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Breaking Barriers
As told by Priscilla Payne Hurd

I’ve always rooted for the underdog, and when I first became involved with Moravian College, it was an underdog.

I was born and brought up in Chicago, and moved here only because I married a man who worked for the steel company. Herman Collier [Moravian College president 1969-1986] asked if I’d be interested in knowing about Moravian. To be polite I said, well, yes. He sent me some information. It impressed me as a typical college and I didn’t think much more about it.

Sometime later, I sat next to Herman at a dinner party, and we talked—he could be very persuasive. He asked me to join an auxiliary for the College, and I agreed. Before long, I was captivated. I discovered that Moravian is really a hidden gem. The Moravian people tend to hide their brightness under a bushel. They are taught to be humble. Well, I thought, this college doesn’t know what it has!

Moravian has a beautiful campus, but its potential is not fully developed. When I became board chair in 1999, I promised the new building [the Priscilla Payne Hurd Academic Complex] would go up because the faculty had waited thirty years for it. Fulfilling my promise was important to me. I love everyone who works here, including those who work on the grounds and those who serve meals. It’s important to appreciate everybody—not just those who stand out or who are on top. Everyone here is very nice to me—very, very kind—and I’ve tried to reciprocate.

I’d like to see us do so much more than we’re doing here at Moravian, but we need more money to do it. I get annoyed with those who say we should do this or that, but who don’t contribute. Many people don’t understand we need a broad base. Little things add up. You might raise $50, then $100, and before you know it, you’re very close to your goal. But the last part is the hardest in the world to get. That’s true about any amount—whether $5 or $5 million.

I believe some very successful people have forgotten their roots. They don’t seem to appreciate the reasons they’re living the way they are. It can be very difficult to reach them, and you can become discouraged. But you can’t let them know. Someone said to me, “every time I see you, you’re asking me for money.” And I said yes, because you’ve never given me any. If you give me some, I’ll stop asking.

I suppose I assimilated some of my attitudes in childhood. When I was ten, my mother took me to visit Hull House in Chicago. It was in a very poor section of the city, where many immigrants lived in tenements. I met Jane Addams, the co-founder of Hull House, in 1934, the year before she died. She was old-fashioned, but very strong and purposeful. Not only was she among the first to advocate for women’s rights, but she also established one of the first settlement houses in the United States, providing community-based social, educational, and artistic programs. She was ahead of her time, and I was in awe of her.

As the first woman chair of the Moravian Board of Trustees, I knew I had to convey a similar strength. I had to signal I was the boss. I established how we would work and everyone understood there would be no nonsense. If you don’t have clear ground rules, you can’t be very effective.

I suspect my background in radio helped me, too. I had studied radio technique in school. When I came to Bethlehem I joined the Junior League, and they decided they’d like to do a radio show about the United Nations (“UN Calling You”), which was just a fledgling organization at the time. We got students to do the acting, somebody wrote the script, and I worked behind the scenes directing the show. Directing a radio play is somewhat like directing a board. I believe. You must be able to move things along. Both have the same “to-and-fro-ing.”

I’m very businesslike in board meetings, but I believe it’s important to maintain a sense of humor as well. Life is so serious. Scary, depressing. If you don’t have a sense of humor, forget it. If you look hard enough, you can see something funny in almost anything. It can be the saving grace. Many people take themselves so seriously. I say, fine, take the job seriously. But don’t take yourself so seriously. We’re all human. *

Priscilla Payne Hurd has served as a member of the Moravian College Board of Trustees since 1974. She became the first woman board chair in the College’s history in 1999, serving until 2007. Mrs. Hurd is a graduate of Finch College, the University of Chicago, and the New York School of Radio Technique.

Prelude features stories from the Moravian College community, told in the storyteller’s own words. Send ideas or submissions to VBingham@moravian.edu.
Broadway Bound

For Joe Shosh, associate professor of education, the play’s the thing to capture student imagination and hone writing skills. “Broadway and Beyond: New York City Plays, Players, and Playwrights” (Writing 100) takes students to the nation’s theater capital to experience a range of productions on and off Broadway. The class play list includes the Tony award-winning In the Heights, [Title of Show], A Man for All Seasons, and Equus. Many of the performances deal with issues related to personal and cultural identity, providing students with plenty of material for journals, blogs, critiques, and essays.

Beyond Broadway, students visit less familiar (though no less dramatic) venues, such as the Lower East Side Tenement Museum. Part of Learning In Common, “the course is the outgrowth of my research into written composition and authentic learning,” said Professor Shosh, whose interest in theater began when he was an undergraduate English and theater arts major at Moravian. Read the Writing 100 student blogs at MoravianBroadwayNYC.blogspot.com.
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The history and culture lectures explored Moravian contributions, underscoring their geographic and social importance. “We are seeing the past as it was and making a claim on our historical heritage,” commented Heikki Lempa, chair and assistant professor of history, who helped organize the History and Culture Conference. Topics included rituals and practices, historical self-concepts, and encounters with foreign worlds.

In the lecture “Moravian Missions in the Nicaraguan Mosquitia from 1894 to 1936,” presenter Edwin Taylor, of the University of the Autonomous Regions of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua, recounted the experiences of early twentieth-century Moravians working in the coastal towns of Nicaragua.

The Moravians left thorough written records, providing historians with valuable details about people, places, and events. Rowena McClinton, of Southern Illinois University, presented an analysis of Moravian missionary Anna Rosina Gambold’s written accounts, which revealed a peaceful coexistence with the Cherokee tribe.

Paul Peucker, director of the Moravian Archives, presented the Walter Vivian Moses Lecture, “Beyond Beeswax Candles and Lovefeast Buns: The Role of History in Finding a Moravian Identity,” arguing that Moravians created a common identity by consciously constructing a common history.

Highlights of the Moravian Music Conference included presentations on noted musicians and composers, such as Conrad Beissel and C. I. Latrobe; early instruments, including the cittern, serpent, and Moravian bass horn; and historical Moravian hymnal music. A concert of Moravian music, featuring the choirs of Moravian College and Central Moravian Church, concluded the music conference.

— By Meghan Decker

Defining Moravian

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Québécté

FOY CONCERT HALL, 7:30 P.M. An exciting jazz opera, featuring music by D.D. Jackson and libretto by George Elliott Clarke. Originally commissioned by Ajay Heble for the Guelph Jazz Festival’s 10th anniversary.
Peter Rafaeli, Matej Minác, Hannah Slome, George Koerper and now (quite possibly) the 200-plus attendees of Moravian’s September showing of *Nicholas Winton: The Power of Good* have it. It is “Winton’s virus”—as Matej Minác, the film’s director, puts it—the urge to do good, inspired by the true story of Nicholas Winton.

Winton was a 28-year old London stockbroker who rescued 669 Jewish children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia in 1939. He told no one, not even his own family, of his actions for more than 50 years.

*The Power of Good*, which chronicles Winton’s story, won a 2002 International Emmy Award for Documentary from the International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Since then, Peter Rafaeli and Moravian College have played key roles in spreading the story throughout the United States.

After seeing the film in 2002, “I decided then and there I would try to do something to help get recognition for Winton in the U.S.,” said Peter Rafaeli, honorary consul general for the Czech Republic. “An individual really can make a difference.” Peter launched the Winton Educational Project to promote distribution of the film, and later obtained funding to share the book *Nicholas Winton’s Lottery of Life* with American schoolchildren. He turned to Moravian College’s Curtis Keim, professor of history and political science, for assistance with the book’s editing.

Minác is filming a follow-up that documents examples of the good acts inspired by Winton, including the rescue of 3,000 Cambodian children. While at Moravian, Minác filmed an interview with President Thomforde and performance of the Moravian Choir singing “Drops of Love” to be featured in the new documentary.

“Many of us, this story was a reminder of the impact one person can have,” said Moravian sophomore and choir member Andrea DeCarlo, who plans to become a pastor. “It reminded me of my ultimate goals, just when I really needed some reinforcement.”

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**The Power of Good: Pass It On**

DVD copies of *Nicholas Winton: The Power of Good* and/or the book *Nicholas Winton’s Lottery of Life* are available for educational use only. For the DVD, contact the Gelman Educational Foundation at PowerofGood@Chuck-Gelman.com. For copies of the book, contact Peter A. Rafaeli at 215 646-7777, or e-mail philadelphia@honorary.mzv.cz.
Curtis Keim, professor of history and political science, delves into the corners of American consciousness to examine misperceptions about Africa in Mistaking Africa: Curiosities and Inventions of the American Mind. Now in its second edition, Mistaking Africa examines the role that popular media play in the creation of our mental images of Africa, and addresses how the most prevalent myths prevent a true understanding of the enormously diverse peoples and cultures of Africa.

Teaching Critical Thinking in Psychology: A Handbook of Best Practices features current scholarship on teaching pattern recognition, creative problem-solving, and other critical thinking skills. The book was co-edited by Dana Dunn, Moravian professor of psychology, Jane S. Halonen, dean of arts and sciences at the University of West Florida, and Randolph Smith, professor of psychology at Lamar University. Professor Dunn’s textbook Research Methods for Social Psychology, published earlier this year, is a complete guide for conducting social psychology research.

What do Jackie Robinson, Roberto Clemente, and Jim Thorpe have in common? The reputations of these twentieth-century athletes have risen, making them cultural icons, as social perceptions of race have changed. The essays in Reconstructing Fame: Sport, Race, and Evolving Reputations, edited by Joel Nathan Rosen, assistant professor of sociology, and David C. Ogden, associate professor of communication at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, analyze the myths that surround these and other sports stars, stripping away the stereotypes that trivialize their true achievements.

New Novel Takes Off

More than 60 listeners crowded the Moravian Book Shop in September to hear Joyce Hinnefeld, associate professor of English, read from her first published novel, In Hovering Flight.

“In Hovering Flight is a novel about enduring love,” said Professor Hinnefeld, before reading the first of several passages, “the love between the central characters, Addie and Tom; their love for their daughter Scarlet; for Addie’s friends Cora and Lou; and love for the natural world—which drives Addie and Tom to produce their life’s great work.”

Published by Unbridled Books, the novel already has garnered critical accolades. Publisher’s Weekly called it “provocative and page-turning,” and a Philadelphia Magazine reviewer commented that it “is deep and believable, largely because Hinnefeld seems to know (and love) that of which she writes.”

“I knew, very early on, that I wanted bird song to figure prominently in the novel, for the simple reason that for as long as I can remember, the sound of a singing bird never failed to soothe me,” she said.

Local readers will recognize familiar landscapes, such as the Delaware River, Hawk Mountain, and the Jersey Shore. The fictional “Burnham College includes elements of both Moravian and Hanover College, my alma mater,” added Professor Hinnefeld.

Read more about In Hovering Flight and author Joyce Hinnefeld at www.inhoveringflight.com.
Meet the New Trustees

In late October, the Moravian College Board of Trustees met for several days of planning and problem-solving. Six new members contributed their time and expertise.

Joseph P. Castellano ’61 of Budd Lake, New Jersey, is a retired vice president and partner for PWD Consulting, with more than forty years of leadership experience in human resources. Castellano also serves on the College Alumni Board; he was elected president in May 2008. He received a B.A. in history from Moravian College.

Deborah O. McKinnon ’73 of Alexandria, Virginia, is vice president at Mortgage Bankers’ Association in Washington, D.C. She has extensive experience in real estate finance, public and government relations, marketing, strategic planning, and information systems. McKinnon received a B.A. from Moravian College, M.A. from the University of Michigan, and J.D. from the University of Vermont.

Sally Breidegam Miksiewicz ’84 of Oley, Pennsylvania, is vice chairwoman and secretary of East Penn Manufacturing Co., and an officer for Berks Business and Education Coalition. Miksiewicz received a B.A. in management from Moravian College.

Ken Rampolla ’79 of Bethlehem, is president and owner of Responsive Marketing Inc. (RMI). He is a past president of Moravian’s Lehigh Valley Alumni Club, was co-chair of the Steel Field campaign, and served on many leadership committees. He holds a B.A. in economics from Moravian College.

Reed Raymond ’74 of Philadelphia, is vice president and chief administrative officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. He is a member of Leadership Philadelphia. Raymond received a B.A. in economics from Moravian.

Kelly Schneider ’11 of Emmaus, Pennsylvania, is a sophomore majoring in history and elementary education. She is a member of Phi Alpha Theta national history honor society. Schneider received an Emerging Leader Scholarship.

New trustees joined other members of the Board for dinner, before several days of meetings in late October. From left: ex officio trustee David Bennett, Deborah O. McKinnon, Ken Rampolla, Joseph Castellano, Kelly Schneider, and ex officio trustee James Hicks. (Not present were Sally Breidegam Miksiewicz and Reed Raymond.)

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Gifts That Keep on Giving

ICP-MS (G1820A, 4500 Series) . . . PEGC (Autosystem XL) . . . Micrometric AccuPyc 1330 . . . music to a scientist’s ears. Now, thanks to recent contributions by pharmaceutical giants Merck and Pfizer, scientists at Moravian College will have these and other prized instruments for teaching, learning, and research.

The gifts are significant. A new ICP-MS (inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer) alone would cost more than $300,000, says Diane Husic, chair and professor of biology. The donated ICP-MS will be used by faculty and students to analyze metals in soil and tissue samples taken at the Lehigh Gap Superfund site, yielding information in a much shorter time than previously possible. (Read more about research at the Lehigh Gap site on Page 17.)

