylvia, okay, I’ll see you on the other side. And the river was very green. I felt like I was swimming in a wheatgrass smoothie—it wasn’t that thick, but compared to my Canadian lake it was green, green, green.

For the first part of it I just swam. And about halfway across, I slowed down. And I thought, you need to lie on your back and look where you are. You’re in this river. You should enjoy this. So I lay on my back and looked around. Here are these mountains, the bridge, and all these people in the water. All these swimmers and kayaks. The clouds. I just lay on my back, started doing a backstroke. I could feel the current. Suddenly this kayak almost cuts me off; the spotter is saying, “Swim north, you’re in the current. You’re heading downstream.” That happened twice, the current was so strong.

The swim took me almost an hour. My shoulder was sore, but fine. It was an amazing feeling as I pulled myself up onto the dock with all these people gathered there. And they all start clapping. And I look around and I realize they’re clapping for me. And I feel kind of excited but shy. And they’re all cheering, Yay, you did it!

Someone gives you a towel, someone hands you some watermelon. I turned around to watch the rest of the swimmers come in. And the very last person was this eleven-year-old girl with these skinny little 11-year-old arms and legs. Her dad swam with her the whole way. And they were ecstatic.

I sometimes repeat the saying that teaching is like writing on water. And it is. But I also think it’s a process of complicity. Like swimming. You are partners, your water and you. Because if you’re opponents, you will lose. You’re moving under your own power, your body kicking, your arms reaching. But you are inside something you don’t know.

So I think about that river I grew up with. I’ve walked along it, skated on it. Spoiled as I was by our Canadian lake, it never occurred to me to even want to swim in it. But I think I might become more of a river swimmer now. And I think I’d like to swim the Mighty Susquehanna. *

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In This Math Class, People Count

“When I was in graduate school, I was very much into the abstract, universal nature of mathematics,” says Kevin Hartshorn, assistant professor of mathematics at Moravian. “But later I realized that what I enjoy most are the interpersonal relationships you experience when you’re working through problems with other people.” That interest in the human side of the equations drew professor Hartshorn to ethnomathematics, a kind of math-anthropology mash-up that examines the ways in which different cultures use and understand mathematical concepts. “Two plus two will always equal four, whatever the culture,” he explains, “but the kinds of questions you’re interested in, and the ways you try to answer them, are very culturally dependant.” Professor Hartshorn’s new course, “Special Topics: Ethnomathematics,” covers South Pacific sand drawings, indigenous Australian family structures, and other cultural spins on math. Student-initiated projects include reports on the art of the Celts and a look at the role ethnomathematics plays in the U.S. education system. “And I have some students examining the nature and definitions of math,” he says. “They’re asking, ‘What is this thing called math that we do?’”
Artists are supposed to be good with colors and shapes, maybe not so good with cold numbers and scientific facts. But as with all stereotypes, counterexamples abound. Like Jiří “Iurro” Stavovcik ’97, who came to Moravian from the Czech Republic. At Moravian he earned an M.B.A. and then a second bachelor’s degree in accounting. When his promising business career hit a temporary snag, Iurro decided to take time off to paint. He’d always been an accomplished artist; according to family lore, he began drawing at age three. Soon his lively colors and playful energy attracted enough attention in the Washington, DC area to enable a full-time vocation. Capturing the ever-changing face of urban architecture holds a special appeal. “I love high-rises,” he says, “I could paint and draw them all day.” Iurro sees no big deal in a career path that meanders from number crunching to color mixing. “My father started his first business at age 67 and it was very successful; both my parents were trained in classical music and piano,” he says. “I learned that there are many kinds of successes in life.”

“Art and science are really about being creative in different ways,” notes Brett Weber ’91, who majored in both art and biology at Moravian. Brett had just earned his Ph.D. in neuroscience at Temple University when he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis; his art became a means of coping. “My roommate said, ‘You’ve done all these paintings, why don’t you start showing them?’” he recalls. He’s since exhibited in Philadelphia, New York City, and internationally in Greece and Bosnia. Brett titles his abstract works after quotations by the likes of Gandhi and Einstein, though some works seem to suggest their own names to him—such as “Prayer,” which he completed while on his knees, or “Moment,” which has a raised texture produced by grass clippings dragged across the canvas by helper dog Sophie. “Painting is like a dialog I have with the unconscious part of myself,” he says.

Meet the Dean

“You go into teaching to learn,” says Gordon Weil, Moravian’s new dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs. “You learn from your colleagues and you learn from your students.” Which is why Dean Weil, who’s taught everything from economics to tennis, makes it a priority to connect with students as well as faculty. “I don’t want to cut myself off from half of my source of learning,” he says. Before coming to Moravian this past summer, Dean Weil served as associate provost at Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts, where he helped found the Center for Global Education, and taught seminars in international relations and poverty in a global context. He also chaired and served on numerous committees aimed at diversity and inclusion. “I welcome the opportunity to try to have an impact on diversity at Moravian,” he says, “not just the on numbers represented by students, faculty, and staff, but also on the climate in which they work and study.”
Dave Zinczenko ’91 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, MEN’S HEALTH MAGAZINE

People magazine recently named you as a “smarthrob.” Is that a clever word you wish your writers had coined, or does it make you cringe a little?
I can’t complain too much about the label “smart.” The throb part, I don’t know about.

Did you see appearances on Oprah as part of the job description when you started as editor-in-chief?
I saw part of my job to be raising the profile of the magazine—to get it talked about, to make people more aware of the great work that the team was doing. And let’s face it, the media industry is personality-driven. So to get publicity for the magazine, I had to create a public persona that represented what the magazine stood for. And what’s not to like about the Men’s Health guy? Knowledgeable, fit, a go-getter . . . I can play that role on TV because I try to live up to it in everyday life.

People sometimes poke fun at the magazine for its attention to abs and great sex. Could you mention a story that really shows how the magazine breaks new ground, giving men information no one else is giving them?
Don’t knock abs and sex: abs relate to visceral body fat—the number-one health threat for guys. And sex is a key indicator of emotional health for a guy. But every issue goes far beyond those core areas. We’re at work right now on a profile of three Iraq war veterans, showing how their experience in Fallujah brought about huge changes in their mental states and in their lives. The story powerfully demonstrates what each of us, and our country, owes these guys. We put them in harm’s way—physically and psychologically—and they’ll be suffering the effects of that the rest of their lives. Will we offer them the help they need? It’s a huge issue, and it’s a largely male issue, because the victims are most often guys.

If you were to take over our magazine—which would be one whiplash-inducing career move—what immediate change would you make to it?
Cancel this profile. I feel like Woody Allen, sometimes: I wouldn’t want to join any club that would have me as a member.

Finally, and awkwardly, for our readers who haven’t found their prince charming yet: are you still an eligible bachelor?
I’m single, although I am currently seeing someone, and no, she doesn’t have a machine gun for a leg.*

*À la Zinczenko ex-gf Rose McGowan’s character in the film Grindhouse.—pop culture ed.
What do you desire? What do you fear? With these questions, Khristina Haddad, assistant professor of political science, challenges her students to remake the world. In her course “Utopias, Dystopias and Manifestos: The Imagination of Political Alternatives,” students not only study real and imaginary intentional communities—from Thomas More’s Utopia to Bethlehem’s founding Moravians—they’re expected to create original alternatives to the political status quo. “The class was one of the most important and profound courses I’ve taken at Moravian, and I’m not even a political science major,” says Kelly Jones ’08.

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Don’t Forget to Blog

As you or your kids probably know, blogs are online diaries with text and pictures. Over the summer, Moravian faculty members and students on the move used College-sponsored blogs to share their escapades with the rest of us back at home. Here are a few excerpts; keep an eye on www.moravian.edu for more Moravian blogs in coming months.

“A lot of people are wondering why I’m not spending what promises to be a warmer-than-usual summer in the United States and instead writing this blog during winter in the Patagonia, Chile. The short answer is that my two sons, Trent, 18, and Alex, 15, are both avid wildlife photographers. They are spending ten weeks in the Torres del Paine park looking for wildlife, especially pumas. I have my projects, too, this summer. I’m preparing a course on climate crises which I am planning to co-teach with [professor of biology] Diane Husic in 2008. So when I’m not chasing after mountain lions, I’ll be collecting information on glaciers and climate change here in Chile.”
—Hilde Binford, assistant professor of music

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“Czech jazz teachers and musicians listen to, and model their playing after, the great jazz musicians (Charlie Parker, Gerry Bergonzi, Clifford Brow, Louis Armstrong). But in the classroom, it is difficult to get students to interact. One Czech teacher thought that students do not answer questions because, under communism, students were not encouraged to volunteer—they were simply called upon to recite or give an answer. Consequently, much teaching is done via lecture rather than through discussion. I am more accustomed to a Socratic approach; using discussion when introducing new ideas and concepts.”
—Neil Wetzel, assistant professor of music, on teaching at the Karel Velebny Jazz Workshop in Frydlant, Czech Republic

FACULTY EXPLAINER

Q: In Islam, what’s the meaning of the term jihad?

A: The literal translation is “struggle,” but that’s not the call to violence that action-hero-vs.-terrorist movies would have you think, says Shalahudin Kafrawi, assistant professor of philosophy and religion at Moravian. “When the Qur’an speaks of jihad, it’s the struggle to become a good Muslim, to become a good person,” he explains. “This could include all sorts of actions. Writing a paper could be a form of jihad; me talking to you could be a jihad.” Unfortunately, says professor Kafrawi, misperceptions about this and other aspects of Islam contribute to negative stereotypes about the religion. “Many people in the U.S. and the West perceive Islam as something alien to them,” he says. “And as a result, they tend to demonize the alien, the other.” In fact, Islam and the Western world have a long history of interconnection. It was medieval Islamic scholars, for example, who preserved, transmitted, and added to the knowledge base of the ancient Greeks. Professor Kafrawi adds that Islam established a foundation for genuine tolerance and peace by recognizing the validity of possible truth of other faiths, at least if one takes a careful reading of scripture. “The Qur’an mentions twenty-five prophets of God, including Adam, Abraham, Moses, and Jesus,” he says. “And tradition has it that there were one hundred twenty-four thousand other prophets. Some argue that Socrates might have been a prophet, that Siddhartha Gautama might have been a prophet. And that means Islam recognizes values from these other traditions.”

Need an explanation? Ask a Moravian professor! Send questions to facultyexplainer@moravian.edu.
Bill Ayers

In September, Moravian students had an opportunity to interact with a renowned thinker on issues regarding social justice, democracy, and education with the visit of Bill Ayers, distinguished professor of education at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Professor Ayer’s unique life trajectory—activist, radical, fugitive, educator, scholar—made him a singular choice as the College’s second Peace and Justice scholar-in-residence, says Daniel Jasper, assistant professor of religion, who facilitated the visit. “He’s gone from being primarily a political activist, to becoming engaged through academic pursuits, to rising to the top of the academic sphere while still maintaining a real commitment to trying to transform things,” professor Jasper says. The residency included meetings with students and faculty members as well as a public lecture. It’s a step in establishing a peace and justice studies program at Moravian: a multidisciplinary initiative that will prepare students to be responsible, critical analysts of society and effective agents for positive social change.

