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Above: Art student Susan Corallo ’10 began creating variations based on her own hand for an assignment on the theme of “lifelines,” and has found it hard to stop. “I have dozens of ideas,” she says, “and I try to make each one different.” She’s found that most viewers are intrigued by the series, perhaps because the hand is such a potent symbol. “People attach all sorts of meaning to them” she says. “They could mean cultural identity, the self, the past, fate . . . whatever you bring to them.” Left to right: mixed media/cloth; watercolor mosaic (rearranged pieces of a previous painting); watercolor; mixed media; cut out paper; pen and ink.
Kid Gloves  told by Connie Sokalsky '71

This my official job description at the Harrisburg Hilton: “Personally service an account load of 15 ‘kid glove’ accounts and act as a liaison between clients and all hotel departments, analyzing and deciphering large amounts of oral and written data, effectively organizing and acting on the information to ensure client satisfaction and profitability for the hotel.” Additionally, I should have “the ability to effectively deal with internal and external customers, some of whom will require high levels of patience, tact, and diplomacy, to defuse anger, collect accurate information, and resolve conflicts.”

In my previous life I was an administrator in higher education. Paty Eiffe was my mentor at Moravian; I was involved in the campus activities association and Paty would invite students to attend Association of College Union conferences. While pursuing my master’s degree in guidance and counseling, I was an RA in the brand-new Jo Smith dormitory. I went on to Frostburg State University, where I was the assistant director of the student union. Then I moved on to Connecticut College where I was the assistant dean of student affairs and directed the student center. All these years I attended ACU conferences, and I’d get asked to speak, to present a paper, to lead an interactive session. I became a part of the conference leadership team. And I really enjoyed planning these events. So after seven and a half years in higher ed, I decided to embrace event planning and go into the hospitality business.

At the Hilton, I had the prime minister of Singapore as a visitor. He was a tall man, so one of the specifications from his advance team was to measure the length of the bed to make sure it was long enough for him. He arrived in an armored car flanked by Secret Service agents. He wanted someone from hotel management to greet him, but we had to see that he was rapidly expedited inside. Because across the street is a high-rise building, an appropriate place for someone to target this individual. His advance team at a previous property—I don’t believe this was in the United States—were all murdered.

Somebody held a NASCAR-themed event and wanted to get one of the cars into our hotel. I couldn’t fit it into our service elevator, so I was unable to honor that one. Another time we had a request for an elephant to come into the hotel. A live elephant. For sanitation purposes we couldn’t do that. However, our general manager did ride the elephant down the street. I’ve ridden a camel before, so I had no interest in riding the elephant.

The most awful situation I ever witnessed was when a groom bailed on the bride at about 1:30 in the afternoon, with the wedding scheduled for 4:00. The rehearsal and dinner had taken place the night before, the guests were all checked into the hotel, everything was paid for. So they went ahead with the reception. The groom’s parents paid the bar bill as they’d promised. There was a band, we served the food, the bar was open. It had the tone of a post-funeral meal. The bride left in tears. We had to deliver the bride’s food up to her room, along with many, many bottles of wine. We had another bride who decided to hang her wedding gown on the sprinkler head in her room. This set off the sprinkler, destroying not only her wedding gown but her guest room, and two guest rooms below that. We went from bridal shop to bridal shop until we found a replacement gown, the exact design as the one she ruined.

Whoopi Goldberg stayed here; she came into our restaurant in disguise and tried to convince us that she was in fact Whoopi’s hairdresser. When Eddy Murphy stayed, he needed a white piano in his suite. President Bush was here for a fund-raising breakfast. He wore a Penn State T-shirt for his morning jog. You know who I really like?

Not much surprises me any more. But every day I when come to work, there’s a surprise. ♦

The entomologists—the bug people. They bring a live bug museum with them, and schoolchildren come and see the bugs. For some of their sessions they have chocolate-covered grasshoppers. I haven’t tried one; I draw the line at gummi worms.

When I worked in higher education, I loved the students and faculty and my colleagues. But it was one-dimensional; everybody was involved in education. Now I come to work and learn something new every day. That orthodox Jews, from sundown Friday until sundown Saturday, don’t use elevators, cannot use mechanized transportation, can’t use the telephone or the key card to their rooms. That at an Indian wedding, you build a fire during the reception—which means I hire someone from the fire department to watch the hotel because we’ve turned off the fire alarm system. A group of athletic trainers shipped an arm to the hotel for their conference; we had to keep it frozen so it would be ready for them to dissect. Another medical group actually shipped a cadaver. We couldn’t fit it cold storage, so we reserved a sleeping room for the cadaver for three days.

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Connie Sokalsky ’71 is director of convention services at the Hilton Harrisburg hotel in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Shortly after writing this, she was asked to find space in the hotel for two alpacas. Prelude features stories from the Moravian College community, told in the storyteller’s own words. Send story ideas or submissions to rickc@moravian.edu.
Moravian Choir Meets One-Man Choir

It’s hard to know what to expect when you have a chance to share a stage with a world renowned, Grammy-winning performer. When the performer is Bobby McFerrin, the possibilities become even harder to predict, as the Moravian College Choir found out on February 10. For one thing, McFerrin is a virtuoso whose repertoire includes everything from his hit song “Don’t Worry, Be Happy” to “Ave Maria.” “He’s so creative, he has music just pouring out of him,” says Paula Ring Zerkle, Choir director and assistant professor of music at Moravian. Not only that, the singer is famous for improvising songs or entire concerts—not the approach most choirs are used to. McFerrin’s visit to Moravian began with an afternoon workshop in which he shared improvisatory techniques with the choir and sang with individual members. That evening, a standing-room-only audience in Foy Hall was treated to a concert of planned and improvised choral music featuring McFerrin, the choir, even volunteers from the audience. The show ended with an encore in which McFerrin led the entire hall in signing the closing theme to the Mickey Mouse Club.
This spring the Moravian College Theatre Company performed *The Laramie Project*, a mosaic of 63 characters trying to make sense of a hate crime committed in their community. Drawn from interviews with the citizens of Laramie, Wyoming, following the 1998 murder of college student Matthew Shepard, the play is a powerful example of how theatre can educate as well as entertain.

Was it intimidating playing multiple characters?
Phil Minnich ’10: For me it was tough. I played five different characters. I went from being an extremist minister who believed he was always right, to playing characters with the opposite views who also think “I’m totally right and everyone else is wrong.” And I couldn’t portray them as caricatures. I had to portray them as real people. These are real people.

Moravian’s Arena Theatre is an intimate space. Does the audience being so close make it hard to perform?
Katie Bernstein ’08: I don’t think it’s necessarily harder to act with them being so close. During the candlelight vigil at the end, when we’re singing Amazing Grace and looking directly at the audience...then you feed off their emotion a little bit. It’s harder to not get upset and cry yourself when you see someone else crying.

Geoff Roche ’08: I found it easier to act with the audience than in rehearsal. I found that when the audience was there, I felt like I was speaking to them. I really enjoy an audience, I enjoy speaking to an audience, working with them.

Thomas Howard, Education Director of the Matthew Shepard Foundation, came to a performance. What was that like?
Jess Croll ’09: After the performance I gave him a hug and said, can you come back for every show? He was just a wonderfully engaging person. You felt like you could talk to him for days. He asked us, what do you want to know about these people that you’re playing? That’s when it really hit you: he knows these people, and I’m portraying them on stage.

Was that a nerve-wracking thought?
JC: It would be if he wasn’t such a nice guy.

Gerard Longo ’09: The other important thing he told us, and it was kind of a running theme throughout the performance, is that you can only claim ignorance until you’ve been educated. The audience, and we in the cast, have been educated through this experience.

Any favorite moments?
GL: I liked having people’s perspectives changed by this show. [Students] who had to attend for a class would tell me “I didn’t want to be there at first.” But afterwards, their world was turned around. They were really impacted by the show.

Bill Bauman (director): I’ve had people stop me on the street in downtown Bethlehem, people I don’t even know. Saying, “Thank you. Its wonderful you did this.” I say, I’m glad you were there. How do you explain to people until it happens that this is what theater and the arts are about? People should come together and talk. You don’t have to agree, you can talk about it.

For more pictures and the full interview, see www.moravian.edu/magazine/extra.
Facing Race, Fighting Hate

If racism is rooted in hatred, what happens when you question the very meaning of race? The 2007-2008 school year was an especially introspective one at Moravian, thanks to an ongoing lecture series sponsored by the office of institutional diversity that explored the root causes and insidious impact of hate. The series offered some food for thought on the intersection of hate and race with two guests who raised questions about racial identity, racial privilege and what it means to be black, white or other in America. The

HUB’s Paty Eiffe Gallery hosted “Facing Race: 21st Century Americans from the Four Corners of the Earth,” an exhibit by photographer and photojournalist Steven Shames. His portraits captured the increasingly multiracial, multicultural face of America. In a public lecture, Shames commented that the prevalence of intermarriage between Americans of different ethnic backgrounds is yielding a change in racial attitudes. Moravian students echoed that theme with the Human Hybrid Project, a display of ethnically-altered self portraits (see pp. 12-13 for samples).

Notions of race and identity in America were taken up again with the visit of filmmaker Shakti Butler. Her film Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible, which documents the stories of white activists working to challenge notions of racism, was screened at Prosser auditorium and followed by a lecture and dialogue. Earlier that day, Butler conducted a workshop for College staff and administrators. While the concept of white privilege is a component of Butler’s message, she attempts to chart a way past issues of blame and guilt by encouraging people to listen to each other’s stories, says Nancy Stansbery, associate director of leadership giving, who attended the workshop. “She had us talk one-on-one about our families, where we came from, significant events in our life,” Stansbery says. “It was really an exercise in listening.”

June 7

Bethlehem Guitar Festival

HURD CAMPUS • It’s a day dedicated to guitars and guitar-like instruments with recitals, workshops, exhibitions, master classes, and a concert by renowned lutenist Ronn McFarlane. For more information: 610-861-1650.

June 7–14, 14–18

Summer Jazz @ Moravian College

HURD CAMPUS • High School and college students learn the art of jazz from Moravian faculty and guest artists. More info: 610-861-1650.
Beyond the Dorm

Earlier this spring, work began on a project that will transform Moravian’s Priscilla Payne Hurd campus and create a new living and learning community in historic downtown Bethlehem. Moravian’s new $25 million, 100,000 square-foot residence hall will house about 230 students, and will feature classrooms and other spaces to support the academic and co-curricular mission of the College. In a unique partnership, the College has partnered with Bethlehem Area Moravians, Inc. (BAM) for the project; BAM will finance, construct, own, and operate the building on land leased to them by Moravian College. The fully climate-controlled building will contain a number of living options for students, including suites configured to accommodate groups of two to sixteen students. Four 40-seat technology-enhanced classrooms, an information technology resource center, a wireless computer lounge, a dining hall and Café, and a wellness center are also planned. A ground-breaking ceremony was held on April 18. For more details, and a live camera feed of the construction site, see www.moravian.edu/hurdcampusresidence.