Other donations include a Perkin Elmer gas chromatograph with autosampler (PEGC), a computer-controlled pycnometer, and a microscope. Tiffany M. Schenk ’06, an associate scientist in the Regulatory and Analytical-Bioanalytical Sciences division of Merck and Co. Inc., in West Point, Pa., contacted Professor Husic about the availability of the Merck equipment. The Pfizer equipment was made possible by Victor Diener, brother-in-law of Peter Caputo, Moravian vice president for institutional advancement.

“With expanded opportunities for learning and scholarship, our students will be better prepared for the workplace or graduate school,” commented Professor Husic. “Students who have a liberal education, strong analytical skills, and experience with high-tech equipment are the best employees for large international companies like Merck and Pfizer.”

Matej Minác

Director Matej Minác visited Moravian College in September to film an interview with President Thomforde and a performance of the Moravian Choir for his new documentary. While here, he participated in a panel discussion after a screening of his film Nicholas Winton: The Power of Good, the true story of a young Englishman who rescued 669 Jewish children during the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia in 1939. (See page 6.) The new film documents the profound, continuing influence of Winton’s example upon others. “Winton virus is contagious,” said Minác, “and it is spreading throughout the United States. It has had an immense effect on children, parents—everyone who learns the story.” Minác looks forward to working on other projects, as well: “When I finish this film, I will do comedies.”
It takes commitment to excel, but you don’t have to be a rocket scientist. If you use common sense and capitalize on a solid work ethic, you’ll be successful.

“We wanted our student body to more closely mirror the communities into which we send them to serve and lead,” said Lyn Trodahl Chynoweth.
In April 2008, the Moravian College Board of Trustees adopted a new strategic plan to serve as a guidepost for every aspect of the College over the next seven years, 2008-2015. The product of more than a year of reflection, research, discussion, and debate, the new plan, “Preparing Moravian for Future Generations,” promises to dramatically alter the face of Moravian, while maintaining a firm commitment to the strengths that have sustained the school since its inception, nearly 270 years ago. A broad group participated in the process—not only trustees, but also students, faculty, staff, and members of the community.

Lyn Trodahl Chynoweth ’68, board chair, played a key role, challenging participants to envision a future in which Moravian would wholly fulfill its mission of “engagement in the world,” which includes preparing students “for leadership and service for the common good.”

Recently, we asked Lyn to share her insights about the new strategic plan, and how it will shape the course of Moravian College over the coming years.

How did the board settle upon these specific initiatives, and why were they chosen at this time in Moravian College history?

With our previous strategic plan set to end this year, we needed to initiate a new plan to guide us through the coming years.

We asked people to do some dreaming, and they came up with hundreds of great ideas. During the joint board retreat last January, we listened and questioned. We knew we had to find a way to prioritize the initiatives, because we didn’t have the funds or wherewithal to do all of them.

We stepped back, asking administration, faculty, and others: what should our student profile be? We needed to know that to set our priorities—after all, we are here for the students.

We agreed we wanted a more diverse student population without giving up any excellence—we wanted at least the same high quality students we have now. We decided we wanted our student body to more closely mirror the communities into which we send them to serve and lead.

Once we established this key point, we understood that everything else must follow: we would have to change some of the ways in which we provide support staff; we would have to hire additional faculty to continue to provide a personalized education; we would need to ensure that the physical environment is attractive and fully functional; we would need an appropriate technology strategy; and we would have to refocus the Comenius Center to address key opportunities in the Lehigh Valley. And to do all this, we would need to raise sufficient funds.

We had talked about our student profile before, but this time we really focused on it. Now we are taking constructive steps toward achieving our vision, and I am quite proud of this.

In what ways, if any, did your personal background influence the new plan?

I presume my corporate background influenced the way we went about the planning process, because I used to get involved in strategic planning [in that role]. But I am also an alumna—and I just love Moravian College. It is that passion which drives me.

Moravian allowed me—a product of Kwethluk, Alaska, and Leonard, North Dakota—to demonstrate an ability to learn, reflect, and reason in an environment like none other I had experienced. The critical thinking demanded here provided me with the skills to succeed in the world. Key communication skills were reinforced in every class, and those skills have stood me in good stead over the years.

And acting with integrity was [for me] and is [for all of us] fundamental to developing all relationships—personal and professional—during college, during the formative years of the 20s and 30s, and as we achieve maturity, especially in today’s multi-cultural, global arena.

Looking ahead to 2015, can you envision ways the new plan will change the school? How will Moravian look and feel different at that future time?

We’ve emphasized the anticipated difference in the faces we will see on campus: more students from a range of backgrounds, as well as more first-generation students. I see this as a mandate. We owe our students the opportunity to grow and learn in an environment similar to that in which they will work and live. Everything we do at Moravian should equip our graduates to be effective in whatever line of work they choose, wherever they choose to do it.

Strategic Plan 2008–2015

Embracing the Future
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One of the plan’s initiatives focuses on the Comenius Center, which currently offers many courses for adults to complete their undergraduate degrees, as well as offering a limited number of graduate degrees. When we looked at the demographics to understand what was needed for the Center to thrive, we realized we should offer more programs to meet the needs of the surrounding community. As a result, we are directing the Center to focus on graduate programs, and we are looking at adding more degrees that are in demand in this area.

Do you feel the new plan will set Moravian apart from other colleges?

I do. I think higher education will see a lot of churn in the next few years. We have a history of preparing students to serve and lead in many different ways. We have two gorgeous and historic campuses. Our mission is unique in that it builds on the Moravian traditions of community, engagement in the world, and balance of body, mind, and spirit. If we can maintain our commitment to this mission, as well as to our vision to serve a changing student population, it will set us apart. We will continue to maintain our low faculty to student ratio. We have a very committed faculty, administration, and staff, as well as a strong student body. We have a lot of momentum, as evidenced by our continued strong enrollment. But we cannot rest on our laurels—we have a lot of hard work ahead.

Which of the initiatives do you expect to be most challenging to achieve?

Raising money is going to be a major challenge. The turbulence in the financial markets is sobering, and certainly poses uncertainty in the near future. And, although we have sound financial practices, I’d be lying if I said I was unconcerned. That said, the only responsible thing to do is to continue to put plans in place to raise funds to support the strategic plan.

For example, a fairly low percentage of Moravian alumni gives money to the school [24% in 2008]. Whenever we talk to alums, almost to a one, they talk about the wonderful experience they had at Moravian. We’ve captured their hearts. Now we must find a way to reconnect them to the College, to make them understand how important it is for them to contribute their time, energy, and financial support to the best of their ability. Many alumni still are not aware that we need a higher percentage of giving simply to qualify for grants and funding from other sources. Every alum can give something—that’s really important.

How will we measure our success in meeting the plan’s objectives?

We are working on this. We received a very strong report from the Middle States Accreditation last year, along with some suggestions regarding assessment. The administration is merging those recommendations with our strategic initiatives and recommending ways to measure success. We hope to have some sort of scorecard or dashboard that tracks progress toward achieving specific goals—both institutional and within individual disciplines. I suspect we’re farther ahead than many schools; but we do recognize the need for assessment, and we take it seriously.

What will the overall landscape be for higher education in the coming years?

Higher education will undergo a lot of change. We all will need to address issues of affordability, loan availability, shifting demographics, infusion of technologies, shifts in government oversight—to name a few. Only those schools that have a clear, focused mission and that are well-run will survive. I believe Moravian will be one that will not just survive, but will thrive. It will require a lot of focused effort and hard work from all of us—but it is well worth it. Quite.

Lyn Trodahl Chynoweth ’68

Lyn Trodahl Chynoweth has served as a Moravian College trustee since 1991, and was named chair in October 2007. She served as chair of the board of the Moravian Theological Seminary from 2000-2007, during which the Seminary launched a strategic plan. Lyn received the Medallion of Merit from the Alumni Association in May 2007. Currently an independent executive consultant, Lyn is retired from IBM where she held a range of executive and leadership positions in sales and consulting, advised business clients on organizational transformation, and received numerous leadership, management, and performance awards.
Preparing Moravian for Future Generations

**THE STRATEGIC PLAN 2008-2015**

**OUR MISSION**

Moravian College is a residential liberal arts college that draws on the Moravian traditions of community, engagement in the world, and balance among body, mind, and spirit in the life of the individual. The College seeks to develop in students of all backgrounds the capacity to learn, reflect, reason, communicate, and act with integrity as individuals and in association with others. This education prepares men and women for advanced study and continuous learning, individual achievement, and leadership and service for the common good.

**OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

Thus, we envision a strong and vital Moravian which in the future will be

- A community of the great embrace, welcoming men and women from all walks of life, locally, nationally, and globally
- A community of liberal learning, where scholarship, intellectual curiosity, and creative expression invigorate all facets of our lives
- A community of service, which equips and empowers men and women to serve others with professional skill, grace, and integrity, including those who live out their lives on the periphery of society
- A community of wise stewards, who care for and enhance our treasures of heritage, people, and place for generations to come

As such, Moravian will be a leader within higher education—a community of choice for students, faculty, and administrators, a model of excellence.

**THE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

**Initiative One**
Discover and develop a more diverse student body.

**Initiative Two**
Recruit, hire, and retain faculty to create an excellent educational experience.

**Initiative Three**
Recruit, hire, and retain excellent staff in support of the student profile.

**Initiative Four**
Create the proper physical environment needed for excellence in teaching, learning, and performing.

**Initiative Five**
Develop a comprehensive technology strategy.

**Initiative Six**
Focus the Comenius Center as the division of Moravian College with primary emphasis on graduate education and post-baccalaureate professional programs (exclusive of the theologically-related programs) that have a foundation in the liberal arts.

**Initiative Seven**
Gather the resources in support of the strategic plan initiatives and develop a greater sense of stewardship among our various constituencies.
Moravian blue has become a bit more green in recent months. From a new “share the road” bike lane along Main Street to biodegradable packaging in the dining hall, sustainability is taking root at Moravian College.

Partnering with the Coalition for Appropriate Transportation, Moravian held its second annual Bike Day on September 9 to encourage biking, instead of motoring, between campuses. The HILL (Hurd Integrated Living and Learning residence hall) on South Campus is being constructed with many—though not all—environmentally sound methods and materials, such as energy recovery units, sensor faucets, and less-toxic paints and adhesives. And the College’s Environmental Coalition, a grassroots student organization, is working with Facilities Management, Planning and Construction (FMPC) to add a couple of new outdoor recycling bins by late November.

“Our biggest accomplishment, so far, was persuading dining services to switch to biodegradable containers and SpudWare—flatware made from potatoes—instead of using petrochemical products,” says senior Samantha Lukasiewicz, EnviroCo president and an environmental science major. “Now they’re even beginning to make changes on their own.”

Going green makes sense for a host of reasons—not least of which is the growing acknowledgement of global warming as a real and significant problem for current and future generations. But there are other incentives for colleges to embrace sustainability. A recent study commissioned by the U.S. Conference of Mayors predicts that 4.2 million new “green jobs” will be created over the next three decades. And both presidential candidates (as we go to press) believe green technology will be vital to economic recovery and energy independence, providing solid rationale for a strong environmental studies program.

Green schools also offer an enhanced quality of life that typically includes fresh, locally-grown organic food; clean air and water; and a beautiful, walkable campus—big extras that could be the difference for prospective students choosing among similar colleges. In fact, many students and their parents appear to care a lot about a college’s green status. According to a recent Princeton Review survey of 10,300 college applicants and their parents, 63 percent said they value having information about a college’s commitment to the environment, and 23 percent said that such information would greatly affect their decision about which school to attend.

At Moravian, commitment to environmental sustainability has evolved slowly but surely, beginning more than a decade ago. An environmental science major has been an individually designed option for many years, and a formal environmental studies degree program was launched in 2004 under Frank Kuserk, professor of biology.

“There’s been increased interest in sustainability and environmental issues across the country,” noted Professor Kuserk. “And as a degree program, this area of study has matured. It’s really an interdisciplinary program that cuts across the traditional natural sciences and social sciences, such as economics and political science, and even humanities, such as philosophy.”

The program’s first four-year students—Samantha Lukasiewicz and Chiu Cheng (environmental science majors) and Erin Lubeck and Laura Smith (environmental policy and economics majors)—will graduate this spring. Field projects at Lake Lacawac and Lehigh Gap, and learning opportunities with the Wildlands Conservancy, Appalachian Mountain Club, and Alliance for Sustainable Communities, are essential program elements.

The interdisciplinary class “Climate Crises: Past, Present, and Future,” designed by Hilde Binford, assistant professor of music, and co-taught by Professor Binford and Diane Husic, chair and professor of biology, aims to be carbon-neutral, supporting projects that reduce College greenhouse emissions. The spring ’08 class paid for the installation of programmable thermostats...
What Is Sustainability?

Sustainability is commonly understood by the 1987 U.N. World Commission on Environment and Development’s definition as “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” (UNESCO). Although the earth is phenomenal in its ability to support life, its capabilities are limited. With the world population increasing to more than 6.5 billion people, a number that is predicted to double by the year 2050, we are running out of land and resources. As this end is inevitable, sustainability therefore becomes an important part not only of how we live now, but also of how we will live in the future. Small changes in our daily lives can contribute to a sustainable world and a sustainable future.