Coach Dapp for the Win

Scot Dapp, Moravian’s head football coach, has had his share of career milestones during his 21 seasons at the helm of the Greyhounds: two trips to the NCAA championship tournament, three Coach-of-the-Year accolades from the Middle Atlantic Conference, a term as president of the American Football Coaches Association, and a string of 11 consecutive winning seasons. On September 8, he hit another high note with a 43-14 Greyhound victory over McDaniel College. It marked his 123rd career victory, breaking Hall of Famer Rocco Calvo’s record to make Coach Dapp the College’s winningest football coach ever. “Winning that many games is nice,” Coach Dapp says. “But to be honest, I think more often about some of the games in the loss column.”
The students pursing graduate degrees at Moravian Theological Seminary are, almost by definition, not your typical scholars.

"In a society that measures so many things by how much money you make or how much money you have," says Frank Crouch, dean of Moravian Theological Seminary, "it really is a counter-cultural move just to show up at seminary at all." In fact, some who feel the call to ministry try to put it off for years, or decades, only to find that it doesn’t fade away. So they come after sending their kids to college, after establishing themselves in business or a trade, after retiring from a twenty-year career. As a result, about two thirds of the MTS student body are age 35 or older; with nearly half of that group over age 50. "There are a significant number who say they felt called when they were younger," Dean Crouch says, "And they’ve resisted it for this long, and now they’re finally at the point where they feel they have to do it."

Which makes for an interesting mix in the classroom. "When I first started here, it seemed a little odd," says Adam Spaugh ’05, who enrolled at MTS after graduating from Moravian College. "It seemed like I had nothing in common with 70% of my classmates. But over time, I realized that the second career folks bring an extraordinary amount of experience and life wisdom." The student body varies by religious denomination as well as age group; a consequence, says Dean Crouch, of the Moravian Church’s ecumenical nature. "For most of its history, the Moravian Church has seen itself as a place where people with multiple viewpoints can assemble," he says. From Adam Spaugh’s perspective, that’s an important plus. "It’s great to go to class with some Methodists, some Lutherans . . . it forces you to sit down with the fact that we’re all pretty much the same, we’re all..."
children of God. We relish in the religious discussions and the truths we learn from each other.”

The Seminary’s original 1807 class consisted of just three male students, with a teaching staff of two. Today over a hundred men and women—mostly women, in fact—of more than a dozen denominations pursue the graduate degrees MTS offers (Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling, and Master of Arts in Theological Studies; the Seminary maintains a close relationship with, but academically distinct identity from, Moravian College). Their coursework includes classes on world religions and instruction in stress-busting spiritual practices like meditation and journal writing. Would those first three students—all three of whom became Moravian bishops—be taken aback by what goes on at the Seminary today? Perhaps not as much as you’d think. Through two hundred years of changes, the institution always offered one constant: an learning environment that’s also a community. “For the first fifty years, students would stay at the professors’ homes,” says Jane Burcaw, director of marketing and communications. “And the professors often were pastors themselves. I find that quite profound.” It’s an indication, she says, that Moravians have always put relationships between people—students and teachers, teachers and the wider community—on par in importance with academic and pastoral instruction.

“As a three-year master’s degree program, the workload here is intense,” adds Adam Spaugh. “But what really sets us apart from other places, and the reason why I’m here, is the friendship and community.”

**LEFT:** The Seminary’s radio closet, circa 1928; breaking ground for the Bahnson center, 1975; instruction in pastoral care; groovy sideburns in Reeves library, both circa 1976.

**RIGHT:** centennial student body and faculty, 1907; class of 1894; centennial alumni vs. student baseball game; annual Christmas peace pilgrimage; anniversary chapel service in the Bahnson center, October 2, 2007. Other bicentennial events included a gala banquet and a walking tour of historic sites in Nazareth.
Hammers and nails are now a Homecoming Weekend staple, thanks to a project initiated by Moravian’s student chapter of Habitat for Humanity International, the nonprofit group that builds housing for families in need. At the College’s first annual Homecoming Build, students and other volunteers from the Moravian community worked in two-hour shifts to construct the frame of a single-family home on campus. The frame was assembled in time for the homecoming parade, then taken apart for storage. In 2008, it will be installed somewhere in the Lehigh Valley, where Moravians will continue working on the house until it’s ready to become someone’s home.

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From the Ground Up

Farming isn’t an easy life, but it’s a life these Moravians love.

by Linda Rao

Early in the morning, before most of us have stumbled out of bed, farmers are starting tractors, planting crops, witnessing wobbly calves grow into mighty milking cows. They work rain or shine, in blistering heat or mind-numbing cold, sweating from fever or brimming with good health. But why would someone choose the long hours, the hard work, the daily exposure to wind and weather that’s demanded by a farming life? To find out, we talked to some Moravian grads who wouldn’t have it any other way.
Christy ’91 and Richard ’89 Krouse

Many of Moravian’s farmer-grads didn’t set out to be farmers. Not even Christy Piazza Krouse, who hails from a farming family that’s had roots in New Jersey for almost 80 years. “My great-grandfather used to take vegetables to downtown Easton [Pennsylvania] by horse and buggy,” she says. “When he died, my grandparents took over the farm, then my parents and aunt and uncle.” Even so, a farming lifestyle wasn’t the destiny Christy had in mind when she graduated from Moravian with a major in criminal justice and a minor in sociology. Likewise, her husband Richard—a track and field coach with a biology degree—never expected his marriage vows would lead him to become a farmer. The couple was living in West Point, New York, and thinking of moving back to Jersey, when Christy’s family elders announced their intent to retire. Christy and Richard decided to try and keep the family farm going. “Rick came thinking he might find another coaching position,” says Christy. “I don’t know if he expected to stay on the farm, but now he doesn’t want to do anything else.”

Christy, Richard, and their clan operate Piazza Farms, 100 acres of farmland near Phillipsburg, New Jersey. “We farm all year round,” Christy says; crops range from summer vegetables of all sorts to fall’s harvest of pumpkins, corn stalks, and mums. “In the spring, we have 19 greenhouses for vegetable and bedding plants, hanging baskets, and geraniums,” she adds. The growing seasons are vulnerable to unpredictable weather, like thunderstorms that knock plants down or pelting hail that tears them to bits. “That’s when the previous three month’s work turns to nothing,” Christy says. Raising three kids while running a 24/7 operation presents some challenges, too. But the Krouse kids help at the farm to the extent their ages (13, 4, and 2) allow. “Farming doesn’t so much affect our family life,” she says, “as much as it is our family life.” “We love working outdoors, seeing things grow,” adds Richard. “And we like providing something that benefits the health of the community.”

Left: white eggplant at Piazza Farms.

Right: the Krouse clan inspects this year’s bumper pumpkin crop; Rick shows off corn fresh from the field.
We don’t use a lot of technology here.
We have no TV, no computer, no Internet, no power tools.

Neil Fromm ‘90

Neil Fromm worked several jobs after graduation with a political science degree, but wanted a life that would put his destiny in his own hands—literally. So three years ago, he moved to a cabin in northern Vermont and built his 40-acre organic dairy farm from scratch. His barn was once a town barbershop. “It was hard starting with nothing,” he says. “There’s not a lot of time or extra money for other things, like building a home addition or buying a new piece of farm equipment.” The farm’s come a long way in a short time, but Neil says he’s just getting started. “We’re in the early stages right now,” he explains. “We have ten cows we currently milk, seven cows we hope to milk next year, and four tiny ones just born this past Spring. Eventually we’d like to milk at least twenty cows.”

As if a farming start-up wasn’t enough of a challenge, the Fromm family farm—and the Fromm household, for that matter—is deliberately lacking in modern conveniences. “We don’t use a lot of technology here,” Neil says. “Propane, not electricity, lights our home. We have no TV, no computer, no Internet, no power tools. And we drink fresh spring water that’s pumped in; if we need hot water, we heat it ourselves with a wood stove.” (They do have electricity in the barn to chill the milk.) “I use draft horses for haying and mowing our land,” Neil says. “During the winter people hire me to go in and selectively cut trees on their land, and I use the horses to take the logs out for them.” He bought a used tractor last spring, though he seems philosophical about the concession to the internal combustion engine. “It has a bucket so we can move manure and sawdust, which we couldn’t do before. But ideally, I’d like to do all that with my horses.”

Neil’s partner Lenore and their blended family tackle the farm work together, although the kids attend school, as well as all the accompanying extracurricular activities. “The boys help a lot,” he says, “but like other kids, they play soccer, basketball, and whatever sport’s in season at school.” Neil chose this life not only because he loves the work itself, but also because farm life helps him teach his children life lessons they might not learn in another setting. “I want my boys to learn lots of different skills, to build things, and to solve problems that come up,” he says. “On a farm, you learn a little about everything while you’re putting in a good day’s work.”
Glenn F. Jurek, M.Div. ’64

He planned to save souls, not sow seeds. After graduating from the University of Texas with a major in history and a minor in sociology, Glenn Jurek ’64 ventured northward to attend Moravian Theological Seminary, and then worked as a Moravian pastor from 1964 to 1969. Economic realities, though, motivated him to seek other options. “Even though I enjoyed my work, I had to leave the pastorate,” Glenn says. “I needed more money to live on, and to send my two children to school.”

So in 1969, Glenn went to work as a farmhand for his uncle in Texas, near the Gulf of Mexico. It was hard work. “Sometimes we worked five and a half days a week,” he says. “And when we were planting or harvesting we worked every day.” But as demanding as the work schedule was, Glenn was hooked on the farming life, and a few years later he wanted to farm on his own. “I got the financing and bought my own farm in 1973. At first I sharecropped,” Glenn says. “My portion was 250 acres of rice. I chose rice because I wanted to grow healthy food, and rice is one of the best things we can eat.”

Glenn ran his farm alone for a few years, but the work became too much for one person. “I hired a couple of young men to work with me,” he says. “Those same men were with me in 1990 when I retired.” During harvest season, Glenn had as many as 10 or 12 men working for him, for 12 or 14 hours a day. Yet, like the other farmers in this story, he says the sweat equity brings intangible dividends “I just loved working with the soil and growing crops,” he says. By the time he retired in 1990, Glenn’s one-man operation had grown to include high-tech farm equipment, more than 3,000 acres of land, and productive relationship with rice marketer Uncle Ben’s. “One year, they bought my entire rice crop. All that brown rice went to Belgium and was shipped throughout Europe.”

Looking back, Glenn sees similarities between his work on the farm and in the pastorate. “In either career, you’re feeding people—their stomachs or their souls.”

The Farms, They Are A-Changin’

Farming may be an ancient profession, but it’s one that keeps pace with the times. “Technology has moved the industry forward,” says Kathryn Heil ’87, county executive director of the USDA’s Lancaster County Farm Service Agency in Lancaster, Pa. “Progressive farms embrace that new technology, which includes global-positioning systems in tractors and harvesters,” she says. “Among other things, GPS allows farmers to check which areas of their fields yield more crops and which areas could use more nutrients. The technology also helps them use less fertilizer.”