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Back to school

Classes begin for the ’08-’09 academic year. How was your summer?

Bertalicia Peralta: Vida y Obra (Bertalicia Peralta: Life and Works), by assistant professor of Spanish Nilsa Lasso-von Lang, puts forth a historical and sociopolitical approach to the work of Panamanian poet, short story writer, journalist, and educator Bertalicia Peralta. The Spanish-language monograph is significant not only because of Peralta’s intrinsic literary merit, but because no similar study of her poetic and narrative discourse exists.

Birmingham, Alabama was the most segregated city in American in the early 1960s. When the civil right movement took root there, it wasn’t just grown men and women who faced dogs, fire hoses and jail time for speaking out against institutionalized racism. In the middle and high school textbook When the Children Marched: The Birmingham Civil Rights Movement (Enslow Publishing, 2008), professor of education Robert Mayer describes how school children not only participated in the marches and protests, but inspired and strengthened the African-American community in Birmingham and beyond.

Once the second largest steel company in the United States and a Wall Street darling, Bethlehem Steel ultimately lost its fight for economic survival. Elizabeth “Bette” Kovach ’75 and photographer Peter Treiber document the Steel’s last twenty-five years in Inside Bethlehem Steel: The Final Quarter Century. Their text and pictures capture both the beauty and power of the plant in full operation, and the dignity and pathos of a mighty company in a slow decline. Bette worked in the public affairs department of Bethlehem Steel for over 27 years.
It’s clearer than ever that global climate change is a serious problem. So what do we do about it? To help figure that out, Moravian College participated in Focus The Nation, a national effort held January 30 and 31 to foster a dialog on solutions to global climate change. Hilde Binford, assistant professor of music, and professor of biology Diane Husic coordinated efforts by Moravian’s faculty, Environmental Coalition, and Sustainability Task Force for the event. Things kicked off at Dana lecture hall with assistant professor of chemistry Steve Dunham and his seminar students demonstrating some key concepts in global warming science. The chemistry majors showed students, faculty, and guests how rising global temperatures interact with ocean density and acidity, atmospheric carbon dioxide, and other factors. “The demos were student-driven and student-organized,” says professor Dunham, adding that he emphasizes to his students the importance of communicating with non-scientists about science. “They should know how to clarify scientific concepts for the public,” he says. Afterwards, the lecture hall was filled to capacity for a live webcast about climate change that was streamed to colleges, universities and high schools nationwide.

The next day, faculty at Moravian joined over 1,500 other schools across the country in a national teach-in by covering global warming-related subjects in their classes. Topics ranged from creation and flood stories in classical literature, to the effects of rising global temperatures on the native people of the arctic, to the impact of climate change on food production and disease. At the end of the day, a panel discussion featured Bethlehem mayor John Callahan ’91 and representatives of the environmental groups Clean Water Action and the Sierra Club. President Thomforde and professor Husic, chair of the department of biological sciences, also spoke. In his opening remarks, President Thomforde described how a riverside walk with his grandchildren got him thinking about environmental stewardship, spurring him to ask “How do I live my life in such a way now, so that my six grandchildren will also be able to enjoy a wonderful life on the earth?” Reminding ourselves of those younger than us, and their future, helps add focus to our decisions, he said.

On April 22, Earth day 2008, President Thomforde signed the Talloires Declaration, a statement affirming Moravian’s commitment to environmental sustainability. For a preview of next issue’s story about the event, see www.moravian.edu/magazine/extra.
GUEST SPEAKING

Spike Lee

After winning a student academy award in 1982, director and cultural icon Spike Lee was convinced the world would beat a path to his door. “I sat around waiting for the phone to ring,” he told a packed Johnston Hall in March. “And eventually, they shut off the phone. Then they shut off the heat, and the electricity.” It was only when he realized that he had to make his own opportunities, Lee explained, that success became a possibility. His talk ranged from politics—Lee’s Obama ’08 T-shirt left no doubt as to his political leanings—to the challenges of making his breakthrough film *She’s Gotta Have It*, to the continuing struggles of the Hurricane Katrina victims he depicted in his HBO documentary on the subject. But a recurring theme was Lee’s exhortation to students to become involved, active participants in their own destinies. Apropos to that, Lee’s visit was itself the produce of student effort: he’s the second in the annual prestigious Speaker Series planned and sponsored by Moravian’s United Student Government.

He’s glad to have it: Director Spike Lee and a prized addition to his wardrobe. Behind him stands Warren Hilton, associate dean of student development, who helped coordinate the event.

One Giant Leap

“Long jump isn’t just one thing,” says Ozzie Brown ’08. “A lot goes into each jump: the speed and running form on the runway, the takeoff, my position in the air, and then the landing. When all of that comes together it makes a good jump.” It was a good jump indeed when he captured the long jump title at the 2008 NCAA Division III Indoor National Championships hosted by Ohio Northern University in March. Ozzie, who entered the meet with the season’s best jump, leapt 7.31 meters (23 feet, 11 3/4 inches) on his third and final jump of the preliminaries, a distance no other contender could match. “A lot of people were rooting for me, and I just thought about how it wasn’t just for me anymore, it was about my coach, my family, and my friends,” says the student-athlete. “My coach [Doug Pollard] passed away in October and I dedicated my season to him.” Brown went on to earn all-American honors in another event, placing third in the 55-meter high hurdles in a time of 7.51 seconds. His 16 points—ten for the long jump and six for the hurdles—pushed Moravian to sixth place out of 66 teams at the championships. For more Greyhound sports news, see p. 18.

Sometimes I look back after I jumped, and ask myself “Did I really just do that?” —Ozzie Brown ’08
I can’t think of any college that’s done something like this before.
Neil Wetzel, assistant professor of music and director of jazz studies at Moravian College, likes to think big. He directs the Moravian College BIG Band (capital letters mandatory). He organized Moravian’s first jazz vespers concert, featuring students, faculty, guests, and the 82-voice Moravian Choir (see “Sacred Swing,” MCM Spring 2007). For his newest project, he envisioned an even bigger challenge: to bring together the BIG Band and the Moravian College Dance Company for a new work commissioned for the occasion. “I wanted something new, something different,” professor Wetzel says. “And frankly, I can’t think of any college that’s done something like this before.” The result: Collaboration, a six-movement jazz ballet that made its world premier at Foy Hall on November 16 and 17, 2007. The jazz/ballet combo both recalls jazz’s roots as dance music and encourages listeners to reconsider what jazz music can be, professor Wetzel says.

To create the music, Wetzel turned to Tony Gairo, artist-lecturer in jazz saxophone, jazz flute, and jazz history at Moravian. An active performer who writes original music for his 17-piece modern jazz band, Gairo says the project nevertheless held its share of difficulties for him. “It’s like nothing I’ve ever done,” he says. “Sometimes the writing went incredibly smoothly, at other times I was enormously frustrated.” A key moment came when the composer took a cue from the work’s title. “I noticed that Collaboration has a rhythm I could use: da DA da DAA dat. That became a recurring theme.” The score features musical styles ranging from medium-swing to jazz waltz to tango to minimalism. Both Gairo and professor Wetzel say it’s a demanding opus. “It’s hard music to learn,” Wetzel says, “but the students like Tony a lot, and they like his music. They were really up for the challenge.” Gairo adds, “I could have gone a little easier on them. This project is a bold idea. It’s a risk, but I think risk is a great educational tool.”

For her part, choreographer Mary Anne Hoffman, artistic director of the Moravian College Dance Company, was excited from the get-go. “One of my chief goals is to collaborate with other departments at Moravian,” she says. She and assistant artistic director Reina Faith also appreciated the ambitiousness of the project. “It stretched Reina and me far beyond what we ever thought we could do,” Hoffman says. Her dancers had some complex moves to master, so practice started in summer 2007, before the academic year began. “The students should be congratulated for all their hard work,” says the choreographer. “They are such dedicated and talented ladies.”

Hoffman and Faith decided to use imagery from the corporate world to create the ballet’s look, dressing the dancers in bright red neckties and incorporating props like desk chairs and briefcases. They divided the troupe into a “jazz corp.” and a “ballet corp.” that performed separately and then came together, underscoring the ballet’s theme. For composer Gairo, the performance—which played to a full house both nights—was unforgettable. “I am so proud of the students, and Reina and Mary Anne blew my mind with their interpretation of my music,” he says. Professor Wetzel echoes that sentiment, though he cautions, “I don’t want to feel that I have to surpass that experience; it may have been a once-in-a-lifetime thing.” Certainly it’s not every day that one can enjoy a performance which blends jazz, ballet, and office furniture.

Left: Kathryn Washer ’05, Rebecca Moore ’05. Above: R. Moore, Trisha Kichline ’08, Tegan Mireski ’08, Kori Burke ’09; Below: Professor Wetzel directs the BIG Band; Kyle Hummel ’08 on alto sax; left to right: Lauren Pochron ’08, K. Washer, Jaclyn Blazier ’09 (in front), T. Kichline ’08, R. Moore, Jessie Swartz 09.
Does race exist? Inspired by a Scientific American article which argued that all human populations are pretty much the same from a biological standpoint, assistant professor of art Krista Steinke created an assignment intended to get students thinking about the commonality and differences of humanity. She challenged the students in her fall ‘07 digital photography class to alter their self-portraits with digital imaging software to explore what they might look like if they were from different ancestral backgrounds. These and seven other hybrid portraits were on display in Haupert Union Building for February’s Facing Race event; story, p. 7.

The top row shows the results; below are the originals. Left to right: Justin Klement ’08, Martin Janicek (visiting student, Czech Republic), Maura Lieberman ’09.
For all that scientists know about the brain and nervous system, the field of neuroscience is still in its infancy, says Cecilia Fox, assistant professor of biology at Moravian College, and the founder and director of the neuroscience program at Moravian. “Over the past 20 years,” she adds, “researchers paid increasingly more attention to the field. But until the 1990s, there wasn’t much funding for neuroscience research.” Then the first President Bush recognized the need to advance research and declared the Decade of the Brain. That momentum has continued into the first years of the 21st century, with researchers finding ways to map not only the structures and functional circuits of the brain itself, but a common core of biology, psychology and neuroscience courses. In their senior year, students in all three tracks take a capstone course together, a seminar that allows all neuroscience students to hear the perspectives of students who’ve pursued the other tracks.