—From the Moravian College Sustainability Task Force web site: http://home.moravian.edu/students/org/stf/sustainability.htm.
in Hillside 6B, where students often open windows at night in winter, just to stay cool. Over the coming year, the class will monitor energy use in the residence, hoping the new thermostats make a difference.

FMPC has also made strides toward sustainability. Energy Star ratings are an important criterion when purchasing new products, says Kim Sherr, FMPC project manager. (Energy Star products save money as they reduce greenhouse gas emissions.) The campus is ready and willing to compost yard and kitchen waste onsite, but until funds become available to purchase necessary equipment, leaves and branches will continue to go to municipal piles.

Past obstacles to the greening of Moravian now should be somewhat easier to overcome, however. Bolstered by President Thomforde’s signing of the Talloires Declaration on April 22, 2008, affirming Moravian’s commitment to sustainability, and a $40,000 grant from the Soden family, sustainability at Moravian is gaining momentum. The new Campus Land Use and Facilities Master Plan, drafted in conjunction with the new strategic plan, commits the College to work toward sustainability concerning the environment, energy consumption, and building longevity.

“It is absolutely crucial for the long-term health of Moravian College to be involved with these issues,” said President Thomforde at an October meeting of the Sustainability Task Force, a group representing faculty members, students, and staff. (See “Beyond the Buzz,” below.) At the meeting, he charged the group with establishing a list of guiding principles and goals to be used for carrying out green initiatives over the coming years.

Possible goals identified by the task force include more organic, locally-grown foods; biodegradable utensils and dishware, as well as onsite composting; native landscaping that requires no supplemental water; public transportation vouchers for students, faculty, and staff; LEED-certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building construction and renovation; and the inclusion of sustainability topics across all curricula. Within the next year or two, solar panels could be installed in the roof of Johnston Hall if grants materialize.

The greening of Moravian College is no small task, to be sure. Achieving sustainability on campus will require the commitment and resources of every department and interest group, including alumni. But the impact can be enormous and far-reaching—sustaining not only the College, but also the earth beyond it.

“Sustainability is not the task of one committee, but of everyone on campus,” said President Thomforde."

Beyond the Buzz: What It Means to Be Green

Moravian’s Sustainability Task Force formed in 2007, initiated by student Elyse Jurgen ’07 and developed by Chiu Cheng ’09, as a way to involve all campus constituencies in environmental initiatives. Last summer, President Thomforde tapped Professor Frank Kuserk to lead the group, ensuring continuity and momentum, while adding administrative support. “He advised me that sustainability is not just the task of one committee, but of everyone on campus,” said Frank. “To accomplish our objectives, faculty members, administrators, students, technology staff, facilities and support staff all must be involved.”

At an October meeting, President Thomforde provided further direction—and challenges. “I’d like this committee to think about what our guiding principles should be—what is special or unique to the Moravian plan for sustainability?” President Thomforde asked. “Keep in mind that we are an educational institution, and that our college population changes each year, so our framework will guide those who follow us.”

Dr. Thomforde challenged the group to create a list of guiding principles, assessment of its current status, five-year goals, and lines of accountability. The information—a strategic plan for sustainability, in essence—will help Moravian trustees determine how best to allocate resources for the greening of Moravian over the coming years.
A
n introductory environmental science course set junior Sarabéth Brockley, an art major at the time, on the path toward making a major contribution to the recovery of the Lehigh Gap Wildlife Refuge located at the Palmerton Zinc Pile Superfund site.

Along with Diane Husic, chair and professor of biology, Brockley is studying the sandwort (*Minuartia patula*), a small annual plant that serves as an indicator of contamination and recovery. Their work is supported by Moravian’s SOAR (Student Opportunities for Academic Research) program. (See “SOARing Ahead,” below.)

“Sandwort is not a native plant—it grows nowhere else in Pennsylvania. It is commonly found around old mine reclamation sites and areas with naturally high levels of heavy metals in western states,” explains Brockley, who is now majoring in environmental science and photography. “The plant can take up contaminants from the soil and potentially immobilize them within its tissues, while many other plants are intolerant of heavy metals and can’t survive.”

Brockley collected random tissue samples of sandwort and soil and mapped the sites using Google Earth, then analyzed the samples to determine sandwort’s heavy metal uptake.

Professor Husic has taken a special interest in the area’s recovery. The College’s partnership with LGWR, a 750-acre tract on the Kittatinny Ridge in eastern Pennsylvania, began in 2005 through a National Science Foundation grant and plant science consortium she co-directed.

“Eighty years of zinc smelter air pollution resulted in a landscape almost devoid of vegetation,” explains Husic. “In 2003, metal-tolerant warm season grasses were tested as a potential way to re-vegetate the steep terrain, stabilize erosion, sequester the toxic metals, and serve as the first step in habitat restoration. Our hope is that the sandwort will serve as an indicator to see if this process is actually occurring. As the grasses spread and other plants become established, the sandwort may begin to disappear, a sign that the restoration is succeeding.”

Brockley plans to continue her research during her senior year, then will attend graduate school. “Working with Professor Husic, I learned a lot,” she says. “SOAR makes important connections between students and professors, and supports research of statewide importance. I’m amazed I was able to spend my summer pursuing my passion for environmental science.”
Five Score Hall of Fame Recognition

The Moravian College Athletic Hall of Fame inducted five new members—Douglas Durepo ’94, Alan Heverly ’96, Thomas Ike ’90, Vince Seaman ’65, and Joe Hoffmeier ’88—and the 1975-76 men’s basketball team on October 17.

Douglas Durepo, a standout on the Moravian football team for three seasons, helped the Greyhounds to a 1993 Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Commonwealth League title and berth in the NCAA Division III Playoffs. As a tight end, he earned First Team All-American on the Champion/USA team and was 1993 MAC Commonwealth Player of the Year.

As captain of the men’s tennis team, Heverly led the Greyhounds to the 1996 MAC Commonwealth League title, while earning a spot on the GTE Academic All-America First Team. Heverly also was named the team’s most valuable player and received the Blue & Grey Senior Male Scholar-Athlete Award.

Ike, a four-year letter winner in football, played on the 1988 MAC Championship team, which had a berth in the NCAA Division III playoffs. In 1989, as co-captain, he earned All-MAC honors and received Moravian’s Outstanding Offensive Lineman award.

Seaman was a four-year standout on both the football and baseball teams. He won the Varsity “M” Club Outstanding Athlete Award in 1964, the Omicron Gamma Omega Scholar Athlete Award in 1965, and was Moravian’s National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete in 1965.

Joe Hoffmeier ’88 received the Robert Martin Herbstman Award for teamwork, leadership, and selflessness that exemplifies the spirit of Moravian College athletics. Hoffmeier lettered four years for the Moravian track and field team and two years for the cross county squad. Since graduating, Hoffmeier has served as president of the Lehigh Valley Alumni Club and the Blue & Grey Club.

Also receiving accolades was the 1975-76 men’s basketball team, which had an 18-8 overall record and tied for MAC Southern Division Southwest Championship.

The Winners’ Circle

Ozzie Brown ’08 won the 2008 NCAA Division III National Championship in the decathlon at the Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in May, setting a Moravian school record and NCAA Division III season best point total. The national title was Brown’s second. He won the long jump title at the 2008 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field National Championships.

For the second consecutive year, Rebecca Angstadt ’08 was named to the 2008 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America College Division Women’s At-Large First Team, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Angstadt, a tennis player, was one of Moravian’s two Robbins ECAC Scholar-Athletes.

Heidi Wolfsberger ’02 won the women’s title at the 2008 Steamtown Marathon, October 12, in Scranton. She posted a time of 2:44:28, just 27 seconds shy of the course record.
Six Honored at Awards Ceremony

Six distinguished Moravian College alumni were honored at the 8th Annual Alumni Association Awards Ceremony, held September 19, 2008, at the Priscilla Payne Hurd Campus.

Comenius Award: Lloyd H. Michael ’64 of Houston, Texas, is senior associate dean of admissions and professor in the Departments of Medicine, Surgery, and Molecular Physiology and Biophysics at Baylor College of Medicine. He is a director of the DeBakey Heart Center and fellow of the American Heart Association. Along with Michael E. DeBakey, M.D., Lloyd has been a spokesman for the responsible use of animals in medical research. He received a B.S. in biology from Moravian, M.S. in physiology from Kent State University, and Ph.D. in medical physiology from the University of Ottawa School of Medicine.

Benigna Education Award: Holden T. Waterman ’70 of West Hartford, Connecticut, is associate professor and director of the Asian Studies Outreach Program at the University of Vermont, and a founding member of the Connecticut Association for Middle Level Education. He received a B.A. in music education from Moravian, M.Ed. from the University of Vermont, and Ed.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

Haupert Humanitarian Award: Honnie P. Spencer ’90 of Lake Norman, North Carolina, is medical director of both the Cabarrus Community Health Centers Inc. and Perdue Wellness Center, as well as founder of the Logan Community Music School for indigent children and adults. She received a B.S. in biology and B.A. in classical piano performance from Moravian, and M.D. from Case Western Reserve School of Medicine. She also holds an Associate and Licentiate Diploma in Music from the Trinity College of Music in London.

Honorary Alumna: Brenda J. Krajci of Saucon Valley, Pennsylvania, along with her husband, the late Cy Krajci ’65, co-chaired Moravian’s presidential inaugural committee for President Christopher M. Thomforde. A member of the Moravian College Music Alliance, she serves on the Great Artist Series Committee. She also has supported alumni relations, development, New Bethany Ministries, and more. A room in the Priscilla Payne Hurd Academic Complex was named in honor of her parents and in-laws.

Emerging Leader: Kevin R. Bush ’02 of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, is a social studies teacher and head track and field coach at Liberty High School in Bethlehem. Kevin has been a member of the Alumni Board, chair of the Alumni Weekend 5K races, and homecoming volunteer. He received his B.A. in social science education from Moravian. Earlier this year, he completed his M.Ed. in curriculum design and instruction.

Emerging Leader: Scott A. Heydt ’02 of Chalfont, Pennsylvania, teaches at Groveland Elementary School in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, where he received a Promising Practices Award and Central Bucks School District Apple Award. He is a member of the Alumni Board and is international director of academic affairs for Delta Tau Delta’s board. He earned his B.A. in psychology and teacher certification from Moravian and has continued his education at Duquesne University.

New Alumni Board Helping You “Stay Connected for Life”

Five alumni stepped up as new members of the Alumni Board, attending their first meeting on September 20. The Board will help execute the Association’s new strategic plan, while reinforcing its mission to build and strengthen the alumni community, based on Moravian’s heritage and traditions. New board members are Peter Chimera ’88 of North Wales, Pa., Barry L. Gaal ’61 of Bethlehem, Linda Shay Gardner ’74 of Bethlehem, Kelly McLean Rindock ’03 of Allentown, Pa., and Scott T. Williams ’04 of Silver Spring, Md. Read more about them at www.moravian.edu/alumni.
Homecoming Happenings

Jam-packed with activities, Homecoming 2008 will be remembered for tailgating before, during, and after the 23-20 victory over Franklin & Marshall; coffee with President Thomforde; and the first Fifth Quarter reunion party for the classes of ’83, ’88, ’93, ’98, ’03, and ’08, and soccer alumni.

October 17-18, 2008

Smiling faces all around: Happy Homecomers gathered at Steel Field and nearby parking lots for tailgating (center photos), before heading to the HUB for the first Fifth Quarter reunion party (top and bottom photos).

Summer Connections

Hound Hour
September 18

Recent grads gathered at Allentown’s Mezza Luna.

HoundFEST
August 24

Welcoming the freshman class with a new tradition.
From the Alumni House:

**Danielle Lyn** graduated from Marywood University with an M.A. in art therapy. She is an art therapist in New Brunswick, N.J.

**Emilia Suarez** got through the grueling didactic portion of the physician assistant master’s program at Seton Hill University. She plans to work on a research project in Mexico and graduate in August.

**Eric Stein** has earned his master’s degree in library and information science from Drexel University in Philadelphia. He is employed by Scribe Publishing.

**Eileen Weber** married **Andrew DeAngelis** ’05 at Packer Chapel on the Lehigh Campus. **Adam Spaugh** was the soloist.

**Jill Seyfried** married Tyson Frack April 20, 2007, in Maui, Hawaii. She is pursuing her M.B.A. at DeSales University and plans to move to San Diego.

**Sarah Baer** received a joint M.A. in music and women’s and gender studies from Brandeis University in May. She received the Izak Kazes Prize, given for outstanding achievement, integrity, and passion for learning.

**Geoff Roche** sends, “Greetings to classmates and other alumni.” Geoff was hired by the Pocono Health System in East Stroudsburg, Pa., as Community Relations Coordinator. He lives with his family in Lower Nazareth Township.

**Matt Garr** is head equipment manager at Moravian. He supervises athletic equipment operations and assists staff with purchasing.

**Peter Moore** was invited to spring training for the Somerset Patriots, three-time Atlantic League Champions. Peter is assistant baseball coach for Moravian College.

**Peter Garr** is head equipment manager at Moravian CIT and is pursuing an M.B.A. at Moravian. He supervises athletic equipment operations and assists staff with purchasing.

**Benjamin West** teaches music at Moravian Academy Lover School and is musical director for the theatre department at DeSales University. He’s also completing a Master of Music degree from West Chester University.