Not everything new comes from a satellite: “Some farmers use computer software, including computer-aided design programs, to help plan fields and manage crop production,” says Kathy. “And dairy farmers can use microchips to track milk production.” Many small family farms just can’t afford the latest and greatest in technology, though. One option for small farms is to work with a custom farmer. “If you’re a farmer without high-tech equipment, you can hire someone who’s invested in the technology to help you,” Kathy explains. “You may ask him to plant or harvest your crop for you, because you don’t have that equipment.” Everyone wins: small farmers get their crops planted, and custom farmers make a return on the expense of their equipment instead of letting it sit idle.
Doug Pollard’s Death Stuns Campus

With the October 22 death of head men’s and women’s track and field coach Douglas L. Pollard from a sudden cardiac-related incident, the Moravian College Department of Athletics and the entire College community mourned the loss of one of their own.

“Doug Pollard was a pillar of the Moravian community,” said Christopher M. Thomforde, Moravian College president. “He touched the lives of many students throughout his career as a coach and faculty member. He was a mentor, teacher and friend whose presence will be sorely missed.” Coach Pollard, who was also a full professor at Moravian, was hired in 1982. He helped the College reestablish its indoor and outdoor track and field programs, beginning with the outdoor season in 1984. During his tenure here, Coach Pollard guided more than 150 student-athletes to appearances at NCAA Division III indoor and outdoor national championships, with sixty-nine students earning All-American accolades. His teams won fourteen Middle Atlantic Conference indoor team titles, and sixteen MAC outdoor titles. Of those championships, the women won 11 of the last 12 indoor MAC Championships and 13 of the last 15 outdoor MAC Championships.

Coach Pollard’s track and field teams had three top-ten finishes at the NCAA national meet, two by the men’s program and one by the women’s squad. Eight of the nine individual national champions in Moravian’s history have been won by six Pollard-coached track and field athletes. One of those national champions, Christina Scherwin ’05, competed at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia for her native country, Denmark.

Coach Pollard was named the 2007 United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Division III Mideast Region Women’s Coach of the Year. He was honored six times as the Middle Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year, most recently during the 2007 women’s indoor season. “Doug’s passing is a tremendous loss for Moravian College and the track and field community that extends well beyond our campus,” said Paul Moyer, director of athletics. He added: “Doug embodied the word ‘coach.’ He was an educator, mentor, teacher, and leader of the highest order. For us at Moravian, the student-athletes, and others whose lives he’s touched, it’s Doug’s sense of humor, compassion, and insight that will endure and be remembered.”

On November 4, over 700 of Coach P’s family members, friends, student-athletes, and colleagues gathered for a memorial service at First Presbyterian Church in Bethlehem. The service included a sharing of memories from his family and friends. Afterwards, a reception was held at Johnston Hall, where the attendees enjoyed more stories and reminiscences, including a slide show put together by Coach Pollard’s eldest daughter Kate.

REMEMBERING DOUG’S VOICE

In my ten years here at Moravian, I worked closely with Coach P to publicize the many accomplishments of his men’s and women’s track and field teams. I could usually judge how a meet went, especially at the NCAA Championships, just by the sound of his voice: the sheer joy as he talked about his national champions, or the pain when someone was injured and missed out on an opportunity to succeed at the highest level.

But my fondest memory of Coach P has nothing to do with track and field. From time to time, he’d fill in for me as a public address announcer at Moravian’s football games. Three years ago, the Greyhounds were trailing in the fourth quarter and trying to rally for the win. Coach P got on the microphone several times to tell the crowd to make noise, or suggest it was a time to be quiet. I later asked the coach not to do that again, since the game announcer is supposed to remain neutral. Unfortunately, the executive director of the conference happened to be at the game that day. We received a letter of reprimand, and the entire conference received a reminder about press box and announcer etiquette. I have to smile when I remember it, because I think Coach Pollard’s irrepressible enthusiasm helped the football team respond in the fourth quarter that day; Moravian won with 29 seconds remaining.

—Mark Fleming, Sports Editor
A Message from Marsha

Greetings!

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself, say hello, and thank everyone for the warm welcome to the Moravian community. My name is Marsha Stiles and I recently joined the Institutional Advancement staff as the director of alumni relations. As a 1999 graduate of the Moravian M.B.A. program, I am especially excited about this new opportunity to serve Moravian and all of the alums.

I count the day I received my Moravian M.B.A. as one of my most memorable and fulfilling experiences. The time spent here as a non-traditional student, coupled with my participation on the M.B.A. advisory board for the past eight years, has been extremely rewarding. The connections established on campus have resulted in valued friendships and the opportunity to work side-by-side with many talented students, staff, friends, and volunteers in support of this wonderful institution!

I look forward to exploring new opportunities for us to work together to support Moravian’s mission and vision by building upon the established traditions, and setting a path that makes our successful alumni program even better. Please feel free to call, e-mail, or stop by Alumni House when you’re in the area. You’re always welcome!

Best Regards,

Marsha L. Stiles
Director of Alumni Relations
610 861-1369, mlstiles@moravian.edu

Recent Events

Career Networking Night
November 13

Students, alumni, faculty members, and local business professionals mingled at the annual Career Networking Reception sponsored by the Student Alumni Association, the Alumni Association, and the Moravian College Career Center. The event gave students a lesson in the art of mingling and networking, as well as career advice and job and internship leads. It was also an opportunity for alums to reconnect with each other and with the College community.

Private Pre-holiday Sale
November 14

The Lehigh Valley Home Club gave Moravian alums, faculty members, and staff a leg up on the holiday shopping season by presenting a private sale at Bethlehem retailers Donegal Square and the Moravian Book Shop. Hors d’oeuvres, wine tastings, and carols by the Moravian College Choir added to the festivities and sweetened the (10% off) deal.
Homecoming Weekend

October 19-21, 2007

SAVE THE DATE!

February 22
Snow Tubing at Blue Mountain Ski Area, 7:00-10:00 p.m., with the Moravian College Alumni Home Club of the Greater Lehigh Valley and the Student Alumni Association.

May 16-17
ALUMNI WEEKEND

For more details, contact alumni relations at 610 861-1366 or www.moravian.edu/alumni.

Homecoming 2007 featured good times, good friends, great food and drink, a fantastic parade, and a 28-13 victory by the Greyhounds over Juniata College. For more homecoming snapshots, see www.moravian.edu/magazine/extra.
2007
Laura Sahlender; 2101 Mack Rd.; East Greenville, PA 18041; lauren_andrea@comcast.net

From Laura:

Tyler Boyer and Emily Miller have graduated from field study interns to staff accountants at Concannon, Miller & Co. in Allentown.

Maria Smith will be attending Cornell University for a master’s degree in public administration.

Jenn Rizk will be studying at the University of Pennsylvania for a master’s degree in education and will also be also teaching in the Philadelphia school district for Teach for America.

Catie Bowman has accepted a position at Northeast Middle School in Bethlehem as a 7th grade language arts teacher.

Megan Murray is working as a telemetry nurse at St. Mary’s Medical Center in Langhorne.

As for myself, I am attending Temple University for a post-baccalaureate pre-medical program. Please be sure to send me your updates for the next issue!

From the Alumni House:

Karla Erdman recently accepted a position at Freedom High School in Bethlehem as an English teacher. Her husband, Donald, recently accepted a position with Lightning Source Inc., a printing company located in Breiningsville, Pa.

Christina Fabish and Jeffrey McCoach announced their engagement. The wedding ceremony will take place in July 2008 in Collegeville, Pa.

2005
Regina LaCaruba; 40 Highfield Rd.; Bloomfield, NJ 07003; Regina_lacaruba@yahoo.com

From Regina:

It is my pleasure to take the reins as the new correspondent and report news from some of our classmates. We have been thin on news from the past few issues, so please keep me updated on any announcements, whether it is engagements, weddings, births, new jobs, change of addresses, etc. My e-mail is above and you can find me on Facebook or MySpace as well.

I’ll kick things off: I am working as an environmental analyst and environmental planner near my home in Bloomfield N.J., where I reside with my boyfriend and two bunnies. I frequently see Michelle Lala, Jackie Reeves, Jenny Hilker ’03, Mat Derby ’03, Chris Marcin ’03, and Samir Perez ’06—everyone is doing very well!

Michelle Lala is an assistant art director at TPI Custom Publishing in Lambertville, N.J., and was recently engaged to Dan Clark.

Rena Drezner is a biology teacher at Massapequa High School in New York and is going to Hofstra University for her master’s degree in science education.

Amy Cortese and her husband, recently purchased a home in Saucon Valley, Pa., where they live with their daughter Ava.

Justin Driscoll and Jen Kunes are engaged to be married and have just had their first child, Lilian Hope Driscoll, on July 25, 2007.

Sarah Alexis Mattern was married to Travis Mohr on June 23, 2007.

Amy Miller is attending Widener Law School and will graduate in 2009.

Kim Buschner is an environmental chemist at Keystone Cement Co. in Bath, Pa.

Kelly Little is engaged and is a RN on the neurospecialty floor at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Okla. She will be getting married July 11, 2008 in Benton, Pa.

Stacey Olson is living in the Lehigh Valley and is the manager of marketing programs at Volvo/Mack trucks.

Alicia Gregory Topazio was married in summer 2007.

Eileen Weber and Andrew DeAngelis are engaged to be married.

Patrick St. John is an online designer for People for the American Way in Washington, D.C.

Justin Hahn works for CareFree Health in Delray Beach, Fla.

Sarah Wagenseller was married to Gregg Goletz.

Kathleen Moore is a vaccine specialist calling on pediatric offices and family practices for the pharmaceutical company Sanofi Pasteur.

Kevin McLaughlin ’06 is a clinical research associate with Covance in Princeton, N.J. He bought a house this past May in the Bridesburg section of Philadelphia.

Jackie Collette finished her first year of law school at The Penn State’s Dickinson School of Law and spent a month studying comparative law in Florence, Italy.

Kirsli Spinks is a graphic designer for Bookazine. She taught publication design last semester at Moravian and recently moved to Bloomfield, N.J.

Kyle Slemmer graduated with his M.A. in jazz performance from Eastern Illinois University in May. He and Kristin Franks got engaged on July 7 and moved to Athens, Ohio, where she will be getting her M.A. from Ohio University. The wedding is planned for August 2008.

Steph Hachey is working as a 3rd grade teacher in Linden, N.J.

Nate Diehl is working on his master’s degree in music at West Chester University, teaching elementary music at Moravian Academy, and is the musical director and conductor for the theater at DeSales University.

Rusty Trump is currently living in Washington, D.C. with his partner and their little dog Jake. He recently started a new job as a senior communications associate with a nonpartisan, nonprofit government watchdog group, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics (CREW) in Washington.

Amy Pellicano is at Ross University Veterinary School in St. Kitts. She and Mike
Sharpshouse got engaged on April 22 at Disney World.

Stephanie Russo is a graphic artist working for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey on the World Trade Center construction.

Jessica Schreck was married to Charles Wickers on June 24, 2006 and is a nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital in Washington state.

From the Alumni House:
Kara Mergl graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy on May 14, 2007. She received an M.S. in social policy and an M.S.W and was presented the University of Pennsylvania’s Rosa Wessel Award.

Andrea Nudelman received a master’s degree in social work from NYU on May 9, 2007.