While Moravian’s first neuroscience majors won’t graduate until 2009, the run-up to the full-fledged program has already produced some new brain explorers—like Melissa Drost ’05, who studies the mechanisms behind cell death and proliferation and traumatic brain injury in pursuit of a master’s degree at Drexel University in Philadelphia. She got enough of the major to whet her appetite though Moravian’s SOAR (Student Opportunities for Academic Research) program. Her work with professor Fox yielded an article published in the journal Impulse: An International Undergraduate Journal in Neuroscience in April 2007.

What piqued her interest in neuroscience, she says, was seeing how studying animal models could lead to treatments for neurological disorders in humans. “Working on the SOAR project with professor Fox really got me interested in neuroscience research,” Drost says. “It was then I knew I wanted to go on to graduate school.”

Why gray matter matters

What spurs a person to want to untangle the complexities of the human brain? “For me, it was the strangeness of what can go wrong with brain damage,” says Sarah Johnson, assistant professor of biology at Moravian. “The tie between cognitive processes and brain regions is so complex that you see a really odd array of deficits when certain regions of the brain are damaged.” One type of damage, for example, produces what’s called “unilateral neglect”: a loss of attention to one side of one’s visual field. “Someone might not acknowledge anything on the left side of the room, might eat only what’s on the right side of a plate, or dress only the right half of his or her body,” says

Right: Professor Fox and TK prepare for Brain Awareness Day.
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The Brain Stormers

Remember to forget

Forgetting things is an essential step in remembering things, a fascinating aspect of memory studied by assistant professor of psychology Sarah Johnson. It works like this: the subjects of a study are asked to remember word pairs; red-blood and red-radish, for example. They then spend time practicing remembering some of the word pairs, which has the effect of making it harder to remember others: learn the red-blood combo, and red-radish is less likely to come to mind when tested later. In fact, the word “radish” becomes less accessible, even without the “red” cue (if the subject is asked to name a food that begins with R, for example). Suppressing the connections to competing pieces of information, at least temporarily, seems to be one way that your brain makes it easier to retrieve the information you need at the moment.

Use It or Loose It

What’s the best way to keep your brain running on all cylinders? Experts suggest these tactics:

See the glass half full. Keeping a positive attitude seems to help people adapt to life’s challenges, priming the brain for learning.

Through your brain some curve balls. Our brains like to learn. Challenging yourself with new hobbies, new activities or even driving a new route to work can contribute to a healthy, active brain.

Stay connected. Keeping in contact with friends, family and a social network seems to help the brain stay sharp. Some studies suggest that group social activities, like dancing or taking classes, may even lower your risk of developing age-related dementia.

Professor Johnson. Her own research touches on a brain function that confounds all of us sometimes, brain-damaged or otherwise. “I study how memory works, how memory helps us remember important events, and why our brains seem to push aside some memories in favor of gathering others,” she says (see “Remember to Forget,” above).

Since the more than 1,000 disorders of the nervous system produce more hospitalization than any other group of diseases, it’s clear that public health will benefit from a deeper understanding of how the brain works. Professor Fox’s research focuses on the effects of the mineral selenium on the degenerative brain disorder Parkinson’s disease. She’s found that when rats are fed a high-selenium diet for three months, 50 to 60 percent of their brain cells are protected from the disease. The mineral, an antioxidant, may defend brain cells from free radicals, chemically reactive molecules that can damage nerve cells. “It’s well known that free radicals cause cell death; in fact, there’s quite a lot of evidence showing that cell neurons die because of free radical damage,” says Fox. “Previous research clearly shows that antioxidants can protect neurons from Alzheimers, Parkinson’s, and ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease).”

From the Decade of the Brain to Brain Awareness Day (see p. 17), the complexities of the brain are gaining more attention from scientists and the general public alike. But is the brain complex enough to completely understand itself? By way of an opinion, professor Johnson cites a quote she keeps framed in her office: If the human brain were simple enough that we could understand it, we would be so simple that we couldn’t understand it. “We will never entirely understand any aspect of our universe,” she goes on to say, “Because it’s always changing. By the time we figure out one answer, both the answers and questions have already started to change. Some people seem to find this a discouraging world view—I find it very exciting.” It’s a mix of pragmatism and excitement that, she hopes, her students will pick up on. “Neuroscience is a powerful tool, but not a magical way to gain instant knowledge,” notes professor Johnson. “The other concept I like to see students get is a sense of the magic inherent in neuroscience: how amazing it is that a relatively small organ, made up of physical material and based on electricity and chemicals, is capable of being the source of our feelings of anxiety, our strong spiritual beliefs, our memories, our love of another person…to me, that’s magical and awe-inspiring.”

Linda Rao has written about health and fitness for many national magazines. If you were at Moravian between 1987 and 1988, you may remember her as assistant dean of students.
When March rolls around, the thoughts of Moravians turn to brains. That’s because of Brain Awareness Week, an international initiative of the Dana Alliance for Brain Research aimed at raising awareness of the benefits of research neuroscience. Professors Fox and Johnson and their students make sure Moravian’s campus is replete with brain-related activities, from brain-game emails to academic lectures. At the end of the week, Brain Awareness Day gives Moravian students an opportunity to share a love of science with local elementary and middle-school students at the DaVinci Science Center in Allentown, Pennsylvania. “Brain Awareness Day is a great way for our students to become engaged citizens and share that excitement with the community,” says professor Fox, who organizes the event.

Now in its fifth year, the day is a service-learning program for Moravian’s future scientists and teachers. Students and faculty from Moravian and other Lehigh Valley colleges plan and implement hands-on neuroscience activities for children and provide general brain research information for their families. This year’s activities included measuring children’s brain waves and testing their senses and reflexes. “We also give children lie-detector tests,” professor Fox says. “Parents line their kids up for that one!” Besides educating college students and young children about the joys and opportunities of science research, Brain Awareness Day also shows parents and potential voters what it means to be engaged in brain research,” Fox says. “We’re hoping that when election day rolls around, parents will be more likely to vote for representatives who support science funding.”

Brain Awareness Day

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Hall of Fame Adds Six

The Moravian College Athletic Hall of Fame expanded by six members on October 19, 2007:

Amy Croll-Souders ’97 set nearly all of the Greyhounds’ pitching records during her four years on the softball team, and was Moravian’s Outstanding Senior Female Athlete in 1997. She was honored three times with a spot on the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-East Region teams.

Four-year women’s track and field team member Jennifer Frantz ’95 was a four-time All-American at the NCAA Division III National Championships. She qualified for the NCAA Championships eight times.

Four-year letter winner Sean Keville ’96 led the Greyhound football team to the 1993 Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth League Championship, and NCAA Division III Playoffs. He was named to the All-MAC Commonwealth First Team in 1993 and 1994, and earned MAC Commonwealth Player of the Year honors in 1994.

Four-year wrestler Andrew Koch ’94 earned NCAA Division III All-American honors during the 1993-94 season with a seventh place finish at the national championship meet. He was both an NCAA East Regional Champion and a Middle Atlantic Conference Champion.

Barry J. Shollenberger ’65 played two seasons of Greyhound baseball before signing with the Boston Red Sox. He led Moravian to the Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth as a freshman relief pitcher in 1960. While coaching at the University of Alabama, he was named the 1983 Baseball America National College Coach of the Year.

Three-year football letter winner Stephen Tone ’91 helped the Greyhounds win the Middle Atlantic Conference Championship and reach the second round of the NCAA Division III Playoffs in 1988. He was a two-time All-Middle Atlantic Conference First Team selection, and earned All-MAC Honorable Mention accolades as a senior.

Also honored were Linda Shay Gardner ’74, with the Robert Martin Herbstman Award, and the Middle Atlantic Conference Champion 1992-93 wrestling team.

MC’s March Madness

The 2007-2008 Moravian College men’s basketball team posted an overall record of 18-9 and a 9-5 slate in the newly-created Landmark Conference, taking them to the first round of the 2008 NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament. The tournament berth was Moravian’s first in 25 years, as the Greyhounds made the postseason for the first time in five years.

Head coach Jim Walker and his staff were honored as the inaugural Landmark Conference Coaching Staff of the Year.

Ryan Miller ’08 led the Greyhound scorers, averaging 15.9 points per game with career total of 1,089 points, ranking 15th in school history. Miller, named to the Landmark All-Conference First Team, also named the Landmark Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Mark Franzyshen ’08 contributed 13.5 points per game, earning a spot on the Landmark All-Conference Second Team.

Lead Greyhound scorer Ryan Miller ’08 in action.
Alum Summit Sum-Up

On March 15, Moravian’s alumni board met on campus for a “Summit for the Future,” a day-long workshop that focused on alumni communication and involvement. The event featured several brainstorming sessions and break-out sessions; facilitators were faculty members Fran Ryan, assistant professor of history, and Sandy Fluck, professor of education. Was it a success? Read the words of some of those who attended:

“I’m excited about the level of energy and enthusiasm generated by this group! It’s very exciting to see alumni, faculty, and staff aligned on so many positive and creative ideas about how we can better communicate and engage our alumni. I’m looking forward to working with everyone to implement some of the great ideas that we shared.”

—Marsha Stiles M.B.A. ’99, Alumni Relations Director

“I think we developed a critical mass of energy and excitement about doing new things to bring more alumni into more rewarding contact with the college, our students and the Moravian community. We won’t forget to keep doing the old familiar things, but we’re going to give them a makeover as needed. And we’re going to ask more alumni to get involved. We know there are lots of very supportive alums out there who aren’t aware of how they can get personally engaged with the College. We’re going to reach out to them, and give them plenty of opportunities to do so.”

—Rick Subber, ’69, M.B.A. ’95, Alumni Association President

“It was meant to be a fun day and in that we succeeded; it was meant to promote team-building and it certainly did that; and the meeting was to stimulate thinking and to that end we came away with a number of common themes and rich ideas. It was a wonderful day. The board perceived the need to engage more alumni in supporting Moravian with their time and talents, and also saw the need to do a better job in communicating to all audiences. So two task forces were established to deal with these issues. Now the real work begins.”

—Joe Castellano, ’61, Alumni Association President-Elect

“I am excited by the idea of shaping Moravian as a life-long learning institution, and I look forward to working on the programs.”

—Tom Repasch, ’72

“The reason why I continue to get excited about Moravian is because of the engaged community we have.”

