Holiday Celebration Scheduled for December 18

Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary will conduct their annual holiday celebration on Saturday, December 18. This year’s celebration includes an additional event: from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on December 18, Moravian will host a holiday luncheon at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity to provide food to residents of Bethlehem chic”—the commercial exaggerating of products to buy to solve people’s anxieties. Also addressed were topics such as Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s aesthetics and an analysis of his poetry written in prison, the use of the Internet in innovative classes on religion, and the classroom use of such films as Smoke Signals. Among the many displays by publishers at the convention was the new book by James Yerkes, professor of religion and philosophy, on John Updike.

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1999 Moravian College Fall Sports Award Winners

The Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Conference (MAC) has announced its fall sports award winners from Moravian for 1999. The following students were named to the MAC Academic Honor Roll. Men's cross country: Tim Pfluger '00, Damon Rutherford '01.

Women's cross country: Jennifer Boberg '02, Erin Boyle '00, Evan Weller '02.

Field hockey: Brooke Dancho '01, Nicole Drey '00, Melissa Garrison '01, Elissa Gerstel '02, Chelsea Roberts '01, Colleen Walsh '00.

Football: Phil Black '01, Jerod Dobry '02, Scott Farkas '01, Gordy Frack '00, Jason Golden '00, Jake Hallman '02 Dan Kowalchuk '01, Keith Moore '02, Rob Petrosky '00.

Men's soccer: Scott Heydt '02, Ryan Shick '00, Evan Weller '02.

Women's soccer: Jen Polaha '00, Women's tennis: Liz Glick '00, Lacey Leverberg '02, Lyn Ramsey '00, Courtney Rice '01, Volleyball Natalie Balaziuk '01, Lisa Ann Herpok '01, Krystol Kessack '02, Amy Sandt '00, Sara Young '01.

The following students are recipients of the All-MAC award. Men's cross country: Tim Pfluger '00.

Women's cross country: Kim Jaick '02, Emily Shertzer '02, Heidi Wolfsberger '02.

In men's and women's cross country, Tim Pfluger '00, Kim Jaick '02, Emily Shertzer '02, Heidi Wolfsberger '02, and Hannah Wood '01 were named to the NCAA Division III All-Mideast Region team.

In field hockey, Julie Kalbfleisch '00, was named to the MAC All-Star First team while Nicole Drey '00, was named to the MAC All-Star Second Team.

The football team ends its season on an up note by having four of its members named to the MAC All-Star team. Jason Golden '00 was named to the MAC All-Star First Team Defense while J.D. Rhinehart '01 was named to the MAC All-Star second Team Defense. Kirk Harryn '00 was named to the MAC All-Star First Team Offense while Eric McNeel '00 was named to the MAC All-Star Second Team Offense.

The men's soccer team had three of its members named to MAC All-Star Second Team. Their names are Paul Melniczek '02, Van Pham '01, and Alex Pierce '00.

In women's soccer Carli Miller '00 and Stevie Ochse '02 were named to the MAC All-Star First Team while Jen Polaha '00 was named to the AC All-Star Second Team. In addition, Carli Miller was also named to the NSCAA All-Mid-Atlantic Region Second Team.

Dawn Ketterman Benner, professor of physical education and chair of the Department of Physical Education, was named MAC Commonwealth Coach of the Year in Tennis. Dawn is in her 12th season as women's tennis coach. Over the last three years, the women's tennis team won the 1996 and 1997 MAN title, the 1994 and 1996 MAC Commonwealth League championships, finished as MAC runner-up twice, and recorded 76 victories.

Volleyball has had two of its members receive additional awards. Katie Kramer '00 was named to the AVCA All Mid-Atlantic Region Team as well as to the MAC All-Star First Team. Amy Sandt '00, was also named to the AVCA All Mid-Atlantic Region Team as well as to the MAC All-Star First Team. Also, Amy was named MAC Commonwealth Player of the Year.
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Mary Margaret Gross, registrar, attended the 69th annual MSACROA (Middle States Association of Collegiate Registrars and Officers of Admission) conference held in Pittsburgh from November 29 through December 2. At the conference, Mary Margaret served as a member of the exhibits committee and was the convener for a session on Microsoft Access Reporting for Registrars.