Heather McGarvie has started a career as a fine art teacher at Paramus High School in New Jersey. Her courses include 3-dimensional design, computers in art, and studio art. She and Dan Corey are recently engaged and are planning an autumn 2008 wedding. He currently works in finance at Bear Stearns in New York.

From the Alumni House:

Jaccqueline Healy was recently promoted to associate human resources manager at Macy’s Merchandising Group in New York.

Lindsay Phillips received an M.S. in library science from Clarion University.

Katie Cerco recently accepted a position at Lafayette College as assistant director of athletics for compliance and senior woman administrator.

Rachel Kyria and Jamison Licausi announced their engagement. The wedding ceremony will take place on May 22, 2008, in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., aboard Royal Caribbean’s Enchantment of the Seas. A large group of family and friends will join them for their destination wedding. They are currently living in Cherry Hill, N.J., where Jamison is a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley and Rachel is an attorney with Flaster Greenberg.

From the Alumni House:

Regina Lacome; 161 Brown St.; Philadelphia, PA 19123; pjafter@aol.com

From the Alumni House:
Meredith Vance and Logan Wellmeier were married on September 29, 2007, in Piqua, Ohio. The couple met at Lafayette College in 2001 and currently live in Virginia Beach, Va.


Michael Zile is the boys’ volleyball coach at Bethlehem Catholic High School. This year the team was the Lehigh Valley Conference Northampton Division champion, Lehigh Valley Conference champion, and District 11 Class AA champion, and had a PIAA Class AA first-round victory and a berth in pool play at Penn State. It is no surprise that Michael was named the 2007 Express-Times Boys Volleyball Coach of the Year.

From the Alumni House:

Kourtney Parrella; 1820 Cornerstone Drive; Yardley, PA 19067; sunshine92779@msn.com

From the Alumni House:
Jan Golden recently graduated from the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine. While she was at Temple, she was president of the student chapter of the American Association of Women in Podiatry, Treasurer of the American College of Foot and Ankle Orthopedic Medicine organization, and a member of the sports medicine, diabetes, and surgery clubs. She will now begin a three-year surgical residency at Community Medical Center in Scranton, Pa.

Hilary Constable recently accepted a new position within the Kohler Co. in Kohler, Wisc. as human resources generalist. Starting July 30, she will be working with the company’s human resources team in Asia and will travel between China, India, Thailand, and Wisconsin for eight months. She will be working to create a new plant start-up, developing human resources metrics for the Asia Pacific region, and supporting the creation of a human resources service center for AsiaPac. She believes it is a great opportunity and hopes it will lead to more international work.

Tamra Nichols and her boyfriend of 6 years, Rob, purchased their first home in Emmaus. She was recently promoted to payroll team leader at Paychex Inc. She is one only of six or seven people nationwide to have been given this position. It is a new position in the company and she is eager to be at the forefront of molding the new program, and to help shape the position to better the company, the employees that work for Paychex, and their customers.

From the Alumni House:

Lisa Hahn; 144 Beechwood Rd.; Belvidere, NJ 07823; Lisahahn13@hotmail.com

Faithann Cheslock; 26 Hill Ave; Morrisville, PA 19067; LadyBugFVC@aol.com

From the Alumni House:
Geoffrey Hood is an associate at Wissler Pearlstine LLP. He joined the firm’s municipal, real estate, and zoning/land development practice groups. Previously, Geoffrey
was an assistant district attorney in the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office, where as a member of the economic crime unit he successfully handled prosecutions before juries and judges in the Court of Common Pleas. 

Lori Brennan married Jon Horowitz on March 31, 2007. Other Moravians at the wedding included: Krista Malerba ’99, Carly Silvesti Pilotti ’99, Liz Difebo Drott and her husband, Jason, Jill Schwab, Tiffany Van Gordon, and Ryan McGarrigan, Ryan Baran ’01, Morris Balacco ’03, and Chris Francese ’01. Lori’s maid of honor was her sister, Nancy Brennan ’04. Lori is senior designer in the marketing and sales development department of Fortune, Money, Fortune Small Business and Business 2.0 magazines at Time Inc. Jon is the web editor for Rutgers University. They live in Metuchen, N.J.

1999
Christina Fulton; 21 Pocahontas Road; Hi-Nella, NJ 08083; cfulton1124@yahoo.com

From the Alumni House:
Sarah Soden recently changed jobs. After eight and a half years working in health care public relations at Guthrie Healthcare System in Sayre, Pa., she is now the director of marketing/communications/public relations for United Methodist Homes in Binghamton, N.Y. She has owned a home in Vestal, N.Y., for a year, and lives there with her chihuahua puppy. In her free time she is active in swing and Latin dance groups in upstate New York.

1998
Jennie Coughlin; 297 Pavonia Avenue Apt. 2B; Jersey City, NJ 07302; Jennie.coughlin@sanofi-aventis.com

From Jennie:
On April 16, 2007, Tara Wartman and her husband Tyler McClimon ’99 welcomed a baby boy. His name is Corey Robert and he is their first child. They currently live in Douglassville, Pa. Last June, Tyler opened his chiropractic practice in Birdsboro, Pa. He is doing very well with it and it is growing each day. Tara was working as an accountant but is now a stay-at-home mom.

From the Alumni House:
Valerie Rhoe has accepted a new position within her company that required her to move to Abuja, Nigeria. She is very excited about this great new step in her career and credits her Moravian College education and her faculty advisor for guiding her into her dream career of international development. Belinda Mangle McGovern is an admissions counselor at the Horsham Clinic in Ambler, Pa. She and husband Joe have two children, Olivia Marie, 2, and Colin Joseph, 4 months.

1997
Tiffany Shenman; 300 Washington St. Apt. 6; Hoboken, NJ 07030-4897; Tiffshen2@aol.com

From the Alumni House:
Kris McGurrin Rooney and her husband Mike had a beautiful baby boy, Michael John, on March 5, 2007. Jason Hoffert has had several articles published since receiving his Ph.D. in biochemistry from Johns Hopkins in 2002. While there, he did research on aquaporins under Nobel Prize-winner Dr. Peter Agre. He is currently at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., in the Laboratory of Kidney and Electrolyte Metabolism, specializing in proteomics. His most recent article will be published in an upcoming issue of the Journal of Proteome Research. He has been invited to speak at the World Congress on Neurohypophyseal Hormones in Regensburg, Germany in September. He and his wife, Dr. Patricia Legler, were married for five years on June 1. They live in Derwood, Md.

1996
Deb Yuengling Ferhat; 223 Deerfield Dr.; Pottsville, PA 17901; jferhat@comcast.net

1995
Krisa Murray Arzayus; 9002 Eastbourne Lane; Laurel, MD 20708; krisaym@alumni.moravian.edu

Kicker Victor

Eric Lambinus ’94 hit a career milestone on September 29 when he won his 100th career match as head coach of the Greyhound women’s soccer team. Coach Lambinus, in his ninth year as head coach of both the women’s and men’s soccer teams, had a career record of 105-49-12 as of October 21. The 2007 women’s team clinched the second seed in the inaugural Landmark Conference Tournament, and had a 15-6-1 mark as of season’s end. This will be the fifth time in Coach Lambinus’s tenure that the women’s program reached postseason play. “Achieving a hundred wins is really an accomplishment of the excellent soccer student-athletes I’ve been able to coach over the years,” he says. “It’s been my pleasure to be part of the growth of the women’s soccer program, but it’s the players who made the program successful, both on and off the field. I hope they learned from me as much I did from them about dedication, commitment, teamwork, and love for Moravian.”
The Talent Behind the Talent

Wendy McSwain ’88 wanted her MTV. “I was involved in all kinds of activities at Moravian, and I would come home at night and decompress by watching MTV,” she says. “I was fascinated by it, and I just knew it was where I wanted to be.” So much so, that she paid to take a summer class after graduation so she could qualify for an internship with MTV news. Her first job at the network was in production, but when she took a position as a casting director she really hit her stride. “I enjoy tracking down the right person for a project, figuring out where to look,” she says. “It’s like putting pieces in a puzzle.” From casting Club MTV and other programs, to running her own talent and booking company, to her most recent position as senior director of MTV talent/casting and management, Wendy says a key to success is being able to put potential talent at ease. “You have to make people comfortable and help them open up, so you can have a conversation and see what their personality is about,” she says. Along with casting VJs and producing the reality show Rich Girls, Wendy has found time to run in a half-marathon in Alaska, teach English to kids in Romania and the Ukraine, and sing in clubs throughout New York City. “I’ve been singing all my life,” she says. “Back in the day, I used to sing with a bar mitzvah band. There’s a picture of me in the book Bar Mitzvah Disco, I’m the only shiksa in it.”

From the Alumni House:

Charlotte Tims married Matt Feinstein on June 2 in a seaside wedding in Brooklin, Maine. Charlotte runs a pet-sitting service and is also an assistant innkeeper. Matt is a stone-mason and part-owner of a company called Stonescape.

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Melissa dePamphilis Jarman; 1601 Piedmont Park Road; Greenville, SC 29609; mdepamph@yahoo.com

Christine A. Palermo Wallach; 12172 Glenmore Drive; Coral Springs, FL; 33071-7828; capw516@aol.com

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From the Alumni House:

William Beck is currently the executive officer for an infantry battalion of 800 soldiers at Ft. Campbell, Ky, assigned to the 101st Airborne Division. They were on orders for Iraq in October and are scheduled to complete a 15-month rotation there. This will be William’s second tour after completing a year and returning home last August, also with the 101st.

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1987
Diane Hvizdak Taylor; 89 Fieldstone Drive; Springfield, NJ 07081; dianektaylor@hotmail.com

From Diane:
I received an e-mail from Nadine Aljian. She married Brian Fatzinger on October 7. They are building a house in Salisbury Township, Pa., so Nadine will be relocating from Florida soon. Her former roommate, Karen Zacek, is in the wedding. Nadine has been a consultant with Accenture working at AT&T for over 18 years. She is also part-owner of a bar in Allentown called the Sterling Hotel and still makes time to go out and see local bands.

From the Alumni House:
Jeffrey Sharer was appointed head of global operational risk management for Marsh Inc., the world’s leading insurance broker and risk advisor. Jeff will be responsible for developing and implementing a global operational risk management approach throughout Marsh.

1986
James and Lynda Farrell Swartz; 153 Lilac Drive; Allentown, PA 18104; lfswartz@rcn.com

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Lynn Muschlitz LaBarre; 651 Long Lane Road; Walnutport, PA 18088; labarrefam@fast.net
Paula Colizzo Lewinski; 118 Springdale Lane; Lansdale, PA 19446-3529; pjlewinski@comcast.net

1984
Dianne Sciabica Mandy; 9 Vista Court; Phillipsburg, NJ 08865; mandryd@fast.net

1983
Karen Skoyles; 1550 East Shore Dr.; Detroit Lakes, MN 56501; skoyles@lakesnet.net

From Karen:
So far, we’ve had a great summer in Detroit Lakes, Minn. My 11-year-old daughter had a fabulous time as the only girl in Little League baseball, playing catcher and second base. My Boy Scouts and I spent a week of summer camp on Bad Axe Lake (go ahead, say that quickly!) and had a most wonderful time. The weather was far cooler than I’d have liked, and we had some torrential rains, but the tents and gear stayed dry for the most part. As I write, eight of my Boy Scouts and four adults are on a canoe adventure in the Boundary Waters Wilderness Area.