—Brian Corvino, ’02

Want to help great ideas become reality? Contact the alumni house at 610-861-1366, or click on “ways to get involved” at www.moravian.edu/alumni.

New in the Alumni House

The alumni house welcomed a new colleague with the arrival of Julia Gasdaska ’07, who’s joined the Moravian community as assistant director of alumni relations. A Lehigh Valley native, Julia earned her B.A. in English at Moravian and assumed a variety of leadership roles during her time as a student here; she served as a student leader representative for LeaderShape, managed the Moravian College Theatre Company, and served as the student theatre director of the Pennsylvania Youth Theatre in Bethlehem. Many Bethlehem-area alums may recognize Julia, since she’s been an enthusiastic volunteer at Lehigh Valley alumni events.
Washington D.C. Reception

Washington-area alumni and their guests gathered at the James Monroe House at the Art Club of Washington D.C. on April 3 for an evening of social networking and to view the exhibits and gallery of this historic home. President and Mrs. Thomforde attended, with President Thomforde offering greetings and remarks.

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FOUNDER’S DAY
Hurd campus: 10:00am reception,
11:00am Lovefeast, 12:30pm lunch

May 16–17
Alumni Weekend

June 28
Home Club trip to Hyde Park

September 19
Alumni Awards Ceremony

October 17
Hall of Fame Banquet

October 17–18
HOMEcoming WEEKEND

Admissions OPEN HOUSE

Members of the Lehigh Valley Alumni Home Club greeted prospective students at the Admissions Open House held for high school juniors and seniors in Johnston Hall on March 29. Alumni were also on hand to welcome accepted students and their parents when they visited campus during Blue And Grey Days this spring. Here Norman Ziegler ’66 talks with a possible future Greyhound and her father.
From the Alumni House:

Christina LaVecchia recently accepted a position at Taylor & Francis in Philadelphia as production assistant. She will be working with academic research journals and doing some editing.

Erica Stagard joins Melanie Rehrig as a new employee at Merck in West Point, Pa.

From the Alumni House:

Dan Prestosh Has joined this fall’s entering class at Penn State University’s Dickinson School of Law.

From Regina:

Michelle Lala is engaged to Dan Clark. Dan Corey and Heather McGarvie are also engaged.

Michael McCartney has had a very busy year. He spent the summer in Oxford, England, studying Chaucer at Lincoln College with Middlebury’s Bread Loaf School of English. He recently began to serve as director of college counseling at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics and is proud to report that he has designed the first-ever fully-functional classroom space in the dormitories. He teaches junior and senior seminars, as well as early British literature, utopian literature, and medieval studies. He is engaged to Elisabeth Foley ’04, who is finishing her degree in veterinary medicine at Cornell University.

From the Alumni House:

Rachel Kyria is an attorney and recently became an associate at the law firm Flaster/Greenberg in Cherry Hill, N.J. Prior to joining Flaster/Greenberg, Rachel worked in the legal affairs division of MetLife Inc. in Warwick, Rhode Island and was a law clerk at Teixeira & Weddell in Taunton, Mass.

Melissa Sadecki Micari is currently working at Catholic Charities as a substance abuse counselor. She is running group and individual therapy sessions. Melissa and her husband were married last September. Her latest project: becoming a mom in spring 2008.

Allison Maikits Marcks and Trev Marcks were married on November 21, 2007, in Bath, Pa. They currently reside in Northampton, Pa.

Kaitlyn Cerco and Matt McKittrick announce their engagement. Their wedding ceremony will take place on September 27, 2008, in Clarks Summit, Pa.

Sarah Freed Lewis and Kevin Lewis were married on September 30, 2007, at Boone Hall Plantation in Charleston, S.C. They currently reside in Lower Macungie, Pa.

Carrie Cooper was married to Matthew Olmstead on September 29, 2007. Melissa Keysock Dulin ’02 was a bridesmaid and Erin Mensel Hawkins attended the wedding.

2003

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Regina Lacombe; 161 Brown Street; Philadelphia, PA 19123; pfairy@aol.com

From the Alumni House:

Calder Flynn is engaged to Heather Fehringer of Buffalo, N.Y. A June 2008 wedding and reception are planned at the Rochester Colgate Divinity School chapel.

Jen Ketz is attending Villanova University for a master’s in communication and will graduate in 2009.

2002

From the Alumni House:

Heidi Wolfsberger finished 49th overall and third among women at the 2007 Philadelphia Marathon with a time of 2:44.03, which qualifies her for the 2008 U.S. Olympic trials. She was to compete in the trials on April 20, 2008, in Boston. The qualifying race was to be run the day before the 2008 Boston Marathon on a course that uses the same starting line. Heidi earned multiple All-American awards and won the 2001 NCAA Division III Indoor National Championship in the 1,500 meter run.

Melissa Keysock was married on September 1, 2007, to Robert Dulin. Bridesmaids included Stephanie Horne, Diane Spangnolo, Elicia Mourani Yarish, and Carrie Cooper Olmstead ’04. Groomsman included Michael Keysock ’00 and Nicholas Keysock ’07. In attendance: Katie McKee Mosher, Erin Boyle, Chris Dewalt, Scott Zientek ’03, Marion Perry, Tim Pfluger ’00, Tiff Catalino, Clay Wagner ’00, Becky Stroup Wagner ’00, Josh Tirado ’00, Brynn Saltzer Buskirk ’04, and Jon Buskirk ’03.

From the Alumni House:

The second annual Captain Timothy J. Mosher Memorial 5K Run/Walk is taking place on April 26 in Albany. Katie McKee Mosher is again organizing this race in memory of her husband, who was killed while serving in Iraq. Katie was named chairperson of the 2008 Wounded Warrior Weekend committee. Invited for this event, which took place from February 29 to March 2, were soldiers and marines who returned from Iraq and Afghanistan with serious permanent injuries. The program uses sports to help restore the mind, body, and spirit of wounded soldiers. A highlight of the weekend for them was learning to ski and snowboard.
This is how Kate Moshier ’02 received her first standing ovation: “I was asked to be a guest speaker at a Wounded Warrior learn-to-ski weekend,” she says. The event, sponsored by the nonprofit organization Strive Adaptive Sports, brought soldiers and marines who’d received serious, permanent injuries together for a weekend of rehabilitative skiing. The idea: give wounded servicemen an opportunity to build confidence, overcome physical challenges, and experience the appreciation and support of a grateful public.

Kate, whose husband Tim was killed in action in Iraq in April 2006, was asked to share her thoughts with 200+ attendees. “I’ve always been pretty comfortable with public speaking,” she says. “But I’d never been involved with something like this before.” Her nerves calmed down when she regarded her audience. “I looked out and I saw all these soldiers, and I felt as if I was talking to my family and my friends.” That was March 2007; soon afterwards, Kate was offered the opportunity to be the chairperson for the 2008 event. “I jumped at the chance,” she says. “It quickly became my labor of love.” Spring is a busy time for Kate, who’s also organized an April 5K run/walk in honor of Tim. This year’s second memorial run, held in Delmar, NY, is expected to draw about 1,000 participants. Proceeds are donated to a scholarship at the local high school and other charities. Above: Kate (center, white cap) at the 2007 Wounded Warrior weekend.
of a baby girl, Lillian Rose. She was born on April 23, 2007, in Columbia, Md., weighed 9 lb. 7.5 oz., and was 21.5 inches long. She is happy and healthy. They currently live in Severn, Md. where Megan is a research scientist at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab.

Shannan Smith Whorley and Andy Whorley were married on July 28, 2006, in Three Bridges, N.J. Several Moravian graduates were in attendance. Jim Muscatelli shared a reading during the ceremony.

Liz Chamberlain and Jarrad Zoccola announced their engagement. The wedding will take place on August 3, 2008, in Saylorsburg, Pa., at the Cherry Valley Vineyard. They are currently living in Bethlehem, where Liz teaches second grade for the Bethlehem Area School District.

1997

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

From the Alumni House:

Nadine Aljian Fatzinger married Brian Fatzinger on October 7, 2007. Karen Zacek was one of her bridesmaids. She recently moved to Allentown from New Jersey and works as a budget coordinator/production manager at Accenture. And, she recently got back in touch with her other roommate Anne Boutin McGuire.

1996

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

From Deb:

I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest sympathy to Ann Rissmiller and Daniel Flood and their family on the death of their 4-year-old daughter Lauren in December. Please keep them all in your prayers.

I received a few e-mail updates. Darren Hoch and his wife, Aleta, announced the birth of their son, Timothy Scott, on October 3, 2007. Dave Mengel and his wife, Sally, had a little girl, Heather Ellen, on January 21, 2008. Diana Auter Eigner and her husband, Jon, also had a baby girl on October 30, 2006. Her name is Emma May. Diana is living in Andover, N.J., and is working for the Halsted Middle School and is the head cross country and track coach at Newton High School. Diana’s sister Denise Auter is living in Paulinskill Lake with her two yellow Labs. She is employed by Travelers Insurance as a manager in the worker’s compensation department.

From the Alumni House:

Stephanie Tita was newly elected as a partner at Dechert LLP. She graduated from Villanova University School of Law in 2000. Stephanie is a member of the finance and real estate group and resident in the firm’s New York office.

1995

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

From Krisa:

Greetings, all! Lots of things are happening with the class of ’95! Viki Razavich was engaged in May and will be married on June 21, 2008, to Benjamin Dalessandro. Two of her bridesmaids will be Beth Rosenthal and Marcii Elliott ’96. Viki is a pre-K teacher at Kiddie Academy and she is pursuing an associate’s degree in science and math from Raritan Valley Community College.

’Tis the time of babies, too! On March 26, 2007, Tricia Kirrane West and her husband, Jim, welcomed their son, Robert John. Robbie joins his 2-year-old sister Sarah. They live in Marlborough, Conn. and Tricia teaches second grade in Glastonbury.

Stephanie Heimer Anthony and her husband, David, welcomed their fourth child on July 9, 2007. Joshua David joins his older siblings Laura, 11, Justin, 8, and Sierra, 4 in their healthy and happy family.

Alex Joseph recently moved to Washington, D.C., to begin classes at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Seminary. He is also taking classes at the Catholic University of America and the Dominican House of Studies Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception. Once his studies are completed, he will be an ordained Maronite Catholic priest of the Eparchy of St. Maron in Brooklyn, N.Y., with a Master of Divinity degree. The coursework is rigorous and involves learning Hebrew, Greek, Latin, French, Arabic, and Syriac/Aramaic.