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Frank Kuserk, professor of biology and assistant to the dean for information technology, recently participated in the American Association for the Advancement of Science's Project 2061. The focus of this effort was to see which textbooks had potential for helping middle and high school students learn essential scientific ideas. Frank was one of twenty-one reviewers of middle school textbooks in the life, earth and physical sciences. An overview of the project's findings appears in the November/December 1999 issue of Science Books & Films. The full report will be released in early 2000.

Bob Mayer, associate professor of education, attended the National Council for the Social Studies in Orlando from November 19-20. While there, Bob delivered a presentation entitled Voices from the Reconstruction Era: Thinking Historically with Primary Documents. The presentation was one more battle in Bob's fight to encourage social studies teachers to use primary, historical documents in their teachings.

Cas Sowa, director of international studies, became the conference planning coordinator for NAFSA Region VIII at their annual regional conference in Bethesda, MD from Nov. 18-20. His new duties include selecting conference sites and direct liaison with hotel conference services. The Bethesda conference theme was A National Agenda for International Education and Marlene Johnson, Executive Director and CEO of NAFSA: Association of International Educators served as plenary speaker. At this conference, Cas participated in an F-1 Visa Regulations Workshop and attended sessions on international student recruiting, study abroad health and safety issues, and cooperative strategies for crises intervention between international offices and embassies.

Thanks to the Department of Nursing for Hosting the Friday Get-together

Clarke Chapman extends thanks to the Department of Nursing for hosting the Friday Get-together on Dec. 3. “The Doghouse was gaily decorated, the refreshments delicious, and the company of colleagues new and old was a real pleasure,” said Clarke, professor of religion. Next semester, the first in the monthly series of Friday Get-togethers will be on January 14, and the sponsor will be the Center for Information Technology.

Clarke is seeking a group to host the final event of that semester, April 7. Is your department or office interested? If so, please contact Clarke at extension 1410.

Student Services Update

Withdrawal
Megan Northrup
Jaimie Pitman (end of term)
Ronald Pope (end of term)
Anthony Rogers (end of term)
Joanne Werba (end of term)

Leave of Absence
Shawn Hinkel
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who might otherwise not be able to enjoy a seasonal feast. Volunteers from the College and Seminary community will serve a traditional holiday dinner (turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, carrots, cakes/pies, etc.) to approximately 150 guests from agencies such as New Bethany Ministries, South Bethlehem Neighborhood Center, Victory House, Donegan Family Center, and Trinity Episcopal Church.

Later that evening, College and Seminary faculty, administration, and support staff will gather for the traditional holiday gala in Johnston Hall. At the gala, President Rokke will announce this year’s winners of the Lucy A. McCall and Louis J. Mirra awards for outstanding performance by support staff. The evening’s activities will include a reception at 7:15 p.m., dinner at 8:00 p.m., and dancing after dinner in the HUB Pavilion.

Julia Maynard Named Director of the Bethlehem Digital History Project

Julia Maynard has recently joined the staff of Moravian as project director of the Bethlehem Digital History Project which was made possible by a recent Library Services and Technology Act grant. This grant was awarded jointly to Reeves and the Bethlehem Area Public Library. Julia will be responsible for developing a web site for the project entitled, Bethlehem: The First 100 Years, 1740-1840. Her office is in room 102 of Reeves Library and her extension number is 3906. Julia comes to us from Florida Atlantic University where she earned a bachelor’s degree in art and a master’s degree in history. While at Florida Atlantic, Julia was the project director for a library digitization project and a teaching assistant at the university. The Bethlehem Digital History Project will make documents and artifacts available to a wide audience of scholars, students, children and the public.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year