I have very little classmate news to report—but I do have a report from Alfred “Fritz” Helfrich. He tells me that he’s seen Ken Luperti ’85, his sophomore-year roommate, with some regularity in the last years. He’s stayed in touch with David Augello, who Fritz still “socializes” with regularly. Their room, First Bernie, was akin to a lounge, and he would often return from class to find a crowd watching General Hospital. His recollection of Best Party? Without a doubt “The Black Out” at the dorms. The lack of power only intensified the activities!

I’d love to share news from other people, but in order for me to do that, folks will actually need to send me that news. This is going to be a very boring column if I only have my adventures to write about. I’m in the middle of the continent and am going to have to rely on mail and e-mail in order to do this—I’m 45 miles east of Fargo, North Dakota, and don’t expect to run into many of you at the supermarket! Please let me know how you are and what you are doing.

From the Alumni House:
Joseph Mastriani, a certified public accountant, was elected president of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. He is a shareholder with Buckno Lisicky & Company. He is also treasurer of the Allentown Liberty Bell Rotary Club and a member of the board of directors of the Program for Women and Families Inc. and the Estate Planning Council of the Lehigh Valley. He currently resides in Schnecksville, Pa.

Kenneth Dempsey will be part of the 2007-08 coaching staff for the University of New Hampshire men’s basketball program. Kenneth spent the last five seasons as the associate men’s basketball head coach at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He also served as the University of North Carolina-Greensboro assistant coach from 1999-2001.

1982
Lori Vargo Heffner; 1481 Sanbrook Court; Bethlehem, PA 18015; lhheffner@verizon.net

From the Alumni House:
Jon Conrad and Susan Bleiler-Conrad are members of the Allentown Band, which recently performed at Carnegie Hall. Susan has been in the band for 25 years and plays the piccolo and flute. Jon has been in the band for 20 years and plays the trombone.

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From the Alumni House:
Fritz” Helfrich

Since September 2005

85, his sophomore-year roommate, with some regularity in the last years. He’s stayed in touch with David Augello, who Fritz still “socializes” with regularly. Their room, First Bernie, was akin to a lounge, and he would often return from class to find a crowd watching General Hospital. His recollection of Best Party? Without a doubt “The Black Out” at the dorms. The lack of power only intensified the activities!

I’d love to share news from other people, but in order for me to do that, folks will actually need to send me that news. This is going to be a very boring column if I only have my adventures to write about. I’m in the middle of the continent and am going to have to rely on mail and e-mail in order to do this—I’m 45 miles east of Fargo, North Dakota, and don’t expect to run into many of you at the supermarket! Please let me know how you are and what you are doing.

From the Alumni House:
Joseph Mastriani, a certified public accountant, was elected president of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. He is a shareholder with Buckno Lisicky & Company. He is also treasurer of the Allentown Liberty Bell Rotary Club and a member of the board of directors of the Program for Women and Families Inc. and the Estate Planning Council of the Lehigh Valley. He currently resides in Schnecksville, Pa.

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1978
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Dawn Allen; 3056-1 Lakemont Dr.; San Ramon, CA 94582; Dawnallen726@gmail.com

From Dawn:
As you may note, I have moved again—
that’s two moves within three months (after
being in the same house for years). There
are benefits to living the life of nomads, 
namely downsizing; my kids and I have been
forced to eliminate the unnecessary. Try
it, and you’ll like it! As for the rest of our
lives, my oldest daughter is living in San
Francisco and works for Google. My middle
daughter is going into her senior year at
UC Berkeley, and my son is going into his
sophomore year in high school. As for my-
self, I have been substitute teaching K-12 in
order to decide what and if I want to teach.
I’ve also been teaching at prisons, which
has been quite an experience!

Ed McGettigan noted that I issued a
challenge to the Class of ’78, so he stepped
up to the plate and passed some news on.
He saw classmates Dan Paradoe and Chris
“Shark” Gardiner in Philadelphia at the
end of March. Dan was there on business; he
does public affairs for the Maine Turnpike
Authority and spends a fair amount of
time on TV and radio. He, his wife and two
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dapers; intramural basketball, football, and
soccer games; also what we wouldn’t do for
one last party at the Hotel California. We
discussed a certain thirtieth anniversary
and vowed to make an appearance. Then we
went our separate ways.”

After his time at Moravian, Ric Rupnik
graduated from Duke University’s School of
Forestry and Environmental Science
(now the Nicholas School) with a Master of
Forestry. He worked as a seasonal employee
for the U.S. Forest Service in Montana and
for Maryland’s Department of Agriculture
as a forest technician, and then as a forest
insect/disease specialist. Ric went on to
get an associate’s degree in applied sci-
ence (computer and information science) at
Northampton County Community College,
and worked at AT&T Microelectronics/Lucent
Technologies, having job titles ranging from
senior technical process analyst to qual-
ity engineer. While in this field, he served
as a music minister and director of music
ministries at several parishes within the
Roman Catholic Diocese of Allentown, serv-
ing also as an organist, and directing adult
and children’s choirs. He began this work in
late ’79, partially retiring when he returned
to college full time to pursue a teaching
certification in biology/general science at
Muhlenberg College. He has been substitute
teaching in the Colonial and Carbon-Lehigh
Intermediate Units since September ’01 and
is currently looking for a full-time teaching
position. Ric also breeds Jack Russell terri-
ers and has traveled extensively throughout
Europe. He spends his free time as a singing
in the Muhlenberg College choir and gar-
dening at home. Photography continues
to be a passion.

1977
John Fauerbach; P.O. Box 162; Chester, MT 59522; johnfauerbach@yahoo.com

From John:
Jack Lewis continues to work as a se-
ior counsel in Chevron’s law department in
Houston. Jack has recently taken an active
role as a board member of 25:40, a non-
profit organization that assists children in
southern Africa who have been impacted by
HIV/AIDS.

Tony Villani, after 30 years with the
Bethlehem Area School District, is retir-
ing as assistant superintendent for cur-
riculum and instruction and moving to the
Pennsylvania Department of Education in
Harrisburg’s Distinguished Educator Pro-
gram. Tony will work with school districts
struggling to meet No Child Left Behind
mandates. Tony’s son Vince is the evening
sports producer for Fox Network News in
Baltimore. His daughter Gina is an account
executive for Porter Novelli Advertising
Agency in Manhattan.

Fred Patt worked for five years as part of
a team at NASA in support the Cosmic
Background Explorer (COBE) Mission. The
2006 Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to
the two leaders of that Big Bang project.

1976
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1975
Susan Bacci Adams; 402 Willow Road West;
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1974
Cyndee Andreas Grifo; 6988 Crystal Springs Rd.;
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From the Alumni House:
Dave Burt and his wife Lori have
expanded their dental practice to include
an associate so that they can take care
of their ventures outside of the office. He
teaches CAD/CAM to doctors at their educa-
tion center, the “Valley Dental Ed Center,”
located near their office, and has recently
been hired by a large technology company
to do the same for doctors anywhere east of
the Mississippi. On top of that, he has been
tapped to teach laser dentistry for a Eu-
ropean company that has a large presence
in the U.S. He spent some time in Germany
working with some of the biggest gurus in
the field, and he is now able to bring this

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A Body in Motion
Stays in Motion

He claims to be retired, but Joe Trodahl ’63 seems to have a different definition of the word than most of us. “I’m still a full-time physicist,” he says. Besides supervising Ph.D. students at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand, Joe works on various contracted research projects that have taken him all over the world, from New Zealand to Switzerland and even, occasionally, back to Moravian. His research with sea ice has led him to spend some summer weeks in Antarctica. “It has been a great adventure, and the results have some impact on such things as the ozone hole, global warming, and evidence for water on Mars,” he notes. His favorite projects include working on high-temperature superconductivity during the field’s very beginning in the late eighties, and recent involvement in the emerging technology of spintronics. In October, Joe spent time at the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom, where he met up with fellow physics grad John Snyder ’80, who’s on the faculty of Cardiff University. “We have actually published papers on very similar materials, and his paper cites mine,” notes John (at right in the picture). “That got us to wondering about how many other Moravian College physics grads are active researchers or faculty members.” Aside from physics, Joe uses his retirement to ski, to sail, and to care for the 200 olive trees on his property. “Those take up a lot of time,” he says.

technology to doctors here in the States. The lecture/training circuit is quite different from the clinical side of dentistry but he really does enjoy it.

His wife Lori has also cut back on her clinical time to focus on a web forum for women in dentistry, pinktooth.net. Their daughters, Jordan and Makenzie, are now in sixth and fourth grade, and are keeping them busy and young with their sports and activities.

On a final note, Dave was part of a new world record in skydiving this past March, when 140 people built two separate formations in a single jump. He said it was stressful but a lot of fun.

1967
Kathie Broczkowski Klein; 1734 Sycamore St.; Bethlehem, PA 18017; cklein6886@aol.com

From Kathie:
Our 40th reunion was a wonderful success, with 20 classmates attending one or more of the venues over Alumni Weekend. We hope for more of you to attend as the years go by so keep us in mind for the 45th. Attending were Wayne Dovan, Hank Nehila, Martha Dodge Griffin and her husband, Jeffery ’75, Al and Erdmuate ’03 Seminary Frank, Scott Stoneback and Francee Fuller, Carol Roman Norland, Beverly and John Manckee ’66, Dick and Sue Ditterline, Frank Sterrett, Carol Kriebel Read, Judy Reynolds and husband, Lee Morrison, Betsy Brown Anthony, Darlene Refsnider and her husband, Craig Borst ’64, Mary Harley, Yvonne Francis, Jane Dickinson and her husband Stephen Brainard, Richard Michael, Connie Uirschitz Gilbert, and myself.

It was wonderful to have Mary and Yvonne fly in from St. Thomas after many years of being away from Moravian. Yvonne is retired from nursing and enjoys traveling with her church choir. Mary, retired from teaching, spends time visiting the U.S. during the winter where her daughter and grandson live. Their fond memories of coming to Moravian include their first time seeing snow during a blizzard that first semester in Bethlehem. Connie Gilbert entertained them for lunch at her home in Fountain Hill before they traveled to Philadelphia for their flight back to St. Thomas.

From the Alumni House:

Linda Roscoe de Seife is the director of diabetes care marketing for Nutrition 21 Inc. The company markets clinically substantiated vitamin and mineral supplements. She works on the product Diachrome which supports people with type 2 diabetes.

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1969
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Jill Stefko; 671 Ferry St. #1; Easton, PA 18042; ravenfirephd@yahoo.com

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Dennis Jones ; 833 Hoover Drive; Apollo, PA 15613; djones@keystone-auto.com

Priscilla Barres Schueck; 703 W. Goeppe Street; Bethlehem, PA 18018

1972
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They spoke of returning to Bethlehem at the Christmas season in order to enjoy Vespers at Central Moravian Church. I told them they had an open invitation to stay at my Sycamore Street “bed and breakfast” anytime they choose to return!