And finally, my husband and I returned
to Moravian in October to celebrate Jennifer Frantz’s induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Classmate Jessica Pfieger Dimmig and her husband were also there to help Jen celebrate. Jen lives in Morrisville, Vt., with her partner, John Fitzgerald, where she teaches at an elementary school. We were all lucky to sit with Coach Doug Pollard, who presented the honor to Jen, just a couple of days before his untimely death. He will be missed. Hope everyone is doing well and please write with what’s new in your life!

From the Alumni House:

Julie Moyer Edwards and Christopher Edwards were married on September 22, 2007, at the Columbia Station in Phoenixville, Pa. Michelle Hummel Sabetti and her husband, Andy, Stephanie Heimer Anthony and her husband, David, and Ernest and Amy Sweigart Willson all attended.

1993

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Michelle Litzenberger Trent; 1559 Surrey Road; Bethlehem, PA 18015; mmt@trentgroup.com

From the Alumni House:

Kristen Iasiello Boyle and her husband, Sean, announce the birth of their second daughter, Tealyn Elizabeth, on August 23, 2007. She joins her big sister, Teighan, who is three years old. The family lives in New Tripoli, Pa.

1992

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

Michael Q. Roth; 1499 White Oak Road; Allentown, PA 18104; stanger@epix.net

From the Alumni House:

Sherry Rohn Clancy and Don Clancy announce the birth of a baby girl, Eden Elizabeth. She was born January 8 in Pottstown, Pa. Eden’s big sister, Dana, is nearly two.

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:

Jeff Hoke is the new coach of the Palmyra High School boys’ basketball team in Palmyra, N.J.

Lisa Bodnar’s album, Come Hell or High Water, has received three Grammy Nominations; Best Pop Vocal Album, Best Engineered Album, and Producer of the Year Non-Classical.

Dave Zinczenko was on the Today show on January 11, 2008, talking about his new book, the instant national best seller Eat This, Not That!, which identifies the most bloating foods and beverages in America and replaces them with sensible and satisfying stand-ins to help you lose weight. Mary Cresseveur-Reed practices general family dentistry, with a specialty in pediatrics, in Coopersburg, Pa. She has been awarded this year’s Academy of General Dentistry’s Fellowship Award, the Academy’s second-highest honor. Fewer than 10 practitioners in the Lehigh Valley have achieved this honor.

She has lectured frequently on senior health care at Northampton Community College, and she regularly volunteers for the mobile dental unit and children’s dental health education programs in her area.

1990

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

1989

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

1988

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Dianne Pelaggi; 3202 Rambeau Road; Bethlehem, PA 18020; diannepf@rcn.com

1987

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

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1986

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

From the Alumni House:

Beth Falcone wrote the music and lyrics for Wanda’s World, a new musical that played in Manhattan this winter. The play is about a young teen who fears starting at a new school because she has a birthmark on her face. Its message of inclusiveness is one many teens can relate to.

1985

Lynn Muschultz LaBarre; 651 Long Lane Road; Walnutport, PA 18088; labarrefam@fast.net
From Paula:

We were unable to attend Homecoming this year, but hope springs eternal that our fall schedules will loosen up in the not-too-distant future and we’ll be able to become regular attendees.

I received an e-mail from Bob Condron, bringing us up to date on how he and his wife, Wendy Treteway Condron ’87, and their three children are doing. In September they celebrated their 19th anniversary. They are still in Fort Mill, N.C., near Charlotte. Bob continues to serve as a volunteer firefighter and has opened his own financial practice. He writes a column every three weeks for the local paper and participates in the local Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Mill Rotary Club. This past year he took part in his first Firefighters Combat Challenge and won in the over-40 division.

Joe and I were out for lunch locally, the Lansdale area, and ran into Bill Pilgermayer. Joe recognized him right away. Bill is working for GE Healthcare and his wife, Tammy Bajan Pilgermayer, is at home. They have twin daughters, 16, and a son who’s 13.

From Leigh:

I am happy to serve as the 1984 class correspondent for Moravian College Magazine. I hope to hear from many classmates that I have lost touch with since graduating 23 years ago!

My husband, our two sons, and I live in Stockton, N.J. I am a stay-at-home mom and volunteer in my free time at our kids’ school and in our small community. Previously, I worked as an investigator for the insurance fund division of the state of New Jersey.

In October 2007, my husband, Craig, and I had the pleasure of attending the wedding of Sally Brong and Herb Hillman. Sally made a stunning bride! She is teaching in Pennsylvania and she and Herb reside in Easton, Pa. Other Moravian guests at the wedding included Teresa Hoadley Langston and her husband, Glenn, and Diane Sciabica Mandry. Teresa is in independent sales for Mary Kay Cosmetics and lives in Milford, N.J. Diane is the superintendent for the Pohatcong School District and resides in Lopatcong, N.J. I keep in touch with several other members of the class of 1984: Janet Gomes Feakes, Tracy Rible Kavanagh, Teri Myrah-Broo, Cindy Gessell Phillips, and Diane Rinnovatore Smolenski. Everyone is doing well and keeping busy with their families and careers.

1983

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

From Karen:

This column would be far more interesting were some of you to drop me a line or an e-mail. Writing this column from the middle of the continent is a bit of a challenge in the first place—there is virtually no chance I’m ever going to run into anyone I graduated with at the supermarket. The closest I ever came to running into anyone from Moravian was when I used to organize bicycle races; Steve Gohdes’ sister used to race, and we’d talk a little bit each year as we got her registered for the race. I aged out of the Jaycees and stopped running that event, so I don’t see her anymore. When I was going to Moravian hockey games and watching Steve and the rest of the guys play, it never occurred to me that I’d wind up living 45 miles from Fargo, N.D. Hockey is an obsession here, and I’m fortunate to have steered my children in different directions. Dylan, 15, and Berit, 12, both run cross country and track. The cross country ski season has started and both of my kids are excited about their winter sport. As I write, it is mid-November—and no, the snow is not on the ground yet. My children are terribly disappointed.

Fritz Helfrich telephoned me a few nights ago. He reports that Doberman is still among the living. I think they ran into each other at the Homecoming game. Fritz took his girls to the game and they had a good time. I spend my fall Friday nights attending high school football games. (The closest colleges are 45 miles away, so high school football is far easier to follow.) No,
I don’t have any kids playing football (my Finnish exchange student was a place kicker one season though); I just like high school football.

Fall in northwestern Minnesota is primarily consumed by people getting ready to go hunting, people hunting, and people cleaning up after themselves after hunting. I live in a house full of hunters—even my 12-year-old daughter went out this year. I don’t understand the attraction, but then, deer hunting is not something we even thought of doing in New York. I’ve tried to assimilate by wearing a camo dress (Advantage Wetlands for those of you in the know) to court on duck opener and blaze orange to court appearances during deer hunting, but my efforts don’t seem to be working.

The deer hunting number is a particularly stunning outfit: blaze orange skirt, vest and shoes. The buttons on the vest are cobalt, so heads have a tendency to turn. A fellow lawyer has asked me to make a vest like mine for his sister. There is no accounting for taste, is there?

This column is going to be rather boring if you folks don’t write to me. I know that your children are just as wonderful as mine are, and I would like to hear about them. I know that the rest of you are also finding yourselves in situations you never dreamed possible . . . and still listening to Springsteen. I played the vinyl version of The River a few days ago and thought of Johnny Longo. I think it was “Sherry Darling” that triggered the flashback.

Shoot me an e-mail, write a note, let me know that you’re alive out there!

From the Alumni House:

Kim Laukaitis Roche is the director of advancement for athletics at Lancaster Catholic High School. Lancaster Catholic offers 22 sports and many of the school’s 825 students participate in at least one. Kim’s fundraising efforts make it possible.

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

From the Alumni House:

Vanessa Schukis played Julia Child in a one-woman opera, Bon Appetit, by Lee Hoiby.

Jeff Bartlett is the new manager of Bristol Township.

Laurie Riley Brubaker, chief operating officer for the consumer business segment of Aetna, has been named one of Pink magazine’s 2008 Top 15 Women in Business. This list profiles the most influential women driving innovation and revenue in corporate America. She was recognized for spearheading the development and expansion of Aetna Advantage Plans, Aetna’s portfolio of products for individual consumers and their families. This is one of their fastest-growing product lines. Since joining the company in 1988 Laurie has held senior management positions in a variety of areas and currently manages approximately 300 employees. She also represents Aetna on the national business women’s forum and speaks for various organizations.

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

From Molly:
On a beautiful Saturday afternoon last September, my husband, my younger daughter and I kayaked on a beautiful Saturday afternoon last September. We rowed to a small island with a waterfall and camped there overnight. The next day we kayaked back home.

In the Pink

When Laurie Brubaker ’82 was named by Pink magazine as one of the top 15 women in business (March/April 2008), one hopes her boss bought a few copies. When she first came to him with the idea that become one of Aetna Inc.’s fastest-growing businesses, his reaction wasn’t what you’d call encouraging.

“He didn’t exactly laugh at me, but he nodded his head and sent me away,” she recalls. “But I wasn’t ready to just go off into my corner just yet.” Laurie’s idea was to find a way to offer healthcare coverage to individuals and small groups. “Aetna is a company that builds health insurance solutions for very large employers,” she says. “But with millions of Americans uninsured, there’s an incredible need for products and services for those unmet needs.” Not dissuaded by her proposal’s initial lukewarm reception, she put together a presentation that wowed the company’s president and got her the green light. With a team of true believers, she developed a business-within-a-business that now brings health care to about 300,000 members in 30 states. “We’re looking to grow to a million members,” she notes. Laurie was a psychology major at Moravian headed for grad school when a summer job convinced her to explore the business world. “I always say that a psychology background is a great foundation for business,” she says. “It really helps you understand people.”
ter, and I joined Kris Wellington Prioire, her husband, her mother, and her two sons, for an outdoor lunch. We were all in Roanoke, Va. Kris’ family was participating in the Roanoke College’s Family Weekend, and we were there taking a campus tour. Hard to believe it is now our children’s turn to live in a dorm and pull all-nighters. It was wonderful to spend some time with Kris’s mom, Diane Yaeck Wellington, who is also a Moravian alum, class of 1957. She doesn’t look old enough to have a grandson in college!

Please help grow our column for the next issue! Ten years ago I polled you on how you celebrated your 40th birthday and included the responses in a few of my columns. Don’t look now, but many of us will soon be turning 50, if we haven’t already! What are you up to this time around: a party, vacation or a quiet celebration? Tell us what’s going on in your life—contact me via e-mail or snail mail; I would love to hear from more of you!