**Nathan Diehl** teaches music at Moravian College. He lived in Nazareth Township.

**Clifford Garr** ’07 on May 30, 2009, in Bethlehem. She has been working for Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley since graduation and is victim/witness coordinator at Lehigh County Courthouse. Cliff has been working for Bridgestone/Firestone Corporation and is manager of vehicle services.

**Regina LaCaruba**; 40 Highfield Road; Bloomfield, NJ 07003; Regina_lacaruba@yahoo.com

**From Regina:**

**Stephanie Russo** is a new homeowner!

Michelle Lala and I attended her house-warming in Lake Hopatcong, N.J.

**Aaron Irvine** was married to Stacy King June 22, 2008. Aaron now works for UPS.

**Kirsil Spinks** was accepted to Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design at University of the Arts London, where she will pursue a master’s in communication arts.

**Christina Wallace** is engaged to marry **Clifford Garr** ’07 on May 30, 2009, in Bethlehem. She has been working for Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley since graduation and is victim/witness coordinator at Lehigh County Courthouse. Cliff has been working for Bridgestone/Firestone Corporation and is manager of vehicle services.

**Stephanie Beitler** received a Juris Doctor from Roger Williams University School of Law in May.

**From the Alumni House:**

**Heather Post** and **Rich Villone** ’04 were married June 16, 2007. They reside in Bethlehem Township, Pa.

**Christina Scherwin** competed for Denmark in the track and field competition in the Olympics. She was Denmark’s only female medal hopeful.

**James Feimster** plays soccer in the National Premier Soccer League with the Pennsylvania Stoners. The team was ranked first in the Northeast Division.

**Stephanie Beiler** received a Juris Doctor from Roger Williams University School of Law in May.

**From the Alumni House:**

**Cassie Goobic** and **Michael Bruno** were married in November 2008. Cassie is an elementary teacher in North Merrick, N.Y. The couple lives on Long Island.

**Elizabeth Foley** received a D.V.M. from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine and passed the National Board Examination. Her graduation ceremony was held in June at Madison Square Garden in New York.

**Josh Schrayer** is a nonlinear video editor working for LVTV, a branch of Viamedia LLC. His commercials and shows are aired on LVTV49 and TV13.

**Heather Kuntz Newhard** had a baby boy, Grady Paul Newhard, on December 17. She finished her master’s degree from Wilkes
University in classroom technology.

**Kate Story** graduated with a doctorate in osteopathic medicine from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She has an internship at Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Springfield, Pa.

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**2003**

Regina Lacomb; 161 Brown Street; Philadelphia, PA 19123; pifairy@aol.com

From Regina:

Robin Kraft lives in Montclair, N.J., and works for the American Cancer Society in West Orange as director of their Relay for Life event. Jeff Meila teaches fourth grade in Bethlehem, and just bought a home there. Lori Geisinger received a promotion to document control coordinator for Hitachi Power Systems America Ltd. Lori Sansone obtained her M.A. in educational psychology at Montclair State University, and is working toward her school psychologist certification after completion of her internship.

Lisa Gorman married Bill Engler in May 2008. Drew Hinkel and Andrea Frankenfield ’04 became engaged while at Disney World last Thanksgiving.


Annie Corless and Ryan Lane were married November 17, 2007, in Hartford, Connecticut. Annie and Ryan live in West Hartford, where Annie is a graphic designer with Distinctive Directories and Ryan is an internal wholesaler with MetLife.

Colleen Gunther and Matt Wilburgh are expecting their second baby. They also have a daughter, Cora, 3.

Kiley Guyton and her husband, Oscar Acosta, had a baby boy, Nikai Odell Suazo Guyton Acosta. Anne Dietrich Johns and her husband, Jeffery, had a baby girl, Anya, in April 2007. Lauren Spencer Geyeski and her husband, David, had a second boy, Carter David, March 15, 2007.

Jon Buskirk and Brynn Saltzer Buskirk ‘04 had a baby boy, Nolan Russell, March 15, 2008. Brynn works at Lehigh University and Jon is employed by the City of Bethlehem.

I’m in Boston. After I graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with my Pediatric Nurse Practitioner degree, I got a job in the epilepsy and neurophysiology department at Children’s Hospital, Boston. Boston is great, but I do miss Philadelphia!

From the Alumni House:

Steven Sweeney received a Ph.D. in physics from Lehigh University on April 25, 2008. After summer teaching positions at Lehigh and Moravian, he became a tenure-track assistant professor at King’s College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Marissa Sharon has received a $4,000 American Restaurant Award through the James Beard Foundation and a $1,000 academic scholarship through Study Abroad Italy. She will use the scholarships to attend the Italian Baking and Pastry certification program at Apicius International School of Hospitality in Florence, Italy.

Josh Zagorski is an eighth grade math teacher at Evesham Public School in Evesham Township, N.J. He is also an assistant football coach at Cinnaminson High School.

Erica Huesser and Bill Trub returned to campus last spring to speak to students about their careers. Erica, who majored in art, is assistant art director for Philadelphia magazine and art director for Pennsylvania’s Official Wine and Spirits Quarterly. She has had several articles published in Philadelphia Home magazine. Bill, whose career path began with graduate work at Cardiff University in Wales, has a certificate in teaching English as a foreign language, and work for two poetry publications, is now associate editor of Business Facilities magazine.

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**2002**

Brienne Wilson; 105 Princeton Avenue; Princeton, NJ 08540; briennewilson@gmail.com

From the Alumni House:

Brian Corvino, a partner in PharmaStrat Inc., has been recognized as one of the 100 most inspiring people in the life sciences industry by Pharmacy Voice magazine, given to “individuals who are setting the standard for corporate leadership, research development, technology enhancement, creativity, marketing, strategy, and more.”

Nicole Lynn Grube graduated with a doctorate in osteopathic medicine from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Her internship is at St. Luke’s Hospital, Allentown, Pa.

Katie Mosher is working for STRIDE Adaptive Sports in program development. She will assist in fund development and establishing partnerships in the community through marketing and public relations.

Jennifer Ressler Perreault is serving as interim chaplain for pastoral care at Moravian. She is in her third year at the Seminary.

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**2001**

Kourtney Parrella; 18209 Cornerstone Drive; Yardley, PA 19067; sunshine92779@msn.com

From Kourtney:

Tamra Nichols was promoted to supervisor at Paychex Inc. She is celebrating her fifth anniversary with the company.

Jackie Debrescia Torres and her husband, Jose Torres, had their first child, Alexander Rafael Torres, November 19, 2007, in Hendersonville, N.C.

Jerry Vinci’s business, Vinci Designs and Publishing, has expanded to feature web housing and domain management, as well as web design and publishing. In February 2008, he joined a touring band, Rumor Mill, which is based in Pensacola, Fla.

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**2000**

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

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

From the Alumni House:

Tanya Rapp Carroll ’00 and Sean Carroll ’98, who celebrated their three-year wedding anniversary in July, live in Westfield, N.J. Sean is a realtor and Tanya is operations manager for an administrative staffing firm in central New Jersey. They sing together in the Cranford-based choir Celebration Singers.

Michael Susek completed the Master of Public Administration degree for the University of Colorado Denver’s School of Public Affairs. He was named Outstanding M.P.A. Spring 2008 Graduate by the School of Public Affairs. His thesis work was on ethics education in M.P.A. programs.
From Krisa:

Derek Edward Reusser has been living in Tampa, Fla., since 1997. He and his wife, Tonya, had their first child, Derek Raymond, April 2, 2006. Derek runs his own graphic design business, which specializes in magazine production.

I have my own news to report. On May 29, 2008, our family grew by two feet. Calia Adela was born, joining sister Elena, 3, and brother Lucas, 6. Calia was born four weeks early and weighed only 5 lbs. 1 oz., but she is doing just fine.

From the Alumni House:

Nina Lowe Felix and Scott Felix were married April 5, 2005. They bought a house in Jeffersonville, Pa., and are slowly fixing it up. Nina has been working for Aetna for nearly 10 years; fellow greyhound Adam Weikert ’03 works in her department.

Beth Rosenthal started the New Jersey Chapter Support Group for Benign Brain Tumor Survivors in February.

Sedef Koktenturk qualified to represent her native country, Turkey, in the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in women’s windsurfing.

Christopher A. Ward was recently elected managing shareholder of the Wilmington, Del., office for Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Edmondson PC.

From Denise:

Dena Mendlon Emerson and her husband, Keith, welcomed their son Reece Jacob Emerson on August 18, 2006.

Karen Leh Stueber e-mailed the following news: “On October 14, 2007, my husband Ron and I welcomed our second child, Rebecca Jane. Her big brother Tyler was 3 on April 15, 2008, his godmother is Sue Howe Ryker ’95. We still live in Houston, near Johnson Space Center. I have been with Cyberonics Inc. for 10 years and was recently promoted to domestic regulatory specialist. “My husband Ron has been with United Space Alliance at NASA for 11 years as an engineer. He supports the International Space Station and shuttle missions and recently worked as surface support on the NEEMO project (NASA’s underwater habitat) in the Florida Keys.”

Colleen Lacey Whelpley has lived in Providence, R.I., for the past five years. She works for EMC at their corporate headquarters in Hopkinton, Mass., as a senior program manager. She and her husband, Larry, celebrated their fifth anniversary in June. They volunteer for NEADS, serving as a foster family for puppies being trained as service dogs.

And finally, Greg O’Neil and his wife, Christina, had a baby boy, Sean Patrick O’Neil, in February 2008.

From the Alumni House:

Paul Phillips is married with two children: Raleigh Bryne, born July 2002, and Connor Owen, born June 2007. He is a corporal with the Fulton County Police Department and is recovering from a gunshot wound. He has had two surgeries and expects to have more to regain use of his left hand and arm.

From the Alumni House:

Jodi Piekarski, graduated May 17, 2008, from Pennsylvania State University with a D.Ed. in adult education.

Eliza Williamson and Heather celebrated their first wedding anniversary June 16, 2008. They were legally married in Massachusetts and had a ceremony and celebration on Peaks Island in Maine.

Kathryn Burke, gallery coordinator at Muhlenberg College’s Martin Art Gallery,
Melody Maker

Connecting with her audience makes all the hard work worthwhile for singer-songwriter Lisa Bodnar ’91. Inspired by distinct melodies she heard in movie scores, Lisa would spend hours at the piano playing melodies as they came to her. Now, her melodies are inspiring others. Lisa’s most recent album Coming Home to Me was recorded in four Grammy categories: Best New Artist, Best Pop Vocal Album, Best Engineered Album Non-Classical, and Producer of the Year.

An English and business management graduate, with a minor in music, Lisa discovered her love of performance while singing with the Moravian College Choir under the direction of Richard and Monica Schantz. “The Schantz’ enthusiasm for performing music and having fun really made an impact on me,” she says.

She credits Larry Lipkis, professor of music and composer-in-residence, with giving her the confidence to believe she could attain her dream of a music career.

“What keeps me performing is hearing from listeners from all over the world, telling me how much my music has touched them,” she says. “I feel we are on this earth to help one another, and I am really happy that one of the ways I can do this is through music.”

For more information about Lisa and her music, visit lisabodnar.com.

collaborated with Joshua Fink ’04, curator of the Liberty Bell Museum in Allentown, Pa., on an illustration project for the Museum.

1992

John S. Nunnenmacher; 11607 Acama St. Apt 11; Studio City, CA 91604-2906; classnotes92@griffinparkstudio.com

Michael Q. Roth; 1499 Red Oak R.; Allentown, PA 18104; stanger@epix.net

From the Alumni House:

David Weinlick and his wife Elizabeth, who married at the Mall of America only hours after they met, were on the Today Show in June, celebrating their 10th anniversary. They are happily married and have three children.

1991

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

From the Alumni House:

Avaya, a global provider of business communications applications systems and services, announced the appointment of Bob Lyons to lead the company’s global contact center organization as general manager and vice president of their customer service applications division.

1990

Mary Beth Sierzega Afferbach; 4425 Spruce St.; Whitehall, PA 18052; afferbachmb@yahoo.com

From the Alumni House:

Walt Wandall was appointed head track and field coordinator/cross country director at Moravian. He had served as interim head coach after Doug Pollard’s passing.

1989

Reunion

May 29-30, 2009

Kerri Selland Pepoy; 9409 Foulks Ranch Dr.; Elk Grove, CA 95758; kerripepoy@yahoo.com

From Kerri:

Holly Hutchinson recently moved from Los Angeles to Nashville. She co-manages the band Resident Hero. She has had her own entertainment company for about six years, working as a consultant, artist manager, and executive. She says her career keeps her super busy but she loves it.

Lucien Kouassi’s band Jamallad recorded an album that will be sold in major stores nationwide. Unfortunately, while touring with his band in Hawaii, Lucien fell and injured his spinal cord. After surgery he is walking again with some difficulty. Despite his struggle, Lucien is enjoying great success with his music career. He lives in Los Angeles, where he is also a music teacher in the Los Angeles School District.

Bob Emery continues to work in sales and marketing in the steel industry for AcelorMittal. He has two sons and was training for his second Ironman triathlon.

Finally, I will be stepping down as class correspondent. If you would like to take over as class correspondent, please e-mail alumrel@moravian.edu.