Tina Grigg Martin was awaiting the birth of a grandchild on Alumni Weekend, which made her unable to attend. She reports working and enjoying traveling for her job.

I received an e-mail from Judy Thatcher who retired from the practice of law at the end of 2005, and currently serves as a part-time New York City administrative judge. Judy is an elder and trustee of the Second Presbyterian Church in New York City, chaired the church’s 250th anniversary celebration in 2006, and is the church archivist. She also participates in the church’s musical activities as a chorister and instrumentalist. Additionally, she is the flute accompanist for the youth choir for the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Judy is a member of the City University of New York Borough of Manhattan Community College Chorus. In addition to singing second soprano in the chorus she also plays piano and flute with the group. Judy says she is spending her retirement by continuing to enjoy all New York City has to offer.

As always please send news!

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Bill Leicht; 16819 N. 59th Place; Scottsdale, AZ 85254; Fax: (602) 493-1949; Leicht1@cox.net

From Bill:

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I would love to hear from other ’63 alums. Please send me an e-mail with news about yourself and family.

1961

Sam Maczko; 14 Sunrise Way; Towaco, NJ 07082; sfmaczko@yahoo.com

From Sam:

Joe Castellano related that the Alumni Weekend held in May was a big success. The food was wonderful and the programs were all well done. Joe continues to be very active as a member of the Alumni Board. Joe manages to find time to play a little golf and spends a lot of time with his four grandchildren.

Ken Sepe continues to enjoy retirement and spends a lot of time with his grandchildren. His leisure time is spent between Ft. Myers, Fla., Belmar, N.J., and his north Jersey home.

Jeff Gannon is adjusting nicely to retired life in the Woodlands, Tex. We were both looking forward to our 50th high school class reunion in September. Jeff spends leisure time getting back into the jogging mode and keeping physically active.

John Bregman enjoyed an extended stay in Florida this year, staying there through July. He has now returned to his Totowa home in North Jersey to be near all of his family and grandchildren.

Charles Merkel called recently and explained why he missed Alumni Weekend. He was spending some time at the family vacation home in the Poconos when he got a phone call that a water pipe burst in his home in Wheaton, Ill. He is doing well in retirement but recently took on a consulting job that keeps him busy.

Marcree Ammend Beilstein wrote in her Alumni Weekend survey that she is retired from elementary school teaching. She taught in districts in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Rhode Island. She is married and has two sons who are each married. They have three grandchildren. Marcee and her husband are currently living in Williamsburg, Va. She manages to visit Bethlehem frequently to see family members.

My wife, Irene, and I will visit our daughter, Kristie, in Ft. Collins, Colo., for two weeks. We will make a side trip to Durango and ride the historic small-gauge railroad.

I encourage all of our classmates to contact me with updates on their life since leaving Moravian College. I know the alumni from our four years enjoy reading about past acquaintances.

1966

David Berg; 8108 Foxberry Ln., No. 1514; Pasadena, MD 21122; dbberg@erols.com

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William F. Horwath; 22300 Maplewood Drive; Southfield, MI 48034; will@m-m-s.com

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Kathleen Cavanaugh; 448 King’s Highway East; Haddonfield, NJ 08033; Katcav1@gmail.com

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Merr Trumbore; 1040 Ebenezer Church Road; Rising Sun, MD 21917; trammy@zoominternet.net

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From Pearl:

What a terrific 50th reunion celebration! From the Founder’s Day Lovefeast on Friday, May 18, 2007, to the last dance of the Cruise to the Caribbean Saturday night, May 19, 2007, members of the Class of 1957, spouses, friends, and even a few children enjoyed being back at Moravian College. For some alumni this was their first trip back in fifty years. The 31 classmates and families (a total of 67) were entertained and honored by Moravian College, the Alumni Association, and members of the Reunion Committee.

Alumni had an opportunity to tour Historic Bethlehem and the Moravian College campus. In line with the theme of the weekend, there was a session on the Moravians of the Caribbean, the Alumni Association Annual Meeting and a question-and-answer session with President Thomforde.

A very special cocktail party was held in the Hurd Academic Complex atrium. President Thomforde made a champagne toast to the members of the Class of 1957. At this gathering and at the Clambake Friday evening, we renewed old friendships and reminisced about our years at Moravian.

Registered to attend the festivities of the weekend were: Carl Ackerman and his wife Dolores, Karen Lee Johnson Berry and her husband Harold, Shirley Kunsman Bilheimer, Donald Bortz and his wife Dolores, Carmella Carrescia, John Fatzinger and his wife, Wilma Moser Fatzinger, Skip Fegely and his wife Shirley, Tacey Jean Young Funk, Myron Genel, Irene Breslin Genther and her husband Frank, Patricia Miller Helfrich and her guest, Brooke Hartman Jr., Katina Kapsalis Kehayas, Luther Kemmerer, John Kolchin and his wife Barbara, Gudrun Krauss Lounsbury and her husband William, Jean Durand Miller, Elaine Thomasch Nolfa and her husband, Dominic ‘60, Ella Messinger Nottle and her husband Wayne, Juliana Bobo Ott, Roland Passaro and her guest Elaine Hall, Jo-Ann Neuman Pessin and her husband Herbert, Marlene Ehrhardt Porter ‘55 Secretarial, Jerome Potter ‘61 and his wife Bev Love Potter ‘55 Secretarial, Myron Savacoal ‘58 and his wife Priscilla, Cornelia Schlotter, Carolyn Ann Edwards Simmons and her husband James, Gordon Sommers and his wife Susan, Pearl Stein, John Subach and his wife Helene, Roberta Buzeff Thomas and Julianan and Susan Thomas, George Toth and his wife Ingrid, Lee Weaver and his wife LaRae, Diane Yaacov Wellington, Rev. Richard Wright and his wife Barbara, Earl Zeiner and his wife Adele, Ron Zeller and his wife Audrey, Ed Martin, and Ned Williams and Emma.

As the most recent inductees into the 50+ Club, we were guests at a breakfast on Saturday morning. Reunion Committee co-chairs, Carl Ackerman and Pat Miller Helfrich presented a brief biography of each classmate. President Thomforde then welcomed us and posed with each of us for a photograph.

Carl Ackerman and his wife Dolores live in Hellertown, Pa. Carl worked at Bethlehem Steel and later was a consultant in Saudi Arabia. Carl has been very active at Moravian, serving as treasurer on the Alumni Board several years ago.

Pat Miller Helfrich is the retired director of volunteer services at Sacred Heart Hospital. Pat moved two years ago to a condominium community in Macungie, Pa. She had served as alumni director at Moravian, and was active attending the Reunion Committee planning meetings for this year’s reunion.

In the survey booklet for Alumni Weekend 2007, most alumni mentioned that their fondest memories of Moravian were friends and faculty. At the reunion luncheon on Saturday, a few of the faculty members were able to join us. Ruth Roberts Hailperin and Dr. G. Alden Sears joined us for lunch.

One of the highlights for our class was Mike Genel’s visual presentation of memories from the fifties, complete with music. We also enjoyed the memories that were shared by classmates attending the reunion. Burns Brodhead, a former Moravian faculty member, sent a letter praising the Class of 1957. We remembered those classmates who are no longer with us. A recent loss was John D. Straka, who passed away on August 31, 2006.

We are very proud of our which established a scholarship endowment fund, chaired by Shirley Kunsman Bilheimer, Donald Bortz, and Earl Zeiner. Other members of the reunion committee who met many times during the year were: Irene Breslin Genther, Jerry and Bev Potter, Gordon Sommers, George Toth, and I. Thank you for doing an outstanding job. Thank you also to Karen Johnson Berry, Carmella Carrescia, and Cornelia Schlotter for telephoning and writing to classmates for the reunion.

Many in our class are retired or occupied with hobbies that they enjoy. However, it is very clear that their most important and enjoyable activities center on their children, grandchildren, communities, and religious institutions. Travel is also important.

Recently some members of the class traveled to share the celebration of Jerry and Bev Potter’s fiftieth wedding anniversary. Among the guests were John and Helene Subach, Skip and Shirley Fegely, Ron and Dorothy Savacoal, Diane Yaacov Wellington, and Gudrun Krauss Lounsbury and her...
husband William.

Jack Fatzinger has been exhibiting architectural renderings in pen, ink, and colored pencils at the Patty Eife Gallery in the HUB. The scenes of the Lehigh Valley and of his home in Stockertown was exhibited until August 20, 2007. Jack is married to another member of the Class of 1957, Wilma Moser Fatzinger.

In future columns I will share more biographical summaries from our reunion.

1956
Robert Gray; 98 Mill Run North; Augusta, SC 29860-8704; bobsrs@aol.com

1955
Helen Varady Keyser; 2038 Kemmerer Street; Bethlehem, PA 18017

From Helen:

Usually at this time of year, we read about the recent alumni reunion gatherings. They were as good this year as in recent years past.

But the inauguration of President Christopher Thomforde on April 21 was the highlight of this spring’s events. I was honored and proud to represent the Class of 1955. It was a magical weekend equal to Dr. Erv Rokke’s nine years ago in which I also participated.

On the evening before the inauguration, following a parade, there was a barbecue at the Hurd Pavilion, where John and I enjoyed barbecue and fellowship with Shirley Beck Dutt ’54 and Carl and Beverly Bell ’56. A magnificent display of fireworks followed as the grand finale.

Following the inauguration ceremony, there was a luncheon at the courtyard of Priscilla Payne Hurd Academic Complex, where John and I enjoyed lunch with Ruth Overfield Fidorack ’41 and Mike and Nancy Zeleski Frantz ’53.

John and I attended the 50+ Club Breakfast on May 19. We enjoyed breakfast and fellowship with Beverly Bell, Bill Stifnagle ’56, and Jim Ovady ’56 and his wife. We also met Arthur Spengler ’55, who is on the 50+ Club Committee.

At the grand reunion luncheon we saw many familiar faces, including that of J. Michael Dowd, who gave the invocation. At our table were Zora Martin Felton, Kathy Horwath Hartman and Ray, Fran Webber Horton ’52 and her husband, Fern Bachman Koplin ’51, and June Shaffer Scholl ’51. We all enjoyed the wonderful lunch and had a great time!

The Allentown Club luncheon on May 10 was hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Thomforde at their home on East Church Street. We all enjoyed a wonderful lunch in their beautiful garden. Seated at our table were Bertie Francis Knisely ’69, Helen Desh Woodbridge ’54, Pat Ruhe Kehs ’38, Janet Williams Sander ’41, Sallie Magargle Gery ’44, and myself.

In other news about the Class of 1955 members, Max Braune of Emigrant, Montana, died June 16, 2007, as a result of injuries received in a boating accident on the Yellowstone River. Our sympathy to Jeatta and family.

The highlight of the inauguration weekend, for us, was the performance of Carl Orff’s “Carmina Burana” by the Moravian Choir, directed by the Moravian Choir, directed by Paula Ring Zerkle, to a packed house at Foy Hall.