1979

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May 2009

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

From Steve:

Jo Marman Nigito recently checked in with a lot of news. On April 7, 2007, Jo married Red Raftas at an intimate gathering of family and friends and Cape May, N.J. Jo’s three children, Natalie, Dominic, and Vincent, along with Ted’s children, Melissa and Nick, and grandson Danny were all in attendance. Jo’s sons escorted her down the aisle and her daughter was maid of honor. The guest list included well-known alums (besides Jo’s son Dominic G. Nigito ’07): Ken and Anne McCandless Rampolla, Bob and Gale Ternosky ’78, Karen Garrison Calvo ’78, Jeff ’81 and Judy Webber Hunslick ’83. In June, a private Catholic marriage ceremony was held in Colesville, Pa. The newlyweds now reside in Coopersburg, Pa. Ted is a labor relations manager at Mack Trucks (AB Volvo). Jo is a psychotherapist in a private practice in Bethlehem. She continues to teach parenting classes and is a regular contributor to “The Family Project,” a parenting advice column in the Morning Call. This past year she taught a graduate course in advanced play therapy at Chestnut Hill College and is “slowly” working on a book for parenting children during separation and divorce. On the non-work side, they are off to Greece in May, a 50th birthday gift for Jo. This summer they plan to spend more time back in Cape May. They have a boat docked at Utsch’s Marina and apparently the “Welcome Aboard” mat is always out. Enjoy! She would like to hear from other alums.

From the Alumni House:

Kathleen Boyer Stern has been a violinist in the Seattle Symphony since 1985.

John Gorka recently finished touring and making The Gypsy Life, a new two-DVD package built around 19 of his best songs from his 10 albums. The disc set includes an audio DVD and a two-sided video DVD with interviews, stories behind the songs, a photo gallery, and videos from the concert. He says he’s happy with the scope of The Gypsy Life, but after touring, he is ready to begin work on his 11th album.

1978

Dawn Allen; 3056-1 Lakemont Drive; San Ramon, CA 94582; Dawnnen726@gmail.com

From Dawn:

Heard from Carolynn Helmich Jansson ’79 and Rick Jansson ’79. Their son Keith graduated from the University of Massachusetts in biology and is now in grad school at University of Delaware, where he researches prostate cancer biology. Their older daughter, Kari, is now a sophomore at Penn State majoring in finance and enjoying life in State College. Their youngest, Kate, is 14 and in ninth grade, but Rick says, “You’d think that she was majoring in equine studies. She spends a lot of time at the barn with the horses.” Lynn completed her teaching certificate and is actively looking for an elementary education position. Rick is still with Johnson and Johnson and now focuses most of his time in oncology, leading development of a new biologic drug for hematological malignancies and solid tumors. He has stopped coaching travel soccer after 17 years and is enjoying free time visiting their two older children at their universities.

1977

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

From John:

Dan Miltenberger has left his career with Pfizer, the pharmaceutical giant. He and his wife, Mary, have moved to Bellefonte, Pa. Dan’s back at Penn State training police officers and sheriff’s deputies in the United States, Trinidad, and Tobago. His son Kevin ’04 is living in the Lehigh Valley and working for Mallinckrodt Baker Pharmaceuticals. Of his other three sons, Scott is in Davis, Calif., Thomas attends Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania, and Mike is in the Army at Fort Bragg.

Michael Moyer is still living in Allentown. Mike left managing a local regional bank to become a commercial loan officer. He works with commercial investors and real estate investment groups in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland. His company organizes mentoring and educational forums for investors in 10-15 states who invest in the tri-state area.

Tony Villani is still “retired,” but back at Moravian. He’s supervising pre-student teachers and happy to be back on campus.

From the Alumni House:

Terry Rinker recently accepted a position at Northrop Grumman in Herdon, Va., as an analyst. Terry retired on March 31, 2006, from the U.S. government after 25-plus years of service as an analyst. He began to work as an industrial contractor in April 2006 and says life is great!

Terry Monson Huttenlock received an Ed.D. in instructional technology from Northern Illinois University on December 16, 2007.

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
classNOTES

The World Is Her Studio

It’s a big world, and Susie Hyer ’76 tries to spend as much time as she can painting it. The “en plein air” approach to landscape painting, in which the artist paints on location outdoors, is an immersive experience as well as a creative endeavor, she says. “When you’re painting outside, it’s very meditative,” she notes. “The sun, the breeze, the smells of the pines around you, a brook talking, the birds singing...it’s very calming. And there’s an emotional response; hopefully how you feel about it is going to be translated onto the canvas.” Susie, who paints under the nom-de-brush of susiehyer, has painted in the great outdoors of Hawaii, Corsica, France, Taos, Portugal, California, and other locales, as well as in her current Colorado enirons. “I went to Tahiti for two weeks; I think I did one dive, and I might have sunned myself on the beach one time. Otherwise I was painting morning noon and night,” she says. In 2007, her work was included in Landscapes of Colorado (Fresco Fine Art Publications, Fresco Fine Art Publications, 2007), a definitive collection of paintings and photographs of the state. A curated show of works by Susie and the other artists was held in the Denver Museum of Art. “The opening was a lot of fun,” she says. “And the book is awesome.” Above: “Evening Swampscape in Red,” oil on canvas. See more images at www.susiehyer.com.

1974
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From the Alumni House:
Helen Richards had an adaptation of her master’s thesis published in the spring 2007 edition of the newly designed Journal of Moravian History. The thesis, titled “Distant Garden: Moravian Missions and the Culture of Slavery in the Danish West Indies, 1732-1848,” was written as part of the requirements for the Master of Arts in Theological Studies, which was awarded to her in May 2003.

1973
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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 the Alumni House:
Stephen Miller was a part-time instructor at Penn State Berks from 1982 to 1994 and is currently an agricultural teacher and FFA advisor at Conrad Weiser High School in Robesonia, Pa. He has co-chaired the Agri-Science Fair contest at the state Future Farmers of America (FFA) convention for many years and also co-chaired the new state Food Science and Technology FFA contest that was held during the summer of 2007.

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

1969
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Caroline Funk Rabold; 232 Oxford Circle; Stroudsburg, PA 18360; ccrabold@yahoo.com

From Caroline:
Trudi Peters writes that she turned 60 this year, as did many of us. She celebrated with friends from her high school graduating class. For the last two years, Trudi has been a full-time caretaker. Her father died in 2006 at the age of 93. Trudi’s mother, 88 years old, lives with her, and although it has been an adjustment, it is working out fine. Trudi is still doing consulting work with educators and parents and loves it. She says she doesn’t think she’ll ever retire. She sadly reports that her ex-husband and longtime friend Bruce Yates ’67 died in July 2006. She is looking forward to our next reunion.

Tim Tedesco and his wife, Janet Evans Tedesco ’72, spend lots of time babysitting...
their new granddaughter Ashlyn, so their daughter Becky and son-in-law can resume their teaching careers. Tim, now retired, is substitute teaching in Mahwah, N.J., but prefers staying home with the baby. His other daughter, Christy, lives in Somerville, Mass. and is pursuing her masters and working at an art museum in Boston. His son, Roger, lives in Hoboken and works in New York City at Barclays Capital. He recently attended a birthday party for his college roommate Art Scheninger and had a chance to catch up with Rick Westley and Ann Westley, Ray Williams and Judy Stephens Williams ’71, and Jack Kalmar and Kathy Broadbent Kalmar ’71.

Ann Egolf Peterson of Wisconsin reports that although retired, she still is a limited term employee with the state and gets called in for training and customer service when needed. She does a lot of traveling since her family is so spread out over the country. Her son Joseph and his family live in Seattle; daughter Robyn and her family live in Wasilla, Alaska; and son John and his wife live in Denver. Ann and her husband, Duane, have rented a home in Florida for the month of February to escape the cold Wisconsin winter.

As for me, my husband, Jay, and I have decided to move to Plymouth, Mass., to be closer to our children and grandchildren. We will be selling our home in Stroudsburg, Pa., where we have lived for the last 37 years. I will be leaving my much-loved job at our local library where I have worked for the last 12 years as Jay closes out his real estate business in the Poconos. I will also be leaving the Alumni Board of Moravian College, which has been a wonderful experience for me. I look forward to the new adventure of relocating and making new friends, as well as being closer to my family.

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

From Kathie:

Congratulations to Jack Fry and his wife, Karen, for establishing a scholarship in their name for a student exhibiting need from the Lehigh Valley. What a marvelous gesture!

I received e-mail from Millie Hugonet Twitchell who is living in Alaska and writes that she is busy with Lions Club activities, working food banks, collecting glasses, and attending meetings, including the International Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids. She adds, “I play in a handbell group each week and I’m involved as a delegate to the state ASEA Union annual meeting in Anchorage, and I’m a member of the Women’s Issue’s Committee for the union.” She says she seems to be taking notes endlessly and going from one meeting to the other. But, she says life is good and that Suzi, her little one, was in a Christmas play about Scrooge, dances ballet and tap, and sometimes does homework. Also: “Hugo Chavez bought everyone in Southwest Alaska 100 gallons of heating fuel for our Toyostoves. We will have a toasty winter thanks to him!”

Dorothy Thomas Waite writes “I am shocked that it is forty years since graduation” and adds, “Who would have thought that John and I would be living in the St. Louis area? He travels a few times a month both in the U.S.A. and abroad. I use those frequent flier miles as fast as he earns them to travel to be with our kids and four grandchildren.” Their son, Jack, lives in Rhode Island and has two children; their daughter, Jackie, lives in Massachusetts and also has two children. She and John look forward to retirement in Waterford, Maine, where they own land and hope to build in the next few years. One of these days, Dorothy says, they would like to return to Moravian.

Even though I spent time at the reunion with Mary Harley and Yvonne Francis, I did not write about their lives since attending Moravian. Mary retired in 2005 from her position as the language arts coordinator for the St. Thomas and St. John (of the Virgin Islands) Department of Education. She is presently the educational consultant for Harcourt School Publishers and the chief examiner for the GED in the Virgin Islands. Both of these positions are part-time. In addition she is very active in her church, Memorial Moravian, playing handbells, keeping track of the members’ tithes with a software program, and assisting the church secretary when she needs help. She also sings with the New Herrnhut Senior Choir and Voices of Love, a community singing ensemble. Mary says she loves to walk, swim, and travel as often as she can. She has one daughter, Nicole, and a ten-year-old grandson, Malik, living in the United States. She says he loves spending summers with her so he can swim to his heart’s content.