1988

Dianne Pelaggi; 3202 Rambeau Rd.; Bethlehem, PA 18020; diannefp@rcn.com

From Dianne:

It’s been 20 years since we graduated from Moravian! Are you crossing those things off your life “to-do” list?

Renee Rueckner DePinto lives in Skillman, N.J., and is happily married to Joe. They have two children—Joe, 11, and Nikki, 7. Renee owns a home-staging business, RAD Home Staging & Design Inc.

Robin DeMarco Calandra still works part-time at the family’s cheese business, Calandra’s Cheese, in Nazareth, Pa. Her husband, Sal III ‘89, has been employed with BOC Gases since 1989 and works part-time for the family business, as well. Their daughter Lauren, 14, has been dancing for 12 years, and won a scholarship to the Giordano School of Dance near Chicago. Sal IV, 12, plays basketball and baseball, and made the Nazareth Area Middle School golf team. Sal III coaches his son’s basketball and baseball teams.

Julie Imhoff Viola left Nutley, N.J., and has gone west! Her husband Jim was hired as a national marketing manager for Italian motorcycle company Ducati, and the family
was relocated to the San Jose, California, area. Julie and Jim have two children, Thomas, 13, and Caroline, 10.

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

From Diane:

Pam Messerschmidt is enrolled in a Master of Library and Information Sciences program at Simmons College and working at the Goodwin Memorial Library in South Hadley, Mass. She is interning at the Mount Holyoke College Library in South Hadley.

Ray Pfeiffer was recently promoted to full professor at the Isenberg School of Management in the accounting department. He and his wife have two children, Lizzie, 11, and Catie, 7.

Alumni who attended our class reunion last fall included Pam Romig Schulett and her husband, Fred, who came up from Maryland. They have one daughter, Emma, age 10. Anne Boutin traveled from her home in Las Vegas. She and her husband have three children, ages 6, 8, and 10. She works part-time for Project Sunshine of Nevada. Mandy Taylor Roth is creative director for Armstrong. She and her husband, Jim Roth, have two boys, ages 3 and 10. Edie Fuchs Lewis lives in Pa., with her husband and their two daughters, Julia, 14, and Caroline, 10. She is a reading specialist for Lower Merion School District. Steph Schweder Kratzer and her husband also attended. Steph is the director of major and corporate gifts for Lehigh Valley Hospital. Denise O’Neil is a dean for Cedar Crest College. Trisha Koons lives in Radnor, Pa., with her husband and their two children, Emily, 14, and Philip, 13.

Kathleen Hanifan Hoke, who helped organize the reunion, lives in N.J., with her husband, Harris ’85, and their children, Harris and Bridget.

I owe Sandy Hammel Cinque big thanks for taking notes for me. Sandy lives in New Jersey, with her husband, John, and their children, Jennifer, 9, and Joseph, 5. Sandy is the corporate nurse for GlaxoSmithKline in Parsippany, N.J. Sandy also saw Cathy Dunn, Doreen Paterson, and Bonnie Higgins at the reunion.

I attended the reunion with my son, Brennan, age 10. We live in Springfield, N.J., where I have my own financial planning company, Crossroads Planning.

From the Alumni House:

Frank Donchez will become the new police chief of Davenport, Iowa, in March. He retired as police commissioner for Bethlehem in 2006, then was appointed special projects consultant for the Easton police department. Frank has more than 25 years of experience in law enforcement.

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

1985
Lynn Muschitz LaBarre; 651 Long Lane Road; Walnutport, PA 18088; labarrefam@fast.net

Paula Colizzo Lewinski; 118 Springdale Lane; Lansdale, PA 19446-3529; pjlewinski@comcast.net

From Paula:

Grace Sih had a baby girl, Jasmine, January 12, 2008. Joan Lester was among the guests that attended the baby shower in New York City. Grace still works as a fashion designer in Manhattan, dividing her time between her apartment in the city and her home in Rockland County. Still a competitive tennis player, Grace continued to play into the early part of her pregnancy. Her team went on to Nationals.

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Leigh Newbaker Smith; 10 Stockton Sergeantsville Rd; Stockton, NJ 08559; cjsmithnj@comcast.net

From Leigh:

LaurieAnn Yeisley-Drogin stays in touch with Diane Sciabica Mandra and Terresa Hoadley Langston, and every once in a while hears from Mary Kay Greene. She sees and gets to hang out with Tammy Jacoby Dilenidik a few times a year. She also is in touch with Patti Berger Bartolacci and Annette Picucci Burke. Laurie and her husband, Eric, will be married 23 years in December. She is the pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Boston, as well as the chair and co-founder of Boston’s Promise, a faith community.

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

From Karen:

Sean Diviny lives in Los Angeles and is a television writer. His latest show, Special Agent Oso, is on The Disney Channel.

Michael Dougherty is married to Lisa and has three children: Katie, 13, who plays basketball, lacrosse, and guitar; Michael, 12, who plays basketball and video games; and Christina, 8. Dougherty coaches his kids’ basketball teams and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He stays in touch with Robert DeLuca, “a prominent Philadelphia attorney” and John Delutis, “a successful New Jersey construction manager.”

Fritz Helfrich still tinkers with motors and brings engines back to life. He recently joined Flexicon as a purchasing manager.

Dawn Bullaro Stawiarski is the proud mother of three boys: CJ, in his third year at Drexel, is in Navy ROTC and wants to be a pilot; Anthony, a high school senior, plans to attend community college for a bit; and Alex, a freshman, plays guitar and drums in a band. Dawn, an R.N. at a hospital near Philadelphia, reports that life in South Jersey is great.

I’m still busy on many fronts. Last winter, I was awarded the Boy Scouts’ District Award of Merit, the highest award the district gives to volunteers. It is a great honor and was a big surprise. As I write, I’m getting ready for my ninth year of coaching baseball, and I’m really excited about the upcoming season.

From the Alumni House:

Patricia Amin received the Northampton Community College Service to NCC Award at the Alumni Award mixer on October 8, 2008.

Bruce D. Eden was named vice-president and portfolio manager in the Portfolio Management Division of Fulton Financial Advisors.

Jon Burcaw has been working at FlexLink Systems Inc. in Allentown as an engineering center coordinator. He also had an article published in the Muscular Dystrophy Association’s Quest magazine. Jon’s son, Shane, 16, who was born with spinal muscular atrophy type 2, learned to drive a power wheelchair at 3 years of age. Shane and his
younger brother, Andrew, learned early on that the wheelchair was a great source of fun and sport. Jon is extremely proud of their close relationship and their love of life.

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

From the Alumni House:
Brian Oswald has accepted a position as managing director of finance at Prospect Capital Corporation, a closed-end investment company that generates current income and long-term capital appreciation through debt and equity investments.

1981
Craig “Kegger” Bartlett; 2405 W. Bayberry Drive; Harrisburg, PA 17112; cbavfco@aol.com

From Craig:
Tom Kocis has lived in Allentown since graduation. He and his wife of 24 years have two sons, Jason and Justin. Both boys are married and live within a mile of their parents. Tom says, “I find this funny because they swore they were going to move to California or Florida when they were teenagers.” Tom works in banking and accounting.

Joe Kubrack ’82, Joey Donegan, and I spent a few hours in Gettysburg reminiscing about the old days. Within 5 minutes, we were back to 1981, albeit with a tad more baggage than we had in those days. Joe, a partner with a real estate company in Frederick, Md., is planning to marry Melinda, a Pennsylvania girl.

1980
Molly Donaldson Brown; 1906 Wenner St.; Allentown, PA 18103; unsinkable@fast.net

1979
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Steve Vanya; 3119 Red Lawn Dr.; Bethlehem, PA 18017; van0087@enter.net

From the Alumni House:
Michael McGrath, a member of the Oblate order of St. Francis DeSales, has been featured in USA Today, the St. Anthony Messenger, and in many leading Catholic publications.

Keith Baeder has recently been promoted to senior vice president for the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company. He oversees the gardens business in North America, primarily under the Miracle-Gro brand. Prior to joining Scotts in 1992, Keith was a senior brand manager at Church & Dwight and held leadership positions in marketing with Nestle and Lehn & Fink.

George P. Kurtz Jr. has joined PGB Trust & Investments, a division of Peapack-Gladstone Bank, Gladstone, N.J., as vice president and trust officer responsible for business development.

Tom Shaheen and his wife, Kathy, celebrated their 27th anniversary last September. Tom has two daughters, 24 and 20, and two sons, 19 and 17. He works in Harrisburg and lobbies for pro-family causes.

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

From Dawn:
Cindy Bear Dunne’s son Ryan is a restaurant manager at Fox Hollow Golf Club in Bridgewater, N.J. Her daughter Megan is a junior at Rutgers University. Cindy teaches first grade at Amsterdam Elementary School in Hillsboro, N.J.


Karen Boyer Guyton and Odell ’77 are grandparents! Their daughter Kiley ’03 gave birth to Nikai Odell Suazo Guyton Acosta on August 14, 2007. Kiley and her husband, Oscar, live in Albuquerque, N.M., where Kiley is finishing her Ph.D. at U.N.M. Their daughter Dana graduated from the University of Hawaii last year, and is launching her own Internet business. Their son Jeff started at the University of California, Berkeley, and will play defensive tackle for the Golden Bears. Odell continues to travel around the globe for Microsoft, and Karen spends much of her time photographing the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

Pat Corpora recently launched a direct response consulting business, Corpora Consulting. Pat spent 20 years at Rodale Press, where he was president of the book division for 10 years. He moved to Leesburg, Va., to take the position of senior vice president at AGL. In 2003, Pat was recruited to become CEO of HCI Direct. After five years, with the company stable and growing, he sold the business and decided to go into business for himself. Pat and his wife, Sandy, an artist, live in the oldest single-family home in the Historic District of Bethlehem, built in 1749.

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

From John:
Bruce Weaknecht became a grandfather! His son Josh ’03 and Josh’s wife, Carrie, had a baby girl, Hailey Jo Weaknecht. Bruce’s daughter, Gretchen, survived her freshman year at Moravian. Marissa ’04 graduated from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; she will serve her internship at Pinnacle Health/Community General Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg.

Dan Mittenberger continues to work at Penn State, training police officers and sheriff’s deputies. He also conducted training in Trinidad three times this year—a welcome break from the Pennsylvania winter.

Kathy Chism is working on a new web site for Dream One World. The site, www.dreamoneworld.com, features quotes, stories, links, and a few surprises.

John Fauerbach passed the National and Montana State Mortuary Science Boards and is in negotiations to purchase the Mortuary Chapel in Chester, Mont. His son Johnny Jr., is ranked at the state level in high school track. His events are the 1600, 3200, and relay races. Locals call him “Johnny Kick,” due to his sprints to the finish. A future greyhound? Dad can only hope.

1976
K. Dale Zusi Scolnick; 45 Lake Trail East; Morristown, NJ 07960
1975
Susan Bacci Adams; 402 Willow Road West; Staten Island, NY 10314; sba402@aol.com

1974
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Cyndee Andreas Grifo; 6988 Crystal Springs Rd.; Cincinnati, OH 45227; Cgrifo@zoomtown.com

From Cyndee:
My husband, Jim ’73, is leaving his position as president of Touchstone Investments in Cincinnati. He is not quite ready to say he is retiring; he prefers to call it a career change. We hope to spend our winters in Florida. My sister and I have decided to job share at a private school in Port Charlotte, Fla., allowing us the flexibility to travel. The most exciting news, however, is that Jim and I expect to be grandparents for the first time in November.

From the Alumni House:
Joseph E. Kempfer retired in July 2007, after 30+ years in public school special education. He was the director of special education in the Stroudsburg Area School District since 1996. Joe is back at Moravian part-time as assistant director of learning services for disability support.

1973
Dennis Jones; 833 Hoover Drive; Apollo, PA 15613; djones@keystone-auto.com

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

1972
Terrell McMann; 712 Fire Lane; Bethlehem, PA 18015; mcmann1@enter.net

1971
John Madison; 5749 Blue Grass Trail; Coopersburg, PA 18036-1835; Aretiredst8ie@aol.com

Constance M. Sokalsky; 1441 Hillcrest Court No. 210; Camp Hill, PA 17011-8021; Connie_sokalsky@hilton.com

From Connie:
Still editing and publishing books, Swanee Roberts Ballman and her husband, Frank, found some land they loved in Newnan, Ga., and are working diligently to build their house. Their son Shane works for AirTran, and lives 3 miles away. Their son Andrew graduated with a B.S. in computer game design last year and is working on a Wii game in California. Their daughter, Tara, is a vice president of business continuity at Financial Freedom’s headquarters; she has begun her M.B.A. at U.C. Irvine. Stay tuned for further news as Swanee’s screenplay is likely to be made into a movie in 2009.

Charlotte Hannon Ahner writes from her home in Lake Worth, Fla. Daughter Jennifer, who works for a law firm, still lives in Atlanta, while son Bill lives in Lancaster and works for a law firm in Reading.

Janice Goldberg Fischel sells photographic note cards through regional stores and won a prize in a local photo competition this year. Her son, Josh, graduated from the Gerald Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan in May, where he was voted the student graduation speaker. He and his fiancée, Cameren, will be married in Duxbury, Mass., next August.

1970
Denise Maday Greiner; 309 High Street; Catasauqua, PA 18032-1428; damg1210@aol.com

From the Alumni House:
Pamela Littlefield and her husband retired a few years ago and moved from New Jersey to southern Utah, near Zion National Park, where they hike, explore, and learn.