Founder’s Day, May 18, was observed with a reception at the Payne Gallery on the Church Street Campus, followed by a Moravian Lovefeast in the Chapel. Bertie Francis Knisely ’69, director of leadership giving and formerly director of alumni relations, our speaker, chose as her topic “The Pleasure of Your Company.” It was wonderful to have Zora Martin Felton ’52, who retired in 1994 as director of education of Anastasia Museum in Washington, D.C., and Kathryn Horwath Hartman ’52 of New Hampshire at the tea table. Following the Lovefeast, we enjoyed our luncheon in the Clewell Hall dining room. At our table were Dr. Thomforde, Beverly Bell, Joanne Albright Hoodmaker ’56, Barbara Cump Schmoyer, and myself. We filled Dr. Thomforde in on our days at Moravian, especially Beverly Bell, telling about the little pranks she used to pull.

Erv Rokke’s nine years ago in which I also participated.

On the evening before the inauguration, following a parade, there was a barbecue at the Hurd Pavilion, where John and I enjoyed barbecue and fellowship with Shirley Beck Dutt ’54 and Carl and Beverly Bell ’56. A magnificent display of fireworks followed as the grand finale.

Following the inauguration ceremony, there was a luncheon at the courtyard of Priscilla Payne Hurd Academic Complex, where John and I enjoyed lunch with Ruth Overfield Fidorack ’41 and Mike and Nancy Zeleski Frantz ’53.

John and I attended the 50+ Club Breakfast on May 19. We enjoyed breakfast and fellowship with Beverly Bell, Bill Stifnagle ’56, and Jim Ovady ’56 and his wife. We also met Arthur Spengler ’55, who is on the 50+ Club Committee.

At the grand reunion luncheon we saw many familiar faces, including that of J. Michael Dowd, who gave the invocation. At our table were Zora Martin Felton, Kathy Horwath Hartman and Ray, Fran Webber Horton ’52 and her husband, Fern Bachman Koplin ’51, and June Shaffer Scholl ’51. We all enjoyed the wonderful lunch and had a great time!

The Allentown Club luncheon on May 10 was hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Thomforde at their home on East Church Street. We all enjoyed a wonderful lunch in their beautiful garden. Seated at our table were Bertie Francis Knisely ’69, Helen Desh Woodbridge ’54, Pat Ruhe Kehs ’38, Janet Williams Sander ’41, Sallie Magargle Gery ’44, and myself.

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Arthur Spengler says he received a letter from Mike Lutkus who traveled to North Carolina to attend his eldest grandson’s graduation. He also went to Wisconsin, Minneapolis, and Denver to visit grandchildren. Mike went to Haunted Hamburger (a ghost-town, formerly a mining town) in Jerome near his home in Arizona; he climbed steep steps on a sharp hill, and had trouble. Tests found blockages, which meant bypass surgery in June. He also had a cataract to be taken care of. Mike writes: “Getting old is hell!”

Sue Ann Henkelman Fortney ’53 and Ralph were expecting a visit from their family this summer, their first one there since Sue and Ralph moved to the Methodist House in Wilmington.

Gladys Smith Winkelmann ’53 and Howie of Spirit Lake, Idaho, became great-grandparents, but Gladys says she doesn’t feel that old. She says “hi” to the Moravian girls who had lunch together (Barbara, Nancy, Rosie, Joan, and myself).

Joan Landrock Schlegel and Wallace took a trip to Texas, an enjoyable trip, except for traffic citations and their car breaking down along the way.

Nancy Zeleski Frantz has become a grandmother. David and his wife Maria have an infant daughter, Emily Grace, and a 2-year-old-son, Michael, in Santa Barbara, Calif.

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From Helen:

Founder’s Day ’07 began with the reception in Payne Gallery, which our classmates remember as the gym where we enjoyed indoor games, dramas, and social events. Then to Peter Hall for Lovefeast, a Moravian church custom, and talk by Bertie Francis Knisely ’69, former alumni director who now works in the Development Office. She will be remembered for her enthusiasm and interest in promoting Founder’s Day events.

The stage, benches, and stained glass windows have been preserved over these 50-plus years. Though, for twenty years, we know that the stained windows were covered until the Alumni Association and others provided for their uncovering and...
restoration in 1997; this was completed for Founder’s Day 1999, a most welcome sight. The fall ’08 magazine tells of the project: “The windows show that six classical ladies representing Religion, Literature, Music, Drama, Science, Education presided over chapel services . . . After the merger Religion took a back seat to Music as the chapel was used as a concert hall.”

We remember the services in the Chapel, the convocation being required during the week, when we heard from faculty and students and administration, all of which I think rounded out my education.

North of the Church Street Campus is today’s Main Campus. Seen from Main Street are the statues of John Amos Comenius, the bishop of the Unitas Fratrum (1592-1670) and “The Father of Modern Education,” Comenius Hall and further on, the founding date 1742 etched in stone. That date indicates that the College recognizes its beginnings with the girls’ school housed in the Geminhaus on Church Street. Each year the event on Church Street observes its beginnings, this year being its 265th, as the invitation reminds us.

Three other classmates attending morning on Church Street on May 18 were Shirley Beck Dutt, Lois Lutz Geehr, and Marian Wagner. Lois’s husband Fred also came. Marian and her sister Elaine Martinez ’52 came together for the events in Payne Gallery, Peter Hall, and Clewell Dining Hall. Clewell has changed little from then when students and faculty enjoyed memorable Christmas dinners.

From Mary:

Those of us who attended our 55th reunion enjoyed our time together. We couldn’t help but be amazed at the expansion of Moravian College. Kathryn Horwath Hartman and Zora Martin Felton were the “pourers” at the tea on Founder’s Day. The reception was held in Foy Hall, a change from the President’s House.

Alice Schofer Durner joined us at the Founder’s Day luncheon. Needless to say, Kathy, Zora, Elaine Wagner Martinez, and Alice were never at a loss for words!

We got letters! Jeannette Rhoads Nesbit is now the proud grandmother of eleven grandchildren. She has moved to Ohio; one of her sons lives nearby.

Thelma West Everrett needs a knee replacement. She and Frank live in Indiana near their daughter’s family.

Fran Webber Horton and Rod attended the Saturday luncheon. She just directed a concert version of Guys and Dolls at her church.

Ruth Treat Schlecht reminded me that she and Bill have lived in Arizona for 17 years. Kathy, Zora, and I— the fearless trio, a.k.a. the reunion committee—send you best wishes. Please keep us informed, since we hope to see you in 2012 at our 60th!

From the Alumni House:

Bernhard Mittemeyer is interim president of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. He is also a professor in the School of Medicine’s Department of Urology. He came to the university in 1986 and has served as executive vice president and provost, as well as interim dean for the School of Medicine. He is also a retired lieutenant general of the U.S. Army.

From Tom:

Andrew Martimick has been retired for 20 years and has been truly making the most of it. He and his wife, Betty, have traveled extensively throughout the world and have been to every continent. They had a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the North Pole. They flew from their home in Phoenix to London and onto Helsinki, Finland, where they spent a night. Then they went to Murmansk, Russia, and cruised north on a nuclear icebreaker, the Yamal. Its helicopter was used to expand the breath of their explorations and the food and crew were wonderful. Andy said that this was the top of all their trips.
**From Helen Kanusky Canfield:**

Our 60th reunion is another pleasant memory! Classmates present were Charlotte Unangst Schisler, Jean Zehner Lombardi, Barbara Schlegel Miller, Jean Achey Schrader, Kitty Nies Geiger, and yours truly.

According to my records, four members of our class—Charlotte Unangst Schisler, Barbara Schlegel Miller, Jean Achey Schrader, and yours truly—have perfect reunion attendance.

A big thank you to my co-chairman, Charlotte, for her assistance and for bringing so many college pictures to share and to the other reunion committee members, Kitty Geiger and Jean Schrader, for their innumerable phone calls.

Since the alumni parade has been eliminated from Alumni Weekend, I offer to any classmates interested our colorful green, white, and yellow daisy-adorned sign which is occupying a special place in our basement.

I attended Founder’s Day held on South Campus and enjoyed a very interesting talk by Bertie Francis Knisely ’69, our former alumni director, who spoke on “The Pleasure of Your Company.”

Kitty Geiger, Jean Schrader, and yours truly attended the 12th annual 50 + Club breakfast.

Kitty Geiger is still volunteering at the gift shop at the Lehigh Valley Hospital and in the office of First Presbyterian Church, Allentown, on Sunday mornings. She loves to play bridge and enjoys reading. She is looking forward to traveling to Charlotte, N.C., to attend her grand-niece’s wedding and enjoy a big family reunion.

Jean Achey Schrader and Jack will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on July 12th. Jean’s granddaughter Jackie throws a surprise party for Jean and Schrader at Haverford College, Philadelphia. At one of the events Jean attended she noticed some participants with Moravian sweatshirts on, so Jean wished them well and told them she was a Moravian alum.

Jean Zehner Lombardi reported she is very active in her Lutheran church and belongs to three senior clubs that meet monthly and sponsor trips which she enjoys. She just finished planting her garden, walks daily, and her younger son lives with her. Her other son lives in New York City.

Barbara Schlegel Miller still lives in a retirement community in Wyomissing. She has three sisters who also live there, and Barbara takes care of their affairs, which is a big responsibility. She and Ken have six grandchildren, all girls! Barbara still sings in the chorus at her retirement home. We learned that Ken Miller and Kitty Geiger are second cousins. Barbara told us she would not have knee replacement surgery on May 30th. So I called Ken on June 2. He told me that the surgery was successful, and Barbara was expected to be home that day.

Charlotte Unangst Schisler reported that she and Al will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary July 15. Charlotte shared with us pictures of their first beautiful great-granddaughter, Katelyn Elizabeth. Charlotte and Al are still very active in their church and try to stay physically active. When her back isn’t too bad, she still rides her horse.

June Urffer Moyer responded to the alumni survey sheet. Her husband, Bob, struggles with macular degeneration but is holding his own. June volunteers at her city library, is involved in church organizations, and loves reading, gardening, and genealogy. She and daughter Katie belong to the South Orange, California, Genealogy Society. June reports their son, David, lives in Virginia and is currently working for his master’s degree in philosophy and theology.

Cornelia Faga Miller reported she has three sons, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, all located locally, except one son in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. She and Paul enjoy traveling, especially cruises. They have also taken a lot of bus trips here and abroad. They also enjoy their cabin in the Poconos.

Doris Trine Kennedy has been widowed since July 1985. She has a daughter, a grandson, and a great-grandson. Her eye surgery last year was for glaucoma, not macular degeneration as previously reported. She reports that the picture on the back cover of the winter 2006 Moravian College Magazine depicts a part of her personal family history. The farmer John Jacob Zellner, who brought the Liberty Bell to Allentown, was her great, great-great-grandfather, a patriot who gave the use of his horse and wagon to the Continental Army.

Jane Leopold Jorgensen reported that her husband, an aeronautical senior engineer at Boeing, retired after 33 years there but died at the age of 71. Her daughter is a school teacher in California. Her son...
Michael is CEO of Giorgio Armani Cosmetic line. Her son Eric is a journalist in Florida. Jane plans to come to New York City for Christmas and then will come to Bethlehem. I’m sure Jane will be very surprised at all the wonderful changes at Moravian.