Yvonne is a part-time clinical instructor in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the University of the Virgin Islands. She is also choir director at the Herrnhut Moravian Church. She also travels with the Women’s Chorus, which provides benefit concerts for churches in the Caribbean and the U.S. She says they will be traveling to Denmark for a concert in 2008.

Albert DiDonato writes that he is presently retired in Florida after a 27-year career with Western Electric and Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown. He became an evening student at Moravian in 1956 when professor Roeder guided him toward a degree in mathematics, and eventually graduated in 1967. He and his wife, Marlene, have raised five children who live in all parts of the world, offering them a chance to travel in their retirement years.

E. Wayne Down is presently living in Doylestown, where he is the executive vice president for computer performance engineering. Wayne has two children; E. Wayne Jr. and Karena. He spends time in Civil War re-enactment, church and missions, enjoying his grandchildren, and raising a new puppy.

1968
George Berger; 107 Mohawk Drive; Johnstown, PA 15905; berger@vms.cis.pitt.edu

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

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

1965
William F. Horwath; 22300 Maplewood Drive; Southfield, MI 48034; will@m-m-s.com
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1964
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Haddonfield, NJ 08033, kacav1@gmail.com
From the Alumni House:
Doug Wilkins is the football coach at
Mountain Lakes High School and has led
the football team to 300 victories. He is the
fifth coach in New Jersey history to win that
many football games!
1963
Bill Leicht; 16819 N. 59th Place; Scottsdale, AZ
85254; Fax: 602 493-1949; leicht1@cox.net
From Bill:
Carol and I returned to the East Coast
times this summer. On our final
trip we were able to play in the OGO Gus
Rampone Memorial Golf Tournament at the
Bethlehem Golf Club. Our foursome included
our daughter, Michelle Rothwell, and Carol’s
brother, Bill Rockovits. Our score was not in
the winners’ categories, but the outing and
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1962
Merr Trumbore; 1040 Ebenezer Church Road; Ris-
ing Sun, MD 21911; trummy@zoominternet.net
Emma Demuth Williams; 1013 Nicholas Street;
Bethlehem, PA 18017; eldw@ptdprolog.net
1961
Sam Maczko; 14 Sunrise Way, Towaco, NJ 07082;
smaczko@yahoo.com
From Sam:
The seventh annual Gus Rampone golf
tournament was well attended by our class.
Since our fiftieth high school reunions coinci-
ded with the weekend of the tournament,
many classmates were in the area for both
events. Ken Sepe, Joe Castellano, Barry
Gaal, John Olson, Jim McCrudden, Jim
Kritis, and Bill Leicht ’63 all participated.
Bill came in from Arizona with his wife,
Carol Rockovits Leicht ’64, and both played
in the tournament along with their daugh-
ter. Once again the team of Jim Kritis, Bill
Werpehowski ’51, and Fritz Toner ’58 were
the winners. Other alumni who attended
from our four years were Tony Matz ’59 and
Monk Morelli ’59. John Gehman again at-
tended and many stories were told about his
days as a professor.
John Olson is retired from secondary
education but still substitutes at an area
 vocational school. He and his wife run a
gymnastics uniform business. John and his
wife are season football ticket holders for
the University of West Virginia, where his
daughters attended. They travel to all the
home games from Allentown, Pa., and some
of the local away games.
Once again Joe Castellano and I volun-
teered to assist at Homecoming. The Hounds
provided a win over Juniata which made for
a great day. Charles Merkel attended Home-
coming after being away from the campus
for several years. He lives in Wheaton, Ill.,
and had just returned from Myrtle Beach,
S.C., with his motor home. Chuck listens to
the Moravian football games on his comput-
er when at home in Wheaton. His mother-
in-law has a house in Bushkill Falls, Pa., so
Chuck is in the area often. He is retired but
works selectively as a consultant. The tail-
gating area was well organized and enjoyed
by all. The OGO fraternity had a grill set up
Giving Peace
A Chance
The best defense against nuclear weapons—or at least the spread of them—is diplomacy, suggests Andrew Semmel ’64. International agreements like the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, as well as inspection and verifications systems, form the bricks and mortar of an ever-shifting defensive wall to keep proliferation in check. “We call it the architecture of nonproliferation,” says Andrew, who earlier this year concluded position as deputy assistant secretary for nuclear nonproliferation at the U.S. State Department, and now consults for the International Atomic Energy Agency. “Unlike physical architecture, we don’t know what the final structure will look like, and we’re always spotting gaps and trying to plug them.” Prior to his time in the State Department, Andrew held posts in the Department of Defense, the Senate, and other parts of the federal government. Keeping the nuclear genie in as small a bottle as possible isn’t easy, but “the issue is too important to sit on your hands and hope for the best,” Andrew notes.
Carolyn Felver

much to Barb’s surprise, they visited Copenhagen, Denmark, during a Baltic Sea cruise; they had been involved with the Greater Norristown Police Athletic and Activities Organization. As the vice president of the building committee he presided over the million-dollar purchase and renovation of a former Pennsylvania National Guard Armory which became a Police Athletic League (PAL) center. In 2007 Jim became the president of PAL. The mission of PAL is to provide athletic, educational assistance and activities for a wide variety of cultural, ethnic and racial members. There is a strong emphasis on the development of respect for and appreciation of local police. Presently there are close to 1,000 members. Some of the services provided are after-school programs, library assistance, computer labs, and report card review. They run an academy for male students with truancy and related problems. There are programs run in conjunction with Montgomery County Community College. PAL also provides a wide variety of sports for both male and female students. During Jim’s tenure PAL has become the nucleus for the area youth and their families.

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and several brothers were seen enjoying the festivities. Barry Gaal, Paul Noonan ’60, Roy Goshorn ’58, and Monk Morelli ’59 were all in attendance.

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1957
Daneen Jones Phelps; 1547 Bonnie Drive; Bethlehem, PA 18018; dhphelps@ptd.net

1958
Karen Johnson Berry; 7018 Honeysuckle Terrace; Bradenton, FL 34202; french@sar.usf.edu

From Pearl:

I hope that each of you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. At this writing I am looking forward to a number of reunions that will be celebrated around Vespers this year. I hope to see Karen Johnson Berry and Harold, Carmella Carrescia, Cornelina Schlotter, and Bev Bell ’56 at dinner before the service at the Moravian Church early in December. It is a perfect time to catch up on news and enjoy the festivities in Bethlehem.

From Helen:

This column, written a week before Thanksgiving Day, relates first my recent attendance of the Founder’s Day Committee meeting to plan with our new alumni relations director, Marsha Stiles M.B.A ’99, for our 2008 Founder’s Day events that will mark 266 years since the beginning of Moravian College in 1742. The members in attendance represented classes from ’47, ’52, ’53, ’54, and ’55: Helen Kanuskey Canfield ’47, Anne Enright ’52 (chair) and Mary Pongracz ’52, Polly Raynor ’52, myself and Helen Varady Keyser ’55 (secretary). Betty Adams Roach ’43 and Shirley Beck Dutt ’54 are also members. As plans develop for the next and future Founder’s Day events, it is possible that historic events will play a part in the outcomes.

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Kathy Werst Detwiler; 1383 N. Allen Street; State College, PA 16803; wld2@psu.edu

From Kathy:

Barb banker Mahlau and her husband, Roger, were also on the cruise! A wonderful time of reminiscing followed. But, as those of you who have cruised know, the day of disembarkation is a hectic one; time allowed for only a quick conversation. Now Barb and Carolyn are looking forward to our 50th reunion in Spring 2009 more than ever. Please contact me if you would like to join our class committee of volunteers for planning our special event.

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

1954
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sniff the delicious aroma coming from her kitchen. Next to baking she likes to sing and in 1950 she looked forward to a busy schedule during the last two weeks in May both as a singer and a baker.” For a number of years she was also organist at the Moravian Church in Coopersburg.

Today the Bach Choir, under the direction of Greg Funfgeld, has greatly increased the number of performances, probably due to his interest in promoting Bach’s music to all age groups and to his enthusiasm for explaining the music. The Bach at Noon concerts are held in the church “where the belfry looms majestic.” Among those frequently attending are classmates Lois Lutz Geehr and her husband, Fred, from North Wales, Shirley Beck Dutt and her husband, Karl, from Easton and Bev Bell ‘56 from Allentown. After the October 9 performance in Allentown, they enjoyed being with Lois and Fred at Granny McCarthy’s Tea Room. Interest in having lunch at Clewell Dining Hall with alums after a concert finally materialized on November 13 with Bev, Nancy Frantz ‘52, Helen Varady Keyser ‘55 and her husband, John. With plans to leave for their family reunion three days later, Shirley and Karl did not stay for lunch. They planned to visit with their children, grandchildren, and Shirley’s brothers.

1951
Andy Jasso; 35 W. Greenwich Street; Bethlehem, PA 18018-2439
Carol Buechner McMullen; 9 Magnolia Avenue; Montvale, NJ 07645; cbmcmullen@aol.com

From Carol:
On October 26, 2007, I joined a group of Moravian classmates for lunch, this time at Diana’s Cafe in Center Valley. Those present included June Shafer Scholl, Janet Fabian Andre and her husband, Paul, Vanita Egge Marvin, and Jane Kincaid Missimer. June’s sister Lois Shafer Smith had traveled to Bethlehem earlier in the summer, from her home in Virginia, to attend her 60th high school reunion. June celebrated her own birthday with a visit to Hawaii, including her favorite island, Kauai.

Nancy Oplinger Dover came from Albuquerque for her 60th reunion this past summer. She wrote a fascinating article describing her memories of what her life was like some 55 years earlier when she lived in Hellertown. This was published in the Saucon News of August 23. On the same page, an article featured Nancy’s husband, Ed Dover, and praised his book, The Long Way Home, the true story of a commercial plane on the way to Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, having to find a safe way home.

I hope all our classmates are well and enjoying interesting lives; I always look forward to hearing from you.

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

1952
Mary T. Pongracz; 321 W. Fourth Street; Bethlehem, PA 18015

From Mary:
I was pleased to hear from Verna Lunglhofer Cowin. Both she and Paul are doing fine, traveling more, and thinking about becoming “snowbirds” during the winter months.

I recently attended two meetings for Alumni Weekend in 2008. Several of us stressed the need for more activities that weekend on South Campus. Too few of us remember that was our campus—Moravian College for Women—and it is the location for expansion of the college facilities in the next few years. You will all be made aware of such happenings.

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Reunion Alumni Weekend
May 2009
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From Tom:
I ran into John Semanick’s son Ron Semanick ’83 at the Lehigh Valley Alumni Home Club pre-holiday sale at Donegal Square in November. Ron said that his dad is doing well and at home with his mother. I was happy to once again receive a card from Bernie Terzigni who wished everyone in our class a happy holiday.