On the Front Line

Colonel Russell G. Gelormini ’80—chairman and chief of radiology, nuclear medicine, and radiation oncology at Keesler Air Force Base—uses cutting-edge technology to save lives, often from thousands of miles away. Russell specializes in teleradiology—interpreting imaging studies from a remote location. From Germany’s Landstuhl Army Base, for instance, he accessed and interpreted studies from the war zone in Bosnia. Earlier in his career, he researched the effects of G-forces on the human body; that work has had international impact.

Russell says his undergraduate years at Moravian helped launch him on this challenging but rewarding path. He credits Frank Kuserk, professor of biology, for encouraging his interest in life sciences and his pursuit of a career in medicine. “We often talked about biology outside of class, and he was a role model for me,” Russell recalls. “I don’t think he ever realized what an important part he played in my education and life.” Attending Moravian also helped prepare him for world travel. Small, personalized classes in religion, history, and the arts “were a great asset in understanding other cultures,” he says. “In fact, my years at Moravian remain one of the highlights of my life.”
1969
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Update: Caroline Funk Rabold; 26 Aberdeen; Plymouth, MA 02360; ccrabold@yahoo.com

1968
George Berger; 107 Mohawk Drive; Johnstown, PA 15905; berger@vms.cis.pitt.edu
Jill Stefko; 671 Ferry St. #1; Easton, PA 18042; ravenfirephd@yahoo.com

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

1966
David Berg; 8108 Foxberry Ln., No. 1514; Pasadena, MD 21122; dgberg@erols.com

1965

From the Alumni House:

Ted Bowman received the Outstanding Achievement Award in recognition for his many contributions to the National Association for Poetry Therapy and the use of the literary expressive arts in his work. He has taught family education courses at the University of Minnesota since 1981 and is also an adjunct professor in the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Saint Thomas. He is a well-known speaker and educator in the U.S. and U.K., where he has worked for more than 15 years.

William Horvath writes that he must resign as class correspondent, after many years. If you are interested in becoming our new correspondent, please contact phanna@moravian.edu. Thanks for your service, Will!

1963
Bill Leicht; 16819 N. 59th Place; Scottsdale, AZ 85254; Fax: (602) 493-1949; Leicht1@cox.net

From Bill:

Carol and I were not able to attend the class reunion, but we heard it was a huge success. I received photos from Don Vogel that showed him and his wife, Joann, Marty and Eileen Garcia, Stosh and Gwynne ’64 Gilbert, Gary and Mary Kay Sandercoc, and Dick and Bonnie Bedics. Chuck Stoltz, John Shigo, Bill Pysher, and Bob Preston also appeared in some of the photos.

In Don’s photo of the OGO Alumni at the reunion, I recognized Pete Chimera ’88, Ken Sepe ’61, Sam Maczko ’61, Barry Gaal ’61, Jim McCrudden ’61, Joe Castellano ’61, Tony Matz ’59, Tony “Monk” Morelli ’59, Jack Finelli ’58, and Roy Goshorn ’58.

We spent the Fourth of July week in Teluride, Colo., with our daughter, Dianne, her husband, and our grandkids. In September, we took a Mediterranean cruise from Barcelona to Venice, with ports of call in Italy, Greece, and Croatia.

From the Alumni House:

Robert E. Preston received the Silver Beaver award for distinguished service to young people within a Boy Scouts of America local council. He also received an outstanding service award from the American Camp Association. Robert is the president and CEO of the Camp Doctor Inc. and a Rotary reader, reading to elementary students in disadvantaged schools. He had a long career as an executive with the Boy Scouts of America. He and his wife, Jane, live in Richmond, Va.

1962
Merr Trumbore; 1040 Ebenezer Church Road; Rising Sun, MD 21911; trummy@zoominternet.net

Emma Demuth Williams; 1013 Nicholas Street; Bethlehem, PA 18017; eldv@ptdprolog.net

1961
Sam Maczko; 14 Sunrise Way; Towaco, NJ 07082; sfmaczko@yahoo.com

From Sam:

Tom Christianson raised $3,448 for the Lance Armstrong Foundation by hiking 65 miles in the Austin Live Strong Challenge on behalf of present and future cancer survivors and their families. Tom had his personal best time (4 hours 34 minutes) for the course. A cancer survivor himself, Tom is especially thankful for the support and love of his family and friends.

The OGO Fraternity had its largest pledge class since its re-founding. Several Alumni, including Joe Castellano, returned to campus and spoke to potential pledges about their experiences as an OGO brother. The fraternity recently honored deceased brother John Farace ’69 with the Alumnus of the Year Award and raised more than $1,500 in John’s name for the American Stroke Association. More than $2,000 was donated to the Gus Rampone Scholarship fund from the OGO Alumni Association’s annual golf tournament, and $1,000 in scholarship money was given to current brothers in the memory of Gino Nicolai ’69.

Barry Gaal joined the Alumni Board and is doing exemplary work as a new member and treasurer. Joe Castellano is now president of the Alumni Board.

1960
Peter French; 7018 Honeysuckle Terrace; Bradenton, FL 34202; french@sar.usf.edu

From Peter:

My news is that I stepped down as associate vice president and dean for academic affairs at the University of South Florida’s Sarasota/Manatee campus in early January, returning to the faculty as professor of Africana studies for the spring semester, then fully retiring in May. As dean for academic affairs emeritus, I will continue to have an office on campus. In May, our son married a wonderful girl from Nebraska, so Grace and I have traveled to the upper Midwest.

Although it seems ancient now, the Fourth Annual Moravian Sarasota Weekend was held February 29-March 1. Highlights included golf, theater, lunch with Peter Caputo, vice president for institutional advancement, and the “Bertie Kinsely ’69 Dinner” at the Columbia Restaurant on St. Armand’s circle. The featured new alumnus was Bob Russoli, from Naples, who was welcomed to the boisterous Tony Falco–Jack Finelli table. Included in the luncheon gathering were hosts Peter and Andrea...
Racing to Help

Jeff and Debbie Davis ’72 have owned and operated Specialized Auto Craft in Chatham, N.J., for more than 35 years. While running their successful business, they pursue their passion for high-performance automobiles, winning top awards at national shows and setting speed records. Their specially-constructed Lakester car, which they race at the Bonneville Salt Flats, holds the world land speed record in its class. Along the way, they’ve helped raise funds for a variety of causes, including more than $50,000 to fight breast cancer and juvenile diabetes.

Daughter Amanda Davis, a senior at Moravian, shares her parents’ love for both autos and charity work. While pursuing her degree in psychiatric nursing, she worked for Access Services in Allentown, Pa., helping mentally challenged young adults, many with autism. Last year she gave drag racing a go, piloting a Ford Mustang down the quarter mile. In August, the Bonneville Race Team asked her to represent them in their effort to raise awareness for autism. During Speed Week, August 18-24, she and the crew raised more than $9,000 for Autism Speaks, while reaching a speed of 296 mph. The team will return for SpeedWeek’09 to raise more money for Autism Speaks.

Bilan, Millie Thompson, Burke and Eleanor Johnson, Fred and Wanda Woitcheck, Ken and Bonnie Briggs, Charles and Nancy Singley, Elaine Finelli, Pat Falco, Anita Russoli, and Grace French were there, as well.

Mark your calendars for January 8, 2009, Floridians and “snowbirds.” That’s when President Thomforde will visit Sassafras for a reception. And thinking a little when President Thomforde will visit Sassafras for a reception. And thinking a little

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From Kathy:
Ed Ryan received Pennsylvania’s 2007 AARP Andrus Award for Community Service.

From Daneen:

Daneen Jones Phelps; 1547 Bonnie Drive; Bethlehem, PA 18018; dhphelps@ptd.net

1958

From Daneen:

Those of us who returned for our 50th reunion had a wonderful time. Our class exceeded the contribution goal the committee set. Those of us who attended were inducted into the 50+ Club and had to write something about ourselves to share at the induction. Here are excerpts from the readings.

Bill Herbein retired in 1992 after 30 years with Ohio Rehab Services Commission. He is a member of the Columbus Metropolitan Daylily Society. Bill has been married to Elizabeth for 25 years and has four children and eight grandchildren.

Joe Pulley is a Korean War vet (U.S.M.C.) and former member of the U.S. Border Patrol. In the reserves, he served in the Persian Gulf in ’90 and ’91. He is now a substitute teacher for Salisbury School District.

Dick and Jane Gottwald both taught special education classes in Hartford County, Md., and retired in 1992. They have two daughters, Karen Gottwald Malcom ’81 and Nancy Losagio (better known around Bethlehem as Noodles the Clown), and two granddaughters. They now live in Havre de Grace, Md.

Kay Saderholm teaches at Poughkeepsie High School in New York. She has two children, and she enjoys growing tree peonies.

Janice Kennedy Chorost has had several vocations. She taught English, then became a librarian. When she married Ben Chorost, a toy and hobby wholesaler, she went to work in the toy business. Later she became a nurse, and she continues to work part-time. She has been widowed since 1981.

Lois McDonald Wursta married Buddy Wursta in 1957 and had four children and eleven grandchildren. She likes to paint, travel, and attend her grandchildren’s sports events, which is “a full time job.”

Ruth Salasky Cornwell and her husband, Bill ’57, live in Cary, N.C. They have four sons and three grandsons. A retired preschool teacher, Ruth volunteers at the local hospital and is active with her church.

Jo Ann Tombler Houser has held many administrative positions in industry and the
medical field. She now works for an ophthalmologist in Allentown, Pa. She has two children and a grandson and has been married to Earl Houser for 51 years.

Mike Gallagher has been a certified public accountant since 1962, and is a partner with Beard Miller Co. LCP in Allentown, Pa. Mike has three children and two grandchildren, and his fiancée is Dee Rothrock.

Anastasia Fry had been a nurse at St. Luke’s Hospital, then attended Logan College of Chiropractic and became a chiropractor. She has two sons, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Carol Losensky Sommers Messina lived in Nicaragua; Guyana; York, Pa.; and Upper Marlboro, Md., before finally returning to Bethlehem in 1978. She has been retired from cancer care nursing at St. Luke’s Hospital since 1996, but she stays very busy as a volunteer. She has two sons, David Sommers ’82 and Seminary ’86 and Paul Sommers ’83 and Rutgers M.B.A. ’85. Her daughter attended Cedar Crest and Marywood for her M.S.W. Carol has four grandchildren.

Al Apple spent 50 years in the computer and financial service business. He raised a large family on a farm in North Wales, Pa., and has eleven grandchildren. His brother Rodney graduated from Moravian in ’68 and daughter Deborah Apple Fullam in ’78.

Bill Straccia is a trustee of Sacred Heart Hospital. He has four children and fourteen grandchildren. His wife, Pat Thomas Straccia, passed away in 2002. Bill loves to play golf in his spare time.

Gerald Keyock is a retired teacher and administrator for the Bethlehem Area School District. He and his wife, Janice, live in Bethlehem Township. They have three sons; one, Greg, graduated from Moravian in ’82.

Jim Yenser first taught and coached in New Jersey, where his basketball team won the state championship. Jim later became a business education teacher and guidance counselor for the Upper Perkiomen School District. He retired in 1995, and now teaches at Pennsylvania School of Business in Allentown. He is married, has two children, and lives in Allburts.

Bruce Mumie has been a teacher, administrator, and learning consultant for 33 years. He is married to Marion, and has three children and sixteen grandchildren. He plays golf and fishes.

Syman Hirsch continues to freelance for the Parkland Press, a weekly newspaper. Sy has two children. He was the first baseball player for the Moravian College baseball team to hit two home runs in the same game; and his team was inducted into the Moravian College Hall of Fame.

John L. Finelli, a.k.a. Jack, a.k.a. Jackie, resides in Ft. Myers, Fla., with his wife, Elaine. They have three children: Anita Jean Maura ’85, John, and Steven, and six grandchildren. Jack taught school and coached football at Bangor and Wilson schools, then pursued a career in sales management, which led to owning his own business. Elaine and Jack moved to Ft. Myers in 1993, where he has his own barber shop and still enjoys cutting hair a few days a week.

Norman Prochnau was a minister in the Moravian Church for 37 years. He retired in June 1999, but has had four interims since then. He and his wife Maria have two sons, Tim Prochnau ’91 and Peter, and two grandsons.

Dr. Isidore Mihalakis is in the medical/legal consulting field as the medical examiner for Warren County, N.J. He was a pathologist in the Army, and taught at Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health and the University of Maryland Medical School. He has developed a medical/legal office that performs investigations.

Dr. Robert H. Smerko and his wife Barbara Kay Smerko ’60 live in Rockville, Md. Bob retired in 2003, after serving as president of the Chlorine Institute Inc. Barbara Kay retired after working at state and county political jobs and running a charitable foundation for children. They have two daughters, a son, four grandchildren, and a grandson. Since September 2003, Bob has been a consultant for the Argonne National Laboratory/Dept. of Homeland Security.

Joe Guman lives in Bethlehem with his wife Ginny. Their son Greg Guman ’81 is a golf pro. They also have two granddaughters. Joe spent 32 years in education as a teacher, football coach, and principal of Salisbury High School, retiring in 1989. He then became director of the learning for life program for the Minsi Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America, before retiring in 2001. He now plays lots of golf.