I received a phone call from Jean Achey Schrader in June to tell me she had seen Mickey Coleman Silverberg, a classmate, on our local news program recently. Mickey is in an assisted-living home, Country Meadows, in Allentown, and the picture was of an indoor beach party at the home. Jean said Mickey looked very good—good news!

I am still walking daily. Don and I celebrated our 60th anniversary in March in Florida, where we hosted a dinner for twelve at a local restaurant. We are hoping to spend Thanksgiving again with our youngest son and family in New Zealand.

It was reported at the Alumni Luncheon that our reunion class was one of two with 30% attendance! We classmates along with our spouses, Al Schisler, Ken Miller, and Don Canfield ‘51, were very impressed with our new president and his interesting remarks about the future of Moravian. We certainly missed our classmates who were unable to attend. Peg Browne will remain our correspondent for another year.

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From Ada:

Ann Root Meyer writes that since Ed’s death, nothing in her life has changed, yet nothing is the same. She volunteers in several areas including Navy Relief, Bridge, mahjong, and rummy cube games are in her schedule. Ann’s oldest son is a lawyer fighting multiple sclerosis and lobbying for MS in Washington, D.C. Her youngest son is an officer in Merchant Marine and lives in Colorado. Her daughter and son-in-law are retired and live in Haliburton, Canada.

Patricia Duckworth Brown says her traveling days are over, but her activities and active mind compensate. She chooses one activity each day at her retirement community. She facilitates a dream workshop. Sometimes they use drums and call themselves “grandma and grampa drummers.”

In April I had the privilege and honor to represent our class at the inauguration of Christopher M. Thomforde as the fifteenth president of Moravian. It was a festive weekend with a parade between the campuses, fireworks, barbecues, and of course the formal ceremony.

My place in the procession with other women of the ‘40s included Ruth Hemmerly Kelly ‘41, Gloria Gately Chipman ‘45, Helen Kanusky Canfield ‘47, and Emmeline Ungurian Lewis Dimmick ‘48.

That weekend we also had lunch with Ileen Whitehead Birnbaum and David. David was recovering well from back surgery. Ileen was preparing for the gardening season with seedlings on her window sills.

Please send me or Ileen your news.

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From Jane:

Eleanor Beidelman Kline had a fall on May 20, while washing her car, and dislocated her right shoulder. She had surgery for it on April 12 and has been in a lengthy period of physiotherapy. Unfortunately, she couldn’t drive for two months, but she’s “up and going” now. Eleanor, her daughter, and grandson are planning to spend a week in Corpus Christi and Padre Island in July to enjoy some beaches and white sand. She still serves as a judge for the best yard of the month, and won best Christmas decoration for her subdivision.

I had an e-mail from Jackie Haas Bauder shortly after she returned from the inauguration of our 15th president. She praised the ceremony and said of the new president, “I was duly impressed by his wisdom, sense of humor, and humility.” Jackie enjoyed sitting next to Frank Chipman, Gloria Gately Chipman’s husband. Gloria was in the procession. Subsequently, Jackie was affected by bronchitis and loss of electrolytes and spent 43 days in St. Luke’s Hospital and Holy Family Skilled Care. She suffered numerous bad side effects from the antibiotics, which prolonged her recovery, but in her e-mail in July, she said that she was “almost back to normal.”

On the weekend of July 4, Jackie and her immediate family had a family reunion at the home of her daughter, Connie, in Pottstown, Pa. Jackie is hoping that she and Florence Dreibert Fritts, Janet Moyer Paulus, and Dorothy Stump Lied can have their usual summer get together soon.

In her June letter, Gloria Gately Chipman mentioned the possibility of having a knee replacement and was consulting specialists concerning it. She and Frank went on another cruise in May. They flew to Portland, Oregon, and took a river boat up the Columbus and Snake Rivers. They had good weather, saw great scenery, and learned a lot from their tour guide. Their next trip will be to the Caribbean again in October, depending on Gloria’s possible knee surgery. Gloria was selected to be the representative for the class of 1945 at the installation of the new president, Dr. Thomforde. She and Frank went to Bethlehem for the long weekend to attend the Friday and Saturday events. On Friday night, there was a parade from the main campus down to the old campus, followed by a barbecue outside the Priscilla Payne Hurd Academic Complex and then a great fireworks display behind the HUB. Gloria had to be there early on Sunday morning to don her cap and gown. She met friends from other classes and was lined up to walk with Ada Zellner Flower ‘46. Ada also had been having knee problems and had two knees replaced in December. The procession was huge, including faculty, trustees, representatives from each class from 1938 and on, and also about 60 representatives from other colleges and universities. It was a great weekend with wonderful weather.

I had a note from Jacqueline Stout McGiffert. After spending three months in Florida, she and friend Rich are back in Montana. She says that they are “doing all those wild and crazy things that people do in Missoula.” I don’t know if she says this with tongue in cheek or not.

Dorothy Stump Lied says that she doesn’t have any big vacation plans since she has already had a great long weekend in Ocean City, N.J., and another in Cleveland, Ohio. So now she’s just enjoying picnics, band concerts in the park, and visits with family and friends. Dottie volunteers at Ephraim Manor teaching Sunday school, reads, knits, and paints. A friend of hers does water color painting once a week, and
Dottie says that inspires her to paint more. Dorothy is thankful that she lives in “farm country” at this time of the year when the fresh produce is so good.

It was great to hear from Genevieve Riordan Gee ’43. She has been “up to her neck” in wedding preparations and graduations for over a year. Her eldest grandchild, Caroline, was married in June of 2006, in a large and exciting wedding. Then, come this September, Caroline’s sister, Austin, will be married in the same church in Greenville, Delaware, hopefully with the “same fun events.” In their spare time, Genevieve and her husband are avid golfers.

Beryl Harrison made her usual trip to Florida. One week was rainy, but the rest was beautiful. She also had a successful bowling season in her church league. She was, however, unable to finish the playoffs because a 50 mph wind blew the storm door open and knocked her to the ground breaking two of her ribs. She says it only hurt when she breathed or laughed. Don’t worry, though, she says that she’s “all back to normal,” still mowing the lawn, playing golf, and “looking forward to the next get-together.”

Janet Moyer Paulus and her husband Dick report that they are “reasonably well-upright and moving.” Janet had a wonderful experience involving Rheta Adams Weidenbacker ’44. They had known each other for years, even before they both attended Phillipsburg High School and then Moravian. Rheta and her husband lived in Philadelphia, where she worked as a physical therapist. In recent years, she was confined to her home due to an obstructive lung disease, and during those years they managed to keep in touch. Rheta passed away in the fall of 2006, and in 2007 her husband Bob wrote and offered Janet a wonderful collection of eight framed pictures and a tray, each depicting a scene of the early Moravian Community in Bethlehem. Janet has these mementoes in her den, and in addition has a beautiful needlework piece from Ruth Fikentscher Smith. Ruth gave this to Janet and Dick at their 30th reunion. No wonder their den is called “The Moravian Room.” Janet and Dick are looking forward to some time in Ocean City, N.J., in early August and again in September.

Andy and I returned from Florida the first week in April. Wow, it’s good to be home. We did have to go to the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio in June to have them do more testing on my leaky heart valves. The surgery which had been planned was aborted, so we’re back home again, and I certainly hope it’s for a while. The countryside here never ceases to amaze us, and we often take trips to explore sights we haven’t seen yet.

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From Dee:
Since receiving her master’s degree, Jennifer Yatko-Smale ’04 is teaching art at 2 buildings. She is on the AWESOME committee at Paxinosa where she’s teaching students about good manners starting in the lunch room and eventually branching out school wide. She is on the school’s health index committee, which is improving the health of students, faculty and staff. She just took another graduate class this summer through Millersville.

Since getting his master’s degree, Gregory Annoni ’03 received his principal’s certification and was hired as principal of the Easton Area Academy in the Easton Area School District. He looks forward to his next experience with the students and staff.

After graduating from Moravian, Susan McGinley ’03 immediately entered another graduate program at Lehigh University. She has completed all of the requirements to become an assistant superintendent or superintendent in New Jersey’s chief administrator’s certification program. For the last three years she has done an internship each year for K-12 curriculum and instruction, K-12 principal certification, and Pennsylvania’s letter of eligibility, and also for New Jersey’s chief administrator’s certification program.
certification for superintendent or assistant superintendent. Thus far, she has completed 69 credits in the educational leadership doctoral program.

In addition, I have had the opportunity to be an assistant principal at Palmer Elementary School and am now presently in our central office in the capacity of director of support programs.

Changes

Marriages


Births

       Gail Bauer Weber and Scott, a daughter, Malia Jean, April 6, 2007.
2001  Jason Engelhardt and Kate, a daughter, Raegan Anne, June 11, 2007.
       Carolyn Leland Farrley and Jeff Farrley ’97, a son, Andrew James, April 27, 2007.
       Bridget Cain Mayberry, and Brad, a daughter, Karrigan Brielle, June 17, 2007.
       Jamie Shiner Johnson and Michael Johnson, a son, Maksym John, October 19, 2005.
1997  Kris McGurrin Rooney and Mike, a son, Michael John, March 5, 2007.
       Alicia Pitera Asselto and J.D., a daughter, Siena Maria, April 9, 2007.
1995  Tricia Kirrane West and Jim, a son, Robert John, March 26, 2007.
1993  Beth Moxey Eck and Steven, a son, Thomas Steven, December 19, 2006.
1990  Julia Osgood O’Reilly and Brendan, a daughter, Gaellyn Catherine, April 5, 2007.

Deaths

       John Straka, August 31, 2006.
       Mary MuDri, June 16, 2007.
1944  Mary Yerger Wurst, August 2, 2007.
1938  Flora Rahn, August 17, 2007.

Faculty & Friends

Donald Diel, August 14, 2007.
HI, ROBOT

For his SOAR (Student Opportunities for Academic Research) project, Wesley Moser ’08 worked with assistant professor of computer science Ben Coleman to create a robotic mapmaker. Packed with sensing and computing equipment, the spry little robot can explore its surroundings and send the data to a computer screen, creating a visual track of its meanderings. “Getting the robot to tell the computer what it did was the roughest part,” he says. Someday a similar model might be used to explore areas too dangerous for humans to tread. Wesley deliberately used retro parts, including a frame of Lego blocks, partly in the hope that future versions will be as affordable as they are functional.
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GIZA, EGYPT – A visit to the pyramids last spring was a short trip for Allyson Mitchell ’08: she was already in Aman, Jordan, pursing a self-designed major in Middle Eastern economics and policy through Moravian’s international studies program. While she was there, her coursework included an Arabic-only language class. She practiced the language—which she’s been learning since 2005—whenever possible. “The cab drivers liked to try their English on me, but I wanted to speak Arabic, so we’d go back and forth until someone gave in,” she says. Allyson stayed with a Palestinian family in Jordan, often accompanying them on visits to relatives. “Family is very important there,” she notes. Diversions with other international students included the trip to Egypt and a desert scavenger hunt. “We had a camel with us in case someone got tired,” she says. “The Bedouins all drove trucks, and they stared at us like we were nuts.” In 2008, Allyson begins an internship in Washington, D.C., with the U.S. State Department. She’s also applied for a Fulbright grant to study in Yemen.