Louise and I had a wonderful holiday season. The house was full of our children and grandchildren, including our daughter, Joanne Keim Van Sweden ’72, who lives in Camp Hill, Pa.

1948
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1947
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1946
Ileen Whitehead Birnbaum; 4167 Green Pond Road; Bethlehem, PA 18020
Ada Zellner Flower; 834 Hilltop Road; Oyster Bay, NY 11771

From Ileen:
Doris Bank Deiner lives in St. Louis with her husband and is on dialysis and doing well. I tried calling Barbara Shepherd but her phone was disconnected. If you read this, Barbara, please let us know where you
are. Grace Keeler Hodge lives in Chautauqua, N.Y., and enjoys all the culture and activities this area has to offer—concerts, opera, plays, and golf and tennis. Eve de Paolis Johnson ‘49 volunteers at church and helps those who need help with speech. Jane Sullivan Ramsdell lives in Morrisville, Pa. She is feeling fine except for a knee which is bothersome. Katrinc Stoil Homewood ‘44 happily reported that her granddaughter made the dean’s list. Ada Zellner Flower has been dealing with a cold that goes on and on but otherwise she is well. She plans on being in Bethlehem in mid-May.

Our oldest son had hip surgery. It was a pleasure to have him and his wife, Merrie, close, as they live in Anchorage, Alaska. Our granddaughter Rachel will be married in July and we have a great-grandson, Jayden, in California.

Contact the Alumni Office for her new address.

Janet Williams Sander spent two weeks in Greece with five days in Athens. She was visiting her granddaughter, Amanda Seyfried, who was filming a movie, Mama Mia, on one of the Greek islands. Amanda has appeared in other teenage movies as well.

Marian Carty Durkee and I spent a lovely week at the shore with my daughter, Sylvia, and granddaughter, Jen. Marian has a new address. Contact the Alumni House for it. Nancy Reichard Kichline has a temporary new address, but her phone number remains unchanged.

Macky was delighted to attend the luncheon, especially since she and her driver, Sue, had some extra time in Bethlehem to visit the South Side, the “fabulous” Moravian Book Shop and to discover that the Boyd Theater is still there amid many unfamiliar edifices. Macky was pleased that she received, within a week, phone calls from Betty Adams Roach, Louise Rothenberger Watt, and me. Louise has moved to an assisted living place in Ontario. She also received a nice letter from Grace Shanner Schuchardt. It was quite a week.

Sadly we report the passing of Marian Durkee’s husband, Jackson Leland Durkee on June 14, 2007. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

We are also saddened to note the passing of Pat Phillips ‘44 on November 13, 2007. She is survived by her husband, James, six children, eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. We extend our deepest sympathy to both families.

1942
Mary Kuehl Concevitch; 1036 Center Street; Bethlehem, PA 18018

From Mary:
Our class president, Leonore Wilmer Yorks, died on October 15, 2007, in Kirklund Village, Bethlehem. She was the widow of Bill Yorks. Survivors include three sons, Brinton, Stephen, and Kevin; her sister, Dorothy Schlottman ‘46, and five grandchildren.

Another favorite classmate, Phoebe Arnold, died on November 11, 2007. She was a teacher and counselor at Franklin Junior High School and Northeast Junior High School and a lifelong member of Salem Lutheran Church. Survivors include her brother, Les Arnold Jr., her sister Dorothy, two nieces and two nephews. Her sister Marjorie predeceased her.

The sympathy of the class is extended to these two families, and we will miss our classmates.

From Ruth:
My biggest news is that Lois Yerger Fischel moved into Moravian Village this fall. There are several women and at least one man here who are graduates of the College. We have people of various backgrounds, diverse faiths, and great depth of experience. We have two men who fought in their national air force in World War II, one for Germany, and one for the U.S. Many have had interesting experiences, including one gentleman who escaped to Russia from Poland after the German invasion and later served in the British Army and the Israeli Army.

Ruth Overfield Fidorack is traveling to Tahiti again soon, for the third time. Letty Cliff Shurskis was unable to make the reunion in May, but keeps active with various things in her community in Myerstown.

We are all getting up there in years. Ruth Reitz Balish writes that she now uses a cane and has some pain problems. She recently visited Sacred Heart Hospital where she worked as a medical technician years ago, and her father was a pathologist. She gave the hospital some slides from the 1940s for its museum.

Ruth Overfield Fidorack and I are on the committee planning the 50th breakfast on Alumni Weekend. Lou Molnar is chairwoman.

As for me, I have done some traveling in the last couple of years, cruises to the Mediterranean, the Baltic, and the coast of Norway, all very beautiful and interesting. I keep busy here with puppet shows for South Side schoolchildren in connection with the Cops-n-Kids program, in which each child is given two books to take home and keep. Our most frequently performed program is “The
Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf, an “off-Broadway production” presented at the former Holy Ghost Elementary School, now the Donegan Kindergarten, on a South Side street first up from Broadway.

Men of 1941-46

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1939
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1938
Christine Roberts Fraley; 800 Hausman Street, Apt. 208; Allentown, PA 18104

From Christine:

Olivia Musselman Barnes was planning to host a family dinner in early December at Country Meadows Retirement Home where she lives. It was for four members of her family who have birthdays within eleven days of each other. She was also planning to attend Christmas Vespers at Moravian. She tells me that she enjoys her life at Country Meadows.

Mary Fabian Strock was proud to report that she has three great-grandchildren, two boys and a girl, and there are two more on the way. She entertained the alumni group from Allentown in November at the Spring Valley Inn. There were seven women there. Mary keeps in touch with Rose Beidler Pohntz by phone from time to time. Rose and her husband are still in their home in Washington State, but basically housebound.

I talked to Pat Ruhe Kehs and heard she is doing very well. She is still in her home and hopes to be able to stay there.

I had a good chat with Isabel Rohrbach Smith. She plans to spend three months again this year in Spain. It will be her thirty-second year of wintering in Spain. She says it is warm and easier to walk around with her walker as they have ramps everywhere, much better than in Kansas. Isabel is pleased with her life in a retirement home. I also enjoy my life here at Luther Crest retirement community in Allentown. I no longer drive and cannot really walk without my walker. Fortunately I have a great son with a dear wife in Quakertown. They are so good about taking me anywhere I need to go. In October I entertained the alumni group here at Luther Crest. There were only five women attending; one was Bertie Knisely ’69.

Hope to have some news from the rest of the members of the class of 1938 to put in the next magazine.

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From Dee:

Since graduating from the Moravian master’s program in 2006, I have moved out of the elementary classroom after sixteen years and have a new position in the Easton Area School District. I am the instructional support team teacher at Paxinosia Elementary School and am tracking RTI interventions for at-risk students. I am now actively involved with many committees; EASD AFG Citizenship, Paxinosia’s AWESOME PBS Program, Family Connections Board, EASD Code of Conduct, and the Moravian Alumni Advisory Council. I recently returned to continuing education in order to obtain principal’s certification. My husband and I have two children, Zachary, 13, and Hope, 9.

After she graduated with her master’s from Moravian, Erin Kratzer ‘05 spoke at two conferences about her thesis. She also entered the supervisory certification program at Moravian. She and her husband have a son, Cael Conrad. He is now one and a half years old and they are enjoying every minute of experiencing new things with him.

Changes

Marriages


Carrie Cooper and Mathew Olmstead, September 29, 2007.


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2001 Lisa Reed and Michael Basara, October 27, 2007.


Births


2009 Jill Ayers Gold and Joshua Gold, a son, Zachary Glenn, March 1, 2007.

Megan Leary Hoppa and Jason Hoppa, a daughter, Lillian Rose, April 23, 2007.


1996 Eric Frank, a son, Gracen James, July 17, 2007.


Stephanie Heimer Anthony and David, a son, Joshua David, July 9, 2007.


1993 Kristen Iasiello Boyle and Sean, a daughter, Tealyn Elizabeth, August 23, 2007.

Susan Letwinding Howel and Brad, a son, Sean Michael, July 16, 2007.


Sherry Rohn Clancy and Don Clancy, a daughter, January 8, 2008.
The Moravian College community mourned the loss of trustee Cy Krajci ’65, who passed away on February 10, 2008 after battling cancer and related health problems for several months. A familiar campus presence, Cy’s passion for Moravian was evident in his ongoing involvement with the College. From meeting with students to participating in committees to chairing, with wife Brenda, the 2007 inauguration of president Christopher Thomforde, he always seemed to have time for one more Moravian-related activity. In announcing the sad news to the College community, president Thomforde said, “It’s hard to imagine that only last April, Cy Brenda were actively serving and leading all of us as co-chairs of my inaugural activities with enthusiasm and a joyful spirit that lifted our entire campus community.” A memorial service was held in Cy’s honor on February 18 in Foy Hall, with spiritual music provided by the Moravian College Choir and reminiscences offered by Brenda and some of Cy’s many friends and family members.
Her grandfathers have always loomed large in her life, adding cantankerous wit and spirited discussions to countless family gatherings, says Kate Shelly ’09. They didn’t loom so large in her art, though, until a professor suggested Kate try something on a larger scale. “I do a lot of detail work in my drawings, so I usually work small,” she says. “This really forced me out of my comfort zone.” To create the yard-wide charcoal portraits of grandfathers Dale, left, and John, right, she searched through family albums for reference photos of her subjects being themselves. “I didn’t want Hallmark card moments with cheesy smiles,” she notes. Looking at the drawings, Kate can’t help but smile herself. “I see them with these expressions all the time,” she says.
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AHAUS, HONDURAS—While most of us spent the 2007 winter break celebrating the holidays with family and friends, four Moravian nursing students (Dana DeAngelis ‘08, Candice Gerber ‘08, Jessica Lord ‘08, and Ramona Robison ‘09) traveled to Central America to assist in the health care at village clinics in Honduras. Along with faculty from the St. Luke’s Hospital School of Nursing at Moravian College, the students helped doctors treat everything from broken bones to malaria to an almost-chopped-off toe. The group also brought medical supplies, clothes, and medication to the clinics. The experience not only enabled the students to practice their nursing skills in a challenging environment, it offered a cultural experience they won’t soon forget. “The biggest thing I learned had nothing to do with taking blood pressure or checking someone’s pulse,” says Candice. “We have so much, and our lives are so fast-paced, and we don’t stop ever to appreciate how wonderful life is. And down there they have so little, but they’re so happy and so content and so pleased with life.” At right, Ramona poses with a baby girl the group helped deliver.