Roy Gosborn began his career as the editor of the Comenian at Moravian College. He went on to become a TV reporter, news anchor in Baltimore, and producer with the ABC-TV news bureau in Washington, D.C. Roy rode on Air Force One with Nixon and Kissinger on their historic trip to China, and got to know Howard K. Smith, Diane Sawyer, Andy Rooney, and Ted Koppel with whom he produced Nightline. He recently retired but keeps busy as an amateur radio enthusiast and pilot.

As for me, Daneen “Dani” Jones Phelps, I retired from education in 2004 after about 35 years. I began tutoring in 2006 at a post-secondary business school in Allentown, and now am the school’s dean of education. I have two sons, Lance Esposito ’82, a football player (following in the footsteps of his father, Joe Esposito ’59) and Mark, a daughter Dana, and a stepdaughter Jesse. My eight grandchildren keep me very busy, but in my spare time, I enjoy golfing, bowling, and walking.

From Pearl:

My trip to Israel in May exceeded my expectations. We stayed in a hotel in Jerusalem, and walked to sessions in the Old City every day. Friends and strangers opened their homes for beautiful Sabbath meals. We went to a children’s village, visited holy places in Jerusalem, Hebron, and Safad, visited Yad Vashem, and prayed at the Kotel right before Mrs. Bush and her party were scheduled to tour. Our group, Gem 5, continues to learn through weekly conference calls and lectures by leaders in Jerusalem.

Some of our Moravian classmates attended the 55th class reunion of Bethlehem’s Liberty High School Class of 1953. I did not have the opportunity to see Shirley Kunsman Bilheimer in the afternoon, but I did visit with Lois and Walter Lilly ’59 and Geraldine Schadel Iaines.

I am very sad to report the passing of my dear friend Tina Bando Ridgeway on August 2, 2008. Tina was a successful teacher. Upon retirement, she taught for the prison system of New Jersey, where she voluntarily taught Bible classes for the inmates. Tina was one of the most generous people I have ever known.
1955
Helen Varady Keyser; 2038 Kemmerer Street; Bethlehem, PA 18017

From Helen:

Alumni Weekend always brings news of classmates. On Founder’s Day, we enjoyed a luncheon at Clewell Dining Hall. Seated at my table were Beverly Bell ’56, Barbara Cump Schmoyer, and college staff.

On Saturday morning my husband, John, and I attended the 50+ Club Breakfast, which recognized the reunion classes. John Ovady ’56, Jim Johnson ’56, and his wife, Edith, sat at our table. Peter Caputo, vice president of institutional advancement, spoke about the construction of the new dormitory. It was good to talk to Kay McMurray Saderholm ’58, Joanne Tumbler Houser ’56, Ruth Salabsky Cornwell ’58 and Dorothy Ruyak ’54 after the breakfast.

At the Grand Reunion Luncheon in Johnston Hall we met Rev. J. Michael Dowd ’68 and wife Kathy Doyle Dowd ’68, as we waited in line. At our table were Joan Wagner Koheler ’53, Char Riggs Bearse ’53, Polly Rayner ’53, Eleanor Simmons MacCormick ’53, Shayne Dunbar Arnesen ’53, Nancy Zeleski Frantz ’53, Henrietta Gruber Mooney ’53, and Helen Desh Woodbridge ’54. As we were walking out we met Cornelia Schloter ’57 and Carmella Carresca ’57.

Margaret Czipoth Underwood from Costa Rica visited Bethlehem recently to be with her sister, Anne Czipoth DeCamp ’54, and Anne’s husband, Bill. Margaret, Joan Landrock Schlegel, Nancy Zeleski Frantz, and I got together for tea at Nancy’s home on Church St. We had a wonderful time reminiscing.

Arthur Spengler informed me that Mike Lutkus had bypass surgery, but was making steady progress. He became a great-grandfather in February. In another letter, Mike wrote that he took a trip to Germany, Austria, and Switzerland and met his daughter Caroline and grandson Jacob in Frankfurt, Germany, where Jacob will study at the University of Cologne.

Anne Collins Frey said she spent the holidays in Tuscany, Italy, where daughter Patti and her husband, Martino, live. Gladys Smith Winkelmann of Spirit Lake, Idaho, became a great-grandmother.

Kay Moyer Cressman’s husband, Dr. Marvin, a retired neurosurgeon, was invited to South Korea to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the neurosurgery department at Seoul University Hospital. Marvin worked there 40 years ago. Kay, who still works at the library three mornings a week, delegates the ranch work to Marvin.

I saw Shirley Beck Dutt ’54 and Carl at the Liberty High School Alumni Chorus Concert.

The Allentown Spring Luncheon was held at Hurd Campus in the President’s reception room. At my table were Peter Caputo, Barbara Cump Schmoyer ’55, and Bertie Knisley ’69.

Besides meeting at the Alumni Reunion, Joan Landrock and Wallace Schlegel, Rose and Francis Donchez, and John and I gathered at Krista’s restaurant for dinner.

Moravian graduates like a Moravian connection even at Bethlehem’s annual Musikfest bash each August. Helen Desh Woodbridge and husband Cas, Nancy Zeleski Frantz, Beverly Bell, John, and I were among concert goers at Central Moravian Church and the old Moravian Chapel. Most of us also dined together between concerts.

John and I were part of the final mass at St. John Capistrano Catholic Church on Bethlehem’s South Side, singing the Hungarian national anthem under the direction of Mary Pongracz. Mary also has been director of Musikfest’s Volkplatz, the venue for ethnic concerts, and a volunteer for 25 years.

Gladys Smith Winkelmann writes that she had a busy summer and recently became a great-grandmother.

I received a beautiful note from Sue Ann Henkelman Fortney, expressing her sympathy for the loss of my beloved sister Sonya. Sue Ann and Ralph were looking forward to their granddaughter’s wedding. Sue Ann plays the piano for three worship services each week at Country House Music.

I had a surprise phone call from Margaret Czipoth Underwood of Costa Rica. She is debating about relocating to the States.

Mary Pongracz and my husband, John, were in a video titled Packer Avenue Urban Renewal Project during the South Side Film Festival. It was shown at Godfrey Daniel’s Coffee House.

1954 Reunion
May 29-30, 2009

Helen Desh Woodbridge; 3574 Browning Lane; Bethlehem, PA 18017; casw1@verizon.net

From Helen:

Greeters at the Founder’s Day reception, May 16, were Bev Bell ’56 and Shirley Beck Dutt. I met Dottie Ruyak and Julia Gasdaska ’07, new assistant director of alumni relations, and later saw hosts Polly Rayner ’53 and Pat Helfrich ’57 at the reception table.

Kathy Thonforde, speaker, was introduced by Anne Enright, chair of the Founder’s Day committee. Her topic, “Sharing Our Stories,” told the stories of Dean Curtis, Dean Bushuell, Kathryn Miller ‘34, Olivia Musselman Barnes ’38, and Pearl Stein ’57, aided by photos projected onto a screen.

With classmate Dottie Ruyak, I attended the 50+ Breakfast at the HUB. I sat at a table with Dottie and members of the ’53 class—Nancy Frantz, Ken and Mabel Achey, Bob and Joan Engelbrecht—and Carol Buechner McMullen ’51. Mary Fabian Strock ’38 was recognized for her 70th reunion.

I also stayed for the Saturday luncheon and sat with the ’53 class to help sing our alma mater, led by Eleanor McCormick. Others at my table were Polly Rayner, Henrietta Gruber Mooney, Shayne Dunbar Arnsen, Char Riggs Pearce, Joan Wagner Kohler, Helen and John Keyser ’55.

Our 55th reunion is less than a year away. Please get in touch with a photo, note, or phone call if you can’t make it to Bethlehem for Founder’s Day or Alumni Weekend.

Some alums have a great memory. Ann Woltjen Stoddard ’63, from Connecticut, introduced herself and her husband, Grove ’63, and their friends Charles ’63 and Bonnie Stoltz, when they visited the Moravian Museum where I am a volunteer guide. Ann remembered that I was a friend of her sister, Marie ’54.

Classmates Sister Millicent Drake, Lois Lutz Geehr, Pat Nuttall Lewis, Pat Krolik Nebinger, Elynor Fishel Rights, Dottie Ruyak, Pat Miller Scott and Ian, and Marion Wagner sent cards that reflected the meaning of Christmas and its hope of peace, joy, happiness, and miracles.

Sister Millicent, who became associate pastor at St. John’s in Boyertown, Pa., “appreciates the opportunity to preach on a weekly basis.” Lois Geehr’s letter included a hymn from a book given by her father years ago.

After a recent Bach at Noon concert at Central Moravian Church, Bev Bell ’56 and I were glad
to meet her and Fred. From Colorado Springs, Pat Lewis wrote, “In last Sunday’s paper there was an article on Bethlehem. It had a picture of the Church and its buildings in the background, which brought back memories.”

Grace Reed MacMurtrie wrote of a June graduation, a September wedding, and October foot surgery and recovery in Maryland. “My “big sister” Fran Webber Horton ’52 keeps me posted about her music, church, and family activities.

1953
Polly Rayner; The Court, Apt. 2-F; 2830 Linden St.; Bethlehem, PA 18017
E. Allen Schultz; 1601 43rd St. North; Unit 230; St. Petersburg, FL 33713-4666; e.allen.schultz@worldnet.att.net

From Mary:

Mary T. Pongracz; 321 W. Fourth St.; Bethlehem, 1952
e.allen.schultz@worldnet.att.net

From the Alumni House:

From Carol:

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1952
Mary T. Pongracz; 321 W. Fourth St.; Bethlehem, 1950

From Mary:

Elaine Wagner, Anne Enright, and I were the ’52 representatives on Founder’s Day. Anne is chair of the Founder’s Day committee and her business training is evident at the committee meetings. Elaine continues her work to make our world a kinder place for the less blessed in today’s society.

Frances Webber Horton staged Musicale XII Brigadoon on April 6 at her church. She enjoyed her stint as musical director.

From the Alumni House:

Zora Martin Felton became a great-grandmother last December. Four granddaughters will soon graduate from high school. She hopes to resume volunteer work with an Anacostia center for at-risk children this fall. Since retiring, she has volunteered at her church and worked in the archives of the Howard University Moorland Spingarn Research Center. She continues to remain active in her church, on an Anacostia community board, and at two senior centers.

1951
Andy Jasso; 35 W. Greenwich St.; Bethlehem, PA 18018-2439

Carol Buechner McMullen; 9 Magnolia Ave.; Montvale, NJ 07645; cbcmullen@aol.com

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1950

From Bob Scholl, former class correspondent:

Dean Garland wrote that although his frequent travels rarely take him to the Lehigh Valley, he still thinks of his happy days at Moravian.

From the Alumni House:

We are sad to report that Robert Scholl passed away October 6, 2008. Bob, who lived in Bethlehem, was a devoted Moravian alum, having served on the College’s Alumni Board of Directors. In 1978, he received the Harvey T. D. Gillespie Outstanding Coaches Award. Born in Fountain Hill, Pa., Bob graduated from Moravian with a B.S. in mathematics. Prior to graduation, he and his father started Scholl Lumber Co., of which he later became president. In addition, Bob was a special agent for Prudential Financial, and an actor in cable television series. He was involved in numerous service organizations, including Rotary, the Red Cross, and Turning Point, and served on many Boards of Directors. He leaves behind his wife, Mary Jane (Miller), daughters Raleigh Shook (and husband Greg) and Stacey Scholl, and brother Jay (and his wife Susan).

If you are interested in becoming the correspondent for the Class of 1950, please contact the Alumni House: phanna@moravian.edu.

1949

Reunion
May 29-30, 2009

Thomas F. Keim; 335 Spring St.; Bethlehem, PA 18018

Norma Boldt Wynne; 1570 Glen Hardie Road; Wayne, PA 19087-1002; nbwynne@aol.com

From Norma:

Hello again! I have news to report. I spoke to Louise Scott Cross, who says her broken ankle healed and she is on the go again. Posie Bokoc Clymer and Ell took a lovely cruise to celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary. Jean Whitaker Cliff writes that she has moved again. When her eldest daughter and her husband retired and moved back to Tucson, Ariz., they asked Jean to live with them, and she was happy to accept. Her sister, Patricia Whitaker Bausman ’52, visited in spring.

As for me, I spent a week at Palm Beach with daughters Cindy and Linda. We didn’t do anything—just relaxed and enjoyed the beach and warm weather.

1948

Jean Baxter McCracken; 490 Penllyn Pike; Blue Bell, PA 19422-1628; Charleyandjean1@verizon.net
From Jean:

Our 60th reunion has come and gone, with only three classmates present: Marilyn Richardson Shelly, Ema-line Ungurian Dimmick, and myself. Em’s husband and Marilyn’s son were also there. Paul Shelly ’72 graduated with my daughter Sue.

Edie Steers Smith, Bobby Smoke Le-Baron, and Maria Siders Chapsi could not attend because they had conflicting plans. I heard from Carleton Cheney Chapis, who lives near me, so we will get together soon. Jane Hull Holben had planned a trip to California, and so could not attend, either.

1947

Peg Loveless Browne; 256 Medford Leas Way; Medford, NJ 08055; pegbrownenj@medleas.com

George Kirkpatrick; 11250 Caravel Circle, No. 308; Fort Myers, FL 33908-5236

From Peg:

Barbara Schlegel Miller had knee replacement and is doing fine thanks to daily gym visits. Her husband Ken is suffering from residual effects of a car accident last August. Barbara stays busy with her exercise classes and pinochle.

Mary Jean Grider Spangenthal is now back walking with her coffee group. She is the happy great-grandmother to two little girls, ages 3 and 1. She is also very happy that the school she developed 25 years ago has merged with another school of similar educational philosophy to cover the years of pre-school through middle school.

Jean Zehner Lombardi is going to be a great-grandmother for the first time. Her son Paul moved back to Pennsylvania, and her son Robert Lombardi ’78 lives with her.

Helen Kanusky Canfield continues to travel. She and Al attended the 17th Airborne Reunion in Virginia Beach and flew to New Zealand last Thanksgiving to celebrate with their son Joel and his family. Last spring, their travels in the West to celebrate the graduations and marriages of grandchildren. During a return trip to their old neighborhood in Colorado, they visited the church where Bill served for 17 years. They flew to Quebec City and travelled up the St. Lawrence waterway. Bill and Ann celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August with a family dinner. They have two great-grandsons.

Martha Minxell Danner is very satisfied with her retirement apartment in Skillman, N.J. Two of her sons and their families live in the area and she is close to her church. Her son David was working at the Pentagon September 11, 2001, when the plane struck close to his work area. The family is very grateful he was not hurt in that awful event.

Doris Bank Deiner and Jerry moved from Allentown to an independent living residence in St. Louis to be closer to one of their daughters. Jerry now undergoes kidney dialysis. Their new home is very comfortable, she reports. They also have a daughter in Florida, as well as a son and his family in Arlington, Va. Frank and I “took to the road” in 2007. We flew to Prague and travelled on the Danube from Budapest to the Black Sea. We also participated in Elderhostel at Natural Bridge, Va. Later we drove to Bangor, Me., and sailed down to Penobscot River and Bay, and visited Arcadia National Park.

1946

Ileen Whitehead Birnbaum; 4167 Green Pond Road; Bethlehem, PA 18020

Ada Zellner Flower; 834 Hilltop Road; Oyster Bay, NY 11771

From Ada:

Frances Tallarico Buragino has retired, after 24 years, from her position at Moravian where she was Vespers ticket coordinator. Much as she misses the camaraderie, she’s enjoying the freedom of being able to participate in some daytime events and go on trips with her husband, Joe ’83. Joe is an ordained deacon in the Catholic Church. Fran is also very active in their large parish.

Marian Emig Hoffman spent a good part of 2007 on the road. She attended a World AIDS Day commemorative service in Santa Rosa, Calif., where she reunited with her son Randall. She visited her son Phillip in Fairbanks, Alaska, then travelled to Tucson, Ariz. Marian spent the holidays with her Connecticut family at Lake George, N.Y. She greeted her first great-granddaughter, Sophie, via computer.

Ann Roseneau Smythe and Bill continue their travels in the West to celebrate the graduations and marriages of grandchildren. During a return trip to their old neighborhood in Colorado, they visited the church where Bill served for 17 years. They flew to Quebec City and travelled up the St. Lawrence waterway. Bill and Ann celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August with a family dinner. They have two great-grandsons.

From George:

I hope all of you are in good health and enjoying retirement. I passed my 86th birthday in July. Mary and I feel fortunate that we can still take care of ourselves, get to church every Sunday, keep doctors appointments, and do grocery shopping.

We start each day by playing two games of Rummikub (Rummy played with tiles instead of cards) to keep our brains and fingers in working order. Since moving to south Florida 20 years ago, we have played 14,400 games, the U.S. record.

Our condo is near Sanibel and Captiva Islands. We enjoy two hour vacation-like lunches in restaurants overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. We both need canes to walk and manage to get as far as our car in parking lots.

Sadly our second-oldest son, Jeff, has had terminal cancer for the past year and a half. After a stroke in October 2006, he lived in a convalescence center in Wheaton, Ill., for therapy. Now he is under the care of Hope Hospice at the center.

From Jane:

Eleanor Beidelman Kline wrote in March to say that spring weather came early in Katy, Texas, accompanied by lots of flowers. She was looking forward to her
85th birthday on St. Patrick’s Day and said that she is amazed she “is still upright and breathing.” She was saddened by the death of her sister-in-law in February.

Gloria Gately Chipman and husband, Frank, have been busy choosing décor for a cottage they are having built in a new retirement village. They took a cruise to the Caribbean in January and booked another for June to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

In March, Jackie Stoudt McGiffert spent pleasant time in Hawthorne, Fla., near Leesburg in the central part of the state.

Beryl Harrison says she’s “slowly deciding where to place everything” in her new home. She missed going to Florida this year; she had fallen while walking the dog and broke a rib.

Jackie Haas Bauder cross-stitched gifts, and made cards for friends on her computer last winter. Since last fall, she has volunteered at the Moravian Archives, cleaning old slides and photographs, helping with identification, sorting, and creating files. A couple from Nicaragua, whom Jackie has known since the 1980s, recently took and passed their citizenship tests, and Jackie attended the swearing-in ceremony. In April, Jackie’s oldest grandson, who lives in Pottstown, was remarried, and Jackie attended the wedding. Jackie heard from Lois Moser Harke that she was elected president of her local Church Women United. Jackie also talked to Betty Wachstetter Griffin, who is busy with volunteer work and her three great-granddaughters. Jackie has two great-grandchildren and will have two more before the year is out.

I received a nice letter from Janet Moyer Paulus. Her husband, Dick, had a heart attack, but is almost back to his routine. Their son and grandson have been very helpful. Janet enjoys her senior citizens’ exercise program and community activities.

It was nice to hear from Genevieve Riordon Gee. She and husband, Edwin, had just returned from a cruise up the East Coast to Norfolk, across to Bermuda, down to Nassau, and back to Fort Lauderdale. On May 14, Genevieve (a.k.a. Plum) took off for a long weekend in France with a young friend who had never been there. In June she planned to be in northern Virginia for a friend who had never been there. In June she planned to be in northern Virginia for a friend who had never been there. In June she planned to be in northern Virginia for a friend who had never been there.

From Mary:

Our class was saddened by the death of Elizabeth (Betty) Birk Stearns Nowicki on Feb. 29, 2008, in California. She had moved from Bethlehem, to be near her son Jon, who was the son of Betty’s first husband (killed in World War II). While in Bethlehem, Betty worked for the school board. She was preceded in death in 1999 by a son, Robert Nowicki.

Peggy Lutz Gray wrote about her busy life at Longwood retirement community near Pittsburgh. After successful cataract operations, she now enjoys yoga classes, bridge and other card games, Bible study, educational programs, and especially the TV program Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?

Elizabeth Schreiber Peck and husband, Frank, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary January 18, 2008, in Allentown.

The following classmates attended Founder’s Day, May 16: Ruth Schantz Fortino, Alma Kirkhuff Kuehner, Marion McCall Bray ’41, Mary Ellen Binder Orben, and I.

Last summer I received a note from Esther Carpenter Scott. She still lives at Mountain Manor in Marshalls Creek, Pa. She has great memories of her college times and enjoys reading the college magazine.

From Ruth:

Ruth Balisch and George have made their final move to Barnegat, N.J. She is having leg problems but her husband and daughter are helpful. Weddings of family members keep Ruth busy; she sends regards to all.

Hilma Stirk Myers is here at Moravian Village. She attended Moravian in the late ‘40s while studying at the Bethlehem Music Conservatory. We have two grand pianos in the atrium, one an antique my parents bought for me when I was 8, and the other quite new. She plays the new one, and I play the other. We play songs we know by heart, since she can’t see the notes anymore.

Betty Cliff Shurskis was not able to come to our last reunion, but she is in pretty good health and keeps busy.

I now have three great-grandchildren, all under 2—Ian, Josiah, and Cori! I hope you all are enjoying life and are in good health, as we are here at Moravian Village.

Men of 1941-46
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1939
Arlington A. Nagle, M.D.; 12 Orchard Hill Rd.; Robesonia, PA 19551;

1938
Olivia Musselman Barnes; 450 Krock’s Rd. Unit 301; Allentown, PA 18106

From Christine Roberts Fraley, former class correspondent:

In April, Olivia Musselman Barnes sent us all a letter with a list of the names and addresses of the 16 surviving members of our class. She also urged us to donate to the annual college fund. In response to her letter, I have heard from three classmates.

A note written by a friend of Lois Parks Salmon informed us that Lois had a slight stroke last autumn so she could not write herself. Betty Wagner Chase said she is in an assisted living home, is 90 years old, and is in good health now but had been ill. Pat Ruhe Kehs informed me she would not be at the reunion. If you received a postcard from Historic Bethlehem inviting you to an exhibit at the Colonial Industrial Quarters, the man pictured is Ted McKosky, Pat’s son-in-law. He and her daughter, Deidre Kehs McKosky ’70, met at the site while working on the tannery and later married. Olivia Musselman Barnes is doing well, has a busy life, and enjoys her new home at Country Meadows. She and Mary Fabian Stock attended our 70th class reunion.

My health is good but my mobility is very poor. I continue to enjoy my life at
Luther Crest, and I have fond memories of my days at Moravian with all of you. At this point I must turn over the job of class correspondent to Olivia Musselman Barnes, whose address is at the top of this column.

**Comenius Center**

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From Sherron:

The M.B.A. Alumni Advisory Board is busy working on the new M.B.A. Scholarship Fund. The board hopes to have the scholarship fully funded at a $25,000 level by the 25th anniversary of the program in 2010. If you are able to contribute, please do so at https://secure.moravian.edu/dev/contribution.asp. Please be on the lookout for information on our Fall Networking Night at Edge Restaurant in Bethlehem in November, as well as future networking nights. Come out to see old classmates and meet prospective students—it is a fun time!

Please send me your news and stories so that I can share them.

**Changes**

**Marriages**

2008 Abigail Perrin and Charles Lutte, August 9, 2008.
2005 Lindsay Finnegan and Danielle Shirvanian, July 24, 2008.
1997 Stephanie Dicelle Heavens and David, a son, Nicholas David, September 4, 2007.
1995 Melissa Manco Cummings and Terry, a son, Rowan Joseph, April 5, 2007.
1994 Dena Mendlen Emerson and Keith, a son, Reece Jacob, August 18, 2006.
1992 Mary Beth Aflerbach and Jeff, a son, Peter, January 4, 2008.

**Births**

2004 Melissa Sadecki Micari and Jeff, a daughter, Ava Grace, March 24, 2008.
1999 Katie Copf Van Der Linden and Aaron, a daughter, Annaleyna Grace, July 20, 2008.
1997 Kaitlin Kramer Bicknell and John, a daughter, Juliette, March 12, 2008.
1996 Missy Whitehouse Connor and David ’96, a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, August 7, 2008.
1995 Kate Scheneman Whetstone and Jeff Whetstone, a son, Michael Charles, February 18, 2008.
1994 Rebecca Sutton Coffin and John, a son, Landon, August 9, 2008.
1993 Leahn Agnew-Karcheski and Jason Karcheski, a son, Matthew Aaron, July 4, 2008.
1991 Audrey Weaver Sparks and Chris, a daughter, Natalie Ann, April 26, 2008.

**Deaths**

1974 Lauren Schatzlein Krupa, April 12, 2008.
1960 David Harrison Kratzer, April 11, 2008.
1951 Kenneth Kauffman, August 30, 2008.
1946 Gloria Abel Parkhill, February 27, 2008.
1942 Dr. Frank E. Schramm, February 2, 2008.
1939 Donald R. Buzzard, June 20, 2008.
1938 Dorothy Campbell, February 27, 2008.
Angela Fraleigh, assistant professor of art, is intrigued by dichotomies—exploring the boundaries that define gender, power, and identity. Her paintings encompass multiple points of view simultaneously, while examining the fine lines that separate figure and abstraction, male and female, narrative and chance, and, ultimately, reality and illusion. For her 2008 summer SOAR project, Angela worked with students Stephanie Mount and Nicole Shamy, who assisted Angela’s series _After: a series of paintings questioning issues of gender, power and identity_. The paintings were included in the exhibit “and I would shine in answer/ being/ without becoming” at the P.P.O.W. gallery in New York.

Sophomores Stephanie Mount and Nicole Shamy explore new painting techniques as part of their summer ’08 SOAR project, under the direction of Professor Angela Fraleigh. The students also assisted Angela on _After: a series of paintings questioning issues of gender, power and identity_. Paintings from top: slight, the story she told from that time on, after, and even.

Orbis Pictus (The World Illustrated), written by Moravian bishop and educator John Amos Comenius and published in 1658, was the first illustrated book for children. On this page we celebrate the ways in which members of the Moravian College community illuminate the world we live in.
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GIVERNY, FRANCE

Young Women on the Bridge: alumni Samantha Stens ’07 and Lauren Scevola ’07 took time out from their busy teaching schedules to visit impressionist painter Claude Monet’s home and gardens in the village of Giverny, 50 miles west of Paris. Samantha, a French major, and Lauren, a dual French and graphic design major, received French government scholarships to teach for a year in schools near Dijon and Paris, respectively. Some of Monet’s most famous works, such as his water lily and Japanese bridge paintings, were inspired by the bright colors, patterns, and light from and around this Japanese footbridge, which spans part of the lily pond.